

❖ Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyan

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❖ Thomas M Devasia appointed new member of IRDAI

➤ The government has appointed Thomas M Devasia - a senior executive from the private sector as member (non-life) in the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

➤ Thomas M Devasia is currently technical expert at Marsh Insurance Brokers India working in Kochi, Kerala, according to a government notification.

➤ The appointment is first of its kind from the private sector and is a departure from the set tradition of hiring people from public sector insurance companies as members.

➤ IRDAI, is a statutory body formed under an Act of Parliament, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999 (IRDAI Act 1999), for overall supervision and development of the Insurance sector in India.

❖ Vinod Aggarwal elected as new President of SIAM

➤ Auto industry body, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has elected Vinod Aggarwal as its new president for 2022-23.

➤ Aggarwal, the MD and CEO of Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles, succeeds Kenichi Ayukawa, the executive vice-chairman of Maruti Suzuki India.

➤ The SIAM also elected Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles managing director Shailesh Chandra as the vice-president, Satyakam Arya; and CEO & MD of Daimler India Commercial Vehicles was elected as the treasurer.

➤ The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) is a not-for-profit apex national body representing all major vehicle and vehicular engine manufacturers in India.

❖ **Indian scientist and industrialist Swati Piramal conferred top French honour**

➤ Prominent Indian scientist and industrialist Dr Swati Piramal has been conferred France's top civilian honour for her contributions in the fields of business and industry, science, medicine, and towards strengthening Indo-French ties.

➤ She has been conferred the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour).

➤ Swati Piramal, 66, is the vice-chairperson of the Mumbai-headquartered Piramal Group, a business conglomerate with interests in pharmaceuticals, financial services, real estate and glass packaging.

➤ In 2006, she was also awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite (Knight of the Order of Merit), France's second highest civilian honour.”

➤ Created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, the Legion of Honour is the highest civilian award given by the French Republic for outstanding service to France, regardless of the nationality of the recipients.

❖ **GRSE awarded Prestigious 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' for 2021-22**

➤ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineering Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, has been awarded with the 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

➤ GRSE was awarded by the Government of India for the best implementation of official language under public sector undertakings in region 'C' for the year 2021-22.

➤ GRSE has received the 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' for the best official language Implementation during 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017.

➤ The 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' is the highest award given by the government of India in the field of official Language Implementation.

➤ GRSE is the only Defence, and public sector undertaking in Kolkata to receive this award.

❖ **Tamil Nadu notifies 'Nanjarayan Tank' as bird sanctuary**

- The Tamil Nadu government has notified the Nanjarayan tank in Tiruppur district as the 17th bird sanctuary of the State.
- The tank, locally called Sarkar Periyapalayam tank, lies at the junction of Tiruppur North and Uthukuli taluks, covering 125.86 hectares.
- This is the second bird sanctuary in the western part of Tamil Nadu after Vellode bird sanctuary.
- The tank is considered an abode of migratory bird species. Bar-headed goose, ruddy shelduck, northern shoveler and many other species native to Central Asia are expected to arrive at the tank by October.

❖ **Varanasi nominated as first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2022-2023**

- Varanasi city has been nominated as the first cultural and tourism capital during 2022-2023 at the 22nd meeting of the SCO council in Samarkand.
- The 22nd meeting of the SCO council in Samarkand was also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization 2022 was the first in-person meeting of the regional group after the Covid-19 pandemic which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

❖ **Andaman and Nicobar Islands become India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh**

- Union Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat declared Andaman and Nicobar Islands as India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh.
- With this accomplishment, all villages on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have received the Har Ghar Jal certification and have been verified as ODF plus open defecation free. Safe and secure drinking water supply and its management is a crucial aspect of the Sujal and Swachh.
- Safe and secure drinking water supply and management; ODF Plus: ODF Sustainability and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) and cross-cutting interventions like

convergence, IEC, action planning, etc are the three important components of a Sujal and Swachh state.

➤ On World Water Day, 22 March 2021, Andaman and Nicobar Islands were declared to have achieved 100% coverage of rural households with tap water connection. It became the third State/UT in the country to achieve 100% coverage of rural households with tap water supply after Goa and Telangana.

➤ Andaman and Nicobar Island (UT) Lieutenant Governor: Admiral D K Joshi.

❖ IAF's Project Cheetah

➤ IAF's Project Cheetah: The Israeli Heron drones would be equipped with strike capabilities as part of the Indian Air Force's Project Cheetah under the Make in India programme.

➤ The Project Cheetah aims to improve the Indian Air Force's fleet of Israeli-made Heron unmanned aerial vehicles with stronger communication capabilities and long-range missiles that can hit enemy sites.

❖ Super typhoon 'Nanmadol' hits Japan's Kyushu Island

➤ Typhoon Nanmadol bore down on Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu with the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) warning of gales and high waves "like never experienced before".

➤ Kyushu is the southernmost of the four islands that make up the main body of Japan and has a population of more than 13 million people.

➤ The 14th typhoon of the season, classified as a super typhoon by the U.S. Navy's Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

➤ Typhoon Nanmadol has brought winds of at least 180 km/h (112mph) and some areas could see 500mm (20 inches) of rainfall.

❖ **Saudi Arabia becomes India's second largest oil supplier**

- Saudi Arabia emerged as the second-biggest oil supplier to India after a three-month gap, overtaking Russia by a thin margin, while Iraq retained the top spot in August, data from industry and trade sources showed.
- India, the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, shipped in 8,63,950 barrels per day (bpd) of crude from Saudi Arabia, up 4.8% from the previous month, while purchases from Russia fell 2.4% to 8,55,950 bpd, the data showed.
- In August, the United Arab Emirates stayed at No. 4 while Kazakhstan replaced Kuwait to become fifth-largest oil supplier to India, followed by the United States.
- India has become Russia's No. 2 oil buyer after China as others have cut purchases following Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in late February.

❖ **Bajrang Punia wins bronze in World Wrestling Championships**

- Commonwealth and Asian Games gold medallist and Olympic bronze winner Bajrang Punia has won the bronze medal in the men's 65kg on the final day of the World Wrestling Championships 2022. He has defeated Puerto Rico's Sebastian Rivera.
- Ace grappler Bajrang Punia became the only Indian to claim four medals at the World Wrestling Championships by clinching a bronze in the current edition.
- It was his third bronze medal, in addition to a silver.
- In this edition, India won two bronze medals, one of which was won by Vinesh Phogat.

❖ **Bengaluru FC win their maiden Durand Cup title**

- Bengaluru FC and their talismanic captain Sunil Chhetri won their maiden Durand Cup football tournament title after beating Mumbai City FC 2-1 in the summit clash at the Salt Lake Stadium.
- This is seventh domestic title for Bengaluru FC
- Siva Sakthi (10th minute) and Brazilian Alan Costa (61st) scored for the winners while Apuia got the lone goal for the Mumbai side in an entertaining match.

➤ Both the teams were at one each at the end of first half. But the goal by Alan Costa in 61st minute gave Bengaluru FC the winning lead against Mumbai.

➤ The first edition of the competition was played in 1888.

❖ **World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2022**

➤ Indian javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia has clinched a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco.

➤ Paralympics gold medalist Devendra threw the javelin to a distance of 60.97 meter to capture the silver.

➤ India's Ajit Kumar won the gold by achieving the best throw of 64 m.

➤ Devendra is a three-time Paralympics medalist.

➤ In the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo, he won a silver medal for his nation.