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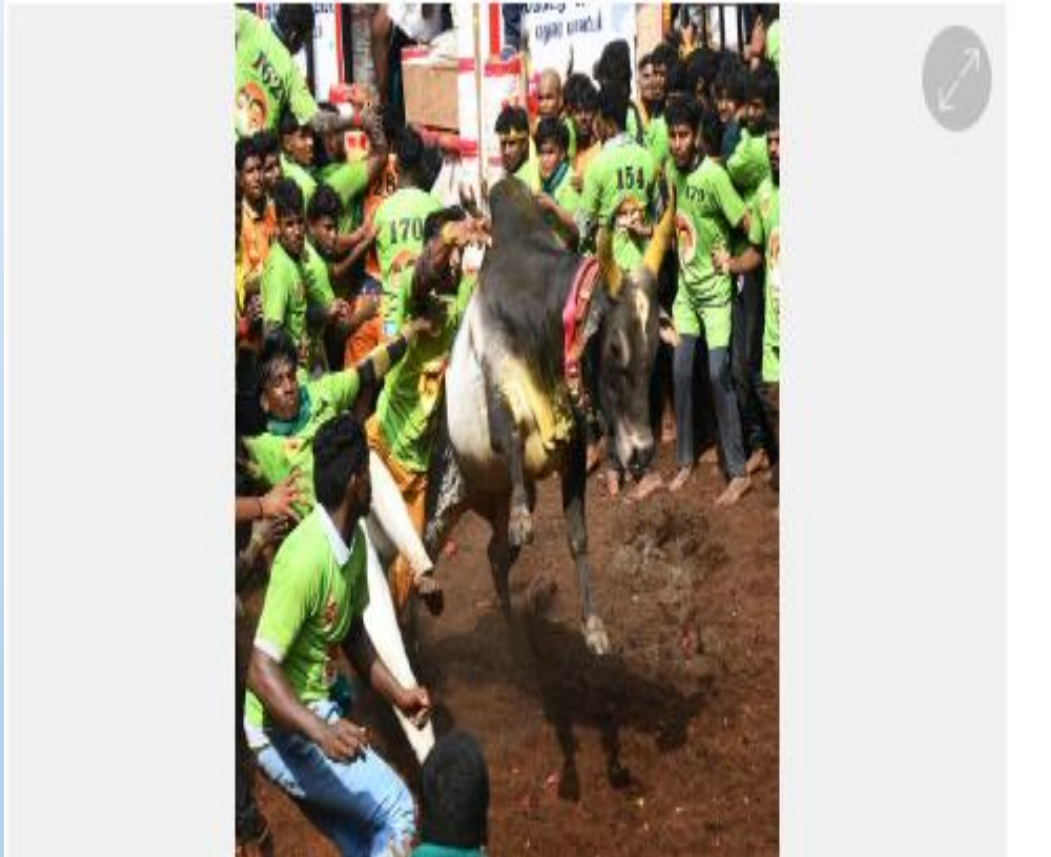
The name is coined from two words, Jalli (silver and gold coins) and Kattu (tied).

- Jallikattu is an age-old event celebrated mostly in Tamil Nadu as part of Pongal celebrations.
- Jallikattu, also known as sallikkattu is celebrated on the third day of Pongal — Mattu Pongal Day.
- A bull is released into a crowd of people and participants of the event try to grab the large hump on the bull's back, attempting to bring the bull to a stop.

Do you know ?

The history of this bullfight dates back to 400-100 BCE when the Ayars, an ethnic group in India, played it.

The Hindu: Geography (GSI) Page 12

Greenland has lost 20% more ice than previously thought, says study

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Climate change has caused Greenland's ice sheet to lose 20% more ice than previously thought, according to research pu-

land's edges is already in the water, the authors stressed that this would have had a "minimal" direct impact on sea level rise.

But it could herald further overall ice melt, al-

- Greenland, the world's largest island, lying in the North Atlantic Ocean.
- It is noted for its vast tundra and immense glaciers. Although Greenland remains part of the Kingdom of Denmark, the island's home-rule government is responsible for most domestic affairs
- **Greenland Ice Sheet**, the single ice sheet or glacier covering about 80 percent of the island of Greenland and the largest ice mass in the Northern Hemisphere, globally second in size to only the ice mass that covers Antarctica.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

Indian Express – Polity and Governance (GS II) Page 1

ASER 2023 findings: 'In Cooch Behar, 79% 14 to 18-yr olds unable to do basic arithmetic'

At 61.3 per cent, more than half of 14 to 18 year old youths in the district could not read simple sentences in English.

- The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), titled "Beyond Basics", was released
- It involved a survey by the civil society organisation Pratham among rural students aged 14 to 18.
- The household survey, conducted in 28 districts across 26 States, assessed the foundational reading and arithmetic abilities of 34,745 students.
- It discussed the activities students are engaged in, their basic and applied reading and maths abilities and digital awareness and skills.
- Overall, 86.8% of 14- to 18-year-olds are enrolled in an educational institution. T
- here are small gender gaps in enrolment, but notable differences are visible by age. T

Indian Express : Economy (GS3) Page 13

Govt disburses Rs 4,415 crore under different PLI schemes so far

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The schemes aim to attract investments in key sectors and cutting-edge technology; ensure efficiency, bring economies of size and scale in the manufacturing sector and make Indian companies and manufacturers globally competitive.

Indian Express: Art and Culture (GSI) Page 14

Pran pratishtha at Ayodhya Ram temple draws near: What is this ceremony, how it is performed

Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha: What exactly is pran pratishtha, and how is it carried out? How can the worshipper impart prana, or life, to the worshipped? We explain

Pran Pratishtha, in literal terms, means 'establishment of life force' or basically 'infusing life' into something.

In Hinduism, Pran Pratishtha is a sacred ceremony where the divine essence, referred to as prana, is invoked and transferred into an idol or image of a deity in a temple or at home.

According to traditions, beliefs and scriptures, it is this process that transforms the normal murti or object into a living representation of the deity to be worshipped.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

Pib: Cyber Security (GSIII)

Ministry of Electronics & IT

NeGD Organises 41st CISO Deep Dive Training Programme under MeitY's initiative Cyber Surakshit Bharat

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The 'Cyber Surakshit Bharat' initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) was conceptualised with the mission to spread awareness about cyber-crime and build capacities of Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and frontline IT officials, across all government departments, for ensuring adequate safety measures to combat the growing menace of cybercrime and enable organizations to defend their digital infrastructures and become future-ready in tackling cyber-attacks.

Air: Miscellaneous

Asia's largest civil aviation event, Wings India 2024 underway in Hyderabad

- The biggest civil aviation event in Asia, Wings India 2024 is all set to take off today at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad
- It is the biennial aviation event,
- The four-day Wings India 2024 will bring together various stakeholders and participants from all over the world from the aviation industry to promote collaboration, showcase innovations, and explore business opportunities.