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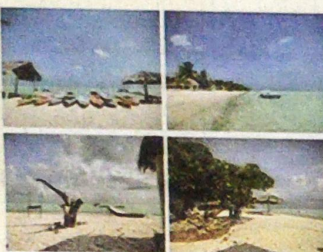
PM Launches Rozgar Mela; First Tranche of 75000 New Inductees Get Appointment Letters

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 22nd October launched the Rozgar Mela by handing over appointment letters to 75000 new recruits, officially marking the beginning of the mission to induct 10 lakh youth into various posts in the Central Government. Under the mission, all Ministries and Departments are working towards summarily filling up existing vacancies either by themselves or through recruiting agencies such as UPSC, SSC and Railway Recruitment Board. Selection processes have been simplified and made tech-enabled for expeditious recruitment. Addressing the ceremony, the PM highlighted the importance of schemes like Skill India, Mudra, Start-Up India, Make in India, etc., in making it easier for the youth to grab the opportunities of employment and self employment. He also asserted that the government has been making efforts to promote higher growth in sectors like the Khadi and Village Industries, MSMEs, manufacturing, tourism, infrastructure, etc., with the intent of creating more job opportunities in the country.



Two More Indian Beaches Get Prestigious "Blue Flag" Certification

In recognition of India's commitment to protect and conserve the pristine coastal and marine ecosystems through holistic management of the resources, the globally recognized and the coveted International eco-label "Blue Flag" has been accorded to two new beaches - Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach both in Lakshadweep. This takes the number of beaches certified under the Blue Flag certification to twelve. The Thundi Beach is one of the most pristine and picturesque beaches in the Lakshadweep archipelago where white sand is lined by turquoise blue water of the lagoon. It is a paradise for swimmers and tourists alike. The Kadmat Beach is especially popular with cruise tourists who visit the island for water sports. It is a paradise for nature lovers with its pearl white sand, blue lagoon waters, its moderate climate and friendly locals. Both the beaches have designated staff for beach cleanliness and maintenance; and for safety and security of swimmers. Both the beaches comply with all the 33 criteria as mandated by the Foundation for Environment Education (FEE). Headquartered in Denmark, the FEE is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation promoting sustainable development through environmental education. FEE is active through five programmes; Blue Flag, Eco-Schools, Young Reporters for the Environment, Learning about Forests and Green Key International.



Thundi

Kadmat

Indian Researchers Find Solution for strengthening Non-Earthquake-Resistant Buildings

Researchers from Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, have found a solution for retrofitting old non-earthquake-resistant buildings with a technology that can prevent major damage to such buildings from earthquakes without compromising on their strength. The technology called semi-confined unreinforced brick masonry (SC-URBM) can resolve the problem of spread of settlements in earthquake-prone areas with constructions that have been built without following earthquake-preventive building codes. Just like in most developing countries, unreinforced brick masonry (URBM) has been a common practice in urban, semi-urban, and rural areas of India. Considering that major parts of India are under seismic zone III or above and most of the URBM buildings are old and structurally deficient, strengthening of URBM buildings located in earthquake-prone areas is extremely important. This technology for strengthening existing URBM buildings is not only architecturally aesthetic but can also be implemented easily by manpower available locally (masons). The research has been published in the ASCE Journal of Structural Engineering.

INTERNATIONAL

PM Modi Congratulates New UK PM Rishi Sunak, Both Agree on Early Conclusion of FTA

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated Mr Rishi Sunak on assuming charge as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in a telephonic conversation.

Referring about the conversation in a tweet, PM Modi informed that the two leaders have agreed to work together to further strengthen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and for the early conclusion of a comprehensive and balanced Free Trade Agreement. Meanwhile, Mr. Sunak tweeted that he is excited about what two great democracies can achieve as both nations will deepen their security, defence, and economic partnership in the months and years ahead.



INTERPOL General Assembly Concludes with Launching of INTERPOL Metaverse

The 90th INTERPOL General Assembly has ended with a series of resolutions to further strengthen INTERPOL's network and capabilities as the organization heads into its centenary year. With discussions on how innovation and technology can be better integrated into INTERPOL's day-to-day activities to support its 195 member countries, the four-day (18-21 October) conference in New Delhi saw the launch of the INTERPOL Metaverse, the first specifically designed for law enforcement worldwide. Officially closing the General Assembly, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, "Today, crime has become borderless and, if we want to stop these crimes and criminals, we need to think beyond conventional borders." INTERPOL's first-ever Global Crime Trend report was also presented to delegates. Delegates also approved a resolution calling for greater efforts to identify and investigate online child sexual abuse through the creation of specialized units. With an increasing number of unidentified human remains and individuals in relation to missing person cases, fuelled by global mass migration and human trafficking, the General Assembly called for more effective use of the I-Familia database by member countries. I-Familia seeks to identify missing persons or unidentified human remains by using DNA samples from family members.

ECONOMY

TATA and Airbus to 'Make in India' C-295MW Transport Aircraft

In a major boost to 'Make in India', a defence aircraft manufacturing project has been sanctioned in Vadodra, Gujarat. Airbus Defence and Space, S.A., Spain and India's TATA Consortium will jointly manufacture transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force at the plant. The plant is being set up as part of the deal between the Government of India and Airbus Defence and Space for the procurement of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft and associated equipment for the Indian Air Force. As part of the contract, 16 aircraft will be delivered in flyaway condition and 40 will be manufactured in India. This is the first project of its kind in which a military aircraft will be manufactured in India by a private company. The total cost of the project is Rs 21,935 crore. The project offers a unique opportunity for the Indian private sector to enter into technology intensive and highly competitive aviation industry. The TATA Consortium has identified more than 125 in-country MSME suppliers spread over seven states. This will act as a catalyst in employment generation in the aerospace ecosystem of the country and is expected to generate 600 highly skilled jobs directly, over 3,000 indirect jobs and an additional 3,000 medium skill employment opportunities with more than 42.5 lakh man hours of work within the aerospace and defence sector of India. Nearly 240 engineers will be trained at Airbus facility in Spain.



16 aircrafts to be assembled in Spain by Airbus
40 aircrafts to be manufactured in India by Tata Consortium

DefExpo 2022 Propels 'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence to Next Level

The 12th and largest-ever defence exhibition - DefExpo 2022 - has marked the emergence of India's defence industry as a sunrise sector for investment on the global scale in line with the theme of the expo - 'Path to Pride'. Held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, the five-day event, which commenced on 18th October, witnessed unparalleled participation of over 1,340 exhibitors, businesses, investors, Start-Ups, MSMEs, Armed Forces and delegates from several countries. Conclusion of 451 MoUs (Memorandums of Understanding), ToT (Transfer of Technology) agreements, product launches and orders to domestic businesses, worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore, reflected India's progress towards achieving 'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence and integration between the Armed Forces' requirements, Research and Development and defence production by public and private players. The prowess of the Indian defence and aerospace manufacturing was evident in the display of aircraft, tanks, arms & ammunition, cutting-edge technologies and weapons systems at the first DefExpo exclusively for domestic companies.

SPORTS

BCCI Decides to Offer Equal Pay to Men and Women Cricketers

In a historic move, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced equal match fee for both men and women cricket players of India. BCCI Secretary Jay Shah announced that the move was BCCI's "first step towards tackling discrimination." The BCCI women cricketers will be paid the same match fee as their male counterparts. As per new rules, the payment for Tests will be Rs 15 Lakh, Rs 6 Lakh for ODIs, and Rs 3 Lakh for T-20.



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