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National Maritime Day



Context:

- **National Maritime Day** is celebrated in India every year on **April 5th**.
- It marks the **maiden voyage of the SS Loyalty in 1919**, a pivotal moment symbolizing **India's journey as an independent maritime nation**.

Key Points:

- Recognizes the vital role of the **maritime sector in India's history, economy, and development**.
- **Honors the contributions of seafarers** and those working in the maritime industry.
- **Raises awareness** about the importance of maritime trade and the challenges faced by the industry.

About:

- **SS Loyalty** is the **first Indian merchant ship to set sail under the Indian flag in 1919**.
- This historic voyage, **departing from Mumbai for London**, marked a significant step towards India's independence as a maritime nation.
- The **Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd.**, owned by the **visionary industrialist Seth Walchand Hirachand Doshi**, played a key role in this achievement.

Theme:

- The Theme for 2024 National Maritime Day is **"Navigating the future: safety first!"**

Srisaillam Reservoir plunges below Minimum Draw Down Level



Context:

- The **Srisaillam Reservoir**, a vital water source for the **Telugu states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**, has **dipped below the Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL) of 834 feet**.
- The reservoir level touched **810 TMC for the first time after 2015-16**.
- This critical situation **raises concerns about water availability for drinking and irrigation purposes in the region**.
- The low water level is **likely due to several factors, including insufficient rainfall and heavy reliance on the reservoir for water supply**.
- This situation could lead to **water restrictions and rationing in the affected areas**.



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About:

- The Srisailem Dam is constructed across the Krishna River on the border of Mahabubnagar District, Telangana and Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh near Srisailem temple town and is the 2nd largest capacity working hydroelectric station in the country.
- Project has an estimated live capacity to hold 178.74 Tmcft at its full reservoir level of 885 feet (270 m) MSL.

Pravin Kumar appointed new Collector of Tirupati



Context:

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has appointed Pravin Kumar as Tirupati district Collector and District Election Officer (DEO) with immediate effect on Thursday.
- The transfer was made following the complaints by opposition parties to the ECI on his alleged inaction in dealing with their grievances on poll violations.

International Day of Conscience



Context:

- The International Day of Conscience is celebrated annually on April 5
- It is a global day of awareness commemorating the importance of human conscience.
- The day encourages us to reflect on our values and how we can use them to build a better world.

About:

- It was established by the United Nations General Assembly on July 25, 2019, with the adoption of UN resolution 73/329.
- On April 5, 2020, the first International Day of Conscience was celebrated.

Theme:

- The theme for 2024 is "Promoting the Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience."
- This emphasizes using our conscience to guide actions that foster peace and respect for all.

Telugu Tycoons Stand in Forbes' Global Rich List

Context:

- Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has reclaimed his position as the richest man in India and made it to the top 10 richest people in the world, according to the Forbes' latest '2024 Billionaires List'.



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- Ambani is ranked 9th globally with a net worth of \$116 billion.

**Billionaires from Telugu states that made to the List are:**

- **Murali Divi** - 469th rank - net worth of \$6.2 billion
- **Prathap C Reddy** - 1,104 -net worth \$3 billion
- **GM Rao and PV Ram Prasad Reddy** - 1,143rd rank - net worth \$2.9 billion each.
- **Jupally Rameshwar Rao and PP Reddy** - 1,438 - net worth \$2.3 billion each
- **PV Krishna Reddy** - 1,496 - net worth \$2.2 billion
- **M Satyanarayana Reddy** secured the 1,623rd rank with a net worth of \$2 billion.
- **K Satheesh Reddy** ranked 1,764 with net worth \$1.8 billion
- **GV Prasad** ranked at 2,046 with net worth \$1.5 billion



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