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ET World Leaders Forum

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will serve as the **chief guest at the inaugural ET World Leaders Forum**, in New Delhi.
- The forum aims to address **India's role in global economic growth**, innovation, and policy-making amidst a backdrop of global economic stagnation.
- **Theme: "Leadership for Global Prosperity"**.
- The event will feature **around 400 participants**, including corporate executives, entrepreneurs, investors, and policy experts. Objective: To explore opportunities arising from India's rapid economic progress and its impact on global prosperity.



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- The forum will address how **India is emerging as a beacon of hope** in a stagnating global economy, with discussions on geopolitical instability and economic opportunities.
- **Domestic Focus:** The agenda will cover India's untapped domestic markets, its strong post-pandemic recovery, and potential for further economic growth driven by demographic dividends and policy reforms.

EOS-08 From Sriharikota

- India's new rocket **Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV-D3)** lifted off with an **earth observation satellite-08 (EOS-08)** weighing 175.5 kg.
- Piggybacking on that was another small satellite SR-0 made by a Chennai based start-up Space Rickshaw SR-0.
- **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has developed SSLV with a carrying capacity of 500 kg to the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) based on the market trend of going in for smaller satellites.



- The **34-metre tall and about 119-ton expendable** rocket costing about Rs 56 crore broke free of the first launch pad and started its one-way journey upwards.
- As to the mission's objectives, ISRO said that it will complete the SSLV Development Project and enable operational missions by Indian industry and the public sector NewSpace India Ltd.

National Coal Index Drops

- **National Coal Index (NCI Provisional)** has shown a decline of **3.48 percent in June 2024 at 142.13 points** compared to June 2023, where it was at **147.25 points**.
- This indicates sufficient availability of coal in the market to meet the growing demands. The **impressive growth of 14.58 percent** in the country's coal production during June 2024 as compared to the corresponding period of last year ensures a stable supply to various sectors reliant on coal, significantly contributing to the overall energy security of the nation.



- **The downward trajectory of the NCI** signifies a more equitable market, harmonising supply and demand dynamics.
- The Financial Year 2017-18 being determined to be the base year, NCI serves as a reliable indicator of market dynamics, providing valuable insights into price fluctuations.
- **NCI is a price index that combines coal prices** from all sales channels, such as notified prices, auction prices, and import prices. It considers prices of coking and non-coking coal of various grades transacted in the regulated (power and fertiliser) and non-regulated sectors.

'Kisano Ki Baat'

- Government Will Start A Programme Called **Kisano Ki Baat On Radio** To Make **Science Accessible** To Farmers. It Will Be Modeled After PM Modi's Monthly Mann Ki Baat Programme. Interacting With Farmers, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan Said Along With Him, **Agricultural Scientists And Department Officials** Will Provide Information To The Farmers.



70th National Film Awards

- **70th National Film Awards** for the year 2022 were announced in New Delhi.
- **Rishab Shetty** won the Best Actor award for his stupendous performance in the film Kantara. The Best Actress award was won by **Nithya Menen** for the Tamil film Thiruchitrabalam and **Manasi Parekh** for the Gujarati film Kutch Express.



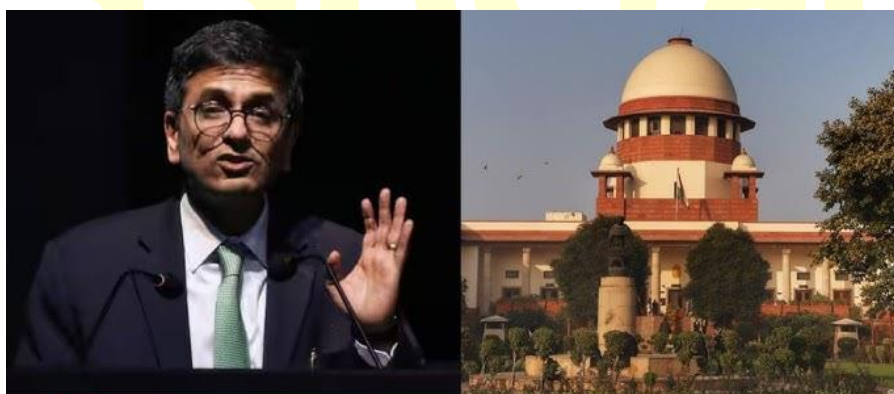
- The awards were announced by the **Chairperson of the Feature Film Jury**, Rahul Rawail, Chairperson of the Non-Feature Film Jury, Nila Madhab Panda, and Chairperson of the Best Writing on Cinema Jury, Gangadhar Mudaliar.
- The award for **Best Book on Cinema** has been given to Kishore Kumar: The Ultimate Biography authored by Anirudha Bhattacharjee and Parthiv Dhar. The Malayalam film Aattam won the **Best Feature Film**, while Ayena emerged as the Best Non-Feature Film.



- The **Best Director award** went to Sooraj Barjatya for his film Uunchai. In the feature film category, the **Best Hindi Film** award was bagged by Gulmohar, While the **Haryanvi film Fouja** was adjudged the Best Lyrics award in the non-feature film category.
- The **Best Male Playback Singer** award was given to **Arijit Singh**, and the **Best Female Playback Singer** award went to **Bombay Jayashri**. Several films, including Ponniyin Selvan Part I, KGF 2, Brahmastra, Aparajito, Emuthi Puthi, Kaberi Antardhan, Daman, and Baghi Di Dhee, also received awards. In the non-feature film category, Aaina won the best non-feature film award.
- In the **feature film category**, the best Hindi film award was bagged by **Gulmohar**.

International Conference On Law And Technology

- An **international conference on “Law and Technology: Sustainable, Transport, Tourism and Technological Innovations”** organised by the **Commonwealth Legal Education Association** will be inaugurated jointly by **Chief Justice of India Dr D Y Chandrachud** and the **Chief Justice of Seychelles Justice Roney Govinden** at **Kumarakom** in **Kottayam district, Kerala**.



Chief Justice of India and Seychelles to inaugurate International Conference on Law and Technology in Kerala

- Supreme Court judges, High Court judges, Attorney Generals, legal luminaries, academicians and technocrats are participating in the three-day conference.
- Judges from Malaysia, Seychelles, Nepal, Fiji and Vice Chancellors from the National Law Universities are also participating in the event.
- **The conference aims to foster international cooperation**, share best practices and develop innovative legal solutions to complex challenges pertaining to sustainable transport and tourism.

Anti-Cancer Drugs to Syria

- **India has sent humanitarian assistance to Syria.** External Affairs Ministry's spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal in a social media post said that in keeping with its humanitarian commitments, India has despatched anti-cancer drugs to Syria. He added that the consignment of approximately **one thousand 400 kilograms** will support the Syrian government and its people combat the disease.



84 Athletes To Paris Paralympics

- The largest-ever contingent of **84 players will** take part in the upcoming Paris Paralympic Games this year. The **Paralympic Games** will take place from the 28th of this month to the 8th of September 2024.



- **Forty-seven athletes** are taking part in the games for the first time. Addressing the send-off ceremony of the Indian contingent participating in the Paris Paralympic Games, Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said that there are 50 players in this team who benefited from the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**.
- He said the government has provided every **facility, such as training and coaching**, to the players under this scheme.
- Mr. Mandaviya said that many of the players have emerged from the **Khelo India games**.
- They expressed confidence that they will perform well and win a medal for the country. In the **last Paralympic Games held in Tokyo**, Indian players performed well, winning 19 medals. In those games, 54 players participated from the Indian side.

Germany Joins United Nations Command

- Germany's recent inclusion in the U.S.-led **United Nations Command (UNC)** in South Korea marks a significant expansion of the command's member states, now **totaling 18 nations**.
- This move underscores **Berlin's commitment to global security**, linking European stability to the broader **Indo-Pacific region**.
- Germany's accession to the UNC, which oversees the heavily **fortified border** between North and South Korea, highlights Berlin's view that European security is intertwined with the security of the Indo-Pacific region.



- **German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius** emphasized the importance of unity in the face of global crises, underscoring the need to maintain peace and stability against those challenging the international order.
- **UNC Established in 1950**, the UNC was created to restore peace and enforce the Korean War armistice, **servicing as a communication channel** with North Korea. The command, led by the U.S. military commander in South Korea, operates independently of the United Nations.
- The **addition of Germany introduces new perspectives** and resources, enhancing the command's expertise and capabilities.
- The inclusion of Germany is a strategic move by the U.S. and its allies to broaden the scope of the UNC and bolster regional security.
- The command's role has become more relevant as global autocracies challenge democratic nations. Germany's entry reflects its aspiration to play a more prominent role in Asian security, with South Korea emerging as a key regional partner.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Objective Of 'National Pest Surveillance System'**
 - A. To Reduce Farmers' Dependence On Pesticide Retailers
 - B. To Monitor Soil Quality
 - C. To Monitor Weather Patterns
 - D. To Monitor Drainage Patterns

ANSWER: A

2. **What Are 'Biosurfactants'**
 - A. Inorganic compounds
 - B. Surface-active molecules produced by microorganisms
 - C. Synthetic chemicals
 - D. Plant-based hormones

ANSWER: B

3. Vishalgad Fort, Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: C

4. Sharavathy Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Plant, Is Built On Which State

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

ANSWER: C

5. Which Two Indians Have Been Selected For Axiom-4 Mission

- A. Shubhanshu Shukla and Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair
- B. Mehar Singh and Deepak Chandra
- C. Pradeep Kumar Yadav and Krishna Kumar
- D. Surya Kant and Vikram Singh

ANSWER: A

6. What Is The Primary Objective Of The Jiyo Parsi Scheme

- A. To Promote The Education Of Parsi Children
- B. To Reverse The Declining Trend Of The Parsi Population
- C. To Provide Financial Aid For Parsi Businesses
- D. To Encourage Parsi Cultural Activities

ANSWER: B

7. What Is 'Dysbiosis'

- A. A type of bacterial infection
- B. An overgrowth of harmful fungi
- C. An imbalance within a microbiome
- D. A condition caused by viruses

ANSWER: B

8. DRDO & Indian Army Successfully Test Fired Indigenously Built Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile At Which Region

- A. Porbandar, Gujarat
- B. Pokhran, Rajasthan
- C. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: B

9. Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary, Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

10. Which Ministry Released 'Flood Watch India 2.0 App,' Developed By The Central Water Commission

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D. Ministry of Urban Development

ANSWER: C

11. Which Is Nodal Ministry Of 'Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited'

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Power
- C. Ministry of Cooperation
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

ANSWER: C

12. Thadou Tribes, Are Primarily Resides In Which State

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. Manipur
- D. Haryana

ANSWER:C

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

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

ANSWER: A

14. What Is 'Indian Siris'

- A. A festival of Northeastern region
- B. A tropical deciduous tree
- C. A newly discovered species of Fish
- D. A species of Lotus

ANSWER: B

15. What Is The Main Purpose Of The Standardised Precipitation Index

- A. To estimate temperature variations
- B. To measure soil moisture
- C. To estimate wet or dry conditions based on precipitation data
- D. To analyze wind patterns

ANSWER: C

16. Malwa Canal Project Is Associated With Which State

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Punjab
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: C

17. What Is Objective Of "Polar Coupled Analysis & Prediction For Services" Project

- A. To Improve Space Exploration
- B. To Increase Weather And Climate Information In The Arctic And Antarctic
- C. To Develop New Energy Sources
- D. To Enhance Global Internet Connectivity

ANSWER: B

18. Recently, 'Amrit Gyan Kosh' And 'Faculty Development' Portals Were Launched Under Which Mission

- A. Mission Karmayogi
- B. Samagra Shiksha
- C. Atal Innovation Mission
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: A

19. What Is The Primary Objective Of The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas Scheme

- A. To Increase The Number Of Private Schools
- B. To Ensure Access To Quality Education For Girls From Disadvantaged Groups By Setting Up Residential Schools
- C. To Provide Scholarships For Higher Education
- D. To Promote Co-educational Schools

ANSWER: B

20. Gotipua Dance, Is A Traditional Dance Form Of Which State

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

ANSWER: C