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PIB : Culture

Ministry of Culture



President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu to confer Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the Years 2022 and 2023 to 94 Eminent Artists Tomorrow

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Smt. Droupadi Murmu, the President of India will confer Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the years 2022 and 2023 to 94 eminent artists (two joint award) in the field of performing arts expressed in the form of music, dance, drama, folk & tribal arts, puppetry and allied theatre art forms. Minister for Culture, Tourism and DoNER, Shri G. Kishan Reddy; MoS for Law & Justice (Independent Charge) and Parliamentary Affairs and Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal; Secretary, Ministry of Culture Shri Govind Mohan and Chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademi Dr Sandhya Purecha and Government of India will also attend the said award investiture ceremony.

Besides the Akademi Awards for the years 2022 and 2023, the President of India will also bestow the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna) to 7 eminent artists (one joint fellowship) in the ceremony. Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna) is the highest honour given to eminent artist in the field of performing arts for his/her exceptional contribution to his/her performing art form. The Fellowship of the Akademi is a most prestigious and rare honour, which is restricted to 40 at any given time.

News

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Sangeet Natak Akademi

- It is the apex body in the field of performing arts and was set up in 1953.
- The objective is to preserve and promote the vast intangible heritage of India's diverse culture, expressed in forms of music, dance, and drama.

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PIB : Space



News

- Recently, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that India is targeting a five-fold increase in its share of the global space economy.

About

- India's Space Research program started in the year 1969.
- Currently, its Space economy stands at a \$8 billion.

Government Initiatives

- The space Budget has been increased by **142%** in the last nine years.
- The government has announced the **Indian Space Policy 2023**, which enables end-to-end participation of Non-Governmental Entities (NGEs) in all domains of Space activities.
- The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre or **IN-SPACe** was created to support private sector participation in space activities.

Department of Space



India targets five-fold increase in its share of the global space economy, says Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh

India's quantum leap in the Space sector has only been possible after Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took the courageous decision to "unlock" this sector from the "veil of secrecy": Dr Jitendra Singh

"The role of the private sector in advancing India's space technology and exploration efforts is undeniable": Dr Jitendra Singh

Dr Jitendra Singh says India's Space Technology is virtually touching every person's life

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Australia proposes to grow trade ties at ASEAN forum

Following a series of bruising disputes, Australia has increasingly looked to build economic ties outside of major trading partner China

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News

- Recently, Australia proposed to grow trade ties with ASEAN nations.

About

- Following a series of ongoing disputes, Australia is increasingly looking to build economic ties outside of major trading partner China.

What is ASEAN?

- The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the **ASEAN Declaration** (Bangkok Declaration) by the Founding Fathers of ASEAN: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
- **Brunei Darussalam** joined ASEAN in 1984, followed by **Viet Nam** in 1995, **Lao PDR** and **Myanmar** in 1997, and Cambodia in 1999, making up what is today the ten Member States of ASEAN.

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The Hindu: Cyber Security

Google agrees to restore deleted Indian apps, IT minister says

Google has agreed to restore the Indian apps it deleted from its app store after a dispute over service fee payments



News

- Recently, Google has agreed to restore the Indian apps it has deleted from its app store after a dispute over service fee payments.

About

- Apps on Google Play have three options to accept payments for digital services and goods;
 1. Google's own billing system,
 2. An alternate payments method where the commission charged by Google is slightly lower, and
 3. A consumption mode where developers redirect users to an external website to accept payments, in which case Google does not receive any commission.

WHAT IS THE DISPUTE?

- Google escalated the matter by removing some popular Indian apps after they opposed its policy of charging **26%** from the earlier **11%** on in-app purchases.

IE: Defence

Why Lakshadweep base INS Jatayu matters

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, MARCH 5

ON WEDNESDAY, Naval Detachment Minicoy will be commissioned as INS Jatayu, an upgraded naval base, marking an important milestone in the Indian Navy's resolve to incrementally augment security infrastructure at the strategic Lakshadweep Islands.

While India has had a naval detachment in Minicoy on the southernmost atoll of the archipelago since the 1980s, INS Jatayu will effectively be the country's second naval base in Lakshadweep. The Navy's first base on the islands, INS Dweepprakshak in Kavaratti, was commissioned in 2012.

INS Jatayu will be commissioned days after Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Pravin Jgnauth of Mauritius jointly inaugurated an airstrip and a jetty that India has built on the Mauritian island of Agaléga off the coast of Africa in the western Indian Ocean.

Names of ships, bases, and detachments of the Indian Navy carry the prefix INS.

The Lakshadweep Islands

Lakshadweep, "a hundred thousand is-



lands" in Sanskrit and Malayalam, is an archipelago of 36 islands located between 220 km and 440 km from Kochi. The islands, only 11 of which are inhabited, have a total area of only 32 sq km.

The Lakshadweep are part of a chain of coralline islands in the Indian Ocean that includes Maldives to the south, and the Chagos archipelago farther beyond. Given their location in the Indian Ocean, the Lakshadweep are of huge strategic importance to India.

Minicoy straddles vital Sea Lines of Communications (SLOCs) – the world's main maritime highways – including the Eight Degree Channel (between Minicoy and Maldives) and the Nine Degree Channel (between Minicoy and the main cluster of Lakshadweep Islands). In consequence, the Lakshadweep Islands are also vulnerable to marine pollution.

INS Jatayu naval base

The existing Naval Detachment Minicoy, which is under the operational command of the Naval Officer-in-Charge (Lakshadweep), will be commissioned as INS Jatayu.

A naval detachment has administrative, logistics, and medical facilities. INS Jatayu will be upgraded to a naval base with additional infrastructure such as an airfield, housing, and personnel, after obtaining the requisite environmental and other clearances.

While the fragile ecology of the island may pose challenges for the construction of a jetty, there are plans to construct a new airfield that will be capable of operating both military and civil aircraft.

Teeth to Navy operations

The basing of an independent unit with requisite infrastructure and resources will enhance the overall operational capability of the Navy in the islands. The establishment of the base is in line with the government's focus on comprehensive development of the islands.

The Navy has also said that the base will enhance its operational reach, facilitate its anti-piracy and anti-narcotics operations in the western Arabian Sea, and augment its capability as the first responder in the region.

With the commissioning of INS Jatayu, the Navy will add to its strength on the western seaboard. The proposed airfield will allow operations for a range of aircraft, including P8I maritime reconnaissance aircraft and fighter jets, and extend the Navy's reach and operational surveillance capabilities at a time when India is seeking to counter the growing Chinese influence in the Indian Ocean Region.

This has an immediate bearing at a time when India's relations with the Maldives have come under strain since the election of the pro-China President Mohamed Muizzu.

EXPLAINED
DEFENCE

News

- The Indian Navy will commission a new base **INS Jatayu** on Minicoy Island on March 6.
- The move aims to bolster security infrastructure at the strategically crucial Lakshadweep Islands.

About

- INS Jatayu becomes the second naval base in Lakshadweep, following INS Dweepprakshak in Kavaratti that was commissioned in 2012.

The Lakshadweep Islands

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