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Operation Chakra 2

- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in India has launched a major crackdown on cyber criminals, conducting searches in 76 locations across the country.
- This operation, known as '**Operation Chakra-2**', was initiated after the registration of five separate cases of cyber-enabled financial fraud, including a **₹100-crore crypto scam**.
- **₹100-Crore Cryptocurrency Scam** One of the cases under investigation involves a cryptocurrency fraud scheme that resulted in a loss of over ₹100 crore to Indian victims.
- The fraudsters operated under the guise of a fake cryptocurrency mining operation, deceiving unsuspecting Indian citizens.
- The CBI is collaborating with various international law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the United States, INTERPOL's Cyber Crime Directorate and IFCACC, the National Crime Agency (NCA) in the United Kingdom, the Singapore Police Force, and the BKA in Germany to follow leads related to the cases.
- **Operation Chakra-1** was conducted by the CBI nearly a year ago in coordination with INTERPOL, the FBI, and police forces of multiple countries. During this operation, searches were conducted at 115 locations across various states.



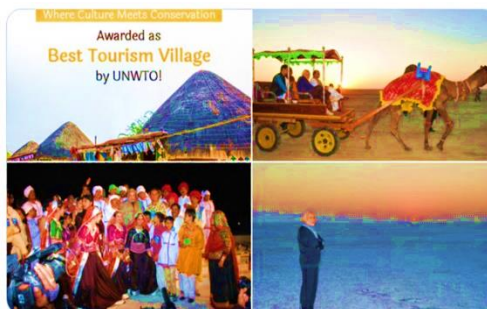
Assam CM Inaugurated 'Shraddhanjali'

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated **Assam's second Longest, Shraddhanjali flyover** in Guwahti.
- Signifying a momentous stride in the state's infrastructure development, achieved within an impressive 60-day timeframe.
- This remarkable feat is especially notable as it was accomplished 300 days ahead of the initial schedule.
- The 'Shraddhanjali' flyover, spanning **2.28 kilometers** and connecting Commerce Point with Sundrapur on RG Baruah Road, is now recognized as the state's second longest flyover.
- Its inauguration coincided with the announcement of a comprehensive citywide CCTV project, aiming to install 2,000 surveillance cameras across the city by August of the following year.

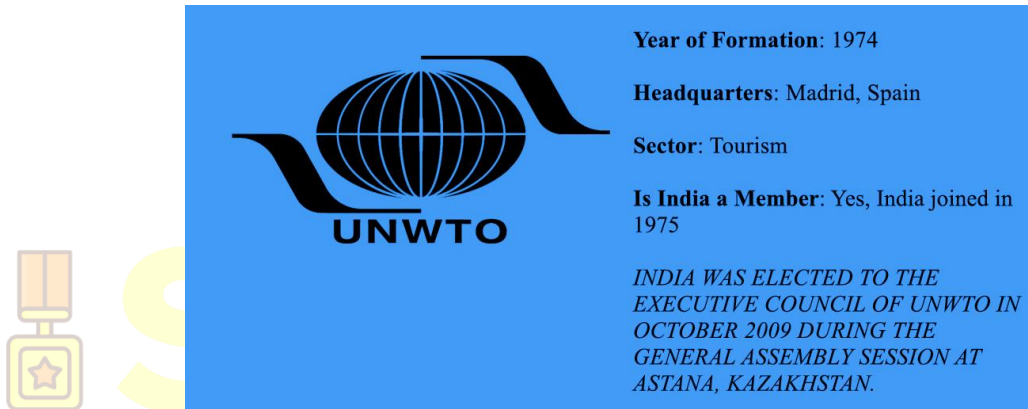


Dhordo Village Best Tourism Village UNWTO

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the **Dhordo village** in Kutch district of Gujarat for being awarded as the **Best Tourism Village** by the United Nations World Tourism Organization.



- **Dhordo in Kutch** being celebrated for its rich cultural heritage and natural beauty.
- Prime Minister said, this honour not only showcases the potential of Indian tourism but also the dedication of the people of Kutch in particular.
- He hoped that **Dhordo continue to shine and attract visitors** from around the world.
- The **United Nations World Tourism Organization** is a specialized agency of the United Nations which promotes responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism. It is headquartered in **Madrid, Spain**.
- UNWTO promotes tourism as a driver of economic growth, inclusive development and environmental sustainability.



Anthurium Festival

- In Mizoram, a two-day-long **Anthurium Festival** began with all festivities and enthusiasm at Reiek in Mamit District. The festival is being organized by the **Department of Tourism** of Mizoram.



- Tourism is an important sector for income generation for the overall development of the state. It also provides an avenue for employment to the youth.

- Tourists preferred **to go to villages** rather than towns and cities. Tourists wish to explore the unique culture, traditions, and religion of the people. He therefore advocated for responsible and sustainable tourism.
- The Tourism Secretary said that the Anthurium Festival is an occasion of joy and a platform to showcase the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the Mizo people.

ICAI receives UN Award

- The **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India** received a prestigious **UN award** for its top-ranked sustainability initiatives, including the Sustainability Reporting Standards Board.
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was awarded a prestigious United Nations accolade for its exceptional sustainability endeavors, notably through the Sustainability Reporting Standards Board.
- ICAI's sustainability initiatives garnered the highest ranking among **70 global initiatives**.



- The **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** bestowed the ISAR Honours 2023 upon ICAI during the 8th World Investment Forum, recognizing its significant contributions to sustainability reporting.
- These efforts reflect ICAI's commitment to **fostering sustainable practices** within India, while also aligning with international standards.



- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is India's largest professional accounting body under the administrative control of **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**, Government of India.
- It was established on **1 July 1949** as a statutory body under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 enacted by the Parliament for promotion, development and regulation of the profession of Chartered Accountancy in India.

Second Edition Of E-Prix

- The **Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)** and Formula E have officially confirmed the return of the **Hyderabad EPrix** for a second edition scheduled to take place on **February 10, 2024**.
- The Hyderabad EPrix for its **second edition in 2024** is a significant milestone for the world of motorsport and for India.



- With the inclusion of a talented Indian driver, **Jehan Daruvala**, and Formula E's commitment to India, the event promises to be an unforgettable experience for both competitors and fans.

- An E-Prix is a **one hour race**, which is held on a Formula E weekend, and the equivalent to a Grand Prix in Formula One.
- Drivers compete in the E-Prix for championship points at each meeting, with the top three receiving trophies for their efforts.



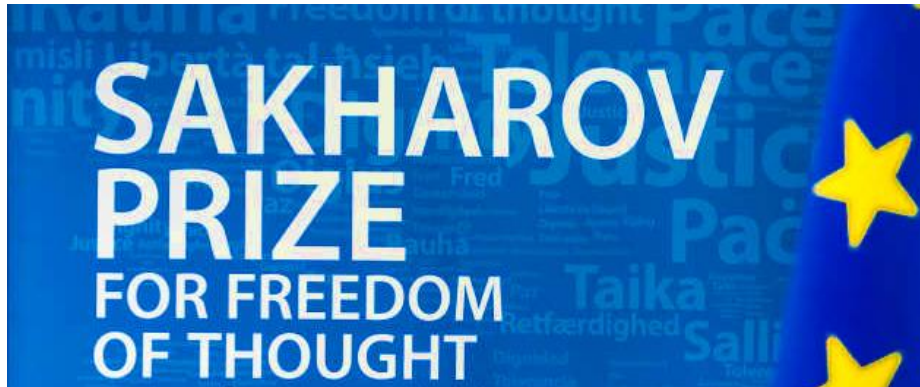
Jina Mahsa Amini Wins EU's Sakharov Prize 2023

- The European Parliament President, **Roberta Metsola**, announced the laureate of the 2023 **Sakharov Prize** in the Strasbourg plenary chamber.
- **Jina Mahsa Amini and the Iranian "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement** were awarded this prestigious prize, joining the ranks of remarkable past recipients like Malala Yousafzai and Nelson Mandela.



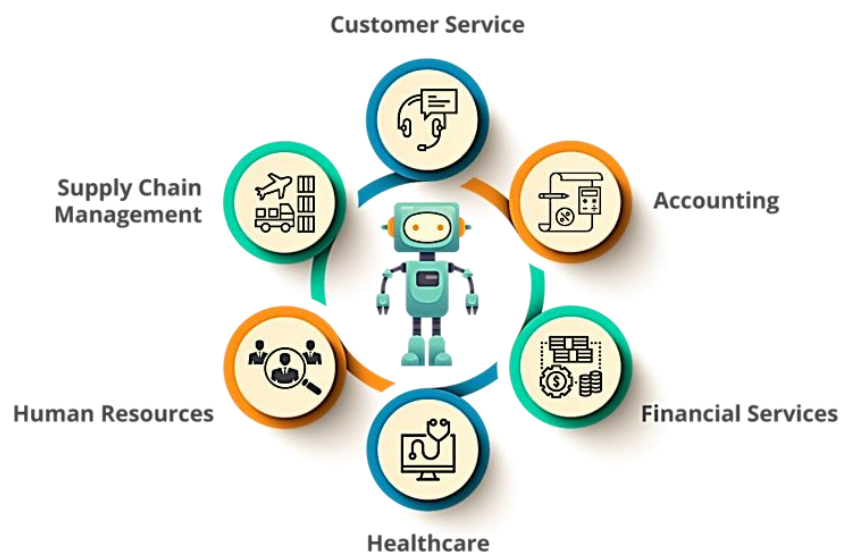
- **Mahsa Amini**, a young woman of only 22, passed away on September 16, 2022, while in the custody of Iran's religious police. Her alleged offense was a breach of the Islamic republic's strict dress code for women.
- Her untimely death galvanized global attention and support for the "**Woman, Life, Freedom**" movement.

- The **Sakharov Prize** is accompanied by a **€50,000** endowment and holds a prominent place in recognizing individuals and movements that champion human rights and freedom.
- It serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing struggle for justice and equality on a global scale.



Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Lab

- The state-of-art **RPA lab has been built** under the Future Skill PRIME Project funded by **MeitY** with an objective to upskill/reskill manpower in emerging technology of RPA.
- This is the First-of-its-kind lab in Uttar Pradesh under FutureSkill PRIME Project, which has been established to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia.
- Robotic process automation (RPA), also known as software robotics, uses automation technologies to mimic back-office tasks of human workers, such as extracting data, filling in forms, moving files.



Karthikeyan Murali's Victory Over Magnus Carlsen

- In **Qatar Masters**, the 24-year-old Indian chess grandmaster, **Karthikeyan Murali**, became the third Indian player to beat the world's number one player, Magnus Carlsen in classical chess.
- Karthikeyan Murali is the third Indian after **Harikrishna and Viswanathan Anand** to have beaten Carlsen.
- Karthikeyan's win occurred in the seventh round of the tournament, where he skillfully wielded the black pieces.
- With this significant triumph, he joined the ranks of other leading players such as SL Narayan, Javokhir Sindarov, David Paravyan, Arjun Erigaisi, and Nodirbek Yakubboev, all of whom held a remarkable score of 5.5 out of 7.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. 'Shraddhanjali' Flyover Inaugurated In

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: B

2. What Is Length Of 'Shraddhanjali' Flyover Inaugurated In Assam

- A. 2.28 kilometers
- B. 3 kilometers
- C. 1.5 kilometers
- D. 2 kilometers

ANSWER: A

3. Village In Gujarat Awarded As The Best Tourism Village By UNWTO

- A. Sihor
- B. Babra
- C. Dhordo
- D. Kutch

ANSWER: C

4. Where Did The Anthurium Festival Take Place

- A. Mizoram
- B. Assam
- C. Gujrat
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: A

5. Which Organization Conferred The UN Award To ICAI

- A. UNDP
- B. UNCTAD
- C. UNESCO
- D. UNICEF

ANSWER: B

6. Second Edition Of EPrix India Scheduled To Take Place

- A. New Delhi
- B. Greater Noida
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: C

7. Who Was Awarded 2023 Sakharov Prize In European Parliament

- A. Jina Mahsa Amini
- B. Muniba Mazari
- C. Malala Yousafzai
- D. Roberta Metsola

ANSWER: A

8. Headquarters Of The United Nations World Tourism Organization

- A. Madrid
- B. New York
- C. Paris
- D. Geneva

ANSWER: A

9. Report Titled 'The Impact Of Disasters On Agriculture And Food Security' Released By

- A. NABARD
- B. IMF
- C. FAO
- D. NITI Aayog

ANSWER: C

10. Daniel Noboa Has Been Elected As President Of Which Country

- A. South Africa
- B. Turkey
- C. Ecuador
- D. Argentina

ANSWER: C

11. Who Is First Asian Man To Be Nominated For International Tennis Hall Of Fame

- A. Leander Paes
- B. Mahesh Bhupathi
- C. Rohan Bopanna
- D. Yuki Bhambri

ANSWER: A

12. 'Shi Yan 6', Entered Indian Ocean, Is Research Vessel Of

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. North Korea
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: B

13. Countries Involved In Territorial Claim Of 'Scarborough Shoal'

- A. China and Philippines
- B. China and Taiwan
- C. China and Indonesia
- D. China and Malaysia

ANSWER: A

14. Frank Rubio Seen In News, Is Associated With Which Profession

- A. Sports person
- B. Business person
- C. Astronaut
- D. Scientist

ANSWER: C

15. Institution Releases Report Methane Emissions In Livestock & Rice Systems

- A. NABARD
- B. FAO
- C. UNEP
- D. UNFCCC

ANSWER: B

16.Swavlamban 2.0 Is Indigenisation Roadmap Of Which Institution

- A. IRDAI
- B. Indian Navy
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. RBI

ANSWER: B

17.Which Institution Recently Revealed ‘Antimatter’s Response To Gravity

- A. European Center for Nuclear Research
- B. Chinese Academy of Sciences
- C. Harvard University
- D. Max Planck Society

ANSWER: A

18.Sycamore Gap Tree Is A Famous Tree Situated In Which Country

- A. USA
- B. Japan
- C. Australia
- D. UK

ANSWER: C

19.Which Institution Organised Conference On ‘Millets For Military Ration & Specific Nutritional Requirements’

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. NABARD
- D. FAO

ANSWER: A

20.Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) Mission Is Associated With Which Country

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. China
- D. Israel

ANSWER: B

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EXAMS