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10th Century Kadamba Inscription

- An inscription dating back to the **10th century A.D.** has been found in the **Mahadeva temple at Cacoda** in southern Goa.
- The inscription, written in **both Kannada and Sanskrit**, sheds light on a historical episode during the Kadamba period, providing valuable insights into the region's past.
- The discovery was brought to light by **environmentalist Rajendra Kerkar**, highlighting the collaborative effort in uncovering this historical gem.



- The inscription is engraved in both Kannada and Nagari characters, showcasing the **linguistic diversity of the region** during the 10th century.
- Professor Murugeshi's analysis suggests a connection to the **Kadambas of Goa**, who were the reigning power in the region during that period.
- The inscription narrates a significant historical event during the rule of **Talara Nevayya, who governed the Mandala region**.
- Talara Nevayya's son, Gundayya, devoted himself to realizing his father's ambition of **capturing Gopura, the port of Goa**.
- Tragically, Gundayya lost his life in a valiant pursuit of this goal. The inscription serves as a poignant record of this historical episode.
- In **960 A.D.**, **Kadamba Shasthadeva** achieved a notable conquest by capturing the city of **Chandawar in Goa**. Subsequently, he seized the strategically important **port of Gopakapattana**.



- Professor Murugeshi delves into the historical context, outlining the intricate relationship between the **Kadambas of Goa and the Chalukyas of Kalyana**.
- **Kadamba Shasthadeva**, appointed as **Mahamandaleshwara of Goa** by Chalukyan emperor Tailapa II, played a pivotal role in overthrowing the Rashtrakutas.

PRITHVI VIGYAN Scheme

- The Indian government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has launched an ambitious initiative named **PRITHVI (PRITHvi Vlgyan)**, a **comprehensive scheme by the Ministry of Earth Sciences**.
- With a significant budget of **Rs. 4,797 crore**, the program spans from 2021-26, marking a new era in the study and understanding of Earth sciences in India.
- The PRITHVI scheme aims to revolutionize our understanding and interaction with various Earth systems.
- Strengthening the **continuous monitoring of the Earth's atmosphere**, oceans, geosphere, cryosphere, and solid earth to track and record essential changes.
- Creating advanced models for **better forecasting of weather**, oceanic, and climatic hazards, and deepening the understanding of climate change.
- Venturing into the **unexplored polar regions and high seas** to discover new phenomena and resources.
- Innovating technologies for the **sustainable exploitation of oceanic resources**, benefiting society. Converting scientific insights into practical services for societal, environmental, and economic advantages.
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) plays a pivotal role in this initiative, translating scientific knowledge into valuable services for society. Weather forecasts and warnings, Alerts for natural disasters like cyclones, floods, and tsunamis, Earthquake monitoring and more.

- The MoES's work in this regard has been instrumental in **saving lives and reducing property damage** during natural disasters.





Cabinet Decisions
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Empowering Tomorrow's Earth Science

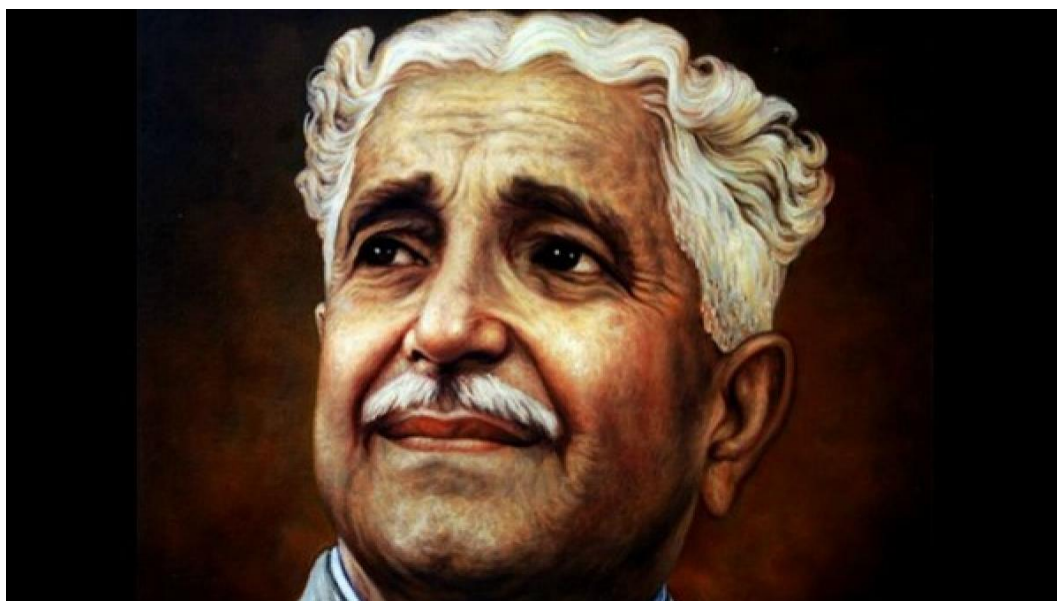
Cabinet Nods to PRITHvi Vigyan
(PRITHVI) Scheme

Financial Outlay : Rs. 4,797 crore

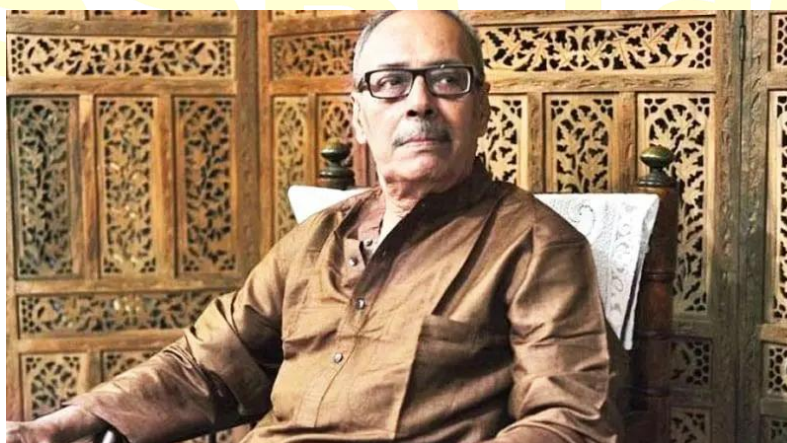
-  Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS)
-  Ocean Services, Modelling Application, Resources and Technology (O-SMART)
-  Polar Science and Cryosphere Research (PACER)
-  Seismology and Geosciences (SAGE)
-  Research, Education, Training and Outreach (REACHOUT)

Kuvempu Award

- In a prestigious recognition of his **literary contributions**, renowned Bengali writer **Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay** has been awarded the 2023 Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar.
- The national award, named in honour of the **late Kannada poet Kuvempu**, celebrates writers who have made significant **contributions to any Indian language**.



- **Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay**, an accomplished author with a prolific literary career, has penned over 90 books, encompassing a diverse range of genres, including travelogues and fiction for children.
- The esteemed award comes with a **cash prize of Rs 5 lakh**, a silver medal, and a citation.



- The **previous year's recipient was Tamil writer Iyamam**, adding to the prestigious list of literary luminaries acknowledged by this esteemed award.
- Shirshendu Mukhopadhyaya's diverse body of work has not only captivated readers but also contributed significantly to the **cultural tapestry of Indian literature**. His ability to weave captivating narratives, coupled with his exploration of varied themes, has garnered widespread acclaim.
- As the literary community applauds this well-deserved honour bestowed upon Mukhopadhyaya, the Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar continues to serve as a

beacon, recognizing and celebrating the literary richness and diversity that graces the Indian literary landscape.

Punjab 1st State To Map All Accident Prone Sites

- **Punjab, known for its vibrant culture and rich heritage**, has achieved a significant milestone in road safety. The state has become the first in India to meticulously map all **784 accident black spots** using the **Mappls App**, a cutting-edge navigation system developed by MapMyIndia.
- In a strategic move, the **Punjab Police has teamed up with MapMyIndia** to integrate **real-time traffic updates** and alerts into the Mappls App.



- This collaboration aims to **provide citizens with crucial information** about black and blind spots, ensuring a safer driving experience. The joint effort between law enforcement and technology exemplifies a proactive approach towards road safety.
- One of the standout features of this collaboration is the **implementation of voice alerts in Punjabi**.
- Commuters navigating through Punjab using the Mappls App will now receive **real-time alerts in their regional language**, specifically in Punjabi.
- These voice alerts will serve as warnings for upcoming black spots, enhancing situational awareness and reducing the risk of accidents.
- Punjab has taken a pioneering step in customizing road safety measures to cater to the linguistic preferences of its residents.
- This initiative aligns with the preparations for the launch of Chief Minister **Bhagwant Singh Mann's flagship project, the 'Sadak Suraksha Force.'** The comprehensive mapping of accident black spots is a crucial component of this

visionary project, aiming to create a robust system for ensuring road safety across the state.



India - Nepal

- Nepal has signed a **long-term agreement for the export of 10,000 MW of power to India** in the next 10 years.
- **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** and his Nepal counterpart **N P Saud** jointly inaugurated **3 cross-border transmission** lines. Mr Jaishankar is on a two-day visit to the Himalayan nation.
- An MoU for cooperation in renewable energy was also signed by the **Nepal Electricity Authority** and **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited** of India.



- India will extend a **financial package of 75 million dollars** for the reconstruction of infrastructure in the district of Nepal affected by last year's earthquake.
- A **5.7 magnitude earthquake** struck Jajarkot District in Nepal on the 3rd of November last year, killing over 150 people and injuring nearly 400. The earthquake was the deadliest to strike the country since 2015.

- “Discussions focused on our overall bilateral ties, trade and economic relations, land, rail, and air connectivity projects, cooperation in defence and security, agriculture, energy, power, water resources, disaster management, tourism, civil aviation, people to people and cultural exchange and development partnership, Mr. Jaishankar said on social media.

PRERANA Program

- The **Department of School Education & Literacy**, Ministry of Education, proudly presents Prerana: An Experiential Learning program.
- This unique initiative aims to empower students of **classes IX to XII** with leadership qualities and provide them with a meaningful, unique, and inspiring experience.



- Prerana is driven by a strong commitment to the **principles of the Indian education system and the philosophy** of value-based education, a cornerstone of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- It fosters respect for India’s rich cultural heritage and diverse traditions, embodying the spirit of “**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**” (the world is one family).
- This week-long residential program takes place in a historic vernacular school (established in 1888) in **Vadnagar, Gujarat**.



- The program features a diverse schedule, from yoga and meditation sessions to hands-on learning activities, thematic workshops, and visits to historical sites. Evening activities include film screenings, talent shows, and creative pursuits, ensuring a holistic approach to learning.
- The curriculum, developed by IIT Gandhi Nagar, revolves **around nine core values**:
 - Swabhiman and Vinay (Self-Respect and Humility)
 - Shaurya and Sahas (Courage and Daring)
 - Parishram and Samarpan (Hard Work and Dedication)
 - Karuna and Sewa (Compassion and Service)
 - Vividhta and Ekta (Diversity and Unity)
 - Satyanishtha and Shuchita (Integrity and Cleanliness)
 - Navachar and Jigyasa (Innovation and Curiosity)
 - Shraddha aur Vishwas (Faith and Confidence)
 - Swatantrata and Kartavya (Freedom and Responsibility)

Beach Games Held At Ghoghala Beach

- In Diu, **Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated the Beach Games held at the **Ghoghala Beach of the Union Territory**.
- He said that by organising this festival, new dimensions will be established and the culture and tourism will get a boost.
- Due to this festival, beach sports will also be promoted in other **beach-bearing States and Union Territories** of the country. Earlier, Mr. Thakur attended the 'My Bharat' programme at the Malala Auditorium in Diu. He said that, so far, 45 lakh youth have registered their names in the Mera Bharat platform.



- Mr. Anurag Thakur says, The Beach Games are being organised at the **Ghoghala Beach of the Union Territory**.
- More than 1200 players are participating in this sports festival. A total of eight different sports are included in the Beach Games, including beach volleyball, pencak silat, beach boxing, beach soccer, and sea swimming along with traditional sports such as Malakhambah, beach kabaddi, and tug of war, more than **20 in the beach games**.
- Players from States and Union Territories are participating in the Beach festival. As its subject theme is dolphins, the picture of Dolphins has also been placed in various game paintings and banners. The closing ceremony will be held at the INS Khukhri Memorial. Administrator, Union territory Praful Patel, Member of Parliament Daman & Diu Lalubhai Patel also remained present in the event.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. PRITHVI VIGYAN Scheme Launched By

- A. Ministry Of Science & Technology
- B. Ministry Of Earth Sciences
- C. Ministry Of Health
- D. Ministry Of Environment

ANSWER: B

2. What Is The 2023 Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar Awarded For

- A. Scientific Achievements
- B. Literary Contributions
- C. Artistic Excellence
- D. Music Achievements

ANSWER: B

3. First State To Map All Accident Prone Sites

- A. Punjab
- B. UP
- C. Gujrat
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

4. What Is The Main Objective Of The Prerana Program

- A. Provide Traditional Education
- B. Empower Students With Leadership Qualities & Unique Experience
- C. Focus On Advanced Technology In Education
- D. Promote Global Education Standards

ANSWER: B

5. 10th Century Kadamba Inscription Found In

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Goa
- D. Gujrat

ANSWER: C

6. When Is The 'World Braille Day' Observed Every Year

- A. January 1
- B. January 2
- C. January 4
- D. January 6

ANSWER: C

7. Who Is The Inspiration Behind New Design Of Indian Navy Admirals' Epaulettes Announced Recently

- A. Maharana Pratap
- B. Shivaji
- C. Maharaja Ranjit Singh
- D. Chandragupta Maurya

ANSWER: B

8. Which City Has Been Selected As The Venue To Host The National Youth Festival 2024

- A. Nagpur
- B. Mumbai
- C. Nasik
- D. Pune

ANSWER: C

9. Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute Of Technology For Women Launching Its Nanosatellite Called WESAT, Is Located In Which City

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Pune
- C. Thiruvananthapuram
- D. Mangalore

ANSWER: C

10. Author Of Song “Banglar Mati Banglar Jal”, Recently Declared As State Song Of West Bengal

- A. Rabindranath Tagore
- B. Nazrul Islam
- C. Nabagopal Mitra
- D. Sarojini Naidu

ANSWER: A

11. Daily Payment Limit For UPI Transactions Set By NPCI From January 1, 2024

- A. Rs. 10,000
- B. Rs. 50,000
- C. Rs. 1 lakh
- D. Rs. 5 lakh

ANSWER: C

12. India’s Longest Sea Bridge, Connects Which Two Locations

- A. Bandra And Worli
- B. Sewri And Chirle
- C. Thane And Virar
- D. Vallarpadam And Kochi

ANSWER: B

13. Which Country Recently Filed A Case Against Israel At International Court Of Justice Accusing It Of Genocide

- A. Egypt
- B. Qatar
- C. Iran
- D. South Africa

ANSWER: D

14. Name Of Scheme Established By Supreme Court Of India To Ensure Safety Of Witnesses Facing Threats

- A. Safety Assurance Scheme
- B. Witness Protection Scheme
- C. Witness Security Programme
- D. Judicial Witness Guard

ANSWER: B

15. Where Is National Fisheries Development Board Establishing An Eri Silk Spinning Plant

- A. Guwahati, Assam
- B. Mushalpur, Assam
- C. Shillong, Meghalaya
- D. Imphal, Manipur

ANSWER: B

16. Which Country Decided To Impose A 1 Year Ban On Chinese Research Vessels In Its Exclusive Economic Zone

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Thailand
- C. Myanmar
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: D

17. City Emerged As Global Leader In Total Number Of Initial Public Offerings In 2023, As Reported By Nikkei

- A. Tokyo
- B. Mumbai
- C. New York
- D. Hong Kong

ANSWER: B

18. Which State Set A Guinness World Record In 2024 For The Most Number Of People Performing Surya Namaskar

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: B

19. Name Of The First Chemo Drug Available As Syrup Form In India

- A. Previl
- B. Prevall
- C. Perivell
- D. Prevailed

ANSWER: B

20. Which State Has Announced To Start Kalasa Banduri Nala Project

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. West Bengal
- D. Bihar

ANSWER: B