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❖ Food Conclave-2023 in Hyderabad

- The two-day '**Food Conclave-2023**' will be organized on April 28 and 29 in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The objective of the Food Conclave is to identify the main challenges and opportunities for the development of the Indian agri-food sector in the current decade.
- The event will consist of five thematic tracks covering various aspects of the agri-food sector. The main focus areas will be agriculture (green), edible oils (yellow), dairy (white), meat and poultry (pink), and aquaculture (blue).
- The Government of Telangana is collaborating with several organizations to organize this session. The World Economic Forum-India, Indian Vegetable Oil Producers Association, Indian Dairy Association, Heifer International and Society of Aquaculture Professionals along with the Government of Telangana are involved in the event.

❖ Ministry of Electronics & IT organized 35th CISO Deep Dive Training Program

- The event is being organized by the National e-Governance Division under its Capacity Building Scheme of the Ministry of Electronics & IT, with 22 participants from Central Ministries and States/UTs.
- It is being organized at the 35th Chief Information Security Officers (CISO) Intensive Training Program at the School of Planning and Architecture in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh from April 10-14, 2023.

- To spread awareness about cyber-crime and ensure adequate security measures to tackle the growing menace.
- For this, the Cyber Secure India programme, an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and IT with the mission of building the capacity of CISOs and frontline IT officers in all government departments, was envisaged.
- A 5-day intensive training program has been designed for CISOs of Public Sector Banks and Insurance Companies, technical wings of police and security forces, CTOs and members of technical/PMU teams, subordinate agencies/PSUs. The objective of this training is to educate and enable CISOs in particular to understand cyber attacks comprehensively and thoroughly, gain necessary hands-on experience about the latest technologies in security and create an empowered e-commerce ecosystem for individual organizations and citizens at large. To deliver the benefits of infrastructure. Launched in the year 2018, CISO Training is a first of its kind partnership between the government and an industry association under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

❖ **Nilesh Sambre conferred with 'Maratha Udyog Ratna 2023' by Maharashtra State**

- Nilesh Bhagwan Sambre, founder of Jijau Educational and Social Foundation, was recently awarded the "Maratha Udyog Ratna" at the "Maratha Entrepreneurs Conference 2023" organised by the "Maratha Entrepreneurs Development and Guidance Institute Maharashtra State".
- The award was given to Nilesh Sambre for his impressive achievements in the industry sector and his tireless work in remote areas like Palghar. Nilesh Bhagwan Sambre is also known as Appa.
- The award was presented by eminent entrepreneurs from Maharashtra, including Suresh Haware, Purushottam Khedekar, Nirmalkumar Deshmukh, Dr. Sachin Bhadane and Vijay Ghogare.

- Jijau Educational and Social Organization is a non-profit organisation that focuses on the upliftment of underprivileged communities in 5 districts of India: Palghar, Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg.
- The organisation was established in 2008, Jijau Sanstha founded by Nilesh Sambare has been providing education, health, employment and agriculture with its own funds for the last 14 years without taking any donation.
- Chief Minister: **Eknath Shinde**
- Governor: **Ramesh Bais**

❖ **Kiren Rijiju released the first edition of the Dogri version of the Constitution of India**

- Union Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju released the first edition of the Dogri version of the Indian Constitution at the University of Jammu.
- The constitution was originally written in English and Hindi, but has been translated into many other languages in the past. Translation of the Constitution in Dogri was a long-standing demand of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The Dogri version of the constitution will enable people speaking this language to understand the fundamental rights and duties of citizens, the functioning of the government and the role of various institutions in the country.
- Releasing the Dogri version of the Constitution is an important step to promote awareness and understanding of the Constitution among the people of Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country where Dogri is spoken.
- It is a language spoken primarily in the northern Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, as well as parts of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Delhi. In 2003, Dogri was recognized as the national language of India in the Indian Constitution.

❖ **IndusInd Bank signs co-financing loan agreement with Citibank and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**

- IndusInd Bank signed a co-financing loan agreement with Citibank and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for a funding line of \$125 million.
- The funding line will be used by IndusInd Bank to provide credit to the agriculture sector. The co-financing includes JPY 13 billion (about \$97.45 million) from JICA and a \$30 million loan from Citibank to IndusInd Bank.
- The collaboration between the three entities aims to support the development of the agriculture sector in India by providing financial support to farmers and other related businesses.
- IndusInd Bank is a leading private sector bank in India with a strong presence in retail banking, corporate banking and treasury operations.
- Chairman of IndusInd Bank: **Arun Tiwari**
- **HQ: Mumbai**

❖ **EAM S.Jaishankar launches ‘Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project’ in Uganda**

- During his three-day visit to Uganda’s Kampala, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched the ‘Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project’ in Varanasi.
- He commended the Overseas Friends of BJP-Uganda for their efforts to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the oldest inhabited city in the world. Uganda has been selected to chair the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) for the period of 2022 to 2025 on behalf of Africa.
- The chairmanship of the movement rotates every three years during summit conferences and is assisted by both the previous and incoming chairs, representing the movement’s past, present, and future. During his visit to Uganda, S. Jaishankar will hold delegation-level discussions with his Ugandan counterpart to explore opportunities for strengthening bilateral relations between the two nations.

Additionally, he is expected to meet with other Ministers and call on the country's leadership.

➤ Jaishankar will be in Mozambique from April 13 to 15. "This will be the first visit by an Indian External Affairs Minister to the Republic of Mozambique," according to the MEA announcement.

❖ **PM Modi flags off Rajasthan's first Vande Bharat Express train**

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Rajasthan's first Vande Bharat Express train. It is the world's first semi-high-speed passenger train on high-rise overhead electric (OHE) territory.

➤ The inaugural train will run between Jaipur and Delhi Cantt Railway Station. Regular train service will start between Ajmer and Delhi Cantt with stops at Jaipur, Alwar and Gurgaon.

➤ New Vande Bharat Express will cover the distance between Delhi Cantt and Ajmer in 5 hrs 15 mins. The fastest train on the same route, Shatabdi Express takes 6 hrs 15 mins from Delhi Cantt to Ajmer.

➤ Thus the new Vande Bharat Express will be 60 minutes faster than the existing fastest train running on the same route.

❖ **Nisha Dahiya wins Silver in Asian Wrestling Championship in Kazakhstan**

➤ India's Nisha Dahiya won silver at the Asian wrestling championships in Astana, Kazakhstan yesterday. This is the biggest-ever medal of her career in the women's 68kg category.

➤ She reached the final but fell to Japan's Ami Ishii 10-0 and finished as a runner-up. She had defeated China's Feng Zhou 7-6 in the semi-finals.

➤ Another Indian wrestler, Priya Malik clinched a bronze in the 76 kg category after defeating Japan's Mizuki Nagashima.

❖ WhatsApp launches 'Stay Safe' campaign

- WhatsApp announced a new campaign called "Stay Safe with WhatsApp," which highlights the several safety features that are pre-built on the messaging app.
- The campaign will run for a total of three months with a focus on several safety-centric features like 'Block and Report,' 'Two-Step Verification,' and 'Privacy and group settings.'
- The campaign highlights why it is important to add two-step verification to WhatsApp, which requires a 6-digit pin and an OTP to authenticate a user.
- Meta will also use this campaign to educate users about the block and report feature, where a user will be able to block a suspecting account and report the same to WhatsApp for further action.

❖ Former Mahindra Group chairman, Keshub Mahindra passes away

- The former chairman of the Mahindra & Mahindra Group of companies, Keshub Mahindra passed away at 99 in Mumbai.
- He served as chairman of the conglomerate from 1963 to 2012. He joined the Board of the company in 1948 and was elected chairman in 1963.
- He was awarded Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'honneur by the French Government in 1987.
- He re-entered the Forbes list of India's Richest Billionaires for 2023 with a net worth of \$1.2 billion.
- In 1947, Keshub Mahindra had joined his father's company which started by manufacturing and selling utility vehicles. He was the chairman of the conglomerate from 1963 to 2012. He then named his nephew Anand Mahindra as his successor.

❖ **Aparesh Kumar Singh is new chief justice of Tripura HC**

- The Ministry of Law and Justice has notified the elevation of Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh as Chief Justice of Tripura High Court.
- He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Jharkhand on 24th January 2012 and confirmed as a permanent Judge on 16th January 2014.
- He has also served as the Acting Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court from the 20th of December, 2022 to the 19th of February, 2023.
- Born on 7th July 1965. Justice AK Singh passed B.A. Honors and obtained his L.L.B Degree from the University of Delhi. In the Year 1990, he got enrolled as an advocate and practiced at Patna High Court from 1990 to 2000 and in the High Court of Jharkhand since 2001 till his elevation as Judge of the High Court of Jharkhand.

❖ **Central Bureau of Narcotics launches Unified Portal**

- The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) launched the Unified Portal. It was inaugurated by Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Revenue Secretary.
- It is a one-stop solution for licensing and ExIM authorizations issued by the Bureau.
- It portal has been launched towards strengthening the vision of Digital India during the period of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The portal is designed to create efficiency, transparency and accountability among the users of the department to promote the growth of drugs and pharma sector, boost economy for Atma Nirbhar Bharat and meet the needs of pharma and chemical industries.
- The portal is integrated with other government services such as Bharat Kosh, GST, PAN-NSDL verification, e-Sanchit and UIDAI, facilitating a single point service for obtaining licence from CBN.

➤ The Central Bureau of Narcotics is a Central Government organisation dealing with international trade in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals under various United Nations Conventions and the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985.

➤ CBN Establishment - **1935**

➤ CBN Headquarters - **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**

❖ **Telangana Governor approves three bills passed by the state government**

➤ Telangana Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan has given her assent to three bills passed by the state government.

➤ The bills passed by the governor are the Telangana Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2022, the Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and the Telangana Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

➤ The Telangana Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 aims to amend the current tax structure for motor vehicles in the state.

➤ Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 2023 seeks to amend the existing provisions relating to the governance structure of the university.

➤ The Telangana Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022 aims to amend the existing laws relating to municipal corporations and municipalities in the state.

❖ **Cipla signs agreement with Novartis Pharma AG**

➤ Indian multinational pharmaceutical company Cipla entered into a perpetual licence agreement with Switzerland-based pharmaceutical company Novartis Pharma AG.

➤ The agreement allows Cipla to manufacture and market diabetes drug Galvus and its combination brands from January 1, 2026.

- Galvus is an oral anti-diabetic medicine that contains Vildagliptinas an active ingredient in it. It is used for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.
- The perpetual licence agreement between Cipla and Novartis Pharma AG will enable Cipla to expand its product offerings in the diabetes segment.
- Novartis AG is a multinational pharmaceutical corporation. In 2022, it was ranked as the fourth largest pharmaceutical company by revenue.
- Cipla Limited is an Indian multinational pharmaceutical company. It primarily develops drugs to treat medical conditions such as heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, depression and respiratory diseases.
- CEO of Novartis AG: **Vasanth Narasimhan**
- CEO of Cipla: **Umang Vohra**; Headquarters: **Mumbai**

❖ **Central University of Kerala awards its first Honorary D. Litt to P.T. Usha**

- Retired Indian track and field athlete, PT Usha has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the Central University of Kerala at Sabarmati Hall, Periya Campus.
- She was conferred by Vice Chancellor Prof. H. Venkateshwarlu.
- She has won 33 medals including 19 gold in the Asian Games and Asian Championship. She was the first Indian athlete to win medals in four consecutive Asian Games and also won six medals including five gold in the Jakarta Asian Athletic Meet in 1985.
- Vice Chancellor Prof. H. Venkateshwaralu praised Usha as the pride of the nation and a role model for the youth. He emphasized that it is the university's duty to honor and recognize such distinguished individuals who have inspired and contributed to their respective fields.