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❖ **Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 starts in Ahmedabad**

- The first ever Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 kicked off at Science City in Ahmedabad.
- The High-level delegations from about 10 countries, delegates from International Organizations, Fisheries Associations were present at the inaugural session.
- The conference is being organized by the Department of Fisheries Government of India.
- The Dhol fish was declared as State fish of Gujarat.
- It is also known as Black Spotted Croaker Fish in many parts of the world.
- **About Gujarat:**
- **Capital:** Gandhinagar
- **Chief Minister:** Bhupendrabhai Patel
- **Governor:** Acharya Devvrat

❖ **President inaugurates L&T Skill Training Hub in Odisha's Mayurbhanj**

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the L&T Skill Training Hub at her hometown Pahadpur, Mayurbhanj in Odisha.
- The historic event was also graced by Meena Subrahmanyam, President of Prayas Trust - an L&T-funded non-profit organisation, along with senior officials of L&T and the Odisha-based non-profit SLS Trust.

➤ L&T, in collaboration with SLS Trust, has established the Skill Training Hub across a land parcel of five acres.

➤ The state-of-the-art facility was completed in a remarkable five-month timeframe and aims at providing underprivileged youth in the region with training in construction skills, thus enabling them to become self-reliant.

➤ **About Odisha:**

➤ **Capital:** Bhubaneswar

➤ **Chief Minister:** Naveen Patnaik

➤ **Governor:** Raghubar Das

❖ **Founder of Sankara Netralaya Dr.S.S Badrinath passes away**

➤ The founder of Sankara Netralaya Dr.S.S Badrinath (83 years) passed away in Chennai due to illness.

➤ He founded the Sankara Netralaya as a unit of the Medical Research Foundation in 1978.

➤ He was a recipient of the Padma Shri in 1983 and Padma Bhushan in 1999.

❖ **EPFO added 17.21 lakh net members during September**

➤ Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has added 17.21 lakh net members during September.

➤ This is an increase of 21 thousand 475 net members over the previous month of August.

➤ EPFO's provisional payroll data released that around 8.92 lakh members have enrolled during September.

➤ Out of this, around 2.26 lakh are new female members.

➤ The age group of 18 to 25 years constitutes 58.92 percent of total new members added during the month.

➤ Payroll data shows that approximately 11.93 lakh members exited but rejoined EPFO.

❖ **7th edition of Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS)**

➤ The 7th edition of the two-day Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) that kicks off with business leaders from more than 25 countries.

➤ A host of prominent figures of corporate India as well as political dignitaries are attending the event.

➤ Alex Ellis, British High Commissioner to India, is leading a 55 strong delegation of senior figures from a wide range of business institutions which will be the biggest ever UK delegation in the summit.

❖ **54th International Film Festival of India begins in Goa**

➤ The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) began in Goa. The opening ceremony was held at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Bambolim.

➤ Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the 9-day event.

➤ The opening movie of this year's IFFI was British film 'Catching Dust'.

➤ This year's IFFI has received 2926 entries from 105 countries, which is three times more international submissions than last year.

➤ 13 World Premieres, 18 International Premieres, 62 Asia Premieres and 89 India Premieres will be screened during the festival.

➤ Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to legendary Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas at the closing ceremony of 36 IFFI on 28th of this month.

❖ Kerala's Responsible Tourism Mission makes it to UNWTO list

- Kerala's widely-recognised Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission has achieved global recognition by earning a coveted spot on the United Nations World Tourism Organisation's (UNWTO) prestigious list of case studies.
- This accolade further highlights the state's innovative approach towards grassroots development while championing tourism aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Kerala's strategy involved leveraging local resources and products to bolster RT destinations, effectively aligning with and contributing to the realization of the SDGs.
- Kerala's RT Mission earned the place among seven G20 countries with Maharashtra being the only other Indian state to figure in the list for its Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve project.

❖ India-USA Joint Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR Commences in Umroi, Meghalaya

- 14th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise “VAJRA PRAHAR 2023” commenced at the Joint Training Node, Umroi.
- The US contingent is represented by personnel from the 1st Special Forces Group (SFG) of US Special Forces. The Indian Army contingent is led by Special Forces personnel from the Eastern Command.
- Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR is a joint exercise conducted between Indian Army and US Army Special Forces.
- It aims at sharing best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics.

➤ The first edition was conducted in the year 2010 in India and the 13th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise was conducted at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh (HP).

➤ Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR has evolved as a mechanism to exchange ideas and share best practices between the Special Forces of both the nations.

❖ **Delhi's Khan Market world's 22nd priciest high street retail location.**

➤ Real estate consultant Cushman & Wakefield released its report, 'Main Streets Across the World' that examines prime retail rental rates in key cities globally.

➤ Khan Market is the 22nd most expensive retail high street location in the world with an annual rent of \$217 per square feet, according to Cushman & Wakefield. It ranked 21st last year.

➤ New York's Fifth Avenue retains its top ranking as the world's most expensive retail destination.

➤ Milan's Via Montenapoleone jumped a spot into the second place, displacing Hong Kong's Tsim Sha Tsui, which slipped to the third position.

➤ New bondstreet in London and the Avenues des Champs Elysees in Paris retained the fourth and fifth positions respectively.

❖ **Govt cancels bid for appointing asset valuer for IDBI Bank**

➤ The government cancelled the bid process for the appointment of an asset valuer for strategic sale-bound IDBI Bank on low bidder interest.

➤ A fresh Request For Proposal (RFP) would be invited soon after a review of some of the bid criteria to enable better interest from bidders.

➤ It has been decided with the approval of the competent authority to cancel the present RFP and to issue a fresh RFP for selection of an asset valuer for strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank Ltd.

➤ A corrigendum issued by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM).

➤ **Aim:** To attract broader participation by reviewing and adjusting some of the bid criteria.

❖ Ekta Kapoor honoured with prestigious Directorate award at International Emmys

➤ Producer Ekta Kapoor has been honoured with the prestigious International Directorate Award at the 51st International Emmy Awards ceremony in New York.

➤ The award was presented by the renowned author and new age leader, Deepak Chopra, at the ceremony held in New York.

➤ At the International Emmys while Jim Sarbh (Rocket Boys) and Shefali Shah (Delhi Crime 2) lost in their respective categories, Vir Das clinched a win for his stand-up Landing.

➤ Ekta has become the first Indian woman filmmaker to receive the honour.