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India ASTDS Tug

- Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of MoPSW & AYUSH, virtually inaugurated the **60T bollard pull tug named 'Ocean Grace'** and the Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) on March 2, 2024.
- The Ocean Grace is the **first Make-in-India ASTDS Tug** developed by Cochin Shipyard Limited under MoPSW.
- The MMU is part of the port's commitment to **corporate social responsibility**.
- The MMU, dedicated alongside the Ocean Grace, offers a diverse range of healthcare services, underscoring the port's dedication to community well-being.



- Green Tug Transition Programme **aims to convert 50% of all tugs** into Green Tugs by 2030, with major ports transitioning to eco-friendly operations.

- DPA, PPA, and VoCPA will procure two brand-new green tugs from Cochin Shipyard by 2027 as part of the initial phase.
- Initiatives include the **development and deployment of cutting-edge technology** vessels, such as electric water taxis, hybrid ferries, and LNG-electric cargo carriers.
- The vision encompasses the incorporation of **green hydrogen and ammonia**-powered vessels at major ports, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to environmental sustainability.

1st Green Hydrogen Plant In Stainless Steel Sector

- Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia virtually inaugurated **India's 1st Green Hydrogen Plant in the Stainless Steel Sector** at Jindal Stainless Limited, Hisar.
- This plant will be **the world's first off-grid Green Hydrogen** plant for the stainless steel industry and the world's first Green Hydrogen plant with rooftop and floating solar.



- This project will **reduce carbon emissions** by around two thousand 700 Metric Tonnes per annum and 54 thousand tons of carbon dioxide emissions over the next two decades.
- Mr Scindia highlighted **India's commitment to a green and sustainable future**, emphasizing the need for responsible economic progress in the post-COVID era.
- He also highlighted **India's progress in the steel sector**, evolving from a net importer to a net exporter and aiming to become the world's largest producer of crude steel.

- The **National Green Hydrogen Mission** was launched last year with an outlay of around twenty thousand crore rupees to make India a Global Hub for the production, usage and export of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives.



SWAYAM Plus

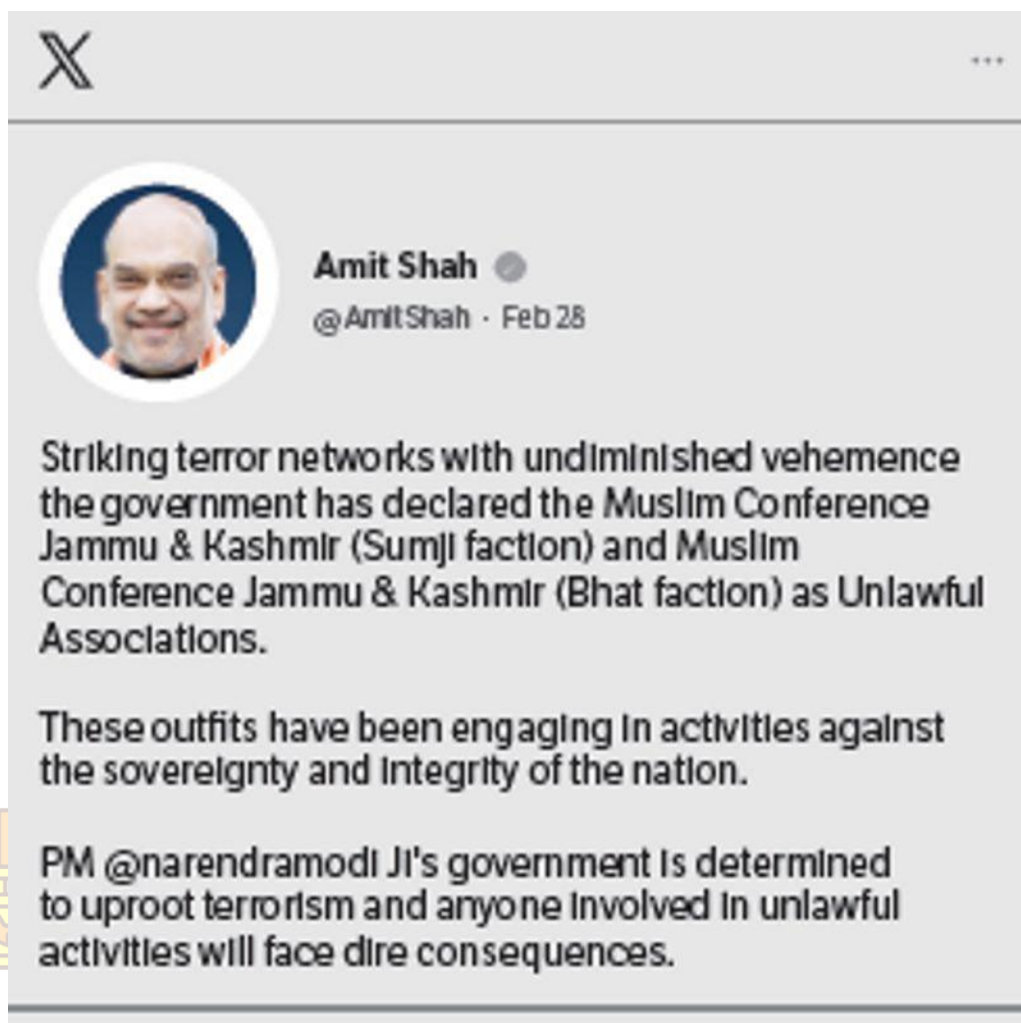
- In alignment with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has announced the launch of the **SWAYAM Plus platform**, operated by IIT-Madras.
- This initiative aims to provide industry-relevant courses to enhance the employability of learners, including working professionals.
- Key Features of SWAYAM Plus Platform:
- **Collaboration with industry leaders** such as L&T, Microsoft, CISCO, and others to develop courses aligned with industry needs.
- **Multilingual content**, AI-enabled guidance, credit recognition, and pathways to employment are integrated into the platform.



- Focus on building a **comprehensive ecosystem for professional** and career development, involving learners, course providers, industry, academia, and strategic partners.
- **Providing credit recognition for high-quality certifications** and courses offered by industry and academia partners.
- Targeting learners from tier 2 and 3 towns and rural areas, offering employment-focused courses in vernacular languages.
- **Facilitating mentorship**, scholarships, and job placements as value-added services.
- Enabling upskilling and re-skilling at all levels – certificate, diploma, or degree.

Sumji faction & Bhat faction as Unlawful Associations

- The **central government, under Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967**, has declared two factions of the Muslim Conference in Jammu & Kashmir as unlawful associations.
- This measure aims to **combat terrorism and preserve national security**.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah made the announcement via a statement on social media platform X, highlighting the government's dedication to dismantling terror networks and safeguarding the nation's integrity.



- **Muslim Conference Jammu & Kashmir (Sumji Faction):**
- Engaged in activities detrimental to India's sovereignty and integrity.
- Actively supporting terrorist activities to separate Jammu and Kashmir from the Indian union.
- Numerous criminal cases, including those under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, registered against the Sumji faction and its members.
- **Muslim Conference Jammu & Kashmir (Bhat Faction):**
- Implicated in promoting, aiding, and abetting secessionist movements in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Accused of supporting terrorism and participating in unlawful activities threatening India's sovereignty, security, and integrity.
- Multiple criminal charges under various sections of the law, including the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, against the Bhat faction and its members.

Tawi Festival

- **Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** under the umbrella of the Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) are poised to make a significant mark at the upcoming 4-day '**Tawi Festival**' in Jammu.
- This endeavor **aims to spotlight the rich tapestry** of art forms and cultural heritage of the region while highlighting the skills and creativity of local artisans.
- The initiative, in **collaboration with the Amar Mahal Museum** and Library (AMML), is designed to provide a platform for these women to exhibit their talents and achieve economic empowerment.



- **Around 35-40 SHGs from Jammu, Samba, and Udhampur districts** will be participating in this cultural extravaganza.
- Eight stalls have been allocated to SHG members, comprising six food stalls offering delicacies such as Rajma/Rice and Kalari, alongside other Dogra cuisines.
- Indu Kanwal Chib, Mission Director of Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), highlighted the significance of women's participation in this grand event.
- She emphasized that the **Tawi Festival provides** a significant platform for women SHGs to showcase their talents and crafts, facilitating networking

opportunities and spotlighting their entrepreneurial spirit and innovative products.



- The collaboration between JKRLM and AMML for the Tawi Festival underscores a commitment to support women entrepreneurs and promote the cultural heritage of Jammu.
- This collaboration offers women SHGs the opportunity to connect with potential customers, garner recognition for their skills, and boost their entrepreneurial spirit.
- Dr. Jyotsna Singh, Director of Amar Mahal Museum and Library, expressed her delight in welcoming rural businesswomen **from JKRLM to the festival.**
- She lauded their representation of the districts of Samba, Jammu, and Udhampur, showcasing traditional varieties and adding charm to the event while celebrating their talents and the cultural richness of the region.
- Preserving Heritage, Creating Livelihoods
- Initiatives like the Tawi Festival aim to preserve cultural heritage while creating avenues for sustainable livelihoods for women entrepreneurs.
- Through showcasing their talents at the festival, SHGs have the opportunity to connect with potential customers, garner recognition for their skills, and boost their entrepreneurial spirit.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. CHAKSU PLATFORM IS LAUNCHED BY

- A. Ministry Of Health
- B. Ministry Of Agriculture
- C. Ministry Of Communications
- D. Ministry Of Home Affairs

ANSWER: C

2. Pars 1' Satellite Is Launched By

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

3. 1st Country In World To Enshrine Right To Abortion In Constitution

- A. Sweden
- B. Italy
- C. France
- D. Denmark

ANSWER: C

4. 1st Green Hydrogen Plant In India in Stainless Steel Sector Made In

- A. Haryana
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

5. What Is 'Homosep Atom', Recently Seen In The News

- A. Ancient Irrigation Technique
- B. Septic Tank/Manhole Cleaning Robot
- C. Nuclear Ballistic Submarine
- D. Ancient Medicinal Practice

ANSWER: B

6. Krishna Raja Sagara Reservoir Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

7. What Is The Theme Of 'World NGO Day 2024

- A. Building a Sustainable Future: Role of NGOs in Achieving the SDGs
- B. Building a More Equitable World
- C. Empowering Communities for Sustainable Development
- D. Celebrating Community Heroes

ANSWER: A

8. Feleti Teo Became A New Prime Minister Of Which Country

- A. Tuvalu
- B. Tonga
- C. Palau
- D. Fiji

ANSWER: A

9. Which State Government Introduced A Bill To Hold Rioters Responsible For Damage To Both Government And Private Property

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: C

10. Where Was 2nd State Level Shehri Samridhi Utsav Inaugurated

- A. Kohima
- B. Shillong
- C. Gangtok
- D. Agartala

ANSWER: D

11. Rank Of India In Global Intellectual Property Index 2024

- A. 42nd
- B. 45th
- C. 44th
- D. 46th

ANSWER: A

12. Which State Government Decided To Repeal Muslim Marriage And Divorce Registration Act, 1935

- A. Tripura
- B. Assam
- C. Kerala
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: B

13. Ayutthaya City Is Located In Which Country

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. Egypt
- D. Sudan

ANSWER: A

14. Neil Wagner Retired From International Cricket, Is From Which Country

- A. New Zealand
- B. Australia
- C. South Africa
- D. England

ANSWER: A

15. What Is Agasthyagama Beddomii

- A. Wolf spider
- B. Kangaroo lizard
- C. Desert Rain Frog
- D. Invasive weed

ANSWER: B

16. Ahobilam Paruveta Festival, Is Celebrated In Which State

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: C

17. Primary Role Of The Chinook/CH-47F Helicopter

- A. Attack And Armed Reconnaissance
- B. Search And Rescue
- C. Medical Evacuation
- D. Heavy Troop And Supply Transport

ANSWER: D

18. Who Became First Nationalist First Minister Of Northern Ireland

- A. Norma Foley
- B. Catherine Martin
- C. Michelle O'Neill
- D. Helen McEntee

ANSWER: C

19. Which Company Has Partnered With Indian Institute Of Science For 6G Research And Development In Bengaluru

- A. Intel
- B. Qualcomm
- C. Nokia
- D. Ericsson

ANSWER: C

20. Chachnama Is The Oldest Chronicle Of Which Of The Following Regions

- A. Kashmir
- B. Gandhar
- C. Sindh
- D. Punjab

ANSWER: C