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55th IFFI Concludes

- **Saule Biluvaite** directorial **Toxic** bagged the prestigious **Golden Peacock Award** at the 55th International Film Festival of India 2024. In the closing ceremony at **Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee** Indoor Stadium at Panaji Goa, the team was awarded **40 lakhs cash prize**, a golden peacock trophy, and a certificate.



- **Clement Faveau** bagged the Best Actor **Male award** for his stellar performance and **Vesta Matulyte** and **Leva Repuikaite** jointly won the Best Actor Female honor for their roles in film **Toxic**.
- In the Indian section, **Navjot Bandiwadkar** was recognized as the Best Debut Director of an Indian Feature Film for **Gharat Ganpati** while, the Best Web Series **OTT award** went to **Lampan**.
- The festival honoured **Vikrant Massey** as the **Indian Film Personality** of the Year, celebrating his acting talent and diverse characters portrayed on screen.



Indian Chemical Council

- **Indian Chemical Council (ICC)** was awarded the prestigious 2024 OPCW-The Hague Award at the **29th Session of the Conference of the States Parties (CSP)** of the Organisation for the **Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)** held in The Hague.
- This is the **first time that the award** has been conferred upon a chemical industry body, marking a milestone in India's commitment to chemical safety and compliance with the **Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)**.



- **OPCW-The Hague Award** is presented to individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the goals of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

- **ICC is the first industry body** to receive this recognition, underscoring its vital role in the **global chemical safety community**.
- India is an **original signatory to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)**, which came into **force in 1997** and has **193 States Parties**.
- **National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC)** is responsible for implementing the CWC in India. India's commitment to the CWC was highlighted when OPCW was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize in 2013** for its efforts to eliminate chemical weapons. **ICC represents over 80%** of the Indian chemical industry, **valued at \$220 billion**.

'One Health' Pavilion

- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's Health Pavilion**, themed '**One Health**', **received** the Special Appreciation Medal at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) in New Delhi.
- The Pavilion featured **39 dynamic and informative stalls**, showcasing the Ministry's major milestones in healthcare.
- **Over the course of fourteen days**, the visitors had the opportunity to learn about a wide range of programs, from life-course health initiatives to innovative solutions addressing communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- The **Pavilion also provided free counseling**, diagnostics, and consultations, making healthcare accessible to all attendees.



Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat

- Government launched a national campaign, ‘Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat’, in New Delhi. The primary agenda of the campaign is to make India a child marriage-free nation.
- Launching the campaign, **Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi** said the government has identified **130 districts** where this campaign will be run in a focused manner.



- She highlighted that child marriage is not just a criminal offence but also a **human rights violation**.
- Minister said that the **Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat campaign** is not just a 10- or 15-day event but a non-stop effort that will continue till India is free from the evil of child marriage.
- During the event, **Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi** also unveiled the Child Marriage-Free Bharat portal. The online platform has been developed to support the campaign’s mission of raising awareness, preventing child marriage, and effectively reporting incidents of child marriage.

International Tourism Mart

- Union Ministry of Tourism is organising the **12th edition of the International Tourism Mart** at the **UNESCO World Heritage site Kaziranga National Park** and Tiger Reserve to highlight the tourism potential of the North Eastern region for both domestic and international audiences.



- This event serves as a vital platform, bringing together tourism businesses and entrepreneurs from the **eight North Eastern States**-Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim-to foster collaboration and interactions among buyers, sellers, media, government agencies, and other stakeholders as this event is being held rotationally across these states highlighting the **unique cultural, historical and ecological wealth** of this region.
- To highlight the **tourism potential of the eight northeastern states**, Union Ministry of Tourism organises the International Tourism Mart at Kohora Range of the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve.
- **Around 400 participants including international and domestic tour operators, hoteliers and homestay owners, tourism service providers, influencers and opinion makers, senior government officials, Media and International students** are attending the event.

India Is Largest Producer Of Milk

- Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh said that the government is working towards making the **country Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free by 2030**.
- Addressing the **National Milk Day Celebrations** in New Delhi, the Minister said that Animal Husbandry **contributes greatly to the economy of the country**.



- Mr Singh further highlighted that India is the largest producer of milk in the world. **National Milk Day is celebrated annually** on November 26 in India to honor the significant contributions of milk and the dairy industry to the country's development.
- The day also marks the birth anniversary of **Dr. Verghese Kurien**, known as the **“Father of the White Revolution”** in India, who was instrumental in making India the world's largest producer of milk.

India Signs Riyadh Design Law Treaty

- India has signed the **final Act of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty** to reaffirm its commitment to fostering **inclusive growth and ensuring equitable access** to intellectual property protection.
- The treaty seeks to **harmonise the procedural frameworks** for industrial design protection, improving the efficiency and accessibility of registration processes across multiple jurisdictions.



- Commerce and Industry Ministry said, **by standardising procedural requirements**, the Design Law Treaty reduces administrative burdens to promote global creativity in design.
- Its goal is to **ensure that the benefits of streamlined design protection** are accessible to all stakeholders, with particular emphasis on small and medium-sized enterprises, startups, and independent designers.
- Over the past decade, the design registrations in India have tripled, with **domestic filings increased by 120 per cent** in the last two years alone.

Govt Approves ₹1,115 Crore For Disaster Mitigation

- **Central Government** has approved over **₹1,115 crore rupees** for disaster mitigation and capacity building projects for fifteen States.
- A High-Level Committee, under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah has approved this fund. The **Committee approved 378 crore rupees** for eight North East States, **139 crore rupees** each for Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, one hundred crore rupees for Maharashtra, **72 crore rupees each** for

Karnataka and Kerala, and **50 crore rupees each** for Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.



- The High-Level Committee has also approved another **project for training and capacity building of civil defence in all States** and Union Territories at a total outlay of over **115 crore rupees**.
- The Home Ministry said, to fulfill Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of **disaster resilient India**, the Ministry has taken several initiatives to ensure effective management of disasters in the country.



- It said, a **number of steps have been taken to prevent any extensive loss to life and property during disasters** by strengthening the disaster risk reduction system in India. The Ministry **highlighted that more than 21 thousand 476 crore rupee** has already been released to the States during this year.

Masato Kanda Elected As ADB President

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** Board of Governors has unanimously elected **Masato Kanda as ADB's 11th President**. Kanda currently serves as Special Advisor to Japan's Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.
- Mr Kanda will assume office in February next year, **succeeding Masatsugu Asakawa**. He will complete the unexpired term of President Asakawa, which ends on 23 November 2026.



- **ADB is a regional development bank** established in 1966, which is headquartered in **Manila, Philippines**.
- The bank also maintains **31 field offices** around the world to promote social and economic development in Asia.
- The bank admits the members of the **UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**, and non-regional developed countries. Starting with 31 members at its establishment, ADB now has 68 members.

World Para Poomsae Taekwondo Championships

- **Rinchen Youdol, a para-athlete** from Bodhkarboo, Kargil in the Union Territory of Ladakh, has created history by winning the **Bronze Medal at the 1st World Para Poomsae Taekwondo Championships** held in Manama, Bahrain.
- Competing in the Senior Female (No Age Bar) category against 140 athletes from 23 countries, Rinchen's exceptional performance has brought immense pride to Ladakh and India.



- She is the first athlete from Ladakh to achieve the milestone in Taekwondo, marking a new chapter in the region's sporting history. The event featured para-athletes from five continents, showcasing remarkable talent and competition.

India's First Space AI Lab

- Hyderabad-based space tech company TakeMe2Space (TM2Space) is set to launch **MOI-TD (My Orbital Infrastructure – Technology Demonstrator)**, India's first AI laboratory in space, aboard **ISRO's PSLV C60 rocket** in mid-December 2024.
- This mission will enable **real-time in-orbit data processing**, drastically reducing **data transmission costs** and opening space research to a broader audience.



- **TM2Space**, known for its advancements in nano-satellites, aims to democratize space technology and accelerate India's role in cutting-edge space innovation. **Development and testing of MOI-TD** were facilitated by **IN-SPACe Technical**

Centre, Ahmedabad, the government's single-window agency for private space activities.

- The **platform's evaluation highlights the role of state-of-the-art** satellite testing facilities in fostering private space research in India.
- **TM2Space's platform, OrbitLab, allows users**—ranging from researchers to school students—to upload AI models for applications such as environmental monitoring, deforestation tracking, and greenhouse gas detection.
- Early partners include a **leading Malaysian university and Indian school students**, reflecting the initiative's potential to democratize space research.

Network Readiness Index 2024

- **Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2024** report, released marks a significant milestone for **India, as it climbs 11 spots to secure 49th position globally.**
- The **NRI ranks 133 economies** based on their readiness to leverage networks for economic growth, technological innovation, and digital transformation.



- India's impressive rise from **60th rank in 2023 to 49th in 2024** underscores the country's progress in network infrastructure, digital capabilities, and technological advancements.
- **India improved its score from 49.93 in 2023 to 53.63 in 2024.**
- **India ranked 1st** in several key indicators, AI Scientific Publications, AI Talent Concentration, ICT Services Exports.

- **2nd in**, FTTH/Building Internet Subscriptions, Mobile Broadband Internet Traffic, International Internet Bandwidth

India's Neighbouring Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– China – 17th– India – 49th– Bangladesh – 89th– Sri Lanka – 95th– Pakistan – 97th
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REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Name Of Innovative Digital Platform Launched By Ministry Of Education To Empower Educators In India**

- A. TeacherApp
- B. TeachNow
- C. LearnSmart
- D. EduTech Hub

ANSWER: A

- 2. Yamandu Orsi Has Been Elected As New President Of Which Country**

- A. Paraguay
- B. Uruguay
- C. Venezuela
- D. Guyana

ANSWER: B

- 3. Primary Objective Of The “One Nation One Subscription” Scheme**

- A. To Provide Universal Access To Medical Facilities
- B. To Offer Country-wide Access To Scholarly Research Articles And Journals
- C. To Promote International Collaborations For Research
- D. To Fund Private Research Institutions

ANSWER: B

4. Tato-i Hydro Electric Project (HEP) Is Located In Which Northeastern State

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

ANSWER: A

5. Which Country Has Recently Declared Food-borne Illnesses A National Disaster

- A. China
- B. South Africa
- C. India
- D. France

ANSWER: B

6. Name Of The Campaign Launched In India To Eliminate Gender-based Violence

- A. Beti Bachao
- B. Shakti Abhiyan
- C. Ab Koi Bahana Nahi
- D. Nirbhaya Initiative

ANSWER: C

7. Kyasanur Forest Disease, Has Emerged In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

8. Hojagiri Folk Dance Is Associated With Which Tribe

- A. Santhal
- B. Reang
- C. Gond
- D. Khasi

ANSWER: B

9. Maia Sandu Has Been Elected As The President Of Which Country

- A. Belgium
- B. Moldova
- C. Czechia
- D. Spain

ANSWER: B

10. Which Bank Becomes First Indian Bank To Offer Real-time Tracking For Cross-border Payments Through Swift GPI

- A. IDFC FIRST Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. ICICI Bank

ANSWER: A

11. Which Country Developed PyPIM Platform, A Software That Allows Computers To Process Directly In Memory, Bypassing CPU

- A. Israel
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. India

ANSWER: A

12. Which Ministry Has Implemented The PM Internship Scheme

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Urban Development
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

ANSWER: D

13. Name Of The World's Most Powerful Rocket Tested By SpaceX

- A. New Shepard
- B. Starship
- C. Falcon 9
- D. Atlas V

ANSWER: B

14. MeerKAT Radio Telescope, Is Located In Which Country

- A. New Zealand
- B. South Africa
- C. Australia
- D. India

ANSWER: B

15. Who Has Been Appointed As New President Of Federation Of Indian Chambers Of Commerce And Industry

- A. Jyotsna Suri
- B. Harsha Vardhan Agarwal
- C. Subhrakant Panda
- D. Uday Shankar

ANSWER: B

16. Department Of Investment And Capital Asset Management (DIPAM) Comes Under Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

ANSWER: A

17. Which Organization Recently Introduced The Single Girl Child Merit Scholarship Scheme

- A. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- B. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
- C. University Grants Commission (UGC)
- D. Ministry of Education

ANSWER: A

18. Narasapuram Lace Craft, Which Was Recently Secured Geographical Indication Tag, Is From Which State

- A. Odisha
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: C

19. Which Organization Released The Report Titled “Choosing Our Future: Education For Climate Action”

- A. World Bank
- B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

ANSWER: A

20. Who Among The Following Scholars Is Associated With Law Of Rent

- A. Richard Jones
- B. Thomas Robert Malthus
- C. David Ricardo
- D. Adam Smith

ANSWER: C