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❖ “Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond”.

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❖ Prabhu Chandra Mishra honored with ‘Atal Samman Award’

➤ Prabhu Chandra Mishra received an honourable Atal Samman Award (Atal Anveshi Shikhar Samman) during this event for his excellence in field of science & research.

➤ He has been given this award for his significant contribution to his field of stem cell and regenerative medicine in infertility, especially when IVF also fails.

➤ Prabhu Mishra is the President of International Association of StemCell & Regenerative Medicine and ace Regenerative Medicine scientist and travelled around the globe for his work. He also wrote an interesting book on stemcells, called StemCell & Regenerative Medicine in infertility.

➤ Prabhu Mishra received the trophy amidst a gathering of top politicians, entrepreneurs and artistes.

❖ Aleida Guevara received with first KR Gouri Amma national award.

➤ KR Gouri Amma national award: Noted Cuban social worker and human rights advocate, Aleida Guevara has been selected for the first KR Gouri Amma national award instituted by the K.R. Gouri Amma Foundation.

➤ The award comprising \$3,000, a statuette and citation will be given away by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

➤ KR Gouri Amma was the second longest-serving MLA in Kerala Legislative Assembly and also the last surviving member of the first Kerala government.

❖ Lieutenant General Arvind Walia appointed Engineer-in-Chief of Army

➤ Lieutenant General Arvind Walia has been appointed as the next Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army.

➤ He would be succeeding Lt Gen Harpal Singh who is superannuating on December 31.

❖ Baskar Babu Re-Appointed as Suryoday Bank's Chief for 3 Years

➤ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of Baskar Babu Ramachandran as the MD & CEO of Suryoday Small Finance bank for three years effective from 23rd January 2023.

➤ Suryoday Small Finance Bank is a scheduled commercial bank. The bank has a widespread presence across 13 states and UTs across India through its 565 banking outlets.

❖ Union Home Ministry approves name change of two places in Uttar Pradesh

➤ The Union Home Ministry has given its consent to change the names – a Municipal Council in Gorakhpur and a village in Deoria—both in eastern UP, following recommendations from the state government.

➤ The 'no-objection' certificates were issued by the Union Home ministry for changing the name of 'Mundera Bazaar' municipal council in Gorakhpur district to 'Chauri-Chaura' and that of 'Telia Afghan' village in Deoria district to 'Telia Shukla'.

➤ Mundera Bazar Municipal Council will now become Chauri-Chaura Municipal Council to commemorate 100-years of the Chauri-Chaura incident which had taken place on February 4, 1922 in Gorakhpur district.

➤ Telia Afghan village is already popular as Telia Shukla village under Barhaj tehsil of the eastern UP district.

❖ States with Average Monthly Income Per Agricultural Household: Govt.

➤ Punjab ranks second in the country in average monthly income per agricultural household. The fact came to light in a data provided by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar in the ongoing session of Rajya Sabha.

➤ As per information, Meghalaya tops across the country with average monthly income per agricultural household (Rs. 29,348).

➤ Punjab (Rs 26,701) is followed by Haryana (Rs. 22,841), Arunachal Pradesh (Rs. 19,225), Jammu and Kashmir (Rs. 18,918), group of Union Territories (Rs. 18,511), Mizoram (Rs. 17,964), Kerala (Rs. 17,915), group of northeastern states (Rs. 16,863), Uttarakhand (Rs. 13,552), Karnataka (Rs. 13,441), Gujarat (Rs. 12,631), Rajasthan (Rs. 12,520), Sikkim (Rs. 12,447) and Himachal Pradesh (Rs. 12,153).

❖ **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

➤ Recently, India and ADB sign a \$125 million loan to improve Urban Services in Tamil Nadu.

➤ The Government of India and the ADB signed a \$125 million loan to develop climate-resilient sewage collection and treatment, and drainage and water supply systems in three cities in the state of Tamil Nadu.

➤ The financing is the third and the last tranche of the \$500 million multi-tranche financing facility (MFF) for the Program approved by ADB in 2018 to build priority water supply, sewerage, and drainage infrastructure in strategic industrial corridors across 10 cities in the state. The tranche 3 loan covers Coimbatore, Madurai, and Thoothukudi.

➤ This financing will help ensure universal access to basic water and sanitation services and improve resilience against floods in the project target areas which are also the industrial hubs of Tamil Nadu.

➤ ADB is a regional development bank established on 19th December 1966.

➤ Headquarters: Manila, Philippines.

➤ Members: 68 members, 49 from within Asia.

➤ Japan holds the largest proportion of shares in ADB followed by the USA, because Japan is one of the largest shareholders of the bank, and the president has always been Japanese.

❖ **IISc Bengaluru is Secretariat for G20 Working Group on Science.**

- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has been announced as the Secretariat for Science 20 (S20), the G20 summit's science working group.
- IISc stated that S20 will play a key role in helping resolve global issues like poverty and bring together the developments made by the G20 member states for development.
- S20 2023 theme is 'Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Development', under which many deliberations will be held through the year in Agartala, Lakshadweep and Bhopal.

❖ **E-sports**

- Recently, India has officially recognised Esports as a part of 'multisport event'.
- The President of India, amended the regulations governing eSports in accordance with the authority "conferred by clause (3) of Article 77 of the Constitution" and requested the Sports Ministry and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to include "Esports as part of multi-sports events."
- According to a gazette notification, E-Sports will now be a part of the "multisports event" category in India. E-Sports will be taken care of by Department of Sports under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Meanwhile, 'Online Gaming' will be under MEITY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology).
- E-Sports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games.

❖ **Cricket Australia to rename Men's Test Player of the Year award.**

- Australia's Men's Test Player of the Year award will now be named in honour of the late Shane Warne.
- Shane Warne made his international debut representing Australia against India in 1992 in Sydney. He retired from cricket in 2013.
- He has picked up 708 wickets in Test matches which is the second-highest after Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan and 293 in ODIs to take 1001 international wickets.

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