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Summits and Conference

The Ministry of Culture and the Indian Navy sign an MoU to revive the “ancient stitched shipbuilding method (Tankai method)”

- The Ministry of Culture and Indian Navy have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to revive and preserve the 2000-year-old technique of shipbuilding known as the Tankai method.
- The Tankai method is a 2000-year-old technique of shipbuilding. It is also known as ‘stitched shipbuilding method’.
- In this method, the ships are constructed by stitching wooden planks together rather than using nails.
- This method offers flexibility and durability to ships making them less susceptible to damage from shoals and sandbars.

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to inaugurate two-day National Conference of Rural WASH Partners Forum

- He will address the stakeholders from Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector to deliberate on the progress made and the way ahead to support the expeditious implementation of the Jal Jeevan and Swachh Bharat Mission.
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti said, under the theme of "Accelerating Progress towards a Swachh Sujal Bharat", the Conference will provide a forum for partners to share their experiences, learn from each other, and identify new ways to collaborate across the WASH sector.
- The Rural WASH Partners' Forum (RWPF) is a leading platform for development partners and sector partners working in the rural WASH sector in India.

Defence

An indigenous satellite tracking system for the Indian Air Force

- The maintenance wing of the Indian Air Force has indigenously developed a satellite-based real-time flight tracking system to obtain information about the location of aircraft.
- The Base Repair Depot (PRD) under the control of the maintenance wing of the Indian Air Force has developed this aircraft tracking system internally to get the information about the location of the Indian Air Force aircraft within 30 seconds.
- This monitoring system is satellite based
- The flight path can be easily tracked and tracked.

Air Marshal Vibash Pandey, Chief of Maintenance Wing, Indian Air Force

Awards & Honours

A 7-year-old Indian-origin girl has won the UK Prime Minister’s “Points of Light” award

- Seven-year-old Indian-origin girl Moksha Roy of London has been awarded the UK Prime Minister’s “Points of Light” award for her UN General Assembly sustainability efforts against “Microplastic Pollution” at the age of three.



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- It is notable that he received this prestigious award from British Deputy Prime Minister Oliver Dowden last week as “The World’s Youngest Sustainability Lawyer”.

Sports news

Team India has won the bronze medal in the 2023 Asian Surfing Championship.

- India’s surfing team won the bronze medal at the 18-nations Asian Surfing Championship 2023 held at Thulusdhoo Island in the Maldives.
- The Surfing Federation of India fielded a team of nearly 4 senior surfers in the men’s category and 2 surfers in the under-18 category for the championships
- The best thing about this is that 5 out of 6 surfers are from Tamil Nadu.



Silver medal for India in mixed team skeet in ISSF World Junior Championships.

- Team India finished 2nd in the medal table after winning a silver medal in the Shooting event on Day 4 of the ISSF Youth World Championships in Changwon, Korea on July 19.
- The Indian pair of Sanjana Sood and Harmehar Singh Lally won the silver medal in the mixed team skeet category with a score of 26-24 for India.



FIFA rankings announced, India ranked 99th in the latest rankings

- In the latest FIFA Men's World Rankings update, India is ranked 99th in international football.
- The Indian team known as the Blue Tigers recently achieved remarkable victories,
- Clinched both the Intercontinental Cup and the SAFF Championship. Their excellent performance led them to move up one place in the rankings.

In the latest FIFA rankings, Argentina continues to hold the top spot, followed by France and Brazil in second and third place, respectively.

The 9th edition of the Women's World Cup football tournament kicked off in New Zealand on Thursday with a bang.

- A successful start was held at the Aussie Stadium in Auckland, New Zealand.
- New Zealand beat Norway 1-0 in the first match and Australia's fans opened the tournament by beating Ireland in the 2nd match in Sydney.
- For Tribals...: The opening ceremony highlighted the tribal people of the World Cup co-hosts New Zealand and Australia.
- The official balls used in the World Cup match are awarded to each participating team.
- Also, the video recording of the 32 countries participating in the tournament was screened and introduced on a grand scale. Art





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- Dancers participating in the programs wore jerseys of 32 teams.
- New Zealand won their first against Norway 1-0. Hannah Wilkinson scored for the team in the 48th minute.
- This is the first time in the history of the World Cup that a tournament has been won.
- Finally, the opening ceremony concluded with a minute's silence for the victims of Thursday morning's shooting in Auckland.

Geography and Environment

Earthquake in Indonesia

- 85 km from Sanana City, North Maluku Province. The earthquake occurred at 12.31 pm (local time) on Thursday, in the North East Sea.
 - 10 km. This deep earthquake registered 5.1 units on the Richter scale.
- The Indonesian archipelago of 27 million people lies on the so-called 'Ring of Fire' where tectonic plates collide;
 - This causes frequent earthquakes.
 - It is worth recalling that about 2.3 lakh people from India and other countries died in the tsunami that followed the powerful earthquake that occurred there in 2004.

Science and Technology

'Chandrayaan-3' on Earth's 4th orbit

- The Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft, which was sent to probe the South Pole of the Moon, successfully entered its fourth orbit yesterday (Thursday).
 - ISRO scientists have said that if the subsequent stages are successful, the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft will be sent into the Moon's gravitational pull on August 1 as planned.
- The Chandrayaan-3 project was designed at a cost of Rs 615 crore to carry out various exploration activities by landing on the surface of the moon.
 - Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft was launched on the 14th by LVM-3 rocket carrying heavy satellites.
 - The next day, Chandrayaan-3 was pushed into the first phase of Earth orbit, i.e., 173 km closest and 41,762 km long orbit.
 - Last Monday (July 17), the second circuit, a short distance of 226 km, was driven into the long-distance section of 41,603 km.
 - It was successfully launched into the third circuit on the 18th (Tuesday) and successfully into the fourth circuit today (Sunday). The ISRO Control Center in Bangalore informed this information.
 - With a total of 5 stages, ISRO has also said that it will enter the 5th orbit on July 25 at 2-3 pm.

National Current Affairs

India to host ASEAN Countries Conference on Traditional Medicines in New Delhi

- The India-ASEAN conference is being held after almost a decade, and 10 ASEAN countries including Cambodia, and Vietnam will participate in it.
- The Conference aims to strengthen the platform between India and ASEAN countries to share their best practices and draw a roadmap for future cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicines.
- AYUSH has unprecedented potential for expansion of 'Act East Policy' in traditional systems of medicine.



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- The Ayush sector has grown multi-fold in the last nine years since 2014 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi elevated the then Department of Ayush under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to an independent Ministry of Ayush.
- The Ministry is engaged with many top class International organizations from UK, US, Japan, Brazil, and Germany as well as National organizations like CSIR, DST, DBT, and IITs to undertake high quality research on Ayush systems in various Non Communicable disease conditions like Diabetes Mellitus, Cancer, Mental Health as well as infectious diseases like COVID.
- The ASEAN conference will provide a platform to share the research outcomes of various projects implemented by the Ministry of AYUSH.

President Droupadi Murmu to inaugurate two-day Festival of Libraries 2023 in New Delhi

- A two-day Festival of Libraries 2023 will be organised at Pragati Maidan on 5th of next month.
- President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the festival.
- Briefing media in New Delhi, Union Minister of State for Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal said the festival will focus on the promotion of both physical and digital libraries.
- He said the importance of the physical library will always remain. He said development of libraries is the priority of the government.
- This festival is a part of the second phase of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and is in line with the Prime Minister's vision to foster the development and digitization of libraries and cultivate a culture of reading in India.

State current affairs

Gujarat to get country's 1st 'Satellite Network Portal Site'

- Gujarat will get the country's first 'Satellite Network Portal Site'.
- An MoU was signed between OneWeb and the state government in Gandhinagar 19 July 2023 for the establishment of the 'Satellite Network Portal Site' near Mehsana.
- AIR correspondent reports that the satellite network portal will be set up at two places in Jotana taluka of Mehsana district with an estimated cost of over Rs. 100 crores for Phase-1.
- This project under Digital India, aims to provide affordable, secure and high speed internet access to villages, district panchayats, local administrative bodies, government departments, and other entities throughout the country.
- It is also expected to create approximately 500 direct and indirect employment opportunities in the state.