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Ladakh Secures 4th GI Tag For 'Sea-buckthorn'

- The Geographical Indication Registry, operating under the Department for the Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, has **granted the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag to the Department of Industries & Commerce, Ladakh.**
- The approval designates them as the Registered Proprietor for 'Ladakh Seabuckthorn' in Class 31.



- This latest GI tag underscores Ladakh's commitment to preserving and promoting its unique and healthful products.
- The GI tag serves as a mark of authenticity, ensuring that consumers can identify and trust the origin of 'Ladakh Seabuckthorn.' This **acknowledgment on the national stage highlights Ladakh's contribution** to the promotion of indigenous products and reinforces the significance of geographical indications in preserving and promoting cultural heritage.



- 'Ladakh Seabuckthorn' Becomes The 4th Product From The Union Territory To Receive The Coveted GI Tag After Ladakh Pashmina, Ladakh Apricot (Raktsey Karpo), And Ladakhi Wood Carving.

Alok Sharma

- **Alok Sharma**, a senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, has been named the **new director of the Special Protection Group (SPG)**, taking over from the late SPG chief Arun Kumar Sinha. This crucial appointment comes in the wake of the unfortunate **demise of SPG chief Arun Kumar Sinha**.



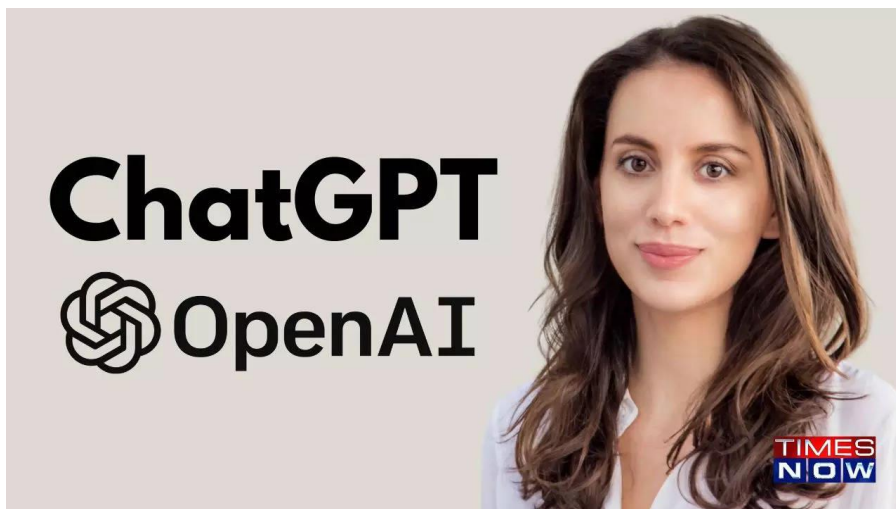
- Alok Sharma, who currently serves as the additional director general of SPG, assumes the leadership role with immediate effect, according to a government order approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

Sam Altman Fired As Open AI CEO

- **Sam Altman was fired as the chief executive officer (CEO)** of Open AI, the tech company announced on Friday.
- The company said its board no longer has confidence in Altman's ability to continue leading OpenAI.



- Altman's departure follows a deliberative review process by the board, which concluded that **he was not consistently candid in his communications** with the board, hindering its ability to exercise its responsibilities, the company said in its blog post.
- Chief Technology Officer **Mira Murati will be the interim CEO**, effective immediately.



International Event SAMBHAV

- A **two day international event ‘Sambhav- 2023’** by Divyang (Physically and Mentally Challenged) Artists has been **organised by A.L.P.A.N.A.** (Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action Society).
- Divyang Artists from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Sri Lanka and Thailand were participating in this two days event.



- Includes webinars, art & craft workshop, Yoga workshop, seminar on Yoga, workshops on Dance & Music Therapy, exhibition of paintings and artifacts made by disabled artists and most importantly international event of performances.

NASA’s DSOC Achieves “First Light”

- A NASA experiment called **Deep Space Optical Communications (DSOC)** has marked a key milestone in achieving "first light," successfully transmitting and receiving data to and from far beyond the Moon using a near-infrared laser.
- The experiment, which is seeking **to revolutionise spacecraft communication**, is part of the recently launched Psyche spacecraft.



- A **near-infrared laser encoded** with test data was sent from a distance of nearly 10 million miles to the **Hale Telescope** at Caltech's Palomar Observatory in San Diego County, California.
- The distance even surpassed the **Moon-Earth distance by about 40 times**. This marked the farthest-ever demonstration of optical communications.
- The experiment utilised a cutting-edge laser transceiver aboard the **Psyche spacecraft** to send and receive signals.
- This groundbreaking achievement signified a leap forward in high-bandwidth data transmission, crucial for future space missions.



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EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Deep Space Optical Communications Seen In News Is Of**

- A. Russia
- B. Italy
- C. Japan
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

2. **Central Water Commission's Comes Under**

- A. Ministry of Environment and Forests
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D. Ministry Of New and Renewable Energy

ANSWER: C

3. Who Is Appointed As Director Of The Special Protection Group

- A. Alok Sharma
- B. Arun Sharma
- C. Anil Rathor
- D. Suresh Verma

ANSWER: A

4. Who Is Appointed As Interim CEO Of Open AI Chat GPT

- A. Sam Altman
- B. Mira Murati
- C. Greg Brockman
- D. Kara Swisher

ANSWER: B

5. Name Of 1st Ever AI -powered Solution For Automated Agricultural News Analysis, Developed In India

- A. Krishi 24/7*
- B. Kisan 24/7*
- C. Krishak AI 24/7*
- D. Fasal AI 24/7*

ANSWER: A

6. DAY-NRLM Signed A MoU With Which Organisation To Enhance The Capacity Of Women Entrepreneurs

- A. RBI
- B. NABARD
- C. SIDBI
- D. NHB

ANSWER: C

7. Which Institution Released The Report On 'Report On Management Of Foreign Exchange Reserves

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI
- C. NHB
- D. NPCI

ANSWER: A

8. Who Is Set To Host 96th Academy Awards In 2024 For Fourth Time

- A. Ellen DeGeneres
- B. Stephen Colbert
- C. Jimmy Fallon
- D. Jimmy Kimmel

ANSWER: D

9. Ministry Is Associated With 'Limited Liability Partnership Rules, 2023

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

ANSWER: A

10. 'Stopgap Spending Bill', Seen In News, Is Associated With Which Country

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

ANSWER: A

11. New Bhandu - New Sanand Section', Which Was Recently Inaugurated, Is A Part Of Which Freight Corridor

- A. Central Dedicated Freight Corridor
- B. Western Dedicated Freight Corridor
- C. Southern Dedicated Freight Corridor
- D. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor

ANSWER: B

12. Which Institution Releases The Annual Greenhouse Gas Bulletin

- A. UNEP
- B. FAO
- C. WMO
- D. CPCB

ANSWER: C

13. Which Country Is Associated With The “Rwanda Plan”

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. The Netherlands
- D. Russia

ANSWER: B

14. A.T. 'State Of Economy' Report RBI Primary Challenge To Achieve 4% Consumer Price Index Target

- A. Rising food prices
- B. Fluctuating oil prices
- C. Currency devaluation
- D. Unemployment

ANSWER: A

15. Who Recently Secured Re-election As The Prime Minister Of Spain

- A. Pedro Sanchez
- B. Pablo Iglesias
- C. Mariano Rajoy
- D. Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero

ANSWER: A

16. Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited Functions Under Which Union Ministry

- A. Ministry of Ayush
- B. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Health

ANSWER: A

17. 'Kepler-385', Which Was Seen In The News, Is A

- A. Asteroid
- B. Seven-planet System
- C. Satellite
- D. Star

ANSWER: B

18. Gunung Padang Is A Massive Underground Pyramid In Which Country

- A. Japan
- B. Indonesia
- C. Italy
- D. Papua New Guinea

ANSWER: B

19. U.S. Development Finance Corporation Pledged USD 553 Million Funding For Which Indian Project

- A. Narmada Valley Development Project
- B. Colombo West International Terminal Project
- C. Inland Development Waterways Project
- D. Mumbai Trans Harbour Link

ANSWER: B

20. Toxoplasma Gondii Is An Infection Which Transmits Through Which Species

- A. Mosquito
- B. Cat
- C. Rat
- D. Bat

ANSWER: B