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Chair Of Association Of Asian Election Authorities

- India has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024 at the recently held meeting of the Executive Board and General Assembly in Manila, Philippines.
- The Election Commission of India's three-member delegation headed by Deputy Election Commissioner Nitesh Vyas, along with CEO Manipur Rajesh Agrawal and CEO Rajasthan Praveen Gupta, attended the Executive Board meeting in Manila.
- The mission of the AAEA is to provide a non-partisan forum in the Asian region for sharing experiences and best practices among election authorities to discuss and act upon ways to promote open and transparent elections with the objective of supporting good governance and democracy.

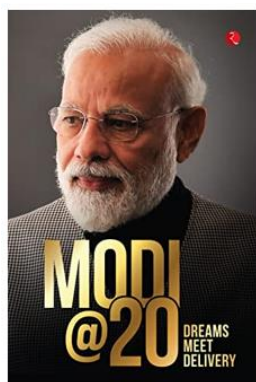


Modi@20 Dreams Meet Delivery

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a leader who demonstrated to the world that dreams can be realized.
- Launching Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery book at a function in New Delhi, he said Mr. Modi is a phenomenon at the national level. He added that Mr. Modi has over the last 20 years carved out a unique place in the history of post-independent India while being the Chief Minister of Gujarat for about 13 years and over the last eight years as the Prime Minister.
- The Vice President also said the book represents different facets of distinct thought-process, pioneering proactive approach, and quintessential

transformational leadership that Mr. Modi has come to be so closely identified with.

- Describing the book - Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery as a rare compilation, Mr. Naidu said, it gives the readers a ringside view of the evolution of one of the most popular and iconic leaders of modern India.



SC Stays 152-Year-Old Sedition Law

- The Supreme Court today ordered that the 152-year-old sedition law under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code should be effectively kept in abeyance till the Union Government reconsiders the provision.
- In an interim order, the Court urged the Centre and the State governments to refrain from registering any FIRs under the said provision while it was under re-consideration.
- A bench comprising the Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, Justice Surya Kant, and Justice Hima Kohli held that all pending cases, appeals, and proceedings with respect to charges framed under Section 124 A be kept in abeyance. Adjudication with respect to other sections may proceed with no prejudice being caused to the accused, it held.
- The Court also held that those already booked under Section 124A IPC and are in jail can approach the concerned courts for bail. It has also been ruled that if any fresh case is registered, appropriate parties are at liberty to approach courts for appropriate relief, and courts are requested to examine the relief sought to take into account the order passed by the court.
- These directions will be in force until further orders.



33 New Domestic Cargo Terminals To Be Established

- The government will establish 33 new domestic cargo terminals by 2024-2025 which will allow India's cargo sector to flourish and grow.
- Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said this while addressing the annual event of Air Cargo Forum India.
- Talking about the reforms in Cargo Sector, the Minister said that industry players need to focus on transportation of smaller cargo loads from Tier II and III cities to metros to achieve the target of 10 million metric tons in cargo. He said this can be achieved by acquisition of smaller size aircraft.
- To facilitate this, he said 33 new domestic cargo terminals will be established by 2024-2025. He also stressed the need to work on ease of doing business in cargo sector by making processes paperless, adapting automation, and digitalization which can make cargo processing swift.
- During the last two years in the midst of COVID pandemic, cargo sector has emerged as a promising area not just for Indian aviation but for global aviation. The Indian cargo sector has witnessed a growth rate of 9 to 10 percent since 2013-14. During the last two years, airlines have witnessed 520 percent increase in cargo revenue.



Hungary Elects Katalin Novak As 1st Female President

- In Hungary, Katalin Novak has taken over as the first female President of the country. Her predecessor, Janos Ader, greeted the new president at the entrance to the Sandor Palace, the residence of the Hungarian president yesterday.
- The Parliament elected Novak as President of Hungary on March 10. Following her election, Novak said that she wanted to be a “President of peace.” The official inaugural ceremony will take place on Saturday morning at the Kossuth Square in front of the Parliament.



Yoon Suk Yeol Sworn In As President Of South Korea

- A new political era is underway in South Korea. Yoon Suk Yeol was sworn in as President on Tuesday morning, ushering in the country's first conservative government in five years. The ceremony attracted about 40,000 people, including US second gentleman Douglas Emhoff and Japan's Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa.
- One of Yoon's main challenges will be dealing with North Korea, which is accelerating its nuclear and missile development. He said there is room for dialogue and a way for the North to benefit. Yoon also touched on domestic policies, saying economic growth based on science, technology and innovation is one way to help solve problems, including the widening wage gap.
- The new President also has some new digs. Yoon relocated the Presidential office from the compound known as the Blue House, to a building once used by the Defense Ministry. He says it's meant to show his office is away from a "symbol of imperial power" and closer to the public.



Manghar To Become First 'Village Of Honey'

- Come May 16 And Manghar, A Village In Maharashtra's Mahabaleshwar Will Head Towards Becoming A Village Of Honey, The First Such In The Country.
- In A Bid To Provide Job Opportunities To The Rural Economy, The Khadi And Village Industries Commission Will Be Implementing Project Honeybee Under Which The Village Of Honey Scheme Will Be Implemented.
- One Of The Interesting Features Of Manghar Is That Out Of The 100 Families In This Village 80 Are Engaged In The Business Of Beekeeping. Elucidating About The "Project Honeybee", Maharashtra Industries Minister Subhash Desai Said That Products And By-products Made From Honey Can Provide Job Opportunities To The Rural Economy.
- The Objective Of The Scheme Is To Produce High-quality Honey, To Raise The Standard Of Collecting Honey, To Set Up A Hospital And Laboratory For Honeybees, And To Give Further Momentum To Organic Honey.
- Under The "Village Of Honey" Initiative Special Efforts Will Be Taken To Increase The Number Of Honeybees In The Region. Further, It Will Also Help Tourists Visiting Mahabaleshwar, One Of The Most Popular Tourist Destinations In Maharashtra And The Country To Procure Pure And Standard Quality Honey.
- By Protecting And Conserving Nature, The Village Of Honey Will Also Provide Permanent Employment To People Living In Forest And Mountainous Terrain.



International Nurses Day

- International Nurses Day (IND) is an international day observed around the world on 12 May (the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth) each year, to mark the contributions that nurses make to society.
- The International Council of Nurses (ICN) has celebrated this day since 1965. In 1953 Dorothy Sutherland, an official with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, proposed that President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaim a "Nurses' Day"; but he did not approve it.
- In January 1974, 12 May was chosen to celebrate the day as it is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Each year, ICN prepares and distributes the International Nurses' Day Kit. The kit contains educational and public information materials, for use by nurses everywhere. As of 1998, 8 May was designated as annual National Student Nurses' Day.
- Theme 2022 - Nurses: Make a Difference



International Day Of Plant Health

- The United Nations designated 12 May the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and the environment, and boost

economic development. The Day is a key legacy of the International Year of Plant Health 2020.

- Both our health and the health of our planet depend on plants. Plants make up 80% of the food we eat and 98% of the oxygen we breathe and yet they are under threat. Up to 40% of food crops are lost due to plant pests and diseases every year. This is affecting both food security and agriculture, the main source of income for vulnerable rural communities.
- Climate change and human activities are altering ecosystems and damaging biodiversity while creating new niches for pests to thrive. International travel and trade, which has tripled in volume in the last decade, is also spreading pests and diseases. We need to protect plants both for people and the planet, and all of us have a role to play.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Term “Sedition” Means

- A. An Offence Against State
- B. An Offence Against Public
- C. An Offence Against Specific Community
- D. None Of These

ANSWER: A

2. An Offence Against The Judiciary Is Called As

- A. Sedition
- B. Contempt
- C. Disrespect
- D. Mockery

ANSWER: B

3. Sedition: _____ Of IPC

- A. Section 123-A
- B. Section 124-A
- C. Section 125-A
- D. Section 126-A

ANSWER: B

4. Sedition In India Was First Used In

- A. 1891
- B. 1897
- C. 1922
- D. 1932

ANSWER: A

5. Sedition In India Was First Charged Against

- A. J C Bose
- B. B G Tilak
- C. M K Gandhi
- D. Pandit Nehru

ANSWER: A

6. Punishment Under The Section 124A

- A. An Non-bailable Offence
- B. Imprisonment Up To 3 Years To A Life Term
- C. Barred From A Government Job
- D. All The Above

ANSWER: D

7. Indian Penal Code (IPC) Was Enacted In

- A. 1857
- B. 1860
- C. 1870
- D. 1871

ANSWER: B

8. Sedition Law Was Originally Drafted In 1837 By

- A. Thomas Macaulay
- B. Charles Wood
- C. Henry Huff
- D. Robert Clive

ANSWER: A

9. Section 124A Was Inserted In IPC In

- A. 1860
- B. 1870
- C. 1880
- D. 1890

ANSWER: B

10. Section 124A Was Inserted In 1870 By

- A. Sir James Stephen
- B. Sir H G Hughes
- C. Sir Robert Hill
- D. Sir Albert Fitch

ANSWER: A

11. International Day Of Plant Health

- A. May 10
- B. May 11
- C. May 12
- D. May 13

ANSWER: C

12. International Year Of Plant Health

- A. 2016
- B. 2018
- C. 2020
- D. 2022

ANSWER: C

13. International Year Of Pulses

- A. 2016
- B. 2018
- C. 2020
- D. 2021

ANSWER: A

14. International Year Of Millets

- A. 2021
- B. 2022
- C. 2023
- D. 2024

ANSWER: C

15. Which Country Proposed International Year Of Millets 2023

- A. India
- B. Bhutan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. China

ANSWER: A

16. International Nurses Day

- A. May 10
- B. May 11
- C. May 12
- D. May 13

ANSWER: C

17. The Founder Of Modern Nursing

- A. Florence Nightingale
- B. Clara Barton
- C. Mary Breckinridge
- D. Margaret Sanger

ANSWER: A

18. _____ To Become First 'Village Of Honey' In India

- A. Malegaon
- B. Macherla
- C. Manghar
- D. Machilipur

ANSWER: C

19. Madhukranti Portal Is Associated With

- A. Apiculture
- B. Aquaculture
- C. Sericulture
- D. Pisciculture

ANSWER: A

20. National Beekeeping & Honey Mission Was Launched In

- A. 2019
- B. 2020
- C. 2021
- D. 2022

ANSWER: B

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