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## ❖ Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways ranked 2nd on Data Governance Quality Index

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has been ranked second among 66 ministries in the Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI) assessment for the December quarter (Q3) of FY23.
- The ministry scored 4.7 out of 5, indicating its commitment to excellence in data governance.
- Conducted by the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog, the DGQI survey aims to measure the maturity level of administrative data systems and their use in decision making of various ministries and departments on the implementation of central sector schemes.
- MoPSW's success in DGQI assessment was aided by the concerted efforts of the National Technology Center for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) at IIT Madras, which was tasked to improve MoPSW's Management Information System (MIS) in compliance with DGQI standards.
- The DGQI assessment covers six key themes including data generation, data quality, use of technology, data analysis, access and dissemination, data security and human resource capability, and case studies.
- The Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI) survey is conducted by NITI Aayog's Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office.
- The survey aims to evaluate the performance of different Ministries /Departments in implementing Central Sector Schemes (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

## ❖ 728 Railway Stations across States and UTs covered under One Station One Product

- Under the One Station One Product' (OSOP) scheme of Indian Railways, 728 stations are covered with 785 OSOP outlets in 21 States and 3 Union Territories across the country so far.
- Its aim is to promote the government's 'Vocal for Local' vision.
- Under this scheme, OSOP stalls at railway stations offer a diverse range of unique products related to handicrafts, textiles, traditional wear and local agricultural produce and processed food items.
- The stalls have been uniformly designed through the National Institute of Design to ensure sustainability and promote visibility and accessibility of the scheme.
- The scheme was launched with a vision to promote 'Vocal for Local'.
- This will help local manufacturers sell their products and create additional income opportunities for the marginalized sections of the society.
- This scheme is doing welfare of local artisans, potters, weavers, tribals etc.
- The products under the OSOP scheme : food items, handicrafts, artifacts, textiles, handlooms, traditional garments, local agricultural produce, local toys, leather products, local gems and jewellery.

## ❖ ICMR successfully tests blood bag delivery under iDrone initiative

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recently successfully tested the delivery of blood bags by drone under its iDrone initiative.
- The trial run was conducted on a drone carrying a blood bag weighing 500 grams, which flew for a distance of 12 kilometres and delivered it safely at the designated location.
- The drone then returned to the base station with another blood bag.

- Its objective is to address the challenges of blood transfusion services in rural and tribal areas, where access to blood banks and transportation facilities is limited.
- It aims to assess the feasibility of using drones to deliver vaccines and medical supplies.

### ❖ **Cochin Port has bagged the Sagar Shreshtha Sammaan Award 2023**

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways honoured the Cochin Port Authority (CPA) with the Sagar Shreshtha Sammaan for the best turnaround time in non-container category during 2022-23.
- The award is in recognition of the 'excellent performance of the Cochin Port in handling dry bulk and liquid bulk cargo vessels'.
- The port recorded 48 hours in turning around vessels of an average parcel size of 43,800 MT.
- The turnaround time is an important performance parameter which is calculated on the basis of the notice of readiness by the vessel till pilot disembark time after operations, of a vessel that arrives at the port.

### ❖ **Birthday of Indian football legend PK Banerjee will be celebrated as 'AIFF Grassroots Day'**

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has declared that June 23, the birth anniversary of Indian football legend Pradip Kumar Banerjee, will be recognized as 'AIFF Grassroots Day'.
- This decision was made in acknowledgment of PK's remarkable contributions to Indian football, notably his instrumental role in leading the national team to a historic Gold Medal triumph in the 1962 Asian Games.
- The establishment of AIFF Grassroots Day aligns with the Strategic Roadmap 'Vision 2047', which aims to enhance grassroots participation in Indian football.
- The objective is to involve 35 million children in football by 2026 and eventually reach 100 million by 2047.

➤ As part of this initiative, the Federation has introduced the Blue Cubs program, collaborating with NGOs, schools, clubs, academies, and other stakeholders to expand the grassroots ecosystem.

➤ AIFF has its headquarters at the Football House in Dwarka, New Delhi.

### ❖ **5th edition of Global Ayurveda Festival to focus on health challenges**

➤ The fifth edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival (Gaf 2023) will be held from December 1 to 5 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

➤ The theme of the event is 'Emerging Challenges in Healthcare & A Resurgent Ayurveda'.

➤ The event will bring together Ayurveda practitioners and stakeholders from around the world to showcase Ayurveda's potential in addressing health challenges.

➤ The event is being organized by the Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA) in association with the Ministry of Ayush, Kerala Government.

### ❖ **Linda Yaccarino named as new Twitter CEO**

➤ Ex-NBC Universal advertising executive Linda Yaccarino will take over as CEO of Twitter.

➤ Yaccarino, who graduated from Penn State University in 1985, worked in media advertising for about 30 years before being named Twitter CEO.

➤ Twitter Parent organization: X Corp;

Twitter Founders: Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, Biz Stone, Noah Glass;

Twitter Founded: 21 March 2006, San Francisco, California, United States;

Twitter Headquarters: San Francisco, California, United States.

## ❖ India's IIP growth falls to 5-month low of 1.1% in March on poor manufacturing performance

- India's industrial production growth fell to a five-month low of 1.1% in March 2023, according to government data released.
- The poor performance of the power and manufacturing sectors was primarily responsible for this decline, with the manufacturing sector growing only 0.5% compared to 1.4% a year ago.
- Power generation declined by 1.6% in March 2023, compared to a growth of 6.1% last year.

## ❖ Alia Bhatt appointed as first Indian Global Ambassador of Gucci

- Gucci, Italian high-end luxury fashion house has appointed Alia Bhatt as its first Indian Global Ambassador.
- Alia Bhatt will make her first appearance as Global Brand Ambassador on the occasion of the House's upcoming Cruise 2024 fashion show in Seoul, Korea, at Gyeongbokgung Palace on May 16, 2023.
- The show will mark the fashion house's 25 years in the country.
- It is the first time that Gucci has appointed an Indian celebrity as a global ambassador, in what seems to be a growing global recognition of the Indian market.
- Gucci was founded in : 1921
- Headquarters : Florence, Italy
- CEO : Marco Bizzarri

## ❖ Indian Army to Have Common Uniform for Brigadier and Above rank officers from August 1

- The Indian Army has decided that from August 1, 2023 officers of the rank of Brigadier and above will have a common uniform irrespective of their different parent cadre and appointment.

- As part of the decision, headgear, shoulder rank badges, gorget patches, belts and shoes of senior officers will be standardised.
- There will be no change in the uniform worn by officers of the rank of Colonel and below.
- The Indian Army has decided to adopt this common uniform to promote and strengthen common identity and approach in service matters amongst senior leadership, beyond the boundaries of regimentation.

#### ❖ **RBI collaborates with GFIN to prevent ‘greenwashing’**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined forces with the Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN) to participate in the Greenwashing TechSprint.
- The event aims to address concerns surrounding exaggerated, misleading, or unsubstantiated claims related to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) credentials.
- The TechSprint will bring together 13 international regulators, firms, and innovators to develop a tool that could help regulators and the market more effectively tackle the risks of greenwashing in financial services.
- The objective of the Greenwashing TechSprint is to develop a tool that can help regulators and the market more effectively tackle or mitigate the risks of greenwashing in financial services.
- The TechSprint will launch on June 5, 2023, and will run for three months, ending with a showcase day in September 2023.

#### ❖ **Hriday, Nancy claim air rifle silver in WC**

- Former junior world champion Hriday Hazarika and Haryana’s Nancy won their first individual senior World Cup medals, shooting down the silver in the men’s and women’s 10m air rifle events at the ISSF World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.

➤ The Assam boy shot a brilliant final, where his lowest score of 10.1 came in the very first of the 24-shot final. Nancy was even better, recording a lowest of 10.2 in her final.

➤ However, both went down to more accurate shooters on the day. Hriday lost to Hungary's Zalan Pekler who shot 252.4 to the Indian's 251.9, while Nancy, after going into the final two shots with a 0.1 lead over China's Han Jiayu, could not hold on to the cushion to finish with 253.3 to her opponents' 254.0.

### ❖ **Boxing: Deepak Bhoria, Mohammed Hussamuddin, Nishant win World Championship bronze**

➤ India finished with three bronze medals at the 2023 World Boxing Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan after Deepak Bhoria and Nishant Dev lost their respective semifinal bouts.

➤ Deepak Bhoria took home the bronze medal after losing a close bout to Billal Bennama of France in the 51kg.

➤ While Nishant also put up a brave fight against reigning Asian champion Aslanbek Shymbergenov of Kazakhstan before losing via a split decision 5-2 in the 71kg category.

➤ Meanwhile, Hussamuddin finished with a bronze medal after having withdrawn from participating in the 57kg semifinal against Saidel Horta Rodriguez Del-Rey of Cuba due to an injury.

### ❖ **Inflation slips to 18-month low of 4.7% in April**

➤ Retail inflation declined to an 18-month low of 4.7 per cent in April mainly due to falling prices of vegetables, oils and fats, and came closer to Reserve Bank's target of 4%.

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### ❖ **TASK, HDFC Bank ink MoU**

➤ HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, and Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK), a not-for-profit organisation under the Department of ITE&C, Government of Telangana have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

➤ It is to promote employment of fresh graduates and post-graduates. As per the MoU, HDFC Bank will now be able to access a large pool of talent across 700 institutions registered with 'TASK'.

➤ Under the partnership, TASK will help HDFC Bank hire trained students.

➤ All kinds of logistical support for placement drives and interviews will be provided by TASK.

➤ HDFC Bank is amongst the largest employers in the country with an active employee base of over 1,70,000 employees.

### ❖ **London stock exchange group to set up technology centre in Hyderabad**

➤ The London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) has announced its plan to set up a technology centre of excellence in Hyderabad, India.

➤ This move is expected to create about 1,000 jobs a year and boost the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector in the city.

➤ The London Stock Exchange Group is a leading global financial market infrastructure and data provider, serving customers in 190 countries and operating in 70 countries worldwide.

➤ The establishment of LSEG's Technology Centre of Excellence in the city is expected to significantly boost this sector and create ample employment opportunities.

➤ This move is in line with the Indian government's efforts to attract more foreign investment and promote the growth of the country's economy.