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National

Govt issues stamp to honour legendary singer Mukesh on 100th birth anniversary

About News:



- ❖ The Ministry of Culture (MoC) celebrated the centennial of the renowned Indian playback singer Mukesh Chand Mathur's birth on July 24, 2024, by releasing a commemorative stamp in his honor. The commemorative stamp is a representation of Mukesh's outstanding career and voice.
- ❖ The Chief Guest of the event, which took place at Akashwani Rang Bhawan, All India Radio (AIR), New Delhi, Delhi, was Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Union Minister of Culture and Tourism.
- ❖ In addition, India Post released a commemorative postage stamp worth Rs. 30 in honor of the legendary singer Mukesh's 100th birthday.

Key Points:

- ❖ Among the most well-known playback singers in the Hindi cinema industry is Mukesh.
- ❖ In addition to his singing career, he was an actor in numerous films, such as Aadab Arz (1943), Aah (1953), Mashuqa (1953), and Anurag (1956).
- ❖ Chanchal Sheetal Nirmal Komal from Satyam Shivam Sundaram was the last song he recorded in June 1976.
- ❖ Filmfare Best Male Playback Awards were given to Mukesh four times: in 1959, 1970, 1972, and 1976.
- ❖ For the 1974 film Rajnigandha, he was also given the National Film Award for Best Male Playback Singer.

Economic

RBI issues revised framework for domestic money transfer

About News:

- ❖ The framework for Domestic Money Transfer (DMT) services provided by regulated firms has been updated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). RBI has tightened the criteria for Know Your Customer (KYC). The new framework modifications will take effect on November 1, 2024.



- ❖ This is consistent with the RBI's efforts to stop and deter cyber fraudsters from abusing banking channels.

Key Points:

- ❖ Under Section 18 read with Section 10(2) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (Act 51 of 2007), the RBI released these updated recommendations in the form of a circular. ii. In accordance with the new guidelines, the remitting banks must keep track of the recipients' names and addresses in order to provide cash pay-out services.

- ❖ Since the DMT framework was introduced in 2011, the number of banking locations has significantly increased, and payment methods have advanced. Thus, the requirement to adjust to these changing dynamics is reflected in these modifications.
- ❖ According to the Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines published in 2016, banks and business correspondents (BCs) offering cash-pay in services must register remitters using a confirmed mobile phone number and a self-certified "Officially Valid Document (OVD)."
- ❖ This will further aid in lowering the possibility of fraud and help to validate identity verification.
- ❖ Validation via AFA As a result of these recent modifications, it is now necessary for each transaction to undergo validation using an Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA).

- ❖ Online transactions will be safe and secure thanks to this extra security safeguard.
- ❖ Income Tax Act Compliance: Under the new guidelines, remitting banks and BCs must now abide by the terms of the Income Tax Act, 1961, as well as any applicable cash deposit-related rules and regulations.
- ❖ Include remitter details in IMPS/NEFT messages: The updated framework also mandates that cash-based remittance transactions be identified and that remitter details be included in Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) or National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) transaction messages.
- ❖ Card-to-card transfers are no longer covered by the DMT framework and are instead subject to the current rules that are unique to these kinds of transactions, according to the new standards.
- ❖ The restrictions and transaction size guidelines included in the circular dated October 5, 2011, among others, shall remain in effect.

About Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

- ❖ Established: 1 April, 1935
- ❖ Headquarter: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❖ Governor: Shaktikanta Das (25th Governor of RBI)

Appointment

Nita Ambani unanimously re-elected as International Olympic Committee member from India

About News:



- ❖ Ahead of the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, which will take place from July 26 to August 11, Paris, Nita Ambani, the creator of the Reliance Foundation, has been re-elected for a second term as an Indian member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- ❖ At the 142nd IOC session, which is being held in Paris, France, from July 22 to 24, she earned 100% of the vote.

- ❖ In 2016, Nita Ambani became the first female Indian member of the IOC.

Other Conferences:

- ❖ Eight new IOC members—four of them women and four of men—as well as two new Vice-Presidents (VP) and Executive Board (EB) members were elected during the 142nd IOC session. The EB members are appointed to four-year terms.
- ❖ The VP of IOC is chosen to be Argentinean Gerardo Werthein and Moroccan Nawal El Moutawakel.
- ❖ In addition, Li Lingwei (China) was chosen to join the Executive Board, while Mikaela Cojuangco Jaworski (Philippines) was re-elected for a second term.
- ❖ Australia's John Coates and Turkey's Uğur Erdener have been elected as the IOC's Honorary Members.

Concerning Nita Ambani:

- ❖ 2016 saw the initial appointment of Nita Ambani to the committee during the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

- ❖ Her notable efforts to the global organization have elevated India's Olympic aspirations, such as organizing the first IOC session in Mumbai, Maharashtra, in forty years in October 2023.
- ❖ Through the efforts of the Reliance Foundation, she has had a significant impact on the growth of sports in India and supported India's Olympic goal, which has affected over 22.9 million children and youth nationwide.
- ❖ In addition, she founded the Dhirubhai Ambani International School and serves on the board of the Mumbai Indians cricket franchise. She participates in athletics as well.
- ❖ As part of a long-term partnership with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), the Reliance Foundation has created the first-ever India House at the Paris Olympics in 2024. Notably, India intends to submit a proposal to host the Olympics in 2036.

About the International Olympic Committee (IOC):

- ❖ Founded: 23rd June 1894
- ❖ Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- ❖ President: Thomas Bach

Science & Technology

Hindustan Zinc launches Asia's first low-carbon zinc brand EcoZen

About News:



- ❖ Asia's first low-carbon green zinc brand, EcoZen, was introduced by Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), the second-largest integrated zinc producer in the world. Through a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), it has been verified by a major sustainability consulting group.

Key Points:

- ❖ With a carbon footprint of less than one tonne of carbon equivalent every tonne of zinc produced, EcoZen boasts low-carbon zinc.
- ❖ Because it is produced with renewable energy, its carbon impact is almost 75% less than the average for the world.

- ❖ By galvanizing one tonne of steel with EcoZen, this will lead to a decrease in carbon emissions of roughly 400 kg overall throughout their value chain.
- ❖ The goal of HZL to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 is in line with this program.
- ❖ According to the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), HZL, a mining and metals firm situated in Udaipur, Rajasthan, is the most sustainable metals and mining company in the world.

Award

Curator-publisher Rahaab Allana receives insignia of 'Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres'

About News:

- ❖ In recognition of his exceptional career as a curator of contemporary South Asian photography and his contributions to Indo-French artistic cooperation, the French government has named Indian author and curator Rahaab Allana a "Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres."



- ❖ At a ceremony held at the French Embassy in New Delhi, Delhi, Rehaab Allana received the insignia of the Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres from Thierry Mathou, the French Ambassador to India.

Regarding Rahaab Allana:

- ❖ Rahaab Allana works as a publisher and curator at New Delhi's Alkazi Foundation for the Arts. He is presently employed with the Asia Society (India Chapter) as a member of the Arts and Culture Committee.
- ❖ He founded ASAP/art, the first news and reviews app for contemporary art in South Asia.
- ❖ In addition to being an Honorary Research Associate (HRA) at University College London in the United Kingdom (UK), he is a fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society.
- ❖ His first artistic connection with France dates back to the 2007 Arles Photo Festival, where the Alkazi Collection was on display.

- ❖ For the Bonjour India festivals, he was also heavily involved in the curation of two multidisciplinary photography exhibitions: Convergence in 2022 and Mutations in 2018.
- ❖ Along with curating multiple South Asian photography shows, he has worked with renowned French organizations such as Rencontres d'Arles, Musée du Quai Branly, and Centre National des Arts Plastiques (CNAP).
- ❖ His extensive connections to Indian and French cultural institutions facilitated his election to the Alliance française de Delhi board of directors.

Concerning the Order of Arts and Letters:

- ❖ President Charles de Gaulle affirmed the order's additional status to the Ordre national du Mérite in 1963. It was created by the French Ministry of Culture in 1957.
- ❖ It is the most important distinction exclusive to the arts, honoring individuals who have made a name for themselves in the fields of

literature, art, and culture or who have contributed to the global and French influence of the arts.

- ❖ There are three levels to the award: Commander (Commander), Officer (Officer), and Knight (Chevalier).
- ❖ Among the well-known Indians to get this honor are Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Raghu Rai, Ebrahim Alkazi, Habib Tanveer, Shah Rukh Khan, Aishwarya Rai, and Upamanyu Chatterjee.

Sports

IOC Elects French Alps to Host 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games & Salt Lake City-Utah to Host 2034 Edition

About News:

- ❖ The Alpes françaises in France will host the XXVI Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in 2030, and Salt Lake City (SLC) in Utah, USA, will host the XXVII Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in 2034, according to votes cast by IOC members at the 142nd International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session in Paris, France.



Concerning French Alps 2030:

- ❖ The French President, Emmanuel Macron, headed the delegation of the French Alps 2030. The games will take place in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur regions.
- ❖ The Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in the French Alps in 2030 will be the first to completely include the sustainability-focused themes of Olympic Agenda 2020 and 2020+5.

Concerning SLC-Utah 2034:

- ❖ The leaders of the SLC-Utah 2034 delegation were Fraser Bullock, President of the SLC-Utah Committee for the Games (UCG), Gene Sykes, President of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), and Utah Governor Spencer Cox.

- ❖ The goal of SLC-Utah 2034 is to bring the advantages of the SLC 2002 Games to a new generation while adhering to regional development objectives, 2020+5, and Olympic Agenda 2020.
- ❖ The French Prime Minister (PM) Gabriel Attal's Games Delivery Guarantee and the French Parliament's ratification of it by March 1, 2025, are prerequisites for voting for the French Alps.

Miscellaneous

Moidams Of Assam Receives Prestigious 43rd UNESCO World Heritage Site Tag in Cultural Category

About News:

- ❖ The Ahom Dynasty's mound-burial system, known as the Moidams of Assam, is listed among the culturally significant UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It is the 43rd Indian site to be listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.



- ❖ This information was provided on July 26, 2024, by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Union Minister of Culture and Tourism.
- ❖ The World Heritage Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) decided to include the Moidam of Assam during its 46th session.
- ❖ The first-ever meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee will take place in India, in New Delhi, from July 21-31, 2024.

Key Points :-

- ❖ The first site in the cultural category and the third site overall in Assam and the Northeast to be inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List is the Moidams of Assam, or the Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty.

- ❖ Manas Wildlife Sanctuary and Assam's Kaziranga National Park were included to the UNESCO list in 1985 under the Natural category.

Concerning Moidam:-

- ❖ The graves known as moidams, or "home for spirit," are essentially hollow brick vaults that hold the remains of Tai-Ahom kings and royals.
- ❖ When the Tai Ahom first came to Assam in the thirteenth century, they built wood moidams for the royal families. Later, they switched to stone and burned bricks.
- ❖ The Tai Ahom created a unique funerary custom of building moidams for the interment of their kings because they believed that they were divine.
- ❖ There are ninety Moidams, mostly located in eastern Assam in the foothills of the Patkai Ranges.
- ❖ A holy geographical area was formed by Tai-Ahom's creation of moidams, or burial mounds, in the hills, forests, and rivers. Bark scrolls were planted in the Moidams, and banyan trees were used to make coffins.

- ❖ These burial mounds are holy to the Tai-Ahom and are a reflection of their own burial customs.

Obituary

Sahitya Academy Award Laureate Father Francis D'Britto Passed Away

About News:

- ❖ Father Francis D'Britto, a well-known Marathi poet, environmentalist, and Catholic priest, was honored with the Sahitya Akademi Award. He passed away in the Palghar region of Maharashtra at the age of 81. He was born in Jeladi village, Nandakhal, Maharashtra, on December 4, 1942.



Concerning Francis D'Britto: -

- ❖ The 'Harit Vasai' movement, which defends small farmers and the environment from wealthy land developers, was started by Francis D'Britto.

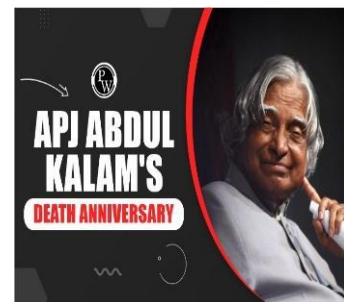
- ❖ In January 2020, Osmanabad (Maharashtra) hosted the 93rd All India Marathi Literary Conference, which he presided over as president.
- ❖ In addition, he had served as editor of the Suvarta community journal.
- ❖ For his translation of "Bible: The New Testament (English) Religious Text" into Marathi, "Subodh Bible-Naya Karar," he was awarded the 2013 Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize.
- ❖ With this, he surpassed Father Thomas Stephens (1549–1619), a British missionary from the 17th century, as the second person to translate the Bible into Marathi. Father Stephen wrote the epic poem "Krista Purana," which is a combination of Konkani and Marathi and describes the life of Jesus.
- ❖ In 2013, he was also granted the best translation literary award by the Maharashtra government.
- ❖ It was for his literary work that he received the Dnyanoba-Tukaram Puraskar. When the prize was established in 2007, the Catholic priest was the first to receive it.

Important Day

APJ Abdul Kalam's Death Anniversary,
Missile Man of India – 27 July

About News:

- ❖ APJ Abdul Kalam's Death Anniversary is a noteworthy occasion that is being remembered to now date, it allows people to reflect on the life and legacy of one of India's most respected scientists and leaders. Abdul Kalam sir often referred to as the Missile Man of India, Dr. Kalam's contribution to the field of science, technology, and education has left an unforgettable mark on the nation.



- ❖ Let us observe Abdul Kalam's 9th death anniversary, it is necessary to remember the vision and values, Kalam sir stood for.

APJ Abdul Kalam Early Life and Contributions

- ❖ The journey of APJ Abdul Kalam's sir is truly inspiring for future generations, from a small-town poor boy to becoming the President of India. Dr. Kalam's commendable work in India's space and missile program earned him the title of **Missile Man of India**. His invaluable contribution towards the ballistic missile technology program and launch vehicle technology program were crucial for India's defence and space mission capabilities.

APJ Abdul Kalam Education and Career Beginnings

- ❖ Dr. Kalam completed his studies and joined the Aeronautical Development Establishment of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Due to a diligent and focused approach, he was transferred to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), where he was assigned as the project director of India's first Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-III). Under the leadership of Kalam's SLV-III

successfully deployed the Rohini satellite into orbit in 1980.

APJ Abdul Kalam Achievements and Legacy

- ❖ Dr. Kalam has many achievements and it spans across different fields. As a scientist, he played a crucial role in the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998, which provided nuclear power to India. He also led the project on the development of the Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-III), which successfully deployed the Rohini satellite in orbit.
- ❖ Dr. Abdul Kalam sir was the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007, He was greatly known for his humility and dedication to India's development. Based on love from people for Kalam sir he was given the title of "People's President" for his approachable and kind nature and his efforts to reach out and motivate the youth of the country.



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