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‘Anna Chakra’

- **Food and Public Distribution Minister Pralhad Joshi** launched Anna Chakra, a tool to enhance the efficiency of the **Public Distribution System (PDS)** supply chain in New Delhi.
- This tool will revolutionise and modernise the **PDS logistics network** and enable the seamless movement of food grains across the nation through route optimisation.



- Besides, the Minister also launched a portal named subsidy claim application for **national food security act (SCAN)**. The Portal will ensure end-to-end automation of processes for the release and settlement of food subsidies.
- Mr Joshi said, these innovative steps will enhance transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the **implementation of the PDS**. He said, these steps are aimed towards modernising the Public Distribution System and subsidy claim mechanisms of the States.

PM Modi Meets Bhutan's King

- **Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Queen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck** met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.
- During the meeting, Mr. Modi admired Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck's vision for **Bhutan's progress and regional development**.



- In a social media post, the Prime Minister said, both countries are committed to advancing the unique and enduring partnership between India and Bhutan. **Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck**, and Queen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck reached New Delhi this morning on a two day visit to India.
- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar received them at the airport. India and Bhutan enjoy **unique ties of friendship and cooperation**, which are characterized by mutual understanding and trust.

ISRO Launches ESA's PROBA-3 From Sriharikota

- ISRO successfully **launched the PSLV C-59 launch vehicle** carrying PROBA 3 spacecraft into a **highly elliptical orbit** at **Satish Dhawan Space Centre** in Sriharikota. It lifted **off at 16.04 hours** from the first launch pad at the spaceport in Sriharikota Range.



- After the launch, **ISRO on social media platform 'X' said**, PSLV-C59 has successfully soared into the skies, marking the commencement of a global mission led by NewSpace India Limited, with ISRO's technical expertise, to deploy **European Space Agency's groundbreaking PROBA-3 satellites**.
- **PROBA 3 is an in-orbit demonstration mission** of the European Space Agency. It consists of two spacecraft which will be launched together in a stacked configuration.
- The mission will demonstrate new technologies for precise satellite positioning, formation **flying, acquisition and proximity operations**.
- The successful launch today marks a significant milestone in commercial ventures engineered by ISRO. **Demonstrated precisely the formation flying** capabilities of ISRO through its technological prowess. PSLV C 59 reached the intended **orbit 18 minutes after** liftoff and two mini-satellites with a combined weight of 545 kgs were placed 600 kms above Earth.
- The **two satellites will fly in close formation** to study the Sun's outer atmosphere, known as Corona. Proba 3 is the second satellite of the European Space Agency to be launched by the Indian rocket. NewSpace India Limited is the commercial arm of ISRO.

Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak 2024

- A new bill, the **Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2024**, was introduced by Union Aviation Minister **Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu**. This bill replaces the outdated **Aircraft Act of 1934**, which was passed in the Lok Sabha in August 2024.
- The bill responds to recommendations from the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**. The bill clarifies the responsibilities of aviation bodies, which enhances the role of the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**.



- The new legislation includes definitions for aircraft maintenance, design, and manufacturing. These definitions were **absent in the previous act**.
- An appeal system for **dispute resolution is also introduced**. India's aviation sector has seen rapid growth. The number of airports has increased from **74 in 2014 to 157**.



- The fleet size has also doubled, **growing from 400 planes to 813**. This expansion marks the need for updated regulations. There is a strong demand for new airports in various districts.
- Minister Naidu emphasised the **importance of expanding airport infrastructure**. However, he warned of potential delays due to limited land availability. Addressing these challenges is essential for future growth.
- The bill aims to **resolve inconsistencies in current aviation laws**, which seeks to create a clear regulatory framework. This clarity will promote ease of flying for passengers. Additionally, **the new legislation aims to encourage** foreign investment in the aviation sector. It aligns India's aviation rules with global standards.

25th Anniversary Of Hornbill Festival

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended **best wishes and congratulated the people of Nagaland** on the completion of twenty-five years of the Hornbill Festival.



Narendra Modi ✓
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My best wishes for the ongoing Hornbill Festival and congratulations to the people of Nagaland on this lively festival completing 25 years. I am also glad to see the focus on waste management and sustainability during this year's festival.

I have fond memories from my own visit to this Festival a few years ago and I urge others to visit it and experience the vibrancy of Naga culture.

- In a social media post, **Mr Modi recalled that he has fond memories** from his visit to this festival a few years back and urged citizens to visit and experience the vibrancy of Naga culture.
- He also expressed happiness after witnessing the focus on waste management and sustainability during this year's festival. The First Festival Was Held In 2000.

The Festival Is Named After The Bird “Indian Hornbill”, Which Is Displayed In The Folklore Of Most Of The State's Tribes.

- There Are **9 Hornbill Species In India Of Which Great Hornbill** Is The Most Famous. It Is Also Called The 'Festival Of Festivals'.



North Korea-Russia Treaty Comes Into Force

- The **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Treaty** agreed upon by the leaders of **North Korea and Russia** in June came into force yesterday with the exchange of ratification instruments in Moscow.
- North Korea’s KCNA news agency reported that it **aims to accelerate the establishment of a multipolar world** order free from domination and hegemony. The treaty, **signed during Russian President Vladimir Putin’s** June visit to Pyongyang, includes a mutual defence pact for military aid against armed aggression.



eMaap Portal

- Indian government is introducing the **National Legal Metrology Portal (eMaap)** to promote fair trade practices and enhance consumer protection. This initiative is aimed at **ensuring transparency, accountability, and compliance** with legal metrology standards.
- As part of the Ministry of **Consumer Affairs' effort, the portal** will streamline services for businesses and consumers, fostering a balanced marketplace.

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- Key Features of eMaap Portal
- **Digital One-Stop Platform:** The portal will provide a comprehensive digital interface for businesses and consumers, ensuring easy access to legal metrology services.
- **Automated Workflow:** It will speed up processes through automated systems, offering real-time compliance tracking and updated regulations.

- **Registration and Certification:** Businesses can register, get licensed, and obtain certifications more efficiently, helping them comply with legal requirements.
- **Consumer Awareness:** The platform will educate consumers on their rights and offer grievance redressal mechanisms for issues related to measurement inaccuracies or violations.
- **Impact on Trade and Consumer Protection**
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal emphasized that the portal will simplify regulatory processes, reduce business burdens, and strengthen metrology enforcement. The initiative aligns with the government's broader vision of leveraging technology to improve business ease while safeguarding consumer interests. This digital transformation is a key milestone towards creating a transparent and fair trade environment across India, balancing the needs of both businesses and consumers.

India Wins 5th Junior Hockey Asia Cup

- In a thrilling showdown in Muscat, the Indian men's junior hockey team defeated arch-rivals Pakistan 5-3 to secure their fifth Junior Asia Cup title and their third consecutive championship on December 4, 2024.



- This victory adds another feather to India's illustrious hockey cap, with previous title wins in 2004, 2008, 2015, and 2023. The hero of the match was Arajjeet Singh Hundal, who scored four remarkable goals, leading India to a historic triumph.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. PROBA-3 Mission Is Launched By

- A. NASA
- B. ESA
- C. JAXA
- D. ISRO

ANSWER: D

2. Where Was Confederation Of Indian Industry Partnership Summit 2024 Held

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bhopal

ANSWER: A

3. What Is Name Of The Innovative Water Purification Technology Launched At The National Zoological Park, Delhi

- A. Nano Bubble Technology
- B. Flocculation
- C. Electrodeionization
- D. Ultra Bubble Technology

ANSWER: A

4. Which Organization Officially Recognized As An Awarding Body By NCVET

- A. Antrix Corporation
- B. Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center
- C. Defence Research and Development Organisation
- D. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre

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. Which Country Named Cyclone Fengal

- A. Iran
- B. Kuwait
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: C

7. Siddharth Kaul, Announced His Retirement, Is Associated With Which Sports

- A. Cricket
- B. Football
- C. Hockey
- D. Boxing

ANSWER: A

8. Which State Government Received The Prestigious SKOCH Award For Its Initiative ' Shaasan Aplya Daari '

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: B

9. C-PACE Has Been Established By Which Ministry To Enhance Ease Of Doing Business

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C. Ministry of Law and Justice
- D. Ministry of Labour and Employment

ANSWER: B

10. Pamban Bridge, Connects Which Indian Cities

- A. Chennai and Cochin
- B. Howrah and Kolkata
- C. Rameswaram and Mandapam
- D. Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram

ANSWER: C

11. What Kind Of Disease Is “Anthrax”

- A. Viral
- B. Bacterial
- C. Fungal
- D. Parasitic

ANSWER: B

12. Which Country Has Developed Intercontinental Ballistic Missile RS-28 Sarmat

- A. France
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

13. Varkala Cliff, Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: B

14. Madhav National Park Is Located In Which State

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

15. Where Was The International Conference On Nature-based Solutions Held In India

- A. Shillong
- B. Guwahati
- C. Gangtok
- D. Madras

ANSWER: B

16. Achanakmar Tiger Reserve Is Located In Which State

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Bihar
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: C

17. Government Has Abolished The Windfall Tax On Which Products

- A. Food Products
- B. Petrol, diesel, aviation fuel, and crude oil
- C. Pharmaceuticals
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: B

18. Aravalli Green Wall Project Is Inspired By Which International Initiative

- A. Amazon Rainforest Initiative
- B. Sahara Desert Conservation Project
- C. Asian Green Belt Initiative
- D. Great Green Wall of Africa

ANSWER: D

19. Aleppo City, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Syria
- B. Israel
- C. Iran
- D. Kuwait

ANSWER: A

20. Which of the following Rashtrakuta king made a new capital city Manyakheta

- A. Govinda II
- B. Amoghavarsha I
- C. Govinda III
- D. Dantidurga

ANSWER: B