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Lata Mangeshkar Award

This year, the Lata Mangeshkar Award will be presented to acclaimed composer Uttam Singh and K. S. Chithra, a playback singer.



Key Point

- ❖ The government of Madhya Pradesh will felicitate both artists in a programme to be held in Indore on the 28th of September, this year.
- ❖ The State Department of Culture confers this national award every year on the birth anniversary of Lata Mangeshkar.
- ❖ In media briefing, the director of the Ustad Alauddin Khan Music and Arts Academy, Jayant Bhise, said that Uttam Singh would be posthumously awarded for 2022 and K S Chithra for 2023.
- ❖ This year is the first time that the ceremony will be conducted in a new Government auditorium, which was constructed in the memory of Lata Mangeshkar.

Awards Of Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ **National Lata Mangeshkar Award**
 - Established: 1984
 - Prize Amount: ₹5 Lakhs (Initially ₹2 Lakhs)
 - Field: Music Direction and Playback Singing
 - First Awardee: Naushad
- ❖ **Recent Awardees:**
 - 2019: Shailendra Singh
 - 2020: Anand-Milind
 - 2021: Kumar Sanu
- ❖ **National Mahatma Gandhi Award**
 - Established: 1995
 - Prize Amount: ₹20 Lakhs (Applicable from April 2022)
 - Field: Gandhian Philosophy (for the institution)
 - First Awardee: Kasturba Gandhi Trust (Indore).
- ❖ **National Kabir Award**
 - Established: 1986
 - Field: Poetry of Indian Languages
 - First Awardee: Gopal Krishna Adig
- ❖ **Maithili Sharan Gupta Samman**
 - Established: 1987
 - Prize Amount: ₹5 Lakhs (Initially ₹2 Lakhs)
 - Field: Hindi Literature
 - First Awardee: Shamsheer Bahadur Singh

Sukh Veer Singh appointed as a State Chief Electoral Officer

As many as nine IAS officers including the Madhya Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer have been transferred recently which took the total transfers in a month to 45 in August 2024.



Key Points

- ❖ Mr Anupam Rajan of the 1993 batch, who was last serving as state CEO, who supervised the 2023 assembly polls and the 2024 Lok Sabha election, has been recalled as the Principal Secretary in the Department for Higher Education.
- ❖ Mr. Sukh Veer Singh, the 1997 batch of the civil services, who was earlier serving as the Principal Secretary in the Horticulture department of the state Government shall be the new state CEO.
- ❖ The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of a State or Union Territory is the officer who is fully in charge of conducting elections within a particular State or Union Territory in India with assistance from the Election Commission of India.
- ❖ The Election Commission on the recommendation of the respective State Govt./UT Administration appoints or nominates a Govt. Officer to act as Chief Electoral Officer.

About Election Commission of India

The Election Commission of India is an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering election processes in India at both the Union and State levels.

- ❖ **Established:** January 25, 1950
- ❖ **Constitutional Part:** XV
- ❖ **Articles:** 324-329
- ❖ The Commission conducts elections for the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies, and for the offices of the President and Vice President of the country.
- ❖ The Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners are appointed by the President of India.
- ❖ Their tenure is for 6 years or until they reach the age of 65, whichever comes first.

- ❖ They can resign at any time or be removed before the end of their term.
- ❖ The Chief Election Commissioner can be removed from office by a process similar to that of removing a judge of the Supreme Court, which is conducted by Parliament.

KVIC & DoP Sign MoU For Physical Verification Of PMEGP

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission KVIC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding MoU with the Department of Posts. Under this MoU, the employees of the Postal Department will physically verify new units being set up across the Country under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme PMEGP.



Key Points

- ❖ The KVIC will also train the employees for the physical verification process.

- ❖ The MoU was signed by Postal Department's Deputy General Manager Dr Amanpreet Singh and Deputy CEO of PMEGP Rajan Babu on behalf of KVIC.
- ❖ The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was launched in 2008 to provide credit-linked subsidies for generating employment through micro enterprises in rural and urban areas.
- ❖ The scheme helps entrepreneurs establish factories or business units.
- ❖ It is a centrally-sponsored scheme overseen by the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME).
- ❖ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), under the Ministry of MSME, is responsible for implementing the program at the national level.

Jan Poshan Kendras

The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi launched pilot for transformation of 60 Fair Price Shops into Jan Poshan Kendra.



Key Point

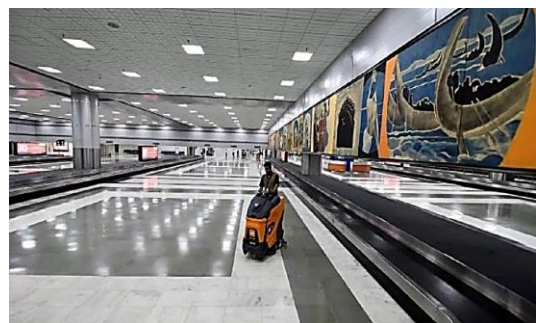
- ❖ On the occasion, he also launched FPS Sahay application, Mera Ration app 2.0, Quality Management System, Quality Manual Handbook, Contract Manual FCI and NABL Accreditation of 3 Laboratories.
- ❖ Quality Management System is a digital application for integration of Quality Control labs in DFPD & FCI.
- ❖ Developed by SIDBI, “FPS-Sahay,” is an on-demand Invoice Based Financing (IBF) application designed to offer completely paperless, presence-less, collateral-free, cash flow-based financing to FPS dealers.
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- ❖ The Jan Poshan Kendra which was taken up as part of the first 100 days programme of the Central Government will have provision for storing 50% products under the category of nutrition while the rest for keeping other household items.

Delhi Airport Achieves 'Net Zero Carbon Emission' Status, a First in India

Delhi Airport also known as Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has created history by emerging as the first airport in India which has been accorded the status of a 'Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport.'



Key Points

- ❖ This remarkable achievement was awarded by the Airports Council International (ACI) under the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA)

program. The achievement was proudly announced by Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), the operator of the airport.

- ❖ The ACA programme had five levels of accreditation, and IQIA received the Level 5 accreditation, which was the highest.
- ❖ Acceptance of this praise is evidence that the airport has not strayed from its environmental stewardship principles and is enjoying an outstanding level of carbon reduction. Delhi Airport accomplished this goal six years earlier than the year 2030 which has been earmarked as the year for accomplishing this goal by the international airport sector.
- ❖ This was done through the concept of carbon footprint where IQIA ensured that the amount of carbon it released into the atmosphere was equalised by removing that much carbon from the atmosphere in 2016.
- ❖ The airport has also attained international status of level 4 accreditation plus by the end of the year 2020; this is an indication that the airport continues to implement measures to address environmental concerns.

India's GI-tagged agro-product Figs

- ❖ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the first export of India's ready-to-drink fig juice, made from GI-tagged Purandar Figs, to Poland.



Key Point

- ❖ Purandar figs are known for their unique tastes and textures.
- ❖ It has high pulp content and a rich source of vitamins & minerals. Moreover, it has an excellent sweet taste, an attractive violet colour.
- ❖ Reason: The Specialties are attributed to the climatic factors, red-black soil & Salt-free well irrigation technique followed in the Region.

Short News

- ❖ German national team captain Ilkay Gundogan announced his retirement from international football.

- ❖ IT industry body national association of software services companies (nasscom) announced the appointment of **Rajesh Nambiar** as its president-designate.
- ❖ The National Payments Corporation of India, also known as NCPI recently introduced a new feature called “**UPI Circle**” that allows users to add their family and friends to pay using their account.
- ❖ **Pawani**, a resident of Bhopal, has achieved a remarkable feat by successfully completing the Ironman 70.3 triathlon held in Davao, Philippines..
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched 'Mukhyamantri Bal Paushtik Aahar Yojana'.
- ❖ Brooks Koepka won his fifth career LIV Golf title at the Greenbrier 2024, defeating Jon Rahm in a playoff, adding to his previous victories in Jeddah (2022, 2023), Orlando (2023), and Singapore.
- ❖ Minister of State for External Affairs Shri Pabitra Margherita attended the swearing-in ceremony of the President of the Dominican Republic, H.E. Mr. Luis Abinader in the Dominican Republic.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

Q1. Which of the following airport become the India's first 'Net Zero Carbon Emission' airport?

- (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- (b) Devi Ahilyabai Airport
- (c) Raja Bhoj Airport
- (d) Rajiv Gandhi Airport

Answer -A

Q2. Who was awarded the Lata Mangeshkar Award for the year 2023?

- (a) Uttam Singh
- (b) K .S Chitra
- (c) Anand-Milind
- (d) Kumar Sanu

Answer -B

