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Nadaprabhu Kempegowda

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to **Nadaprabhu Kempegowda** on his birth anniversary.
- In a social media post, Mr. Modi said that he was a visionary known for his foresight and administrative skills.
- He said that **Nadaprabhu Kempegowda** was a pioneer in boosting economic well-being, agriculture, irrigation, and more.
- Kempe Gowda I locally venerated as Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda, or commonly known as Kempe Gowda, was a governor under the Vijayanagara Empire in early-modern India.
- He is famous for the **development of Bangalore Town** in the 16th century. Kempegowda erected many Kannada inscriptions across the region.



New Schemes On World MSME Day

- Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Jitan Ram Manjhi, launched two new schemes on World MSME Day in New Delhi.
- The **MSME TEAM Initiative** aims to facilitate five lakh micro and small enterprises for Open Network for Digital Commerce.



- Meanwhile, the **Yashasvini campaign** focuses on mass awareness to formalize women-owned informal micro enterprises and provide necessary support and assistance.
- Addressing the **Udyami Bharat event**, Mr. Manjhi emphasized the importance of inclusive and focused efforts, particularly in rural and remote areas. He highlighted that legal reforms in the MSME sector, as part of ongoing government reforms, will act as a catalyst for growth.
- Mr. Manjhi stressed that development for individuals from the most economically disadvantaged backgrounds is contingent upon fostering entrepreneurship.

Film City In Greater Noida

- In Uttar Pradesh, the state government signed an agreement to develop a **film city in Greater Noida**.
- The agreement was signed between the **Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA)** and **Bebu Project LLP**, a company owned by notable film producer Bonnie Kapoor and Ashish Bhootani.
- This ambitious project, with an **estimated cost of 1,510 crore rupees**, is planned to be completed within the next eight years.



- The initial phase will focus on establishing essential film-related facilities and a film institute.
- The film city is designed to offer world-class film production amenities, including studios, open sets, hospitality services, and office spaces.
- The initial phase, expected to be completed in three years, will focus on establishing essential film-related facilities and a film institute. The film city aims to **position itself as a premier destination** for filmmakers.

Ladakh Achieves Full Functional Literacy

- Union Ministry of Education, the Union Territory of **Ladakh has achieved full functional literacy** under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram. Ladakh now boasts over **97 percent literacy**.



- A **centrally sponsored scheme** implemented from 2022-23 to 2026-27, ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, focusing on adult education and lifelong learning.
- **Beneficiaries:** Over 77 lakh people have benefitted nationwide. The ULLAS Mobile App has enrolled 1.29 crore learners and 35 lakh volunteer teachers.
- **Scheme Outlay:** The total outlay is Rs.1037.90 crore, with the Government of India contributing Rs.700 crore and the states contributing Rs.337.90 crore.
- **Aim and Target:** Targets non-literates aged 15 years and above in all States/UTs. The goal is to reach five crore learners, or one crore learners per year.
- **Implementation:** Conducted online through the ULLAS app with volunteer teachers.

Sustainability- Linked Bonds

- **Mindspace Business Parks REIT**, the owner and developer of quality Grade A office portfolio, has announced its **₹650 crore Sustainability** Linked Bond issuance placed with the **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**.
- The coupon of the bond is linked to Mindspace's commitment to achieve certain **ESG targets towards** building a greener eco-system.



- Mindspace REIT has undertaken certain ESG targets critical to its operations. These **include reduction in GHG emissions** (Scope 1, 2 and 3), increasing the share of green certified area for existing buildings (under operations and maintenance), and reduction in energy intensity.

- We are thrilled to announce another significant milestone in our sustainability journey as we become the first Indian REIT to issue sustainability linked bonds.
- **International Finance Corporation** fully subscribed to this issuance. This follows our maiden green bond issue in March 2023,” said Ramesh Nair, CEO, Mindspace Business Parks REIT.
- The coupon of these bonds is **fixed in nature**, and shall be stepped down, in a staggered manner, based on achievement of the set targets. These bonds are issued for a **tenure of 7 years**.

GREEN BOND: Funds projects that contribute to environmental sustainability (i.e. finance wind farm).

SOCIAL BOND: Funds new/existing projects that address or mitigate a specific social issue and/or seek to achieve positive social outcomes.

TRANSITION BOND: An issuer’s financing program supports the implementation of its climate change strategy (i.e. helps reduce CO₂, not necessarily fully “green”).

SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED BOND: The financial/structural characteristics change depending on whether the issuer achieves predefined Sustainability/ESG objectives (i.e. coupon steps).

SUSTAINABILITY BONDS: Finance a combination of green and social projects.

‘Museum of Temples’

- **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved Tata Sons’** proposal to build a ‘**museum of temples’** in Ayodhya, a project worth **Rs 650 crore** to be funded through Tata’s **corporate social responsibility fund**.
- Additionally, the state cabinet has also sanctioned Rs 100 crore for further development works in Ayodhya and endorsed the initiation of **helicopter services** in Lucknow, Prayagraj, and Kapilvastu.
- Aims to highlight the **history and architecture of India’s** renowned temples and may feature a light-and-sound show.
- The tourism department will provide land for the museum on a **90-year lease** for a **nominal fee of Re 1**.



- These comprehensive projects aim to **boost tourism, improve infrastructure,** and enhance the historical and cultural significance of Ayodhya and other key locations in Uttar Pradesh.
- In addition to the museum, the **project includes Rs 100 crore** in development works proposed by Tata Sons to further enhance Ayodhya’s infrastructure and tourist appeal.
- The cabinet also decided to **transform three dormant heritage buildings** into tourist attractions. The selected sites are *Kothi Roshan Dulha* in Lucknow, **Barsana Jal Mahal** in Mathura, and **Shukla Talab** (pond) in Kanpur.

Hunar Indian Folk And Tribal Art Exhibition

- The **Dubai Art Centre**, one of the city’s oldest art institutions, is currently hosting the “**Hunar**” **exhibition**, a captivating display of Indian folk and tribal art. The exhibition highlights the rich cultural heritage of **India’s folk and tribal art forms**.



- Visitors to the exhibition can explore various artistic styles from across India, including **Aipan art from Uttarakhand, Madhubani art from Bihar, and Warli art from Maharashtra.**
- The exhibition also features vibrant murals of Kerala , intricate **Muria art of Chhattisgarh**, each piece offering a glimpse into the soul of Indian traditions.
- The **“Hunar” exhibition provides** a unique opportunity for art enthusiasts in Dubai to immerse themselves in the diverse world of Indian folk and tribal art, experiencing firsthand the cultural richness and artistic heritage of India.

Haryana’s Kiran Pahal

- **Haryana’s Kiran Pahal** qualified for Paris Olympics, clocking 50.92 seconds in the semifinals of women’s 400m at the National Inter-state Athletics Championships in Panchkula.



- Pahal, 24, became the **second fastest women’s 400m runner** in Indian history, behind Hima Das (50.79 seconds) and secured her spot at the Paris Games after finishing within the automatic standard of 50.95 seconds for the Olympics.
- She finished ahead of Devy Aniba Zala of Gujarat, who was a distant second with a timing of 53.44, while Kerala’s Sneha K came third by clocking 53.51.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Yashasvini Campaign Seen In News Is Related To

- A. MSME's
- B. ISRO
- C. DRDO
- D. Health

ANSWER: A

2. Tata Sons Proposal To Build A 'Museum Of Temples' In

- A. Varanasi
- B. Ayodhya
- C. Vrindavan
- D. Mathura

ANSWER: B

3. Aipan Art Is A Traditional Folk Art Of

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: B

4. Which Ministry Launched "Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao" Initiative Under Swachh Bharat Mission-urban 2.0

- A. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Agriculture

ANSWER: A

5. Where Was 'Bharat Centre Of Olympic Research And Education' Inaugurated

- A. Jaipur
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Patna
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

6. Which UT Become 1st Administrative Unit To Achieve Full Functional Literacy Under ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Puducherry
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Ladakh

ANSWER: D

7. What Is Causative Agent Of African Swine Fever

- A. Bacteria
- B. Fungus
- C. Virus
- D. Protozoa

ANSWER: C

8. Saipan Island Is Located In Which Ocean

- A. Indian Ocean
- B. Atlantic Ocean
- C. Southern Ocean
- D. Pacific Ocean

ANSWER: D

9. What Is Diadromous Fish

- A. Fish That Remain In Freshwater Their Entire Lives
- B. Fish That Migrate Between Saltwater And Freshwater Environments
- C. Fish That Live Only In Saltwater
- D. Fish That Do Not Migrate

ANSWER: B

10. 'Monsoon Croaks Bioblitz 2024', Organized In Which State

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Odisha
- C. Kerala
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: C

11. Which State Has Established The World's First Conservation And Breeding Centre For Asian King Vultures

- A. Haryana
- B. Bihar
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: C

12. Ambubachi Mela, Is An Annual Festival Of Which State

- A. Assam
- B. Sikkim
- C. Manipur
- D. Nagaland

ANSWER: A

13. Who Has Been Appointed As Leader Of House In Rajya Sabha

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. JP Nadda
- C. Chirag Paswan
- D. Rajnath Singh

ANSWER: B

14. ALMA Telescope, Is Located In Which Desert

- A. Kalahari Desert
- B. Atacama Desert
- C. Sonoran Desert
- D. Mojave Desert

ANSWER: B

15. School In A Box' Initiative, Is Associated With Flood Affected Children Of Which Northeastern State

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Nagaland
- D. Manipur

ANSWER: B

16. Which Organization Released 'World Drug Report 2024' Report

- A. World Bank
- B. European Union
- C. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- D. World Customs Organization

ANSWER: C

17. Which Ministry Organised 'Global Wind Day' Event With A Central Theme Of 'Pawan- Urja: Powering The Future Of India'

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Urban Development

ANSWER: C

18. Lachung Region Is Located In Which State

- A. Assam
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Sikkim

ANSWER: D

19. Who Was Awarded Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar For Telugu

- A. Ramesh Karthik Naik
- B. Neelum Saran
- C. Vikram Singh
- D. Jyoti Gupta

ANSWER: A

20. Przewalski Horses, Were Reintroduced In Steppes Of Which Country

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. Uzbekistan
- D. Kazakhstan

ANSWER: D