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SARAS Ajeevika Mela

- Minister of State for Rural Development, Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, inaugurated the **SARAS Ajeevika Mela** showcasing the best of crafts by rural Self Help Group (SHG) Women at Gurugram.
- This is the second edition of Saras Ajeevika Mela. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that it is the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to empower at least **two crores Lakhpati didis** of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission.



- Workshops will be organized for women of self-help groups to develop marketing skills.
- The SARAS Mela, organised by the **Ministry of Rural Development**, National Institute of Rural Development, and Panchayati Raj, is an initiative to support livelihood enhancement initiatives.



International Travel Exhibitions Asia

- Ministry of Tourism, Government of India along with various stakeholders including tour operators and state tourism departments participated in one of the important **International Travel Exhibitions held at Singapore** with an objective to promote **inbound tourism** to India globally including the Asia Pacific region.
- The exhibition – ITB Asia started on 25th October 2023 and is on till 27th October. **Ministry of Tourism** is leading the participation of the Indian industry at the exhibition, which draws the travel trade business and stakeholders from across the globe and particularly from the Asia Pacific region, to showcase varied tourism products and series of transformative experiences for travellers to India under the theme '**Incredible India! Visit India Year 2023**'.
- **The Incredible India pavilion** was inaugurated by H.E. Dr Shilpak Ambule, the High Commissioner of India to Singapore.
- Ministry of Tourism at the exhibition, is to garner attention of both the media and the industry towards India as a lucrative destination with various thematic products of adventure, wellness, Himalayas, eco tourism, sustainable tourism and exotic wildlife.
- This year has been declared as the Visit India Year 2023 to focus on the positioning of India as a preferred destination at the targeted potential international markets.
- The focus of Ministry of Tourism is also on promotion of sustainable tourism and mainstreaming sustainability into the tourism sector.



Vajra mushti kalaga

- Vajra mushti kalaga, a **martial art form**, has gone extinct and takes place only during Dasara. It is a unique Indian martial art that incorporates various techniques of **hand-to-hand combat** like grappling, wrestling, and striking.
- Vajra Mushti, which literally means **Thunderbolt Fist**, is characterised by the utilization of a **knuckleduster**, a small metal weapon.
- The knuckleduster, also known as Vajra Mushti, is usually made of animal horns and worn on the knuckles of the fighter.



- The main objective of this Indian martial art form is to neutralise the opponent and counter his weapon.
- It is a form of wrestling different from conventional grappling and entails two jettys taking a swipe at each other's heads with a knuckleduster. Whoever draws the blood from the opponent's head first is declared the winner.
- This form of wrestling was popular during the period of the Vijayanagar rulers, who reigned between the 14th and the 17th centuries.
- The fight is real, and the jetty's make all efforts to draw blood from the opponent's head, and a referee intervenes upon noticing the first drop.
- Mediaeval travellers from Portugal noticed this form of wrestling during the Navaratri celebrations in Vijayanagar empire and have left detailed accounts of it.



37th National Games

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **37th National Games** at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa**.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Prime minister said, India is advancing in various domains and setting unprecedented benchmarks.
- Mr Modi said that from **Khelo India to TOPS** (Target Olympic Podium Scheme), the government has created a new ecosystem to support players in the country.
- He added that Khelo India has been successful as more than 125 players have done a good job in Asian Games.
- The development of the Sports Sector in any country is directly related to the progress of the economy of that country.
- Currently, the sports budget is three times of 9 years ago's government. He expressed confidence that India is ready for conducting 2036 Olympics in India.
- He said that National Games is reflection of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. The Prime Minister also appreciated preparation for National Games by Goa government.

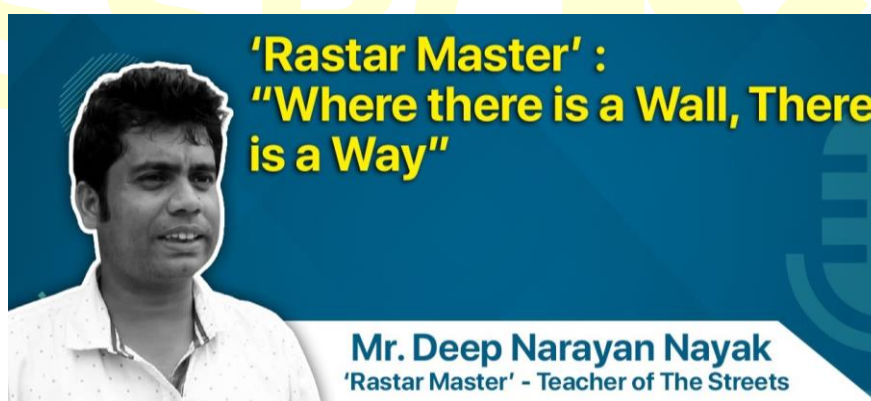


Global Teacher Prize 2023

- **Deep Narayan Nayak**, an esteemed educator hailing from **West Bengal**, has recently been named among the distinguished finalists for the esteemed Global Teacher Prize 2023.
- The **Global Teacher Prize**, an annual event organized by the **UK-based Varkey** Foundation in collaboration with **UNESCO** and Dubai Cares, an UAE-based philanthropic organization, recognizes outstanding educators from all corners of the world.



- Deep Narayan Nayak's inclusion in this select group is a testament to his unwavering commitment to the field of education, particularly during the tumultuous period of the **COVID-19 pandemic**.
- His pioneering teaching techniques and resolute dedication have left a profound and positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged children and their communities.
- This accolade serves to underscore the vital role that educators fulfill in molding the future by imparting quality education and fostering a culture of lifelong learning.



Reliance Jio Partners With Plume

- **Reliance Jio**, the foremost telecommunications provider in India, has forged a strategic alliance with **Plume**, a California-based company specializing in cloud-driven AI services, to enrich the digital experiences of its extensive base of nearly 200 million users.
- This collaboration introduces a series of pioneering solutions named "**HomePass**" and "**WorkPass**."
- These services, powered by Plume's advanced platform, encompass a comprehensive suite of features including whole-home adaptive WiFi,

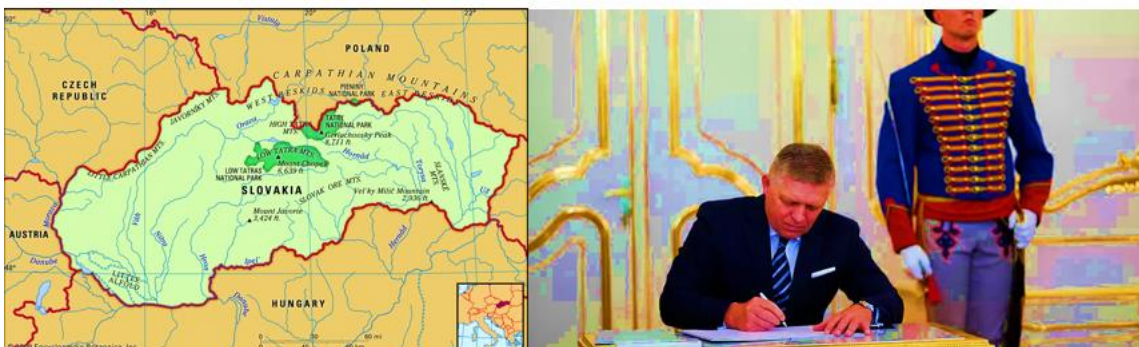
optimization of device and application performance, safeguarding against cyber threats, parental controls, WiFi motion sensing, and more.

- **HomePass** is meticulously crafted to deliver a seamless and adaptable WiFi encounter throughout the entire household. Employing Plume's intelligent algorithms, it dynamically enhances the performance of connected devices and applications, ensuring a seamless and uninterrupted internet journey.
- On the other hand, **WorkPass caters to the specific requirements** of small businesses, leveraging the same cloud-based infrastructure. It extends Plume's AI capabilities to establish a high-performing network ecosystem tailored for small enterprises.
- Equipped with features like device optimization and enhanced security, WorkPass empowers businesses to streamline their operations and create a secure environment for their workforce and clientele.



Robert Fico

- **Slovakia's** newly appointed Prime Minister, **Robert Fico**, has taken office for the fourth time amidst promises to prioritize Slovakian interests, reduce military aid to Ukraine, and curb immigration.



- His nationalist stance raises concerns among EU leaders regarding potential obstructionist policies.
- Fico's Smer party won last month's elections, forming a coalition government with Hlas and the ultra-nationalist Slovak National Party (SNS).
- This alliance caused their suspension from the socialist group in the European Parliament.

Three Basins Summit

- The summit of the **world's three major forest basins** kicked off in **Brazzaville**, the capital of the Republic of the Congo.
- This three-day summit convenes for the first time and unites the world's three major tropical forest basins: the **Amazon, Congo, and Borneo-Mekong** Forest Basins.



- The first Summit of the Three Tropical Forest Basins was held in Brazzaville in 2011 and resulted in the Declaration of the Summit of the Three Tropical Forest Basins, which recognised the need to establish a platform to promote cooperation among the countries of the three basins.
- The Amazon basin in South America, the Congo basin in Central Africa, and the Borneo-Mekong basin in Southeast Asia collectively constitute **80 percent of the world's rainforests** and contain approximately two-thirds of its biodiversity.



- The purpose of the Summit is to implement, within the framework of the **United Nations Decade for Ecosystem Restoration**, the first global coalition to restore 350 million hectares of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.
- The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, running **from 2021 until 2030** urges global action to safeguard and restore ecosystems. These basins are seeing extensive forest loss and are moving towards a systemic ecosystem breakdown that affects global climate stability, biodiversity and the livelihoods of millions of indigenous peoples and local communities.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where Was The International Travel Exhibitions Asia Held

- A. India
- B. Singapore
- C. Malaysia
- D. Thailand

ANSWER: B

2. What Is The Literal Meaning Of Vajra Mushti

- A. Lightning Strike
- B. Iron Punch
- C. Golden Hand
- D. Thunderbolt Fist

ANSWER: D

3. What Does The Martial Art Vajra Mushti Incorporate

- A. Sword Fighting Techniques
- B. Grappling And Wrestling
- C. Archery And Fencing
- D. Karate Techniques

ANSWER: B

4. Where Did The 37th National Games Take Place

- A. Mumbai
- B. Goa
- C. New Delhi
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: B

5. Which Organization Is Associated With The Global Teacher Prize

- A. UNICEF
- B. UNESCO
- C. UNDP
- D. World Bank

ANSWER: B

6. Reliance Jio Partnered With Which Company To Enhance Digital Experiences For Its Users

- A. Google
- B. Plume
- C. Facebook
- D. Amazon

ANSWER: B

7. What Are Solutions Introduced By Reliance Jio In Collaboration With Plume

- A. HomePass and NetPass
- B. WorkPass and FamilyPass
- C. HomePass and WorkPass
- D. HomeWiFi and SecureNet

ANSWER: C

8. Which Country's Prime Minister, Robert Fico Has Taken Office

- A. Croatia
- B. Slovakia
- C. Hungary
- D. Turkey

ANSWER: B

9. What Is The Key Aim Of The Three Basins Summit

- A. Promotion Of Environmental Awareness
- B. Save Forest Wildlife
- C. Global Climate Regulation
- D. Ecosystem Restoration

ANSWER: D

10. On Which Date Is World Polio Day Celebrated Every Year

- A. October 24
- B. October 26
- C. October 27
- D. October 25

ANSWER: A

11. Who Has Been Appointed As A Member Of The Strategic And Technical Advisory Group For Tuberculosis By WHO

- A. Rajesh Sharma
- B. Anjali Mehta
- C. Sarang Deo
- D. Priya Patel

ANSWER: C

12. Who Broke World Record In Javelin Throw In The F64 Category At The 2023 Asian Para Games

- A. Devendra Jhajharia
- B. Sundar Singh Gurjar
- C. Praveen Kumar
- D. Sumit Antil

ANSWER: D

13. Which City Hosted The Green Tourism Conclave In October 2023

- A. Guwahati
- B. Shillong
- C. Imphal
- D. Bhubaneswar

ANSWER: B

14. Who Was Appointed As The Head Coach Of The India Women's Cricket National Team In October 2023

- A. Tushar Arothe
- B. Jon Lewis
- C. Amol Muzumdar
- D. Ramesh Powar

ANSWER: C

15. Which Union Territory Of India Celebrates Accession Day On October 26

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- D. Daman and Diu

ANSWER: A

16. Famous Sculptures Depicting Art Of Love Built Some Time 950 AD-1050 AD Are

- A. Khajuraho Temples
- B. Jama Masjid
- C. Sun Temple
- D. Mahabalipuram Temples

ANSWER: A

17. Fire Temple Is The Place Of Worship Of Which Of The Following Religion

- A. Taoism
- B. Judaism
- C. Zoroastrianism
- D. Shintoism

ANSWER: C

18. Georgia, Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan Became The Members Of UNO In

- A. 1991
- B. 1992
- C. 1993
- D. 1994

ANSWER: B

19. For Purifying Drinking Water Alum Is Used

- A. For Coagulation Of Mud Particles
- B. To Kill Bacteria
- C. To Remove Salts
- D. To Remove Gases

ANSWER: A

20. Dr. Linus Carl Pauling Is The Only Person To Have Won Two Nobel Prizes Individually For

- A. Chemistry in 1954, Peace Prize in 1962
- B. Peace Prize in 1954, Chemistry in 1962
- C. Physics in 1954, Medicine in 1962
- D. Medicine in 1954, Physics in 1962

ANSWER: A