



IMD's 150th Foundation Day: PM Modi to launch 'Mission Mausam'

- ❖ Established in 1875, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is completing 150 years of service on 15th January 2025.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 14, 2025 will launch 'Mission Mausam', a groundbreaking initiative aimed at making India a weather-ready and climate-smart nation, as part of the celebrations marking the 150th Foundation Day of the India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- ❖ PM Modi will unveil the IMD Vision-2047 document, which outlines a roadmap for weather resilience and climate change adaptation.
- ❖ The plan highlights advancements in weather forecasting, climate change mitigation, and weather management strategies.

Aparna Sen honoured with lifetime achievement award: West Bengal Film Journalists Association (WBFJA)

- ❖ Eminent director Aparna Sen was honoured with the 'Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award' at the annual award ceremony of West Bengal Film Journalists Association (WBFJA) for her contributions to Indian cinema.
- ❖ 'Manik Babur Megh' won Best Bengali Film.
- ❖ Chandan Sen received Best Actor (Male)
- ❖ Srijit Mukherji and Debaloy Bhattacharya jointly won Best Director for 'Badami Haynar Kabale' and 'Padatik.'

NAG MK2 successfully conducted at Pokhran

- ❖ The field evaluation of the indigenously developed third-generation Anti-Tank Fire-and-Forget Guided Missile NAG MK 2 was successfully conducted at Pokhran Field Range in Rajasthan.

- ❖ During the three field trials, the missile systems precisely destroyed all the targets and validated its firing range.
- ❖ The Nag Missile Carrier version-2 was also field evaluated.
- ❖ The entire weapon system is now ready for induction into the Indian Army

DRDO's Multi-Layer Clothing System 'HIMKAVACH' Clears User Trials, Set To Aid Military Operations.

- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has announced that its multi-layer clothing system, HIMKAVACH, has successfully cleared all user trials.
- ❖ This innovative clothing system is specifically designed to operate effectively in extreme temperature ranges from $+20^{\circ}\text{C}$ to -60°C .
- ❖ The clothing system will be very useful in military operations in cold weather conditions along the Himalayan region.

- ❖ This development reflects DRDO's commitment to advancing military technology and improving the safety and effectiveness of soldiers in the field.

Sao Tome and Principe's new PM resigns

- ❖ Prime Minister Ilza Amado Vaz of São Tomé and Príncipe has resigned after her proposed cabinet list was made public before being presented to President Carlos Vila Nova. According to a Presidential decree, this breach prompted her dismissal from office.
- ❖ Amado Vaz, a former Justice Minister, was appointed Prime Minister on January 9, following the President's dissolution of Patrice Trovoada's government on January 6.
- ❖ The President's decision to dissolve the previous Government has fueled political controversy in the West African island nation.

**Nawaf Salam, Lebanon's new Prime
Minister,**

- ❖ Lebanon's President chose Nawaf Salam as Prime Minister after many lawmakers supported him.
- ❖ Salam, the head of the International Court of Justice, is backed by Western countries and Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Hezbollah and its allies opposed the decision and didn't nominate anyone for the role.



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