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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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BOOKS & AUTHORS

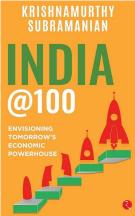


PM Modi Praises Parimal Nathwani's Book 'Call of the Gir' on Asiatic Lions & Conservation Efforts

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appreciated the book 'Call of the Gir' written by Rajya Sabha Member Parimal Nathwani.
- The book combines vivid photography and narratives to highlight the urgency of conservation efforts.

'India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse'

- Piyush Goyal Launches 'India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse' Book by Prof. K V Subramanian.
- The book talks about how India could achieve a **\$55 trillion** economy in **2047**





Lt Gen Sadhna Saxena Nair becomes the first woman DG Medical Services (Army).

APPOINTMENTS

Indian Armed Forces Gets The First Woman Director General Of Medical Service (ARMY)

- Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair assumed the office of the Director General of Medical Services (Army) on 1 August 2024.
- She is the first woman to hold this prestigious post in the Indian Army's Medical Services.

Satish Jha Appointed Next CMD of Eastern Coalfields Ltd.

Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) is a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL). ECL is the largest coal producer in West Bengal.

Chandra Lal Das appointed Secretary of Steel Ministry





- Secretary of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Chandra Lal Das has been given additional charge of the Secretary of the Steel Ministry.
- The additional charge was given following the superannuation of Steel Ministry secretary Nagendra Nath Sinha.

Sanjay Shukla Assumes Charge As MD Of National Housing Bank Previously, he was the MD & CEO of Centrum Housing Finance Ltd.



<u>SCHEME & INITIATIVE</u>

Telangana Assembly Passes Bill to Establish Young India Skills University



- Foundation stone for the University to be laid on August 1 by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.
- Estimated cost of Rs.100 crore, to be set up in 50 acres.

- The Telangana state assembly has passed the "Young India Skills University Telangana (Public-Private Partnership) Bill 2024".
- The bill is aimed at establishing a Skills University to impart skills in 17 subjects, which can ensure the student's employment in the competition of the course at the university.
- ★ The SC, ST and BC students will be provided fee re imbursement and a reservation policy will be implemented. The Government had released ₹100 crore for the purpose.

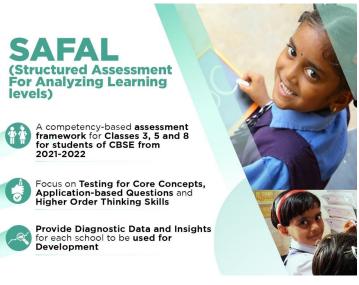
Goa Launches 'Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan' Scheme

- Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has launched the 'Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan' scheme, aligning it with the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.
- The initiative is aimed at enhancing solar rooftop installations in Goa, enabling residential households to generate their own electricity and reduce reliance on traditional power sources.



Goa CM Pramod Sawant launches 'Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan' to boost solar rooftop installation in state

The Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan has an initial investment of Rs. 35 crore. The Goa Energy Development Agency will cover the remaining cost for rooftop installations up to 5kW for consumers using 400 or fewer units annually.



CONFERENCE

India to Host 2024 Quad Summit

- S. Jaishankar attended the QUAD Foreign Ministers meeting in Tokyo, Japan.
- United States will host 2025 QUAD foreign ministers' meeting India will host the 6th QUAD Summit meeting in New Delhi in 2024.

What is QUAD?

QUAD, also known as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or simply the Quad, is a strategic forum comprising four countries viz., the United States, Japan, India and Australia.

CBSE launches SAFAL test cycle 2024 with a plan to reduce exam stress

- It aims to develop a first-of-its-kind "census" on learning gaps to help plan timely remedial action.
- It is a Competency-based Assessment for Grades 3, 5 and 8 that assesses core concepts, application of knowledge and higher order thinking skills.
- It will test proficiency of students at 4 levels of skills and knowledge Below Basic (2 years below Grade), Basic (1 year below Grade), Proficient and Advanced (Current Grade).





SPORTS

USA's Katie Ledecky wins Olympic 1500m freestyle gold, creates history

- * She secured a record-equaling 8^{th} gold medal in the sport.
- Ledecky now shares the record for most Olympic gold medals in women's swimming with American Jenny Thompson.
- She has also become most decorated woman swimmer in history with 13th Olympic medals.

Paris Olympics 2024: Indian Shooter Swapnil Kusale clinches Bronze medal for India

Swapnil Kusale clinched his **first Olympic bronze** in the **50m rifle 3 positions** event in the **Paris Summer Olympics games**.



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