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National Legal Metrology Portal (eMaap)

The Department of Consumer Affairs is developing the National Legal Metrology Portal (eMaap) to unify State Legal Metrology systems.



Key Points

- ❖ eMaap will streamline licensing, verification, and compliance processes, eliminating the need for multiple State portal registrations.
- ❖ Currently, enforcement activities and compounding are not online, but eMaap will integrate all functions, including enforcement, into one system.
- ❖ Hybrid meetings have involved industry associations and state representatives to refine the portal.
- ❖ eMaap simplifies procedures, reduces compliance burdens, ensures accuracy in market transactions, and supports data-driven government decisions.

All-India Home Price Index (HPI)

The All-India Home Price Index (HPI) of the Reserve Bank of India rose by 4.34% to 322 as of September 2024 as against 308.6 in September 2023.



Key Points

- ❖ HPI has gone up by nearly 67% in the last ten years.

- ❖ The All-India Home Price Index (HPI) is a measure used to track changes in the prices of residential properties across India.
- ❖ The index provides a comprehensive picture of the housing market by measuring the price changes for residential properties in different cities or regions.
- ❖ All the eight major cities saw an annual increase in housing prices with Delhi NCR witnessing the highest rise at 32%, followed by Bengaluru at 24% rise.

Parliament Passes Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak (Bill) 2024

The Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak 2024 marks a significant reform in India's aviation sector, replacing the Aircraft Act, 1934, which had been amended 21 times.



Key Points

- ❖ The Lok Sabha had passed the bill on August 09, 2024.
- ❖ BVV aims to regulate and control the design, manufacture, maintenance, possession, use, operation, sale, export and import of aircraft and incidental matters.

- ❖ The BVV adds new offences and penalties. Now, violating regulations of carriage in aircraft on any specified articles, flying aircraft in a dangerous manner and failing to comply with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, will be punishable with imprisonment upto 3 years or fine up to Rs. 1 crore.
- ❖ The BVV also adds a second appeal system. Under the Aircraft Act, the Central Government had the power to appoint an officer not below the rank of the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India to adjudicate on penalties.

U.S. approves \$1.17 billion deal for support systems for MH-60R helicopters

The United States has approved a \$1.17 billion sale of advanced equipment for MH-60R Seahawk helicopters to India.



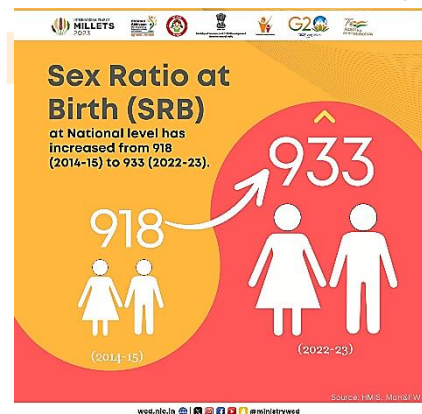
Key Points

- ❖ This is a continuation of the \$2.2 billion contract for 24 MH-60R multi-role helicopters with Lockheed Martin, of which nine have already been inducted into India's armed services.
- ❖ The MH-60R ("Romeo") is a versatile helicopter designed for anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare.

- ❖ It targets both submarines and surface vessels and can operate from both ships and shore-based facilities.
- ❖ The MH-60R is armed with torpedoes, air-to-ground missiles, rockets, Hellfire missiles, and Mark 54 anti-submarine torpedoes.
- ❖ Equipped with advanced sensors, the MH-60R includes a multi-mode radar, electronic support measures, infrared cameras, datalinks, dipping sonar, and sonobuoys.

Performance of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme

The Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) in India improved from 918 in 2014-15 to 930 in 2023-24 under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.



Key Points

- ❖ The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme was launched in 2015 to prevent gender-biased sex-selective practices.
- ❖ The scheme ensures the survival, protection, and education of the girl child.

- ❖ The Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) of girls in secondary education improved from 75% in 2014-15 to 79.4% in 2021-22.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)

- ❖ Launched in 2015 by the Government of India.
- ❖ Focuses on addressing the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and promoting the education of the girl child.

News shorts

- ❖ India's IndiGo Airlines has landed in the bottom tier of the global airline rankings, securing the 103rd position out of 109 in the 2024 AirHelp Score report.
- ❖ India honored with 'Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific 2024': Recognized for exemplary social security initiatives at the Regional Social Security Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

- ❖ The 30th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) began on December 4, 2024, and will run until December 11, with France as the theme country.
- ❖ Adani Defence delivered the second Drishti-10 Starliner UAV to the Indian Navy, boosting maritime surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased the UPI Lite per-transaction limit to ₹1,000 in December 2024.
- ❖ French Prime Minister Michel Barnier's government lost a confidence vote, making him the shortest-serving PM in the history of the French Fifth Republic.
- ❖ Google and the Telangana government have signed an agreement to establish the Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Hyderabad.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. In the AirHelp 2024 Report, which Indian airline was featured among the worst globally?

- A. Air India
- B. Vistara
- C. IndiGo
- D. SpiceJet

Answer- C

2. Which country is the theme country at the 30th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) 2024?

- A. Germany
- B. Japan
- C. France
- D. Italy

Answer- C



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