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❖ Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela

- Under Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is organising the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) on 8th May 2023, in 200 districts across the country.
- Several local businesses and organizations have been invited to be a part of this Apprenticeship Fair to provide relevant apprenticeship training opportunities to local youth.
- The event will witness the participation of a number of companies representing various sectors.
- The candidates who are Class 5 to Class 12 pass outs or have skill training certificates or are ITI certificate holders or Diploma holders or graduates can apply in this apprenticeship mela.
- In these melas, selected individuals are offered apprenticeship opportunities during which they receive a monthly stipend as per government norms to acquire new skills.
- Government is trying to train 15 lakh youth every year through apprenticeship training to fulfill this mission.

❖ Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinches Doha Diamond League title

- India's Neeraj Chopra has started the 2023 season on a bright note by winning the javelin throw title at the ongoing Diamond League in Doha.
- The 25-year-old Chopra, who won the 2022 Diamond League Final trophy in Switzerland last September, won with a best throw of 88.67m.
- Chopra struck his straps on his first attempt with a world-leading throw of 88.67 metres, which was the fourth best of his career.
- He maintained the lead till the end to win the event in his second appearance at the Qatar Sports Club.
- Czech Republic's Vadlejch finished second and Grenada's Peters finished third.
- With this victory, Neeraj has also achieved the world lead.

❖ Former Karnataka HC Justice P Krishna Bhat appointed as administrator of BFI

- The Delhi High Court has appointed former Karnataka High Court Justice P Krishna Bhat as the Administrator of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI).
- The appointment has been made to conduct elections in the organisation, and it came into force with immediate effect.
- The Administrator will continue to act until a newly elected body takes over the BFI.
- The court has directed the administrator to ensure that the election process is completed as soon as possible in accordance with the Sports Code.
- The decision was taken in response to several petitions regarding the election of office bearers and members of the executive committee for the period 2023-2027.

❖ RBI, BIS launch global technology competition 'G20 TechSprint'

- RBI and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) have jointly launched the fourth edition of the G20 TechSprint, a global technology competition.
- Focus: On developing innovative technology solutions for cross-border payments
- Shortlisted teams will be invited to develop their solutions over a six-week period and each team will be eligible for a stipend of eight lakh rupees.
- The winners for each problem statement will receive an award of forty lakh rupees.

❖ UAE govt launches 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit

- The UAE government has launched the 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit, taking place at the Museum of the Future in Dubai.
- It is one of the international conferences in Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the whole region.
- It is organized in partnership between Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, Remote Work Applications Office and the 'Machines Can See' company.
- Aim: To bring together experts from around the world to discuss the future of AI and its potential.

❖ USFDA approves world's first RSV vaccine for older adults

- The United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has approved the world's first Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine for older adults.
- However, this vaccine still needs approval from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, before its launch in Public.
- The vaccine was approved for people aged 60 and older.
- RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms.
- It can be serious, especially for infants and older adults.

❖ India to launch its own heat index next year

- India will launch its own heat index in 2024 to quantify the impact of heat on its population and generate impact-based heat wave alerts for specific locations.
- Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) started issuing an experimental heat index for different parts of the country.
- It includes various parameters like wind, temperature, humidity, duration of exposure, etc.
- Impact of Heat waves: It has an immense impact on human health, causing cramps, exhaustion, stress, and heat stroke.

❖ RBI updates KYC instructions on wire transfers for banks, institutions

- RBI has updated instructions in the Master Direction on KYC related to wire transfers and aligned the same with the relevant recommendation of the FATF.
- The Banks and other financial institutions ensure cross-border as well as domestic wire transfers contain complete information about the originator and beneficiary.
- Wire Transfer: It is an electronic transfer of funds via a network that is administered by banks and transfer service agencies around the world.

❖ 56th Annual General Meeting of Board of Directors of ADB

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 56th Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Incheon, South Korea.
- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman led the delegation from the Indian side.

➤ The meeting was attended by official delegations of ADB members, observers, non-governmental and civil society organizations, financial institutions and banks, and other private sector companies.

➤ Sitharaman also participated in the annual meeting and focal events such as Governors Business.

➤ She also participated as a panelist in the ADB Governors' Seminar on Policies to Support Asia's Rebound.

❖ National Mission For Clean Ganga Organizes River-Cities Alliance Global Seminar

➤ The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in association with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) organized the 'River-Cities Alliance (RCA) Global Seminar: Partnership for Building International River-Sensitive Cities' in New Delhi.

➤ The RCA Global Seminar was presided over by G. Asok Kumar, Director General (NMCG).

➤ The aim of this global symposium was to provide a platform for officials from member cities and international stakeholders to discuss and learn from good practices for managing urban rivers.

➤ The RCA Global Symposium saw the participation of Embassies/High Commissions of select countries and their respective river cities.

➤ The seminar highlighted RCA's objectives, achievements and potential collaborative outcomes.

❖ 21st meeting of Bangladesh-India Joint Steering Committee on Cooperation in Power Sector

➤ The 21st meeting of the Bangladesh–India Joint Steering Committee (BIJSC) on the power sector was held on 4th May at Khulna, Bangladesh.

➤ Bangladesh's Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Habibur Rahman and his Indian counterpart Alok Kumar led their respective sides at the meeting.

- The meeting reviewed the progress of ongoing activities related to mutual cooperation in the power sector between Bangladesh and India.
- The meeting also examined the possibility of power generation projects in India through BIFPCL including power export from Bangladesh to India and setting up of solar power projects.
- The delegation also discussed the signing of an agreement to import 500 MW of hydro power from Nepal by GMR to Bangladesh through India.
- The progress in the management of the first unit and the implementation of the second unit of the 1320 MW Maitri Super Thermal Power Project construction project was also reviewed.

❖ India's First International Multimodal Logistics Park at Jogighopa, Assam

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal reviewed progress of India's first International Multi Modal Logistics park in Jogighopa, Assam.
- The park is likely to be completed within this year.
- The Union Minister expressed satisfaction at the pace of work as the road and railway connectivity is also aimed at completion by the end of this year.

❖ Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop a theme park on the lines of Disneyland

- The Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop a theme park named 'Ramland' in Ayodhya on the lines of Disneyland to showcase the story of Lord Ram and attract tourists.
- The park aims to provide visitors a unique learning experience with entertainment, catering to both children and adults.

- The development of Ayodhya as a global tourism hotspot is part of the 'Ayodhya Vision 2047' initiative, which includes around 260 projects covering various sectors such as tourism, infrastructure, housing, medicine, energy, culture, urban development and transport.
- Around Rs 30,000 crore is expected to be spent on the rejuvenation of Ayodhya, and this expenditure will be borne by the Center and the UP government.
- Some of the projects under the initiative include Smart City Mission, modernization of bus terminals, widening of roads, cleaning of overhead power supply cables, beautification of ghats and setting up of cultural centres.