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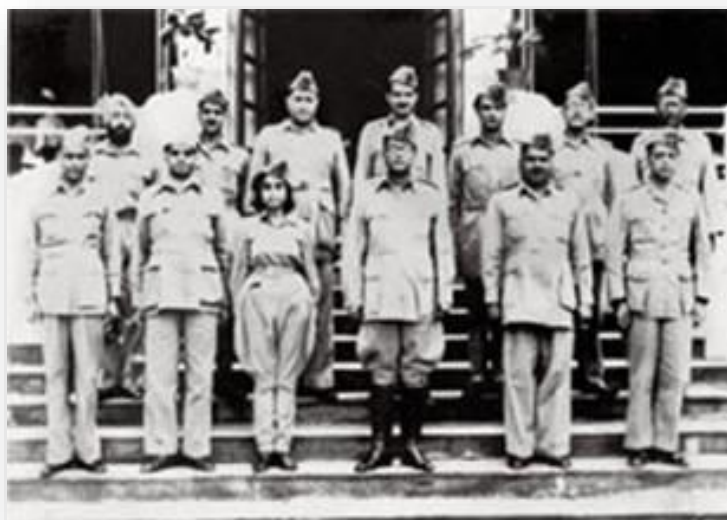


DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

23 - 25 October 2021

Anniversary of Formation of Azad Hind Government

- The Provisional Government of Free India (Arzi Hukumat-e-Azad Hind) was an Indian Provisional government established in Japanese occupied Singapore during World War II.
- It was created on 21st October 1943 and supported by – as well as largely dependent on – the Empire of Japan.
- Capital at Port Blair (provisional) New Delhi (de jure).
- Capital-in-exile at Rangoon, Singapore, and Tokyo.
- The commemorative programs saw participation from INA veterans, school students, local communities and others making a true embodiment of the idea of Jan Bhagidari.
- Events organised in several state including Odisha, Manipur, Nagaland.
- Home Minister Shri Amit Shah had visited Andaman and Nicobar Islands recently and attended the programs held to commemorate Netaji's close ties with the region.
- On the occasion High Commissioner of India, Singapore placed a wreath at the INA Memorial



ABHYAS Successfully flight-tested by DRDO

- ABHYAS - the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) was successfully flight-tested today by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Bay of Bengal in Odisha. The vehicle can be used as an aerial target for evaluation of various missile systems.
- The performance of the target aircraft was monitored through telemetry and various tracking sensors including Radars and Electro Optical Tracking System (EOTS).
- Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO for the successful flight trial of Abhyas.
- The current flight test is carried out as a part of developmental flight trials. Expression of interest for production of the vehicle has already been floated to Indian industries.
- This indigenous target aircraft, once developed, will meet the requirements of High-speed Expendable Aerial Targets (HEAT) for Indian Armed Forces.



Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

- Martin Scorsese and Istevan Szabo to be honoured with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award
- Union Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur makes Major Announcements for 52nd International Film Festival of India to be held in Goa
- Wide variety of stories make India a content subcontinent: Shri Thakur
- IFFI embraces new technology, major OTT players invited to participate
- BRICS Film Festival to be held alongside IFFI

- '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow' Competition to mark Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav; Winners to attend Festival at Goa in November
- Record 624 films from 96 countries received for the International Section
- The King of all the World (El Rey de Todo El Mundo) directed by Carlos Saura selected as Opening Film
- Gobelins – School L'image, renowned school of visual communication and arts in Paris to hold virtual masterclass

152 SAKSHAM Centres Launched

- As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, a total of 152 Centre for Financial Literacy & Service Delivery (SAKSHAM Centres) across 77 districts of 13 states launched under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) of the Ministry of Rural Development during 4-8th October 2021.
- Centre for Financial Literacy & Service Delivery (CFL&SD) would act as one stop solution/single window system for basic financial needs of Self-Help Group (SHG) households in rural areas.
- The main objective of the center is to provide financial literacy & facilitate delivery of financial services (savings, credit, insurance, pensions etc.) to SHG members and rural poor.
- These Centers will be managed by SHG network, largely at the level of the Cluster Level Federations (CLFs), with the help of trained Community Resource Persons (CRPs).



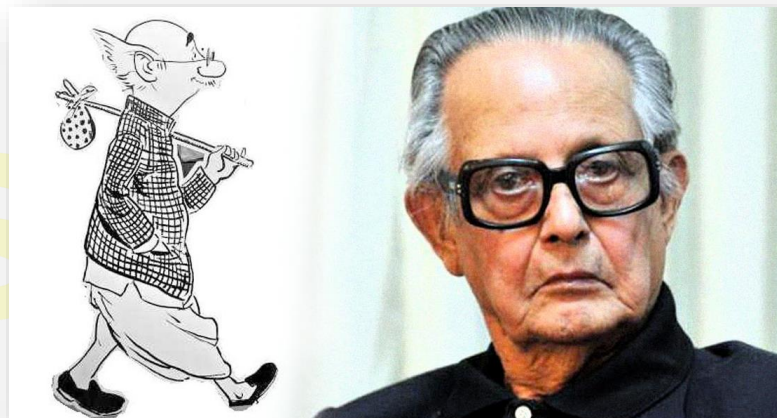
India's First Banni Buffalo IVF Calf Born

- With the birth of first IVF calf of a Buffalo breed namely Banni in the country, India's OPU - IVF work has reached to next level. This first IVF Banni calf is born out of 6 Banni IVF pregnancies established at the doorsteps of a farmer, Vinay . L. Wala of Sushila Agro farms, located at Dhanej in Somnath district of Gujarat.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had talked about the Banni buffalo breed during his visit to Kutch region of Gujarat on December 15, 2020. The very next day, i.e., December 16, 2020, Ovum Pick-Up (OPU) and aspiration processes for the in vitro fertilization (IVF) of Banni Buffaloes were planned.
- The scientists aspirated 3 Banni Buffaloes of Sushila agro farms of Vinay. L. Wala of Dhanej in Somnath district of Gujarat. They subjected 29 oocytes (egg cells) to intervaginal culture device (IVC) from these three Banni buffaloes. Total 20 oocytes from one of them were subjected to IVC.
- In vitro fertilization is a process of fertilization where an egg is combined with sperm in vitro. The process involves monitoring and stimulating a woman's ovulatory process, removing an ovum or ova from her ovaries and letting sperm fertilise them in a culture medium in a laboratory.



RK Laxman Remembered on his 100th Birth Anniversary

- Rasipuram Krishnaswami Laxman (24 October 1921 – 26 January 2015) was an Indian cartoonist, illustrator, and humorist.
- He is best known for his creation The Common Man and for his daily cartoon strip, You Said it in The Times of India, which started in 1951.
- R. K. Laxman started his career as a part-time cartoonist, working mostly for local newspapers and magazines. While as a college student, he illustrated his older brother R. K. Narayan's stories in The Hindu.
- His first full-time job was as a political cartoonist for The Free Press Journal in Mumbai. Later, he joined The Times of India, and became famous for The Common Man character, which turned out to be the turning point in Laxman's life.



ITBP Raising Day

- The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is India's primary border patrol organization for its border with Tibet Autonomous Region.
- It is one of the five Central Armed Police Forces of India, raised on 24 October 1962, under the CRPF Act, in the wake of the Sino-Indian War of 1962.
- September 1996, the Parliament of India enacted the "Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force Act, 1992" to "provide for the constitution and regulation" of the ITBP "for ensuring the security of the borders of India and for matters connected therewith".



Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PMASBY) to be launched

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Uttar Pradesh on 25th October 2021. At around 10.30 AM in Siddharth Nagar, Prime Minister will inaugurate nine medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh.
- Subsequently, at around 1.15 PM in Varanasi, Prime Minister will launch Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana.
- He will also inaugurate various development projects worth more than Rs 5200 crore for Varanasi.
- In the Budget speech of FY 21-22, 'Prime Minister Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana' (PMASBY) scheme has been announced on 1st February 2021, with an outlay of about Rs.64,180 Cr over six years (till FY 25-26). This will be in addition to the National Health Mission.
- The main interventions under the scheme to be achieved by FY 25-26 are:
- Support for 17,788 rural Health and Wellness Centres in 10 High Focus States
- Establishing 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centres in all the States.
- Setting up of Integrated Public Health Labs in all districts and 3382 Block Public Health Units in 11 High Focus states.
- Establishing Critical Care Hospital Blocks in 602 districts and 12 Central Institutions.
- Strengthening of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), its 5 regional branches and 20 metropolitan health surveillance units.

- Expansion of the Integrated Health Information Portal to all States/UTs to connect all public health labs.
- vii. Operationalization of 17 new Public Health Units and strengthening of 33 existing Public Health Units at Points of Entry, that is at 32 Airports, 11 Seaports and 7 land crossings.
- Setting up of 15 Health Emergency Operation Centres and 2 mobile hospitals; and
- Setting up of a national institution for One Health, a Regional Research Platform for WHO Southeast Asia Region, 9 Bio-Safety Level III laboratories and 4 regional National Institutes for Virology.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. _____ was elected President of the Indian National Congress in 1938-Haripur session

- A. Pandit Nehru
- B. Subash Chandra Bose
- C. Maulana Azad
- D. Pattabhi Sitaram

ANSWER: B

2. _____ was elected President of the Indian National Congress in 1939-Tripuri session

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ANSWER: B

3. All India Forward Bloc was established in

- A. 1925
- B. 1934
- C. 1939
- D. 1942

ANSWER: C

4. The Famous call 'Delhi Chalo' was given in

- A. 1942
- B. 1943
- C. 1945
- D. 1947

ANSWER: B

5. Satyajit Ray received Bharat Ratna & Academy Honorary Award in

- A. 1990
- B. 1992
- C. 1994
- D. 1996

ANSWER: B

6. Ray's first film _____ won eleven international prizes.

- A. Pather Panchali
- B. Aparajito
- C. Apur Sansar (The World of Apu)
- D. Bahubali

ANSWER: A

7. The Aviator (2004) American epic biographical drama film directed by Martin Scorsese is based on life of

- A. Howard Robard Hughes Jr.
- B. Martin Luther King Jr.
- C. Walt Disney
- D. Orville Wright

ANSWER: A

8. Shaurya - Dridhata - Karm Nishtha is motto of

- A. National Security Guard
- B. Special Protection Group
- C. Indo-Tibetan Border Police
- D. Assam Rifles

ANSWER: C

9. Current Director General of ITBP

- A. Sanjay Arora
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Sateesh Reddy
- D. Sunil Arora

ANSWER: A

10. _____ whereby a person assumes the parenting of another, usually a child, from that person's biological or legal parent or parents.

- A. Surrogacy
- B. Adoption
- C. Artificial insemination
- D. Ovulation induction

ANSWER: B

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