

22nd June 2024

Vadhavan Port

The Union Cabinet approved setting up a Major Port at Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra.

Key Points

- ❖ **Authorities:** The Project will be constructed by Vadhavan Port Project Limited (VPPL), an SPV formed by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) with a shareholding of 74% and 26%, respectively.
- ❖ The Vadhavan Port will be developed as an all-weather Greenfield deep draft major port in Vadhavan, Palghar District, Maharashtra.
- ❖ **Cost:** The total project cost, including the land acquisition component is Rs.76,220 Crore. This will include development of Core infrastructure, Terminals and other commercial infrastructure in public-private partnerships (PPP) mode.
- ❖ **Infrastructure:** The Port will comprise nine container terminals, each 1000 meters long, four multipurpose berths, including the coastal berth, four liquid cargo berths, a Ro-Ro berth, and a Coast Guard berth.

Short News

- ❖ On June 21, 2024, Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence, organised an Ex-Servicemen Job Fair at Station Auditorium, Air Force Station, Hindon (Ghaziabad), Uttar Pradesh. The Job Fair aims to connect Veterans and Employers, offering a second opportunity for employment to the Ex-servicemen (ESM). The veterans of Tri-services from all over the country were eligible for participation in the job fair.

DIRECTORATE GENERAL RESETTLEMENT
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Job Fair : Hindon (Ghaziabad)

21 June 2024 - 07:00 AM onwards
(Registration till 10:00 AM)
Venue : Station Auditorium, Air Force Station,
Hindon (Ghaziabad) UP

Documents Required :
ESM I card and five copies of latest CV/Bio Data with photograph

BENEFITS FOR ESM JOB SEEKERS

- Interact with Recruiters from Top PSUs/Corporates (Employers)
- Hassle Free Recruitment Process
- No cost access to Multiple Job Opportunities

BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYERS


- Free access to Veterans talent pool
- Register online & book your company's stall at www.dgrindia.gov.in
- Allotment on first-come-first-serve basis

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- ❖ Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, on June 21, 2024, led the Armed Forces in celebrating the 10th International Day of Yoga by performing various asanas and breathing exercises with soldiers at 1 Corps in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

Important Days/Dates

<p>June 21</p>	<p>International Day of Yoga</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The International Day of Yoga aims to raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practicing yoga. ❖ This year marks the 10th International Day of Yoga. ❖ Theme for this year is “Yoga for Self and Society.” ❖ On 11 December 2014, the United Nations proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga by resolution 69/131.
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Schemes/Initiatives

<p>National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the Central Sector Scheme “National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES). ❖ Financial outlay of Rs. 2254.43 crore ❖ Duration: From 2024-25 to 2028-29 ❖ Financial outlay of the Central Sector Scheme will be provisioned by the Ministry of Home Affairs from its own budget. ❖ Components of the Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establishment of Campuses of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in the country
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- Establishment of Central Forensic Science Laboratories in the country.
- Enhancement of existing infrastructure of the Delhi Campus of the NFSU.
- ❖ The establishment of additional off-campus of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) and new Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs) would address the shortage of trained forensic manpower, alleviate the caseload / pendency of forensic laboratories, and align with the Government of India's goal of securing a high conviction rate of more than 90%.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ As a precursor to the 3rd edition of World Food India, the Union Minister of Food Processing Industries and Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Railways launched the website and mobile application for World Food India 2024.
- ❖ World Food India – the nation's largest food event, to foster collaboration and partnerships among global and Indian food sector stakeholders from 19th to 22nd September 2024.
- ❖ Additionally, this year, to give impetus to the growing startup ecosystem and foster innovation, the Ministry is launching the 2nd edition of the Startup Grand Challenge in collaboration with Startup India.
- ❖ Eight lakh National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets celebrated the 10th International Day of Yoga by participating in yoga sessions organised by NCC across the country on June 21, 2024.
 - The sessions were organised at numerous schools, colleges & iconic locations including Sun Temple (Konark, Odisha), Red Fort (Delhi), Dal Lake (Srinagar, J&K), Sabarmati Riverfront (Ahmedabad, Gujarat), Sanchi Stupa (Sanchi, MP), Gateway of India (Mumbai, Maharashtra), Nainital Lake (Nainital, Uttarakhand), Jhansi Fort (Jhansi, UP), and Victoria Memorial (Kolkata, WB).

Species in News

Gomphonemoid diatom- Indiconema genus

- ❖ Researchers have discovered a new genus of the Gomphonemoid diatom found in the clean water river of the Eastern Ghats.
- ❖ The genus which has an interesting suite of features, distinguishing it from the other members in the group Gomphonemoid in terms of valve symmetry and other certain valve features, has been named Indiconema to value its restricted distribution in the country.

About Diatoms

- ❖ Diatoms are microscopic algae that play a crucial role in our everyday lives by producing 25 percent of global oxygen, approximately every fourth breath of oxygen we inhale. They serve as a base of the aquatic food chain. Due to their sensitivity towards any water chemistry changes, they are excellent indicators of aquatic health.
- ❖ Diatoms are the first recorded microorganisms in India, with Ehrenberg's first report dating back to 1845 in his voluminous publication Mikrogeologie.

