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PM Modi Inaugurates C-295 Aircraft Facility

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez inaugurated the TATA-Airbus aircraft assembly facility complex in Vadodara.



Key Point

- ❖ The facility will manufacture C-295 aircraft at the TATA Advanced Systems Limited campus.
- ❖ This collaboration between Tata Advanced Systems Ltd. (TASL) and Airbus Spain will mark India's first private sector final assembly line (FAL) for military aircraft, boosting the nation's aerospace capabilities.
- ❖ The plant, located at TASL's Vadodara campus, is part of India's Rs 2.5 billion deal signed in 2021 to acquire 56 C-295 military transport aircraft from Airbus.
- ❖ Under the agreement, Airbus will deliver 16 aircraft directly from Spain, while TASL will manufacture the remaining 40 in India.
- ❖ This project will create a comprehensive ecosystem for aircraft development, covering assembly, testing, certification, and maintenance throughout the aircraft's lifecycle.

Sohrai Painting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted Jharkhand's art to Russian President Vladimir Putin during the recently held BRICS summit in Kazan.



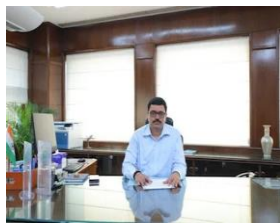
Key Point

- ❖ The Sohrai painting from Hazaribagh district in Jharkhand is a beautiful representation of the region's Indigenous artistic traditions.
- ❖ Sohrai Paintings are recognized as an ODOP, One District One Product item.
- ❖ The paintings are known for their use of natural pigments and simple tools. Artists often use brushes made from twigs, rice straw, or even fingers to create intricate designs.
- ❖ The depiction of animals, birds, and nature reflects the agrarian lifestyle and the reverence for wildlife in tribal culture.
- ❖ During the BRICS summit, Mr Modi gifted exquisite work from Maharashtra to the leaders of Iran and Uzbekistan.
- ❖ He gifted to the President of Iran, a Mother of Pearl Sea Shell Vase, which is a masterpiece of coastal craftsmanship.

- ❖ To the President of Uzbekistan, Prime Minister gifted a Warli Painting also from Maharashtra.
- ❖ It is a tribal art form originating from the Warli tribe primarily located in the Dahanu, Talasari and Palghar regions of the state.

New Chairman of Airports Authority of India

1996 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, **Vipin Kumar** takes over as Chairman of Airports Authority of India.



Key Point

- ❖ During his posting in Bihar, he worked as District Magistrate in many districts of the state.
- ❖ He was also the chairman of Bihar Bridge Construction Corporation;
- ❖ Managing Director of Bihar Milk Cooperative Federation (SUDHA) and Director, Mid-Day Scheme-Bihar.
- ❖ Kumar holds a degree in Electronics & Communication Engineering

About Airports Authority of India(AAI):

- ❖ It is a statutory body under the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Government of India. Aviation,
- ❖ Established: In 1st April 1995.
- ❖ Headquarters: New Delhi

- ❖ Formed by merging the National Airports Authority and the International Airports Authority of India.

Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme

Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan today launched **Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme** in New Delhi during the 20th Formation Day celebration of the National Disaster Management Authority



Key Point

- ❖ The scheme is intended to train community volunteers for disaster preparedness and response.
- ❖ Over two lakh 37 thousand volunteers of the National Cadet Corps, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, National Service Scheme and Bharat Scouts and Guides will be trained under the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme.
- ❖ In July this year, Union Home Minister Amit Shah approved the proposal of the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme at an outlay of over 470

crore rupees from NDRF, which will be implemented in 315 most disaster-prone districts of the country. The scheme is in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi of preparing the community as first responders during any disaster.

About National Disaster Management Authority (NMDA)

- ❖ Parent body: Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ NDMA was established through the Disaster Management Act enacted by the Government of India in 2005.
- ❖ The Prime Minister is the ex-officio chairperson of the NDMA, who chairs a 9-member board.
- ❖ The remainder of the board consists of members nominated based on their expertise in areas such as planning, infrastructure management, communications, meteorology etc.

Bhartiya Antriksh Station

India will have its own Space Station by 2035, which will be known as "Bhartiya Antriksh Station".



Key Point

- ❖ ISRO-DBT MOU: Collaboration between ISRO and DBT to integrate biotechnology with space technology.

- ❖ Key Focus Areas-Microgravity research, space biotechnology, space biomanufacturing, bioastronautics, and space biology.
- ❖ Public-Private Partnership: Significant growth in the space sector due to public-private participation.
- ❖ Space Startups: Nearly 300 space startups contributing to the space economy.

Short News

- ❖ Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs **Manohar Lal** today launched the **Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali** campaign.
- ❖ Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister **Pralhad Joshi** launched the Mobile Application of the FCI Grievance Redressal System (FCI GRS) for rice millers in New Delhi.
- ❖ India's first 'Writer's Village' was inaugurated in Dehradun by former President **Ram Nath Kovind**, alongside Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen **Gurmeet Singh (retd)** and Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami**.
- ❖ India has dispatched the second tranche of assistance, comprising 30 tons of medical supplies including essential life-saving and anti-cancer drugs as humanitarian assistance for the people of Palestine.

- ❖ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the newly constructed passenger terminal building and a cargo gate named 'Maitri Dwar' at the Land Port in Petrapole, on the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal
- ❖ Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, has unveiled a nationwide volunteering initiative titled 'This Diwali with MY Bharat -

Ye Diwali MY Bharat Ke Saath', set to take place from 27th to 30th October 2024.

- ❖ Finance Department sanctioned a 46 percent dearness allowance to government servants by March 14, 2024.
- ❖ Former Indian cricketer VVS Laxman will be the Head Coach of the Senior Men's Cricket Team during their upcoming tour of South Africa.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez inaugurated the TATA-Airbus aircraft assembly facility complex in which of the following places?
 - A. Vadodara , Gujarat
 - B. Surat, Gujarat
 - C. Patna,Bihar
 - D. Bhopal , Madhya Pradesh

Answer -A

2. Which of the following persons is appointed as the new chairman of the Airport Authority of India?
 - A. Pankaj Sharma
 - B. Vipin Kumar
 - C. Rajat Kumar
 - D. Anil Mishra

Answer -B

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