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Digital Shakti Center

- **National Commission for Women (NCW)** has inaugurated the **Digital Shakti Center in New Delhi** to address the rising cybercrimes against women.
- This initiative **aims to empower women** with cyber safety knowledge, provide support for complaint registration, and create a safe digital environment. Rising Cybercrimes: The alarming increase in cybercrimes against women in India prompted the establishment of the Digital Shakti Center.



- The NCW has been actively working to combat these crimes through the Digital Shakti campaign since 2018.
- The new center will offer comprehensive cyber safety education, practical technology training, and support for cybercrime victims.
- **The Digital Shakti Center provides** training on emerging technologies, cyber safety, data privacy, and digital rights. It fosters a supportive community of women engaged in cybersecurity and technology.
- The center serves as the hub for the **Digital Shakti 5.0 campaign**, aiming to empower 10 lakh women across India.

India To Build Green Highways

- **Government of India and the World Bank** have joined forces to construct the **Green National Highway Corridor Project (GNHCP)**.
- This project aims to build **781 km of eco-friendly** highways across four states (Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh) with a focus on safety and climate resilience.



- The World Bank will provide a loan of **US \$500 million for the project**, with a total cost of **US \$1288.24 million** (Rs. 7,662.47 crore).
- The GNHCP will showcase the use of **green technologies** in highway construction, including: Conservation of natural resources through recycled materials, Utilization of local and sustainable materials like fly ash and waste plastic, Bio-engineering techniques for slope protection.



- The **GNHCP is scheduled for completion by May 2026**. Project Components includes Green highway corridor improvement and maintenance, Institutional capacity enhancement for project implementation, Road safety measures.

India's First GI-Tagged Fig Juice Exported

- **Purandar Highlands Farmers Producer Company Ltd** has achieved a significant milestone by exporting **India's first GI-tagged fig juice** to Poland.
- This follows the successful export of **India's first commercial consignment** of GI-tagged Purandar figs to Hong Kong in February 2023.
- Purandar Highlands has become the first company to export Indian fig juice to the European market and the first to export commercial quantities of Purandar figs to Hong Kong.



- **The exported products are made** from Purandar figs, renowned for their taste, size, and nutritional value, which have earned a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The company acknowledges the crucial role of government support, including encouragement from Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Sharad Pawar, former Agriculture and Defence Minister.
- **The successful export to Poland and Hong Kong** has generated interest in these products, indicating a promising global market for Indian figs and fig-based products. The company is leveraging the **'Visit India 2023' campaign** to promote Indian products on the global stage.

Bangladesh Interim Government

- In Bangladesh, The Interim Government Headed By **Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus** Took Oath. Army Chief General **Waker-uz-zaman** Said This Yesterday In A Media Address.
- **Muhammad Yunus, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006.** Yunus was born in 1940 in Chittagong. He is a respected economist with a PhD from Vanderbilt University.



- After Bangladesh gained independence, he returned and became the head of the economics department at Chittagong University.
- Yunus is famous for creating the **concept of microcredit**, which involves giving small, collateral-free loans to poor entrepreneurs who don't have access to traditional banking.

Indexation Benefits Restored For LTCG Tax

- **Government has reversed its controversial decision to remove indexation benefits for long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax on property sales.**
- **A long-term capital gain** is the profit earned from the sale of shares or other assets when they are held for more than 12 months at the time of sale.
- **Indexation benefit is a provision** in income tax laws that allows taxpayers to adjust the purchase price of an asset or investment to account for inflation when calculating capital gains tax.



- **This helps reduce the tax burden** on the seller by increasing the purchase price and reducing the profit gap between purchase and sale price. The indexed purchase price is calculated using a cost inflation index.

Australia Announces Maitri Grants

- Australian government has unveiled the **Maitri Research and Cultural Partnerships Grants**.
- These grants, aimed at fostering **Australia-India collaboration**, encompass sustainable manufacturing, energy transition research, and artistic projects. Minister Penny Wong praised the initiatives for strengthening bilateral ties, emphasizing the importance of human connections in the relationship.



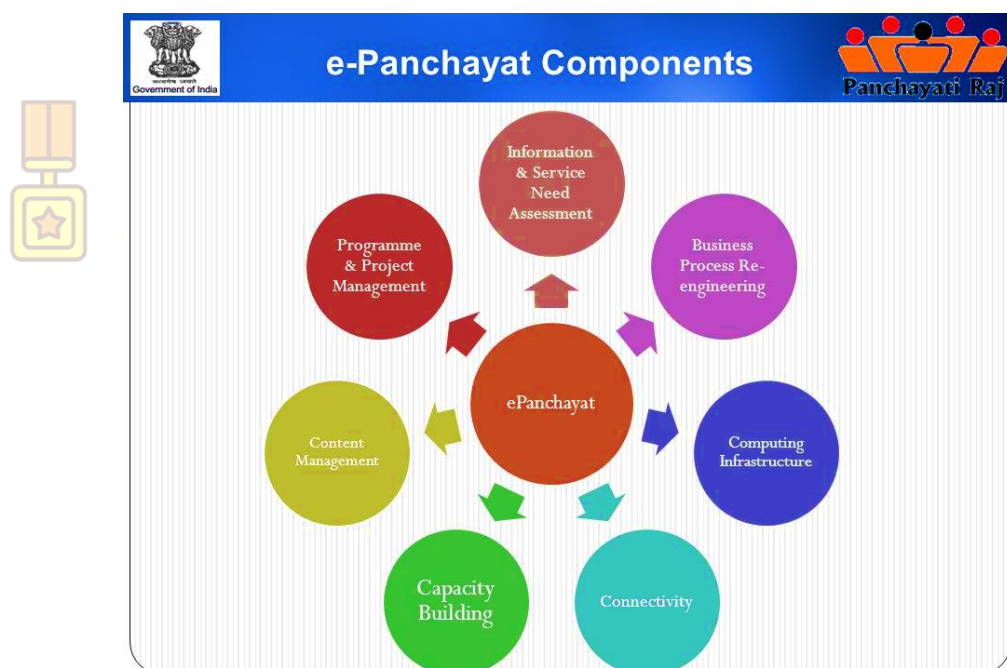
- Among the recipients are projects **focused on sustainable manufacturing** of Australian technology in India, workshops connecting Australian energy

transition researchers with Indian start-ups, and an artistic duo transforming Melbourne's Federation Square into a living canvas.

- **The Maitri grants, administered by the Centre** for Australia-India Relations, aim to deepen links and allow for closer collaboration between the two countries. The five Maitri Research Grants will explore opportunities in agribusiness, critical technology, energy transition, and advanced manufacturing.

e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project

- **Under Digital India Programme**, Ministry of Panchayati Raj is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) with the aim to making Panchayats, more transparent, accountable, and effective as local self-governments.
- Building on the achievements in the past, the **Ministry launched eGramSwaraj**, a work-based comprehensive application for Panchayats under the e-Panchayat MMP on 24th April 2020.



- This application encompasses **all aspects of Panchayat functioning** viz. planning, budgeting, accounting, monitoring, asset management etc., on a single digital platform including online payments.
- **So far, 2.44 lakh GPs have** prepared and uploaded their Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GDPs) for 2024-25. Further, 2.06 lakh Panchayats have already completed online transactions for 15th Finance Commission grants for 2024-25.



Noah Lyles

- In A Historic 100m Final, US Sprinter Noah Lyles Won Gold In A Dramatic Photo Finish, Beating Jamaica's Kishane Thompson By Just 0.005 Seconds.
- All Eight Runners Finished The Race In Under 10 Seconds, Which Had Never Happened Before In Legal Wind Conditions.



- This Was The **First Time That All Eight Finalists** Ran The 100m In Less Than 10 Seconds. Even Though Jamaica's Oblique Seville Finished Last At **9.91 Seconds**, He Would Have Won A Medal With That Time At The Tokyo Olympics Three Years Ago.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Muhmmad Yunus Got Nobel Prize In

- A. 2004
- B. 2005
- C. 2006
- D. 2007

ANSWER: C

2. Noah Lyles Belongs From

- A. America
- B. Australia
- C. Africa
- D. Europe

ANSWER: A

3. What is 'C-130J Super Hercules'

- A. Air-to-Air beyond visual range missile
- B. Nuclear ballistic submarine
- C. Turboprop military transport aircraft
- D. Heavy lift helicopter

ANSWER: C

4. Who Has Been Elected As President Of Academy Of Motion Picture Arts And Sciences

- A. Michael Hausman
- B. Kathryn Bigelow
- C. Diana Pokorny
- D. Janet Yang

ANSWER: D

5. Who Has Been Appointed League Ambassador Of The SA20 Leaguee

- A. MS Dhoni
- B. Sourav Ganguly
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. Dinesh Kartik

ANSWER: D

6. India Will Host The First BIMSTEC Business Summit In Which City

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Surat
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: A

7. Author Of The Book Titled “Breaking Rocks And Barriers”

- A. Amartya Sen
- B. Arvind Subramanian
- C. Shashi Tharoor
- D. Sudipta Sengupta

ANSWER: D

8. Hiroshima Day Is Observed Every Year On Which Day

- A. August 4
- B. August 5
- C. August 6
- D. August 7

ANSWER: C

9. Robert “Kelly” Ortberg Appointed As CEO Of

- A. Spirit AeroSystems
- B. Boeing
- C. Airbus SE
- D. Tesla

ANSWER: B

10. Who Has Been Given Additional Charge Of Director General Of Border Security Force

- A. Anish Dayal Singh
- B. Sujoy Lal Thaosan
- C. Vineet McCarty
- D. Daljit Singh Chawdhary

ANSWER: D

11. Graham Is Related To Which Sport

- A. Shooting
- B. Archery
- C. Cricket
- D. Tennis

ANSWER: C

12. Tata Group Unveils ₹27,000 Crore Semiconductor Facility In Which State

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Assam

ANSWER: D

13. Where Was 4th Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024 Held

- A. Gururam
- B. Patna
- C. Noida
- D. Bhopal

ANSWER: D

14. Who Has Been Appointed As Director Of ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute

- A. Grinson George
- B. Pradeep Singh Kharola
- C. Sumant Sinha
- D. Inder Pal Singh Bindra

ANSWER: A

15. Who Has Been Appointed As Next High Commissioner Of India To Republic Of Rwanda

- A. Sita Ram Meena
- B. Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- C. Vijay Khanduja
- D. Mridu Pawan Das

ANSWER: D

16. Which Company Advanced Two Positions To Secure 86th Spot In 2024 Fortune Global 500 List

- A. Reliance Industries Limited
- B. Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- C. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- D. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

ANSWER: A

17. Who Is Author Of Book "India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse"

- A. Krishnamoorthy
- B. Arvind Subramanian
- C. Raghuram Rajan
- D. K V Subramanian

ANSWER: D

18. Which State In India Has Been Significantly Affected By Cyclone Remal

- A. Assam
- B. Tripura
- C. Mizoram
- D. Meghalaya

ANSWER: C

19. Tirumala Tirupati Sri Venkateshwara Temple, Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

20. Lord Ripon Appointed Hunter Commission For

- A. Combating Terrorism And Other Anti-national Activities
- B. Educational Reforms In India
- C. Appointment Of Indian Judges In Higher Judiciary
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B