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Prime Minister's Office



PM greets on the auspicious occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

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The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has greeted the nation on the auspicious occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Shri Modi said that Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's emphasis on serving others and furthering brotherhood give strength to millions around the world.

Prime Minister also shared a video clip from Yesterday's Mann Ki Baat in which he had paid tributes to Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

The Prime Minister posted on X;

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Guru Nanak Dev Ji

- He was born in **1469**, at Rai Bhoi Ki Talwandi, near **Lahore**, which is in the Sheikhpura district of modern-day Pakistan.
- He was the **first of the 10 Sikh Gurus** and the founder of Sikhism in the 15th century.
- He started writing the **Guru Granth Sahib** and completed 974 hymns.
- He advocated the '**Nirguna**' (devotion to and worship of formless divine) form of bhakti.

Teachings

- The teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji emphasized on the values of equality and selfless service.
- Guru Nanak Dev Ji believed that service to humanity is service to God.
- Guru Nanak Dev Ji spread the light of knowledge and showed the path of spirituality to the people through his exquisite poetry and Shabad.

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PIB: Science and Technology

Ladakh will soon have South East Asia's first Night Sky Sanctuary, says Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh

The Sanctuary is being set up with the help of Indian Institute of Astrophysics Bengaluru, which is affiliated to the Department of Science & Technology, Govt of India:

We will request PM Modi to inaugurate the Night Sky Reserve at Hanle in Eastern Ladakh: Dr Jitendra Singh

Union Minister inaugurates the exhibition 'Ladakh'sPride' in New Delhi, marking the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the Union Territory of Ladakh

Night Sky Reserve at Hanle, Ladakh

- Ladakh will soon have South East Asia's first Night Sky Sanctuary.
- The Dark Sky Reserve will be located at Hanle village in Eastern Ladakh as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.
- It will boost Astro-tourism in India and will be one of the world's highest-located sites for optical, infra-red, and gamma-ray telescopes.

Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in the Changthang Plateau in the Leh district of the union territory of Ladakh.
- The highest lake on earth, Tso Moriri is located in the sanctuary.
- It is home to the Kiang or *Tibetan Wild Ass*, as well as the rare Black-necked Crane.

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The Hindu: Miscellaneous

Irish writer Paul Lynch wins Booker Prize with dystopian novel 'Prophet Song'

Canadian writer Esi Edugyan, who chaired the judging panel, said the book is “a triumph of emotional storytelling, bracing and brave” in which Mr. Lynch “pulls off feats of language that are stunning to witness”



Booker Prize 2023

- Irish writer Paul Lynch won the Booker Prize for his novel “Prophet Song”.
- Founded in 1969, the Booker Prize is open to English-language novels from any country published in the U.K. and Ireland.
- Indian writers like Arundhati Roy and Aravind Adiga have won it in the past.

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The Hindu: Society/Economy

As deaths due to work-related factors increase, ILO report calls for countries to strengthen safety net

More than 63% of these deaths are reported from the Asia-Pacific region

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- Nearly 30 lakh workers die every year globally due to work-related accidents and diseases, according to a new report prepared by the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- Exposure to long working hours was the biggest “killer”, with almost 7.45 lakh people dying of it in 2016, followed by exposure to occupational particulate matter, gases, and fumes and occupational injuries.

ILO conventions

- The report said that so far 79 out of the 187 member countries have ratified the ILO Occupational Safety and Health Convention (No. 155), while 62 countries have ratified the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187).
- India has not ratified both the conventions.

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Uttarakhand tunnel rescue ops: With large metal pieces hindering machine drilling, the rescuers are now planning to drill through the remaining few meters using rat-hole mining. Here is what it is, and how it can help.



Rat-hole mining

- Rat hole mining is a method of extracting coal from narrow, horizontal seams, prevalent in Meghalaya.
- The term “rat hole” refers to the narrow pits dug into the ground, typically just large enough for one person to descend and extract coal.
- Once the pits are dug, miners descend using ropes or bamboo ladders to reach the coal seams. The coal is then manually extracted using primitive tools such as pickaxes, shovels, and baskets.

Concerns

- Rat hole mining poses significant safety and environmental hazards. The mines are typically unregulated, lacking safety measures such as proper ventilation, structural support, or safety gear for the workers.
- Additionally, the mining process can cause land degradation, deforestation, and water pollution.

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Indian Express : Culture

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Kambala comes to Bengaluru: How buffalo race's popularity outran bans

Kambala has in the past been banned by the Supreme Court, but the Karnataka government, keeping its popularity in mind, amended legislation to allow the races to go on.



Kambala

- Kambala is a traditional, folk sport born from the agrarian practices of the coastal Karnataka region.
- The word Kambala comes from '*gampa kala*', where *gampa* refers to wet mud or slush.
- The first-ever documented kambala was held in 1970, in Bajagoli near Karkala in Udupi district.
- Kambala is usually held **after the southwest monsoon**, once the paddy is harvested.