

❖ Film 'Dear Diary' wins 53-Hour Challenge for 75 creative minds

- Dear Diary, a film by Team Purple has won the film of the 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow programme's 53-Hour Challenge.
- The other four films made under the competition are Antardrishti, The Ring, Almost and Sau Ka Note.
- The movie focuses on the safety of women in India through the story of a girl who is abused.
- The 75 Creative Minds selected from over 1,000 applicants were divided into 5 teams. Each of the teams produced a short film on their idea of India@100 in just 53 hours.
- This segment of IFFI 53 was powered by National Film Development Corporation in collaboration with Shorts TV.
- The film 'Dear Diary' made by Team Purple, has been adjudged as the best movie.

❖ NIIT Limited won ' Best e-learning platform' by ASSOCHAM

- NIIT Limited, a global talent development corporation and leading provider of managed training services, has been recognized as the Best E-Learning Platform by the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
- The award was given to NIIT Digital for its contribution to the technology training sector at the ASSOCHAM Futuristic Technologies & 7th Technology Excellence Awards ceremony in Kolkata.
- NIIT Digital is a Learner Experience Platform which has been playing an integral role in connecting corporate and individual learners seamlessly.

❖ **GoI named Deepa Malik as ambassador of Nikshay Mitra**

- Union Health Ministry designated Padma Shri, Khel Ratna Arjuna Awardee and the President of the Paralympic Committee of India, Dr. Deepa Malik as Nikshay Mitra ambassador in New Delhi.
- It is an initiative under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan. Deepa Malik expressed her commitment to the TB Mukta Bharat (TB-free India) campaign, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March 2018, when she participated in TB awareness activities at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Pavilion at the 41st India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- India has an ambitious target of becoming TB free by 2025.

❖ **Abdel Fattah al-Sisi will be the chief guest for Republic Day 2023**

- India has invited Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi as the chief guest for the Republic Day in 2023.
- Egypt is among the nine guest countries invited to the G20 Summit under India's presidency in 2023.
- Abdel Fattah Sisi is a former Army officer who was elected as the president of Egypt in 2014 and was re-elected in 2018.
- An invitation as chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations on January 26 is a signal honour reserved for the country's close allies and partners.
- There were no chief guests at the celebrations in 2021 and 2022, largely because of disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Former Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro was the last chief guest to participate in the 2020 celebrations.

❖ **India's first-ever Night Sky Sanctuary: Ladakh**

- India's first-ever Night Sky Sanctuary is being set up by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research under Union Ministry of Science & Technology, in Ladakh's Hanle.

➤ The proposed Dark Sky Reserve will be located at Hanle as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.

➤ It will boost Astro-tourism in India and will be one of the world's highest-located sites for optical, infra-red, and gamma-ray telescopes.

❖ **Udaipur: to host first G20 Sherpa Meeting in India from Dec 4 to 7**

➤ The City of Lakes, Udaipur is gearing up to host the first G20 Sherpa Meeting in India from 4 to 7 December.

➤ The meeting is aimed at fostering growth and building bonds amongst the twenty nations.

➤ The Sherpa Meeting of the G20 Summit is a preliminary meeting of the government representatives before the main G20 Summit.

➤ The former CEO of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant is the G20 Sherpa from India.

➤ India will formally assume the presidency of the G-20 on 1 December 2022.

➤ India as a host nation will set the agenda of the G-20 summit meeting to be held in September 2023 in New Delhi.

❖ **Locals rename Sultanpur village as Rahul Nagar in Maharashtra**

➤ Sultanpur, a village in Maharashtra with a population of around 1,000 and 600 houses, will now be known as 'Rahul Nagar' as the local residents have changed its name in memory of its native, who laid down his life while fighting terrorists during the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks in 2008.

➤ Rahul Shinde, a constable of the State Reserve Police Force (SRPF) attained martyrdom during the terror attacks 14 years ago.

➤ Shinde, who hailed from Sultanpur in Madha tehsil of Solapur district, was amongst the first police personnel to enter the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in south Mumbai after reports of firing by terrorists. Shinde was hit with a bullet in his stomach by terrorists, in which he died.

➤ On November 26, 2008, 10 Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists from Pakistan arrived by sea route and opened fire, killing 166 people, including 18 security personnel, and injuring several others during the 60-hour siege in Mumbai.

➤ Nine terrorists were later killed by the security forces, including the NSG, the country's elite commando force. Ajmal Kasab was the only terrorist who was captured alive. He was hanged four years later on November 21, 2012.

❖ **Indian Railways plans to introduce 'Tilting Trains' by 2026**

➤ The Indian Railways has planned to introduce 'Tilting Trains' by 2026 with an aim to maintain higher speed on curvy stretches.

➤ According to the officials, 100 new units of the semi-high speed Vande Bharat trains are being manufactured using this technology.

➤ Tilting trains: Mechanism enables higher speed on regular broad-gauge tracks, which tilt while undergoing a curve on the track.

➤ A broad-gauge (distance between the rails) railway track is broader than the standard 1,435-mm used by the railways.

➤ Such locomotives operate in the United Kingdom, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Finland, Russia, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, China, Germany and Romania.

❖ **European Space Agency names first disabled astronaut**

➤ The European Space Agency has named the first ever "Parastronaut" in a major step towards allowing people with physical disabilities to work and live in space.

➤ The 22-nation agency had selected former British Paralympic sprinter John McFall as part of a new generation of 17 recruits picked for astronaut training.

➤ McFall, who lost his right leg due to a motorcycle accident at the age of 19, won a bronze medal in the 100 metres at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

➤ McFall has worked as a trauma and orthopedic specialist in the south of England.

➤ From the applicants, the ESA chose two women: France's Sophie Adenot and Britain's Rosemary Coogan. Adenot is a 40-year-old air helicopter test pilot with around 3,000 hours of flying experience, while Coogan, 31, has an astronomy doctorate from the University of Sussex.

➤ Spain's Pablo Alvarez Fernandez, Belgium's Raphael Liegeois and Switzerland's Marco Sieber were also selected for the new class.

❖ **Dhamma Dipa International Buddhist University (DDIBU)**

➤ Shakya Gasan, chief monk of the World Buddhist Pope Association of South Korea, will lay the foundation stone for the International Buddhist University at Manu Bankul in Sabroom of South Tripura district on November 29.

➤ The Dhamma Dipa International Buddhist University (DDIBU) is expected to become the first Buddhist-run university in India to offer Buddhist education along with courses in other disciplines of modern education as well.

➤ This university will set a precedent in the history of Indian-Buddhism in promoting and reviving Buddhist culture in India, the birthplace of Buddhism.

➤ It will be the first Buddhist University in India to be headed by Buddhist monastics and run and monitored by Buddhists.

➤ The word, Dhammadipa, describes both a core principle and a guiding force, which seeks the light of Dharma, its international scope and measure.

➤ The University contributes to the highest level of knowledge and education.

➤ DD IBU hopes to better engage the contemporary world through the insight and depth of Buddhist words.

➤ At the same time, it is keen to prepare students and youth with knowledge and skills, so that they can live healthy, peaceful and contented lives, able to lead the way of life.

➤ Students from 31 countries will get a chance to study as well as carry out research on Buddhist literature, culture and tradition in the proposed varsity.