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'Cruise Bharat Mission'

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal launched the '**Cruise Bharat Mission**' from the Mumbai port.
- Union Minister of State, Shantanu Thakur also attended the launch. The **Cruise Bharat Mission aims to excel in India's vision** to become a global hub for cruise tourism and promote the country as the leading global cruise destination.



- Mr Sonowal said that the mission aims to propel the country's cruise tourism industry by **doubling cruise passenger traffic** by 2029. He further said that the government is committed to harnessing the tremendous potential of the Blue Economy of India.
- Mr Shantanu Thakur said that the **Cruise Bharat is a visionary initiative** that will open new horizons, create unprecedented opportunities, and place India at the forefront of the global cruise tourism industry.
- Several Memorandum of Understanding relating to the tourism sector were also signed at the event.

BRAP 2024

- **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** to bring in the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2024 to further strengthen the **Make in India initiative**. In a statement, the Ministry said that the BRAP will help establish a seamless business regulatory framework across the country, enhancing the ease of doing business.



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- Ministry added that BRAP will **further streamline processes, reduce compliance burdens**, and implement digital solutions to make India a preferred global investment hub.
- It also said that the **upcoming framework introduces** an innovative assessment methodology, blending evidence and feedback-based evaluations for a more comprehensive and dynamic approach.
- **BRAP was launched in 2014-15** and has acted as a transformative force in reshaping the country's business landscape.

Dada Saheb Phalke award

- Legendary Actor **Mithun Chakraborty** will be honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Award at the **70th National Film Awards ceremony** next month. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, from the streets of Kolkata to Cinematic Heights, Mithun Da's remarkable cinematic journey inspires generations.
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Selection** Jury decided for this top award in Indian cinema for Mr Chakraborty for his iconic contribution to Indian Cinema.
- Mr Vaishnaw congratulated Mr Chakraborty saying his life is combination of struggle and achievement.



“Rajyamata-Gomata”

- **Maharashtra government** granted the status of Rajyamata-Gomata to desi cows in the state. This is the **first time that such a title** has been bestowed on any creature. In a government resolution (GR) passed by the **dairy development department**, the state specified that the status of Rajyamata will be extended only to desi cows.



- Government Views
- **Importance of Cows** : The government's official declaration emphasizes the cow's profound spiritual, scientific, and historical importance, reiterating the role these animals have played in India's cultural and agricultural heritage for centuries.
- To address the declining numbers : This move, outlined in a government order, also seeks to address concerns over the declining population of indigenous cow breeds.
- **Prioritize the preservation** : The state government stressed the need for cattle rearers to prioritize the breeding and preservation of native species, given their socio-economic importance and religious significance.

Withdrawal Of Life Support

- Health Ministry has issued **draft guidelines** outlining conditions for the withdrawal of life support in **terminally ill patients**.
- Terminal illness has been defined as an irreversible or incurable condition from which death is inevitable in the **foreseeable future**.
- Severe brain injuries with no **recovery after 72 hours** are included in this category. Doctors are advised to make a considered decision about it based on several factors, including the **patient being declared brainstem dead**, a poor prognosis with no likely benefit from treatment, or a documented informed refusal from the patient or their family.



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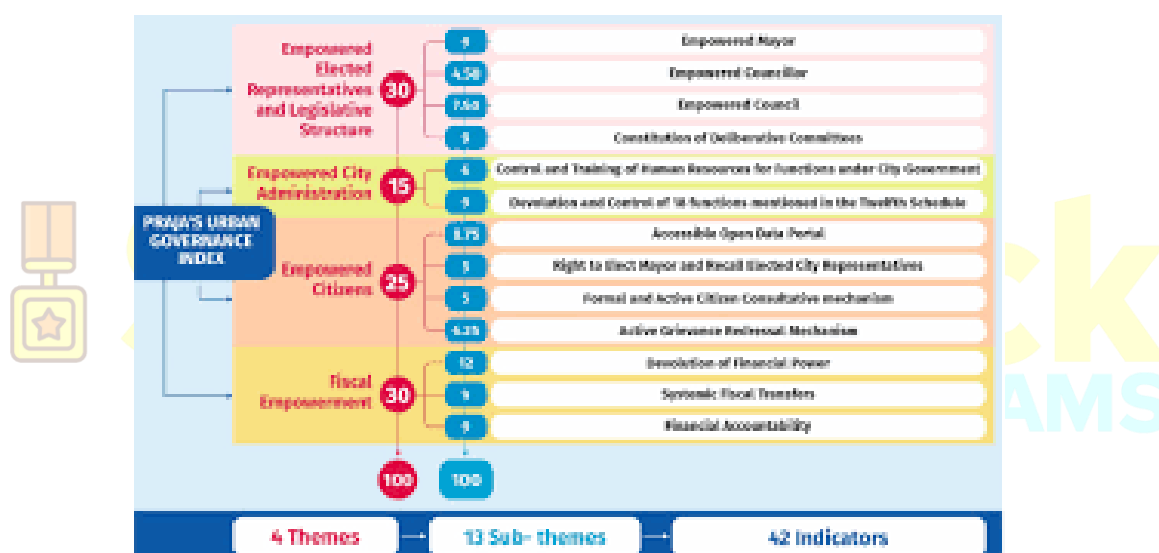
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- In draft guidelines which have been released for public comments, the Ministry emphasized that many patients in intensive care units (ICUs) are terminally ill and are not expected to gain from life-sustaining treatments (LST).

- The Ministry added that in such circumstances, LSTs are non-beneficial and **increase avoidable burdens** and suffering to patients and therefore are considered excessive and inappropriate.
- It added that this approach is considered standard ICU care worldwide and is upheld by **several jurisdictions**. The Ministry added that such decisions have medical, ethical and legal considerations.

Urban Governance Index

- Kerala has earned the top spot in the Urban Governance Index (UGI) by the Praja Foundation, because of its **strengths in managing finances** and planning at the local level. However, the study also points out areas where Kerala can improve, especially in city administration.



- **UGI is a study that looks at how well cities are governed in India.** It took two years to complete and checked various aspects of governance. Kerala scored 59.31 out of 100, beating Odisha, which scored 55.10. This index can attract investments and improve the sustainability of cities by keeping governance efficient and up-to-date.
- **Kerala performed very well in fiscal empowerment**, which refers to how well the state manages its money. Kerala scored 23.22 out of 30 in this category, doing better than Maharashtra, which scored 21.15. This shows that Kerala has strong financial management at the local level.
- Even though **Kerala did well overall**, it ranked 20th in terms of city administration empowerment. This means Kerala still has room to improve how

its cities are run. However, it stands out by allowing mayors to write a yearly report on the performance of city commissioners.

Gulveer Singh

- **India's Gulveer Singh** set a new national record en route to winning the men's 5000m gold in the **Yogibo Athletics Challenge Cup** of World Athletics Continental Tour at Niigata, Japan. Gulveer won the race with a time of 13:11.82 to improve upon his own national record earlier this year.



- **Gulveer Singh** emerged the winner with a just under two-second gap over Japan's Mebuki Suzuki, who took second place with a personal best of 13:13.80.
- Another **Japanese runner, Kotaro Shinohara**, took third place.
- The 26-year-old broke his own national mark of 13:18.92s set during the Portland Track Festival earlier this year.
- In Portland, Gulveer had overcome Avinash Sable's record of 13:19.30s set at the Sound Running On Track Fest in 2023 at Los Angeles.
- Gulveer had also broken the men's 10000m national mark during the Ten track meet in California earlier this March, touching the tape at 27:41.81s.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What Is The Rank Of India In The ‘Global Innovation Index

- A. 35th
- B. 36th
- C. 37th
- D. 39th

ANSWER: D

2. What Is “Caldwell 45”

- A. Spiral galaxy
- B. Asteroid
- C. Black hole
- D. Exo planet

ANSWER: A

3. MoHFW Inaugurated The ‘Climate And Health Solutions India Conclave’ With Which Organization

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. World Bank
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. United Nations Environment Programme

ANSWER: A

4. Jivitputrika Festival, Is Primarily Observed In Which Part Of India

- A. Western and Southern India
- B. Northern and Eastern India
- C. Central India
- D. Western Ghats

ANSWER: B

5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: B

6. Andro, Recently Bagged 'Best Heritage Tourism Village Award 2024', Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

7. The "Three Gorges Dam", Is Located On Which River In China

- A. Yellow River
- B. Mekong River
- C. Yangtze River
- D. Pearl River

ANSWER: C

8. Who Has Been Awarded Prestigious 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize

- A. Ruixiang Zhang
- B. Adinarayana Doddi
- C. Rita Sinha
- D. Alexander Dunn

ANSWER: D

9. Kirkuk Which Was Seen In The News, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Israel
- B. Iraq
- C. Australia
- D. Greece

ANSWER: B

10. Active Galactic Nuclei Highlighted In Research, Are Found In Which Type Of Astronomical Object

- A. Dwarf galaxies
- B. Supernova remnants
- C. Planetary nebulae
- D. Globular clusters

ANSWER: A

11. Konyaks, Are The Largest Tribes Of Which State

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

ANSWER: A

12. What Are “Globba Tyrnaensis And Globba Janakiae”

- A. New species of medicinal herbs
- B. New species of plants from the ginger family
- C. Rare species of cactus
- D. Newly discovered species of frogs

ANSWER: B

13. Who Has Been Unanimously Re-elected As The Chairperson Of The Parliamentary Committee On Official Language

- A. Dharmendra Pradhan
- B. JP Nadda
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Amit Shah

ANSWER: D

14. Sardar Sarovar Dam, Is Built On Which River

- A. Krishna
- B. Kaveri
- C. Narmada
- D. Godavari

ANSWER: C

15. Which Day Is Observed As “International Day Of Democracy” Annually

- A. 15 September
- B. 16 September
- C. 17 September
- D. 18 September

ANSWER: C

16. Ministry Of Agriculture Is Planning To Launch The 'Smart Precision Horticulture Programme' Under Which Scheme

- A. National Horticulture Mission (NHM)
- B. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
- C. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- D. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)

ANSWER: D

17. Which Country Announced Plans To Cull 200 Elephants Due To Severe Drought

- A. Vietnam
- B. Indonesia
- C. Zimbabwe
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: C

18. The 1st Sports Event To Offer Equal Prize Money To Men & Women

- A. BWF world championship
- B. US Open
- C. Australia Open
- D. NBA world championship

ANSWER: B

19. Gingee Fort Nominated For UNESCO World Heritage Site, Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: B

20. James Augustus Hickey Is Also Known As

- A. Father of Indian media
- B. Father of Indian Press
- C. Father of Indian Television
- D. Pioneer of Photography

ANSWER: B