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❖ Federal Bank Launched 'Mookkannoor Mission' Initiative

- The Federal Bank inaugurated the 'Mookkannoor Mission', an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, on the 106th birth anniversary of its Founder KP Hormis.
- Mookkannoor, a village in Ernakulam district, is the birthplace of the Founder.
- The programme named "Mookkannoor Mission" was launched by Shyam Srinivasan, MD & CEO at Sacred Heart English Medium School, Mookkannoor.
- The Bank adopted a comprehensive plan of digitizing the entire village as well as a cleanliness drive that includes waste management, tree plantation, community development, etc that will be implemented in stages.

❖ CCI approves IDFC merger plan with IDFC First Bank

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) gave its approval for the merger plan of IDFC with IDFC First Bank.
- The announcement was made by the company in an official filing to the stock exchanges.
- Aim: To create an institution with diversified public and institutional shareholders, like other large private sector banks, with no promoter holding.

- These include clearances from the Stock Exchanges, Securities and Exchange Board of India, Reserve Bank of India, and National Company Law Tribunal.
- This development marks a crucial step in the merger process, and the companies involved will now move forward in securing the required clearances and fulfilling all the necessary legal formalities.

❖ **World Statistics Day - 20th October 2023**

- The third World Statistics Day will be celebrated around the globe on 20 October 2020.
- **Aim:** To provide an opportunity for statisticians, government organizations, policymakers, and other agencies to promote the values of high-quality data and statistics in the current data-driven world.
- Theme 2023 is '**Connecting the world with data we can trust**', reflecting the importance of trust, authoritative data, innovation, and the public good in national statistical systems.

❖ **Raghubar Das appointed Governor of Odisha**

- Former Jharkhand Chief Minister, Raghubar Das has been appointed as the Governor of Odisha.
- He will succeed Ganeshi Lal as the new governor of Odisha.
- He is currently a national vice-president of the BJP.
- The political journey of Raghubar Das began during his college days when he actively participated in the Jayprakash Narayan-led movement.

➤ He faced arrests and imprisonment during the movement and later joined the Janata Party in 1977.

❖ **Karthikeyan Murali beats World number One Magnus Carlsen**

➤ In Qatar Masters, the 24-year-old Indian chess grandmaster, Karthikeyan Murali, became the third Indian player to beat the world's number one player, Magnus Carlsen in classical chess.

➤ Karthikeyan Murali is the third Indian after Harikrishna and Viswanathan Anand to have beaten Carlsen.

➤ Karthikeyan's win occurred in the seventh round of the tournament, where he skillfully wielded the black pieces.

➤ With this significant triumph, he joined the ranks of other leading players such as SL Narayan, Javokhir Sindarov, David Paravyan, Arjun Erigaisi, and Nodirbek Yakubboev, all of whom held a remarkable score of 5.5 out of 7.

❖ **PM launches 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras**

➤ PM Narendra Modi launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras in Maharashtra.

➤ Established across 34 rural districts of Maharashtra, these Kendras will conduct skill development training programs across various sectors to provide employment opportunities to rural youth

➤ Aim: To provide training in soft skills such as basic foreign language skills, using AI tools for language interpretation which will make them more attractive for the recruiters.

➤ The Prime Minister also emphasized the need to provide training in soft skills such as basic foreign language skills, using AI tools for language interpretation which will make them more attractive for the recruiters.

➤ Under the Kaushal Vikas Scheme, the Prime Minister informed that more than 1 crore 30 lakh youth have been provided training under multiple traits, while more than hundreds of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras have been established all over the country.

❖ **ICAI receives UN Award for its contribution to sustainability reporting**

➤ The CA Institute has bagged a prestigious UN Award for its contribution to sustainability reporting.

➤ The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India's (ICAI) sustainability initiatives received the highest score amongst 70 initiatives received from around the world.

➤ ICAI for its initiative Sustainability Reporting Standards Board (SRSB) has been awarded the ISAR Honours 2023 by the UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) working group on International Standards for Accounting and Reporting (ISAR).

➤ UNCTAD announced the winners of the sixth edition of ISAR Honours during the 8th World Investment Forum at Abu Dhabi.

➤ ICAI's efforts aim to promote sustainable practices in India and align with international standards.

❖ One of the Best Tourism Villages - Dhordo village

- Dhordo village in Kutch district of Gujarat has gained global recognition as one of the Best Tourism Villages awarded by the United Nations World Tourism Organization.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the Dhordo village for its achievement.
- He is thrilled to see Dhordo in Kutch being celebrated for its rich cultural heritage and natural beauty.
- This honour not only showcases the potential of Indian tourism but also the dedication of the people of Kutch in particular.
- He hoped that Dhordo continue to shine and attract visitors from around the world.

❖ Jagan Mohan Rao elected as HCA president

- A Jagan Mohan Rao of the United Members of HCA panel has won the president post of the Hyderabad Cricket Association.
- Jagan Mohan won the post by one vote after securing 63 to his name while Amarnath got 62 votes.
- The other candidates for the president's post Anil Kumar and PL Srinivas got 34 and 10 respectively.
- Daljit Singh of the Good Governance panel won the vice-president post while Devaraj of the Cricket First panel won the secretary post.

➤ Basava Raju (Good Governance panel) was elected as the joint secretary, CJ Srinivas Rao (United Members of HCA panel) as treasurer and Sunil Agarwal (Cricket First panel) as councillor.

❖ **Yohan Poonawalla named ‘Collector Of The Year 2023’**

➤ Yohan Poonawalla was named the ‘Collector Of The Year 2023’ at the Geneva International Motor Show Qatar recently.

➤ Yohan showcased seven historic cars from his collection, including the ‘Star Car of the Show’ - a Rolls-Royce Phantom V7-Passenger Limousine by James Young chassis 5LCG25.

➤ The ‘Qatari Phantom’, which originally belonged to the first president and founding father of modern Qatar, Sheikh Ahmed Bin Ali Al Thani, was unveiled in Doha for the first time after its restoration.

❖ **West Bengal Governor Presents ‘Durga Bharat Samman’ Awards**

➤ Hindustani classical vocalist and composer Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty has been conferred with the prestigious ‘Durga Bharat Samman’ by the Governor of West Bengal, C V Ananda Bose.

➤ The award, a testament to his remarkable contributions to the world of music, is a recognition of his invaluable role in preserving and promoting the rich heritage of Indian classical music.

➤ Bose also conferred the award, in its first edition, on the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its recent successful ‘Chandrayaan’ mission, besides the Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE).

➤ The 'Durga Bharat Samman' awards reflect a celebration of excellence across diverse domains, from the enchanting world of classical music to the heights of educational institutions, space exploration, and maritime engineering.

❖ **Mid Planning Conference for Multilateral Naval Exercise (MILAN)-24**

➤ The Mid Planning Conference (MPC) of MILAN 24 (Multilateral Naval Exercise – 2024) organized by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam from 19 to 27 February 2024 was conducted by the Eastern Naval Command (ENC).

➤ During the MPC, representatives of the invited countries were briefed about the events planned during the port phase and sea phase.

➤ Scheduled in Visakhapatnam from 19 to 27 February 2024, MILAN 24 is likely to have the largest participation ever, with over 50 countries invited.

➤ The port phase of MILAN 24 will include International Maritime Seminar, City Parade at RK Beach, Swavalamban Exhibition, Subject Matter Expert Exchange and Young Officers Meet.

➤ MILAN 22 was held in and outside Visakhapatnam from 25 February to 4 March 2022 and was participated by 39 countries.

➤ The flagship event, MILAN is a biennial multilateral naval exercise, initiated by the Indian Navy in 1995.

➤ Originally the MILAN exercise was conceived in line with India's 'Look East Policy' and then the emphasis is being laid on the 'Act East Policy' of the Government of India.