

National News

The Union Education Minister has launched a new training program for all teachers in the country for UGC.

- **Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated the **University Grants Commission (UGC) Malaviya Mission**, a special induction training program for new teachers on September 05, 2023 at the Kaushal Bhavan campus in the national capital, **New Delhi**.
- It is notable that this initiative has been developed in collaboration with the **University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Union Ministry of Education**. The project is designed to improve the capacity of teachers in colleges and higher education institutions and to develop new skill sets.

The Union Tourism Minister launched the G20 Tourism Mechanism and SDG Portal.

- **The Union Ministry of Tourism** in collaboration with the **United Nations World Tourism Organization** has launched a **Portal(Dashboard)** on **Tourism Regulation Guidelines and Sustainable Development Goals** for the G20 on September 05.
- This organization was initiated by **Union Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy** and it will be a hub for global cooperation and global cultural exchange in the field of global tourism, said the Union Minister.

The Union Minister inaugurated the Conference on “Emerging Trends in Medical Practice”.

- **Union Minister for Personnel, Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh** has launched a chapter of **Association of Indian Physicians (API) for AFMC organization** on September 05 2023 and at the same time launched **API-AFMS a conference named Emerging Trends in Clinical Practice for Continuing Medical Education (CME)**.
- The Union Minister has mentioned that this conference is being held with the objective of **providing excellent services** to the soldiers of the **three forces** and their **families** and to the **general public** and to **promote biotechnology**.

The DBT Organization has signed an MoU with the Armed Forces Medical Organization for research collaboration in biomedical sciences.

- **The Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** under the **Ministry of Science and Technology**, Government of India has recently entered into an MoU with the **Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) of the Ministry of Defence**.
- The MoU aims to create research collaborations in **Bio-Technology** and **Bio-Sciences** and to enhance and strengthen its scientific collaboration through **faculty exchange programmes**.

India Post and Shiprocket have entered into an MoU to develop the e-commerce export ecosystem.

- As part of its ongoing efforts to create and enhance the **export environment for e-commerce** in the country, the **Central Department of Posts** has entered into an MoU with one of the leading e-commerce enablement platforms, **Bigfoot Retail Solutions (Shiprocket)**.
- The MoU aims to enhance the **country's e-commerce exports** by creating and leveraging India Postal Department's comprehensive presence and **reliable shipping solutions**.

The world's tallest 28-foot Nataraja statue has been installed at the G20 campus.

- A **28-foot tall statue** of **Nataraja** has recently been installed at the **famous Bharat Mandapam** complex in the national capital, **New Delhi**, where the G20 Summit will be held. It is notable that it **weighs almost 19 tons**.
- It is also reported to have been crafted using the ancient **"lost wax technique"** of metal casting. The statue is said to be intended to symbolize the cosmic power of Shiva, the god of **creation and destruction**.

The central government has launched a central sector scheme called SVAMITVA.

- In September 2023, the central government launched a central sector initiative called **Survey and Mapping of Villages with Enhanced Technology in Rural India (SVAMITVA)** to bring financial empowerment to citizens in rural India by using their **small and large-scale assets** as a **financial asset** for **borrowing**.
- It is to be noted that this scheme has been launched with the aim of making it easier for eligible people to apply for various services like **loans, credits** and **financial benefits** from the **Government of India** by **providing asset cards**.

Amazon India has signed an agreement to create employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

- The economic and management teams at **Amazon** have entered into MoUs with the state governments of **Maharashtra, Haryana, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu** and **Karnataka** to provide skills and employment opportunities to persons with disabilities at the required company operational sites.
- It is notable that these MoUs are aimed at enabling Amazon to implement infrastructural changes in its operational network and to enhance the **skills of PWDs** and provide **necessary assistance** in finding role fit.

The Department of Biotechnology, Union Ministry of Science and AFMS have entered into an MoU.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into on September 05, 2023 between the **Department of Biotechnology, Science and Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)**, and the **Ministry of Technology** to develop scientific research collaboration and enhance its collaboration.
- It is significant that this agreement has been entered into in the presence of union minister **Jitendra Singh** and with the main objective of promoting and **strengthening the country's scientific cooperation through faculty exchange events**.

Financial services provider Hitachi has launched 'India's first' UPI-ATM.

- Merchant payments and cash solutions provider **Hitachi Financial Services** has partnered with the Government of India's **National Payments Corporation (NPCI)** to launch the **country's first White Label UPI-ATM(WLA) In Mumbai**.
- Hitachi said the system aims to significantly **improve customer security** by eliminating the need for **bank cards**.

International news**Papua New Guinea is the fifth country to open a foreign embassy in Jerusalem.**

- **The Government of Papua New Guinea** officially opened its embassy in **Jerusalem**, the capital of **Israel**, on September 05, 2023. This marks Israel as the **fifth country** to establish a foreign embassy in Jerusalem.
- **Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu** said that it has **become the first country in the Asia-Pacific region** to open an embassy in the country's capital, **Jerusalem**.

State news**Country's first solar city opens in Sanchi**

- **Sanchi, the country's first solar city** in the state of **Madhya Pradesh**, was inaugurated by **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** on September 06, 2023.
- **Sanchi Solar City** is designed to reduce **carbon dioxide emissions** of nearly **13,747 tonnes** annually. It is notable that this practice equates to over **2 lakh trees grown**. In addition, the government and **citizens' energy-related expenses** will save more than **7 crore rupees** per year, according to Shivraj Singh.

Appointments

Ashish Shah appointed as the new CEO of Pepperfry.

- Following the untimely death of former **CEO Ambareesh Murty**, **Pepperfry** has appointed **co-founder Ashish Shah** as its **new CEO**, according to its latest announcement.
- Notably, **Shah**, who co-founded the company with **Murty in 2012**, held the position of **COO** of the company before taking up this new role.

Sundar Gupta takes charge as Principal Chief Operating Manager of Central Railway.

- **Shyam Sunder Gupta** has taken charge as **Principal Chief Operating Manager** of **Central Railway Division, Pune, Maharashtra** on September 05, 2023 as per the latest notification issued by **Central Railway Division**.
- It is also notable that this appointment has been made following the **retirement of Mr. Mukul Jain**, who was previously the **Chief Operating Manager** on **August 31, 2023**.

Awards

The Assam Rifles Training Center at Shokhuvi has been awarded as the Best Educational Training Institute.

- **The Assam Rifles Training Center** located at **Shokhuvi, Nagaland State** has been awarded the **Union Home Minister's Trophy** for the **Best Education and Training Institute** for the year 2021-22.
- It is notable that this award was received by **Brig Suresh Kumar Sheoran** on **September 05, 2023** at the **53rd Foundation Day** in **New Delhi**. It is special that every year the **Union Ministry of Home Affairs** conducts a national level analysis and survey of various **Central Police Training Institutes** in the country to select the **merits**.

Wildlife photographer Jack's film titled 'Crab the Bull by the Horns' won the award.

- **Wildlife photographer Jack Gee's image** titled '**Grab the Bull by the Horns**' has been selected as the overall winner of the **2023 Bird and Animal Photographer of the Year competition**, according to a recent announcement.
- Notably, **this photo of a female falcon attacking a brown pelican with great speed and agility** won the award. Along with this award, **Zhi** also received a **winning prize of £5,000**.

The Manavta Sanman Award for 2023 has been awarded to the makers of Guru Nanak documentaries.

- The **Humanity Award** called the **Manavta Sanman Award** for for the year **2023** has been conferred by the **All India Pingalwara Foundation** on September 05 2023 to **Amardeep Singh** and **Vininder Kaur**, producers of **Guru Nanak documentaries**.
- It is significant that the **All India Pingalwara Foundation** was set up in **Punjab** in **1924** by a 19-year-old **Ramji Das**, popularly known as **Bhagat Puran Singh**, for the destitute.

Important day

Brazil Independence Day

- **Brazil Independence Day** is celebrated every year on **September 7** to commemorate Brazil's independence from **colonial rule Portugal** and **honor the sacrifices** of the soldiers who fought for that independence.
- It is significant that Brazil gained its independence on **September 7, 1822**. It is Significant that **Brazil is the fifth largest country by area** and the **seventh most populous country in the world**.