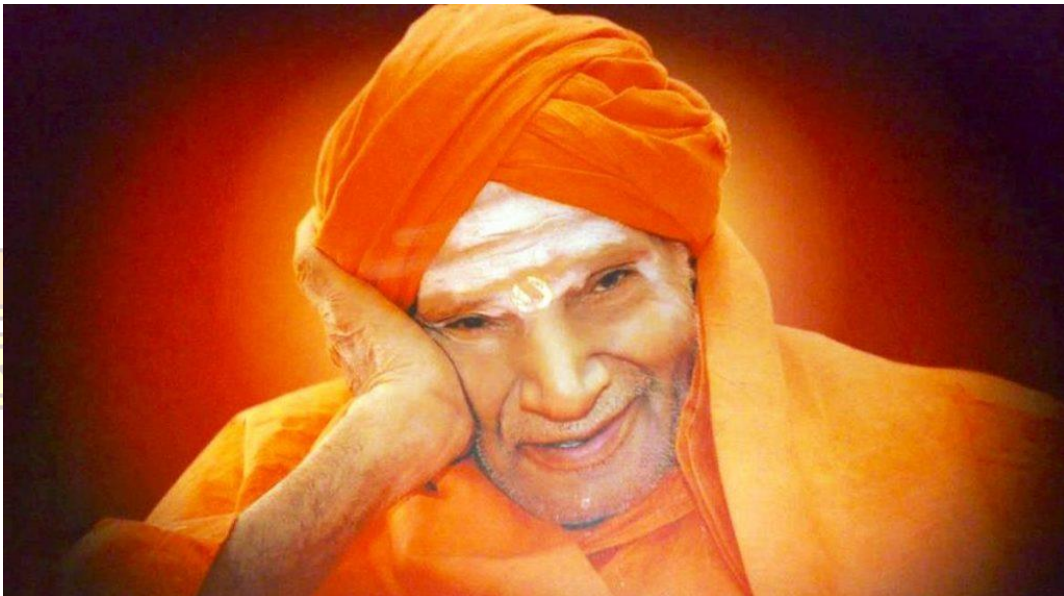


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Dr.Sree Sree Sivakumara Swamigalu

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to spiritual leader, and educator **Dr. Sree Sree Sivakumara Swamigalu** on his birth anniversary.
- Mr. Modi said, Dr. Swamigalu has made unparalleled contributions towards community service, embodying the true spirit of selflessness and compassion.

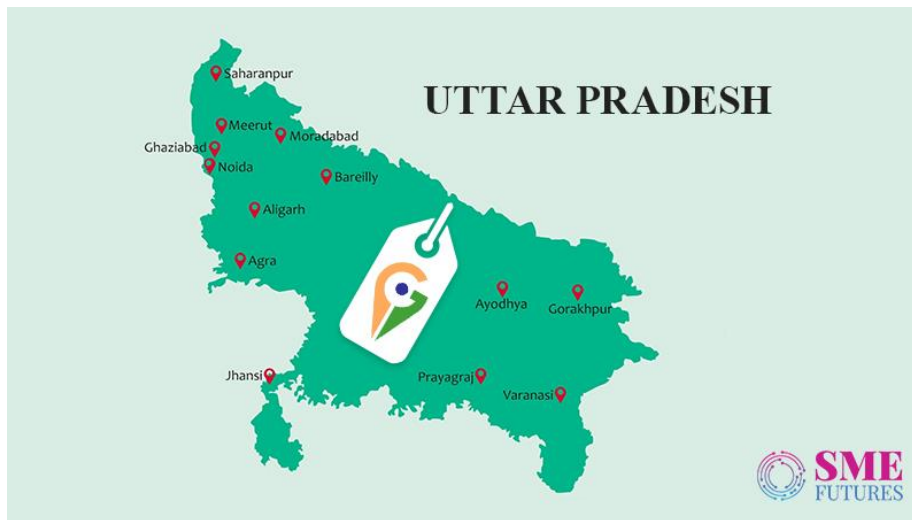


- He said, Dr. Swamigalu's work in **education, healthcare and social welfare** has touched millions of lives, and set a profound example of dedication and humanitarian service.
- He was a **Lingayatism religious figure**. Swami joined the Siddaganga Matha in 1930 Karnataka and became head seer in 1941. He also founded the Sri Siddaganga Education Society.

UP Leads with Most GI-Tagged Products

- Northern Indian state of **Uttar Pradesh** has taken the lead in having the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) certified products in the country. With the recent addition of **15 new products**, **Uttar Pradesh** now boasts a total of 69 GI-tagged products, surpassing Tamil Nadu's 58.

- The holy city of Varanasi has emerged as a leader in GI-tagged goods production, with a remarkable 30 certified products – the highest from a single geographical area. GI certification ensures that these products are unique representations of a specific culture, society, or craft.



- The newly added GI-tagged products from Uttar Pradesh include:
- Banaras Thandai (a refreshing milk-based drink)
- Banaras Tabla (a popular Indian percussion instrument)
- Banaras Shehnai (a traditional wind instrument)
- Banaras Lal Bharwamirch (red chili peppers)
- Chiragaon Karonda (a fruit variety from Varanasi)
- Banaras Lal Peda (a sweet delicacy)
- Banaras Mural Painting (a traditional art form)
- Jaunpur Imarti (a sweet dish)
- Mathura Sanjhi Craft (a traditional art form)
- Bundelkhand Kathiya Gehu (a wheat variety)
- Pilibhit Bansuri (a type of flute)
- Sambhal Bone Craft
- Chitrakoot Wooden Craft & Toys
- Moonj Craft
- Rampur Patchwork
- Varanasi's Diverse Offerings

- **Varanasi, in particular, has secured Geographical Indication** for its famous Banaras Thandai and other regional products, expanding its portfolio to 30 GI-tagged items. Notable additions like the Banaras Tabla, Lal Peda sweets, and Jaunpur Imarti have further enriched the region's diverse offerings.

ENBA Lifetime Achievement Award

- **Vineet Jain**, the managing director of the **Times Group**, received the prestigious **Exchange4Media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA) Lifetime Achievement Award 2023** for his significant contributions to Indian television news.
- While accepting the award, Jain attributed the achievement to the **collective efforts of teams** at the Times Group.



- Vineet Jain expressed his steadfast belief in a **free, fair, independent, and robust** media as being essential for societal strength and freedom. He pledged to continue supporting the media industry and its institutions in any way possible.
- The award citation commended Jain for his instrumental role in founding the group's TV platform, the Times Network, which includes channels like Times Now, ET Now, Mirror Now, Times Now Navbharat, and ET NOW Swadesh.
- According to the jury, these channels have greatly impacted the delivery of news in India. Jain's dedication to innovative programming, balanced coverage, and adapting to the evolving needs of the audience have garnered widespread respect and admiration. The jury also acknowledged Vineet Jain's ability to cultivate a dynamic work environment and attract top journalistic talent.

Mirabai Chanu

- **Tokyo Olympics medallist Mirabai Chanu** became the only Indian weightlifter to qualify for the Paris Olympics this year after competing successfully at the IWF World Cup in Phuket, Thailand.
- The 29-year-old Olympic silver medalist finished third in Group B of the women's 49kg (and 11th overall) at the event to book her berth at the 2024 Paris Games.



- Chanu, who is back in action after a six-month-long injury lay-off, lifted a total of 184kg at the World Cup, which is the final and a compulsory qualifier for Paris 2024.
- With her event completed, the Tokyo Olympics silver medalist has fulfilled the criteria for Paris Olympics, which is participating in two mandatory events and three other qualifiers.
- The **2017 world champion is ranked second in the women's 49kg Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR)** currently, behind China's Jiang Huihua. The official announcement for the qualification will come after the conclusion of the World Cup. The top 10 lifters from each weight class will qualify for the Paris Olympics.

International Culture Award

- **Professor Meena Charanda**, Principal of Kalindi College, Delhi University, has been awarded the **prestigious ‘International Culture Award’** for the year 2024.
- Prof. Charanda received this honour in recognition of her remarkable work in the field of education and social service.
- The award ceremony took place on March 30, 2024, at the India International Center.
- During the award ceremony, **Prof. Charanda was presented with:** A memento, A plaque , A shield , A citation from the university.



- Other Awardees While Prof. Charanda was recognized for her contributions, the committee also selected other women and men for the ‘International Culture Award’, whose names will be announced soon.
- Prof. Charanda has been teaching in the Political Science Department of Kalindi College for more than two decades.
- **She holds a PhD degree from Delhi University**, where she studied Dalit Assemblies of Uttar Pradesh. Prof. Charanda has authored a book on the role of Dalit MLAs in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly. She has published more than 50 articles in various newspapers and magazines. Currently, two PhD researchers are conducting research under Prof. Charanda’s guidance.

India’s First AI-Based Film ‘IRAH’

- Amidst the growing buzz around Artificial Intelligence (AI), the trailer and song launch event for **India’s first Hindi film on this subject, “IRAH,”** took place in Mumbai.
- The movie boasts an impressive cast, including Rohit Bose Roy, Rajesh Sharma, Karishma Kotak, and Rakshith Bhandarry in prominent roles.



- Produced by **Big Films Media** and directed by **Sam Bhattacharjee**, “IRAH” is set to hit theaters nationwide on April 4th, 2024.
- The event was graced by the presence of music composer Sameer Sen. The trailer of “IRAH” **offers a glimpse into the dark** underbelly of AI technology, highlighting its potential misuse and negative repercussions.
- The actor shared insights into the innovative aspects of his role, revealing that much of the film relied on VFX, with numerous scenes requiring him to deliver dialogues in virtual environments.
- His character is also intertwined with an app named IraH, which plays a crucial role in the plot.
- Director Sam Bhattacharjee elaborated on the film’s thematic depth, emphasizing the pivotal role of technology and data in contemporary society. He credited the lead actor, Rohit Bose Roy, for his commitment to the project and highlighted the extensive three-year effort invested in the film’s VFX production.

Stargate’ AI Supercomputer

- Tech giants **Microsoft and OpenAI** have revealed plans to construct an unprecedented artificial intelligence **supercomputer known as “Stargate.”**
- This ambitious endeavor, estimated to cost a staggering \$100 billion, represents a significant leap forward in AI infrastructure and capabilities.
- Microsoft is set to spearhead the financing of the project, with **OpenAI contributing its expertise** in AI research and development.
- The ambitious **Stargate project aims for completion by 2028**, marking the culmination of a series of supercomputers envisioned by the collaboration over the next six years.



- Stargate represents the pinnacle of this collaboration, positioned as the fifth and final phase of a meticulously planned endeavor.
- The monumental budget primarily encompasses the acquisition of, a necessity for powering the supercomputer's advanced capabilities.
- The surging demand for GPUs, driven by the explosive growth of generative AI, has resulted in a market bottleneck.
- Project aims to diversify its chip suppliers to mitigate scarcity and price volatility. Both **Microsoft and Nvidia** have announced custom-designed computing chips, indicating a strategic move towards **self-sufficiency** in chip technology and reducing reliance on external suppliers.



- Stargate promises to redefine the landscape of **AI computing, enabling breakthroughs in machine learning**, natural language processing, and other AI applications.
- The scale and scope of Stargate underscore the pivotal role of AI in shaping the future of technology and industry, with far-reaching implications for innovation and economic growth.
- Microsoft-OpenAI partnership exemplifies the power of collaboration in advancing AI research and development, paving the way for transformative technologies that benefit society at large.

Miami Open Tennis In US

- In Tennis, **Italy's Jannik Sinner won the Men's Singles title of Miami Open tournament** in the United States.
- Second seed Sinner defeated 11th seed Bulgarian player Grigor Dimitrov 6-3, 6-1 in the final. Sinner's third title of the season means he will move to a career-high second in the ATP world rankings, ahead of Spain's Carlos Alcaraz.
- Earlier, Indian Tennis star Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew clinched the historic Men's doubles title.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which State Has Maximum Number Of GI Tags

- A. UP
- B. Gujarat
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Haryana

ANSWER: A

2. IRAH Seen In News Is

- A. AI Supercomputer
- B. AI Film
- C. AI Teacher
- D. AI Robot

ANSWER: A

3. ENBA Lifetime Achievement Award Is Awarded To

- A. Sanjeev Jain
- B. Rohit Jain
- C. Vineet Jain
- D. Rituraj Jain

ANSWER: C

4. Cumbum Valley Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

5. Which Institute Hosted International Chess Federation Rated Chess Tournament

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Hyderabad

ANSWER: A

6. What Is 'Stargate', Recently Mentioned In The News

- A. Black hole
- B. Meteorological satellite
- C. AI Supercomputer
- D. Nuclear powered submarine

ANSWER: C

7. Who Was Honored With The 'International Culture Award 2024

- A. Rizwana Hasan
- B. Meena Charanda
- C. Najla Mangoush
- D. Taif Sami Mohammed

ANSWER: B

8. Name Of Iranian Fishing Vessel Which Was Recently Rescued By Indian Navy From Pirates

- A. Bayandor
- B. Kaivan
- C. Sahand
- D. Al Kambar

ANSWER: D

9. Decision Support System Is Discovered By Which Institutional Organization

- A. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune
- B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- C. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow
- D. Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics

ANSWER: A

10. Eco-Niwas Samhita A Residential Energy Conservation Building Code, Was Developed By Which Organization

- A. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- B. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
- C. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
- D. Department of Science & Technology

ANSWER: A

11. Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: B

12. Gopalpur Port, Recent Seen In News, Is Located In Which State

- A. Odisha
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

13. India Gaming Report 2024 Released By Which Organization

- A. Interactive Entertainment and Innovation Council and WinZO
- B. All Indian Gaming Federation and Enigma Gaming
- C. Indian Digital Gaming Society and BL4ZE Esports
- D. All Indian Gaming Federation and Dream 11

ANSWER: A

14. Which Country Of East Africa Was Hit By Tropical Cyclone Named ' Gamane

- A. Madagascar
- B. Tanzania
- C. Kenya
- D. Mauritius

ANSWER: A

15. Konda Reddi Tribe Is Primarily Inhabits In Which State Of India

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

16. What Is 'INDRA App'

- A. A Multi Purpose App That Will Helps Astronauts To Carry Activities
- B. It Provides Digital Financial Data To States
- C. It Disseminates Weather Related Information And Forecasts
- D. It Is Related To Anganwadi Workers

ANSWER: C

17. Which Ministry Issued An Advisory To Artificial Intelligence Industry

- A. Ministry of Communications
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice

ANSWER: B

18. Maravakandy Dam is located in which state

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Telangana

ANSWER: A

19. What Is 'J- Slab Ballastless Track System'

- A. To Analyze The Impacts Of Industrial Pollutants On Public Health
- B. System That Promotes Agricultural Exports At Grassroot Level
- C. Type Of Railway Track Used For High Speed Trains
- D. To Study The Prevalence Of Infectious Disease In Rural Areas

ANSWER: C

20. Where Was The 'Asian River Rafting Championship' Organized

- A. Shimla
- B. Dehradun
- C. Varanasi
- D. Ayodhya

ANSWER: A