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❖ **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society renamed as Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society**

- The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society (NMML) in New Delhi has been officially renamed as the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society.
- A decision in this regard was taken during a special meeting of the NMML Society presided over by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is its Vice-President.
- The idea of setting up a museum dedicated to all the prime ministers of India at the Teen Murti complex in New Delhi was initially proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2016.
- The NMML Executive Council approved the construction of the museum within Teen Murti Estate, and the project was completed.
- The museum, which was opened to the public in April 2022, presents a comprehensive portrayal of the Prime Ministers' contribution to the nation.
- About Nehru Memorial Museum and Library:
 - It was established in 1964 in the memory of Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964).
 - It is an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

❖ **Ashwinder R Singh launched the book "Master Residential Real Estate"**

- Real estate expert, Ashwinder Singh launched a book titled "Master Residential Real Estate".
- The book, "Master Residential Real Estate," serves as a comprehensive guide to the real estate industry.

- The book covers a wide range of topics related to residential real estate.
- Ashvinder Singh provides valuable insight into the current state of the real estate market.
- "Master Residential Real Estate" aims to empower readers with practical knowledge and advice.

❖ **AP's Pootharekulu sweet gets GI tag**

- Atreyapuram's Pootharekulu, a wafer-stuffed sweet, has received the geographical indication (GI) tag.
- Pootharekulu, also known as 'paper sweet', has been in vogue for about 300 years.
- It was first made three centuries ago at Atreyapuram, a tiny village in Konaseema district. Its popularity is so widespread that the village is identified by Pootharekulu.
- It is stuffed with dry fruits, nuts, jaggery or sugar in attenuated rice starch/gram flour layer resembling a smooth, butter paper.

❖ **BIMSTEC to adopt Bangkok Vision 2030**

- According to the Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) summit end of this year will adopt a Bangkok Vision 2030.
- Thailand presented “BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030” aiming to build a Prosperous, Resilient, and Open (PRO) BIMSTEC by 2030.
- The Vision sets a clear direction and priorities as well as a goal for BIMSTEC collaboration to tackle challenges and seize opportunities for the coming decade.
- The document aims to further promote BIMSTEC as a region of peace, stability, and economic sustainability.
- The goals found in the vision are also in line with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals and Thailand’s bio-circular-green economic model.

- BIMSTEC is a regional organization that was established on 06 June 1997 with the signing of the Bangkok Declaration.
- Member countries: Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal
- The Chairmanship of BIMSTEC rotates according to the alphabetical order of the English names of the Member States.

❖ **Glenda Jackson: Oscar-winning actress and former MP dies aged 87**

- Glenda Jackson, the feisty two-time Oscar-winning actress who notably quit acting to join the UK parliament, has passed away from an undisclosed ailment. She was 87.
- Born on May 9, 1936, in Birkenhead, Jackson cut her teeth at the legendary Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London.
- First appearing in the 1966 Royal Shakespeare Company production of “Marat/Sade,” the dramatist went on to become a veritable icon on the stage.
- She notably garnered a whopping five Laurence Olivier Award nominations for her work in such productions as 1979’s “Antony and Cleopatra,” and most recently, “King Lear” in 2017.

❖ **Global Wind Day**

- Every year on June 15th, people worldwide unite to celebrate World Wind Day.
- This is a significant event that highlights the immense potential and importance of wind energy in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable energy solutions.
- In India, these celebrations were initiated by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.
- As a part of the celebrations, a day-long program was organized in New Delhi.
- The event discussed the success, progress and potential of wind energy in India.
- Theme of celebration in India was ‘Pawan – Urja: Powering the Future of India’.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has set a target of 500 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030.

❖ **Dugdh Sankalan Sathi Mobile App**

- Union Minister of Heavy Industries Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey unveiled the "Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App" at Mussorie, Uttarakhand.
- This innovative application has been developed by Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL), located in Jaipur.
- REIL is a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Heavy Industries and holds the prestigious "Mini Ratna" status.
- The primary objective of the app is to enhance milk quality, promote transparency among stakeholders, and streamline operations at the village level, particularly within Milk Cooperative Societies.
- Real-time milk price updates from cloud servers, ensuring transparency and eliminating human errors.
- Direct transfer of milk payment and government subsidy to the bank accounts of beneficiary milk producers through the app.

❖ **NITI Aayog, UN join hands to accelerate sustainable development in India**

- NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027 in New Delhi.
- The Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (GoI-UNSDCF) for the period 2023-2027 was signed by CEO of NITI Aayog, B V R Subrahmanyam, and UN Resident Coordinator India, Shombi Sharp.
- The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Suman Bery, senior representatives from NITI Aayog, central ministries, and heads of UN agencies in India.
- The GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 represents the collective commitment of the UN development system to support the Government of India in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while promoting gender equality, youth empowerment, and human rights.

➤ It aligns with the national vision for development and aims to contribute to the country's progress.

❖ **First Over Dimensional Cargo for Numaligarh Refinery received by Sarbananda Sonowal**

➤ Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal received the first over dimensional cargo (ODC) transported via waterways at Numaligarh Refinery jetty, Assam.

➤ The ODC was transported by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) vessel MV Marine 66 from Kolkata to Numaligarh Refinery Jetty via Indo Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBPR).

➤ The Diesel Hydrotreating (DHT) reactor had a net weight of 485 MT, while the gross weight was 521 MT.

➤ The length of this reactor is 31.5 m while the height is 8.250 m and the diameter is 8.00 m.

➤ This is the first consignment transported by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), the nodal agency in charge of inland waterways in the country, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, to augment the capacity of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) from 3 MMT to 9 MMT.

➤ The MoU for transportation of Over Weight Cargo (OWC) with a total of 24 ODCs for NRL was signed between IWAI and NRL last year.

❖ **Saturn's moon Enceladus**

➤ A new study reported that phosphorus, a key chemical element for many biological processes, has been found in icy grains emitted by Enceladus, the small moon of Saturn.

➤ NASA's Cassini space probe, which has been studying Saturn and its moons for 13 years, has made a significant discovery.

➤ This finding is significant because the concentrations of phosphates in Enceladus' ocean waters were found to be at least 100 times higher than those in Earth's oceans.

➤ This discovery suggests that the ocean on Enceladus could potentially support life and meets the strict requirements for life as we understand it.

❖ **New Species of Sea Lettuce**

➤ Researchers discover 20 New Species of Sea Lettuce in the Baltic Sea Region.

➤ Belonging to the genus *Ulva*, sea lettuce is a prominent species of green macroalgae, scattered widely across the vast Baltic Sea region, stretching from the Atlantic waters to the Bay of Bothnia in the Baltic Sea.

➤ Owing to its rapid growth and easy reproduction, sea lettuce has piqued the interest of the growing aquaculture industry.

➤ Research is ongoing both in Sweden and abroad for utilizing sea lettuce in the food industry and for different biochemical applications.

❖ **Skill Impact Bond initiative**

➤ Under the Skill Impact Bond (SIB) initiative, nearly 18,000 first-time job seekers have been skilled, with 72% of them being women.

➤ The Skill Impact Bond (SIB) is India's first development impact bond for skilling and employment.

➤ Launched by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in collaboration with global partners.

➤ Aim: To benefit 50,000 young Indians (over 4 years), with a focus on empowering women (60% of beneficiaries).

➤ It is a public-private partnership (PPP) model that emphasizes providing employment opportunities to trainees rather than just issuing training certificates.

➤ A development impact bond is a financial tool that leverages private-sector funding to address social and development challenges.