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Google Launches DigiKavach Program

- In a proactive move to tackle the escalating issue of online financial frauds in India, technology behemoth **Google has launched the DigiKavach program**.
- With a focus on understanding the tactics **used by scammers** and implementing effective countermeasures.
- Google aims to thwart **fraudulent activities**. This piece delves into the key aspects of the DigiKavach initiative and its potential implications for bolstering online safety in India.
- Google's DigiKavach program underscores the company's commitment to fostering a safer and more secure digital landscape for Indian internet users.
- By dissecting the methodologies of scammers, deploying counter-strategies, sharing insights with experts, and extending support to organizations like the CyberPeace Foundation, Google endeavors to efficiently combat online financial frauds.
- This undertaking not only shields users from deceitful schemes but also cultivates a culture of digital literacy and empowerment, ensuring a fortified online experience for all.



‘Durga Bharat Samman’ Awards

- Renowned Hindustani classical vocalist and composer, **Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty**, was recently honored with the esteemed 'Durga Bharat Samman' by West Bengal's Governor, C V Ananda Bose.
- This distinguished award stands as a testament to his outstanding contributions to the realm of music, acknowledging his pivotal role in safeguarding and promoting the rich heritage of Indian classical music.
- The 'Durga Bharat Samman' accolades serve as a **celebration of excellence** across a spectrum of fields, ranging from the captivating world of classical music to the advancements in educational institutions, space exploration, and maritime engineering.
- These honors not only commend the remarkable endeavors of the recipients but also aim to inspire future generations to aspire towards greatness in their chosen domains.



IICA & Skill Council For Persons With Disability

- **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs and Skill Council for Persons with Disability** signed a Memorandum of Understanding for **Job Coach** for Inclusivity Programmes in Gurugram.



- The purpose of MoU is to synergise the expertise of these institutions with the aim of equipping the corporate in the areas of knowledge, skills, and competencies for building and managing a diverse workforce.
- To promote the inclusion of **differently-abled people among their workforce**.
- The collaboration will result in building capacities of corporate representatives and other such stakeholders who wish to make their move in the Diversity and Inclusion arena.

“Kasturi Cotton Bharat”

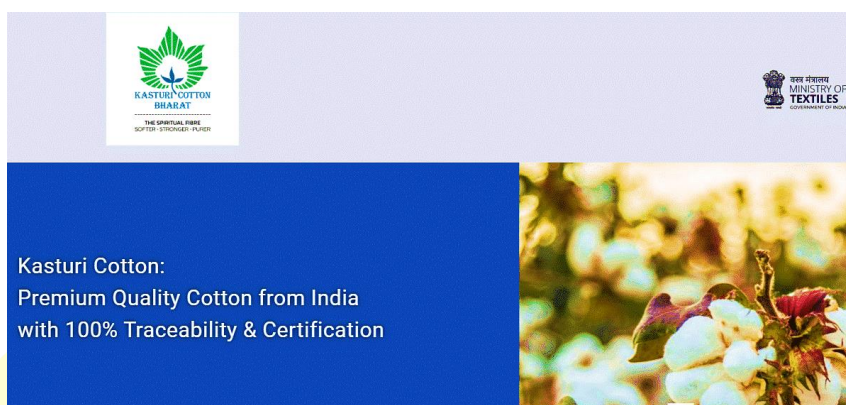
- Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon’ble Union Minister of Textile, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, launched a **digital platform** for **Kasturi Bharat** necessary information and updates on this initiatives and highlights the registration process for ginners to produce **Kasturi Cotton Bharat** Brand and its processes that make the branded Indian cotton unique.
- The Kasturi Cotton Bharat is a joint initiative by the **Ministry of Textiles, the Cotton Corporation of India, Trade Bodies & Industry** to work on the principle of self-regulation by owning complete responsibility of Branding, Traceability and Certification of Indian Cotton to enhance its’ competitiveness in the global market and create a sustainable ecosystem for all stakeholders involved.



- Earlier, on the eve of World Cotton Day on 7th October, Ministry of Textiles announced the “Kasturi Cotton Bharat” brand of cotton by which Indian cotton has been endowed with a brand and a logo that represents Whiteness, Softness, Purity, Lustre and Indianness. Thereafter, an MoU has been signed between CCI

on behalf of Govt. of India and TEXPROCIL on behalf of the Textile Industry on 15th December 2022 for a mission-mode approach in positioning of Kasturi Cotton Bharat brand.

- All the ginners in the country have been empowered to produce Kasturi Cotton Bharat brand as per stipulated protocol. Besides this, to provide complete traceability of Kasturi Cotton Bharat across the supply chain, QR based certification technology will be used at each stage of the processing and a blockchain based software platform will provide end to end traceability and transaction certificate.



Bharat Tex 2024

- Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution Shri Piyush Goyal lauded industry bodies of the textile sector for their initiative in organising **Bharat Tex 2024**- the world's biggest ever textiles event in the world.
- It is envisaged to be the **biggest textile event** at the global level, with exhibitors and buyers from over 40 countries.



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- **Bharat Tex 2024** would be a comprehensive showcase of the entire textile industry value chain, from India's rich cultural heritage and textile traditions to the latest technological innovations.
- With over 1,000 exhibitors and more than 30,000 visitors from 40 countries, this mega event would include knowledge sessions, seminars and conferences, CEO roundtables, B2B & G2G meetings, besides strategic investment announcements, product launches and collaborations that would redefine the textile industry on a global scale.
- Live demonstrations, cultural events, and fashion presentations will provide an exceptionally creative and engaging environment, providing insights into the realms of textile, fashion, sustainability, and style originating from the heart of India.
- Bharat Tex 2024 is being planned as a **consolidated and unique platform** to position and showcase India's entire textile value chain and also highlight strengths in fashion, traditional crafts and sustainability initiatives.



Solar Panel Standards & Labelling Programme

- The Indian Government has introduced a **Standards & Labelling Programme** for solar panels to enable citizens to make informed decisions while purchasing and deploying solar photovoltaic modules, commonly known as solar panels.



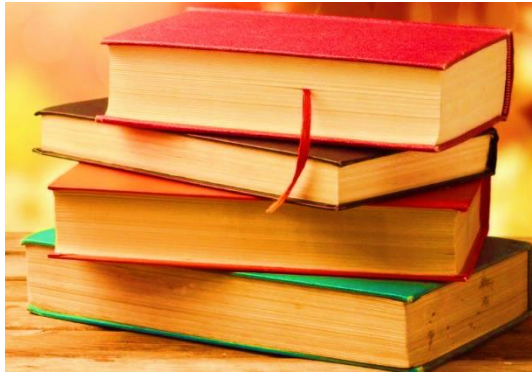
BUREAU OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Government of India, Ministry of Power

- The program aims to provide consumers with essential information to help them choose efficient solar panels.
- The **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)** has prepared a star labelling scheme for PV (Photovoltaic) modules, which will be effective from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.
- During this period, there will be no labelling fee. As of now, 15 appliances are under a mandatory labelling regime, meaning they cannot be sold in the market without the label.
- Additionally, 19 appliances are in the voluntary regime, where market development is ongoing. The program empowers consumers by allowing them to evaluate the efficiency of different solar panel brands, promoting competition in the market.
- It aligns with the government's broader goal of increasing the share of renewable energy and reducing the emission intensity of **GDP by 45% by 2030**.



Indian Literature At 75th Frankfurt Book Fair

- The **Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India**, is participating in the prestigious **75th Frankfurt Book Fair**.
- The Frankfurt Book Fair is one of the **world's most acclaimed book fairs**, attracting participants and visitors from across the globe. It is being held from October 18 to October 22, 2023, in **Frankfurt, Germany**.



- **Publications Division** is presenting its extensive collection of books covering a wide range of topics, including art and culture, history, cinema, personalities and biographies, land and people, Gandhian literature, and children's literature.
- The Division's premium books on Rashtrapati Bhavan and speeches of the Prime Minister, published exclusively by Publications Division, are also on display.



The Rafah Crossing

- In the wake of **Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip** following the October 7 attack by Hamas, the Rafah border crossing with Egypt has become a crucial point for civilians seeking to enter or leave Gaza.
- This crossing, unlike others, is not controlled by Israel.
- However, Egypt has kept the Rafah crossing sealed since October 10, leading to diplomatic negotiations to facilitate the passage of people and supplies. The situation has intensified as Israel prepares for a potential ground invasion of Gaza, coupled with deteriorating living conditions in the Strip due to Israeli airstrikes.

- On the Palestinian side, the crossing is marked by two large arcing structures that intersect above a stone-encased building, with ornate metal gates blocking access. In recent days, people waiting to leave Gaza have gathered in this area.
- After passing through these gates, travelers encounter another Palestinian gate where their credentials are checked. From there, they typically board a bus to travel a short distance to the Egyptian section of the crossing. Private vehicles are not permitted to pass.
- On the Egyptian side, there is a wide structure with a yellow facade. Aid workers have been seen parking their trucks near this gate, waiting for a decision on the crossing's opening.



REC Limited Honoured with Golden Peacock Award

- **REC Limited** (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited) a **Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise** under the **Ministry of Power**, has received the **Golden Peacock Award** in Risk Management for its commitment to implementing effective risk assessment strategies.
- The Golden Peacock Awards, established by the **Institute of Directors (IOD)**, India in **1991**, has emerged as an internationally acclaimed standard for corporate excellence.
- The IOD is an apex professional association for Directors in India under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860 to fill the need for professional development of Corporate Directors and building effective Boards.

- REC Limited is a **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)** focused on Power Sector Financing and Development in India. It provides financial assistance to various entities in the power sector.
- REC's funding contributes to lighting every fourth bulb in India.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

1. **Which Technology Company Launched The DigiKavach Program**
 - A. Microsoft
 - B. Google
 - C. Apple
 - D. Amazon

ANSWER: B

2. **The Primary Focus Of Google's Digi Kavach Program**
 - A. Promoting Online Gaming
 - B. Tackling Online Financial Frauds
 - C. Enhancing Social Media Presence
 - D. Developing Mobile Apps

ANSWER: B

3. What Is "Bharat Tex 2024"

- A. Bureau Of Energy Efficiency
- B. Indian Space Research Organisation
- C. Ministry Of Renewable Energy
- D. Central Pollution Control Board

ANSWER: A

4. Organization Responsible For Star Labelling Scheme For PV Modules In India

- A. Ministry Of Power
- B. Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- C. Indian Institute Of Directors
- D. Bureau Of Energy Efficiency

ANSWER: B

5. When Is World Statistics Day Celebrated

- A. October 20th
- B. October 29th
- C. October 25th
- D. October 28th

ANSWER: A

6. Who Has Been Roped In By Puma As Its Brand Ambassador

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Mohammed Shami
- D. Jasprit Bumrah

ANSWER: C

7. Name Of The Potential Cyclonic Storm Forming In The Arabian Sea

- A. Cyclone Nisarga
- B. Cyclone Tej
- C. Cyclone Biparjoy
- D. Cyclone Asani

ANSWER: B

8. Which Company Is Investing ₹150 Crore To Acquire A 27% Stake In Freight Tiger

- A. Mahindra & Mahindra
- B. Ashok Leyland
- C. Maruti Suzuki
- D. Tata Motors

ANSWER: D

9. Which Two Companies Have Partnered To Produce Wearable Devices Based On RISC-V Technology

- A. Apple and Microsoft
- B. Samsung and Sony
- C. Google and Qualcomm
- D. Facebook and Amazon

ANSWER: C

10. What Does The Acronym "IDF" Stand For In The Context Of Israel

- A. Israel Defense Foundation
- B. Israel Defense Forces
- C. International Defense Federation
- D. Independent Defense Fraternity

ANSWER: B

11. MeitY Signed 3 MOU's With Which Tech Giant For AI, Semiconductor Technology & Quantum Computing In India

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google
- C. Apple
- D. IBM

ANSWER: C

12. Which Country Has Imposed 1st Ever 'Space Debris Penalty' On A Company

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. Russia
- D. Germany

ANSWER: B

13. Who Has Been Elected To The Board Of The International Dairy Federation

- A. Dr. Ramesh Kumar
- B. Dr. Meenesh Shah
- C. Dr. Priya Patel
- D. Dr. Sanjay Gupta

ANSWER: B

14. The Term “Draconid” That Was Recently In News, Is Related To

- A. Defence System
- B. Meteor Showers
- C. Software Bug
- D. Marine Species

ANSWER: B

15. What Is The Boma Technique Commonly Used In Wildlife Conservation

- A. A Method For Capturing And Relocating Wild Animals
- B. A Software Tool For Tracking Animal Populations
- C. A Traditional African Method For Hunting
- D. A Technique For Monitoring Bird Migrations

ANSWER: A

16. Which State Is The Host Of The Humanitarian Assistance And Disaster Relief Exercise

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Goa
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Punjab

ANSWER: B

17. Multi-Agency Center Is Associated With Union Ministry

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

ANSWER: B

18. Which State Announced A New Samadhan Scheme With Waivers And Concessions For Traders

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Odisha
- C. Telangana
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: A

19. Which Airways Signed Agreement With SpaceX To Make Starlink WIFI Available To Every Passenger In The Sky At No Cost

- A. Qatar Airways
- B. All Nippon Airways
- C. Singapore Airlines
- D. British Airways

ANSWER: A

20. Which Institution Released The 'Gender Snapshot 2023 Report

- A. United Nations
- B. IMF
- C. World Bank
- D. WEF

ANSWER: A

