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National & International News

Bharat Ratna Awardees Announced



Context:

- The Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honor, will be conferred upon three notable figures: M.S. Swaminathan, P.V. Narasimha Rao, and Chaudhary Charan Singh.
- These individuals join the list of esteemed awardees, which includes L.K. Advani and Karpoori Thakur, making this year's tally the longest ever announced.

Key points:

- This year's announcement marks a record with **five Bharat** Ratna awardees, surpassing the previous highest count
- Notably, four out of the five awards are being given posthumously.

Legislative Changes in Jammu and **Kashmir**

Context:

- The Rajya Sabha recently passed bills to include various communities into the Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Scheduled Castes (SC) lists in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Among the amendments, the Pahari ethnic group was added to the ST list, addressing the ongoing protests by the Gujjar-Bakarwal community.
- Additionally, the Bills incorporated the Paddari Tribe, Gadda Brahmin, and Koli communities into the ST list.
- The Valmiki community, along with its synonyms, was included in the SC list.

Indian Ocean Conference



Context:

- The 7th Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) 2024, was held on February 9-10, 2024, in Perth, Australia.
- It was attended by representatives from 40 countries and Foreign Ministers from various regional nations participated in the event.

Conference Objectives:

The primary focus of the conference was to facilitate discussions on regional cooperation and propose solutions concerning:

- Regional security
- Economic development
- **Environmental protection**
- Maritime safety within the Indian Ocean region.



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Theme:

The theme of the conference was "Towards a Stable and Sustainable Indian Ocean," emphasizing the importance of stability and sustainability in the region's geopolitical and environmental landscape.

About:

IOC is an annual event fostering cooperation between countries bordering the Indian Ocean.

Aadi Mahotsav 2024



Context:

- The President inaugurated Aadi Mahotsav 2024, an annual National Tribal Festival held at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.
- Organized by TRIFED under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, this event showcases the rich diversity of India's tribal heritage.

Objectives:

- Showcasing Talent: Aadi Mahotsav serves as a platform to showcase the extraordinary talent and craftsmanship of tribal artisans, displaying a vast array of tribal art, handicrafts, natural produce, and cuisine.
- **Empowerment:** The festival aims to empower tribal communities by providing them with a direct market to sell their products, generate income, and gain recognition for their skills.
- Celebrating Diversity: It's a celebration of the vibrant and diverse tribal culture, promoting awareness, understanding, and appreciation for their unique traditions and contributions to India's heritage.

TRIFED:

Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India is a national-level cooperative body under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Government of India founded in 1987.

DigiReady Certification (DRC) Portal

- The DRC portal is a collaborative effort between the Quality Council of India (QCI) and the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- It aims to evaluate and certify the digital preparedness of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for seamless integration as sellers on the ONDC platform.

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