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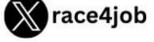




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WCD Ministry introduces national curriculum for early childhood care and education

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has introduced a National Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education for Children (ECCE) for children from three to Six Years and a National Framework for Early Childhood Stimulation for Children from Birth to three years.
- The National Curriculum for ECCE 2024 covers all domains of development as per the National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage 2022 including physical, motor, cognitive, language and literacy.
- It aims to improve the quality of ECCE transacted at the Anganwadi Centre by prioritising competency-based lesson plans and activities.
- The National Framework for Early Childhood Stimulation 2024 aims to empower caregivers and Anganwadi Workers for holistic early stimulation, through responsive caregiving and opportunities for early learning.
- The framework is designed to provide the Anganwadi Worker with a basic understanding of how children grow and develop the importance of brain development and the need for nurturing care.
- Q. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has introduced a National Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for children up to how many years? three to six















Indian sailor Vishnu Saravanan clinches gold medal at Europa Cup in Spain

- Indian sailor Vishnu Saravanan won the gold medal at the Europa Cup 2024 in the ILCA 7 category in Mallorca, Spain.
- The event was organised by Reial Club Nautic Port de Pollenca.
- Saravanan topped the 91-boat race with 17 net points. Netherlands' Willem Wiersema also accrued the same points but Saravanan won the category on technicality.
- The ILCA7 is a category within the ILCA -International Laser Class Association sailing class. The Laser Standard is a small, lightweight boat with a single mast. This year's Europa Cup saw a historic participation, with 334 sailors competing under challenging conditions with wind speeds ranging from 15 knots to over 30 knots.
- Back in January, after qualifying for Paris Olympics 2024, Saravanan became the first Indian sailor to qualify for successive Olympics. He also won the bronze medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou last year.

Q. Which Indian sailor won the gold medal at the Europa Cup 2024 in the ILCA 7 category in Majorca, Spain? Vishnu Saravanan













INDUS PAYWEAR: INDUSIND BANK LAUNCHED INDIA'S FIRST CONTACTLESS **PAYMENT WEARABLE** DETAILS INSIDE



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IndusInd Bank launches Indus PayWear

- IndusInd Bank has introduced 'Indus PayWear,' which, in collaboration with Mastercard, boasts to be the country's first all-in-one tokenisable wearables for both debit and credit cards. The company stated in a filing on the exchanges that this offering aims to enable users to tokenise their IndusInd Bank cards onto a chip-enabled wearable device.
- Indus Paywear aims to deliver unparalleled flexibility, convenience, and security to users. It is a fine example of how Mastercard leverages its expertise to allow consumers the power to choose between and make payments using their favorite wearable device.
- Transactions below Rs 5000 can be seamlessly conducted as tap-and-pay using the wearable. However, for transactions exceeding Rs. 5000, the PIN of the linked card must be entered on the PoS machine in accordance with RBI guidelines.
- Q. Which bank in collaboration with Mastercard claims to have the country's first all-in-one tokenized wearable for both debit and credit cards? IndusInd Bank















SpiceJet COO Kashyap, CCO Bhatia resign

- SpiceJet's Chief Operating Officer (COO) Arun Kashyap and Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) Shilpa Bhatia have resigned from the airline and are currently serving their notice period.
- This comes as the airline is grappling with multiple headwinds, including lessor woes and is in the process of raising funds.
- Earlier on March 7, SpiceJet said it has settled a dispute involving Rs 413 crore with aircraft leasing firm Echelon Ireland Madison One Ltd, making it the third dispute settlement to be announced by the crisis-hit carrier in less than two weeks.
- SpiceJet recently secured investments totalling Rs 1,060 crore through a preferential issue, with notable investors including Aries Opportunities Fund Limited and Elara India Opportunities Fund Limited. Part of these funds will be allocated towards settling past liabilities.
- Q. Name SpiceJet's Chief Operating Officer, who has resigned recently? Arun Kashyap















GE Aerospace inks flight operations software contract with Air India

- GE Aerospace announced a landmark contract for flight operations software with Air India, the Indian airline that was bought by the Tata Group in 2022.
- With this strategic collaboration finalised, Air India has become the first enterprise in India to adopt GE's FlightPulse pilot app, together with "Safety and Fuel Insight," for its entire group.
- Safety Insight will provide Air India with access to advanced analytics and real-time data monitoring to enhance safety and ensure optimal performance across its fleet.
- Fuel Insight will provide Air India with comprehensive fuel efficiency solutions, enabling the group to optimize journeys for more efficient fuel management.
- Air India is poised to drive substantial changes in its operational landscape. GE Aerospace's software solutions will further enable the enterprise to cement best practices in flight safety and transform its fuel efficiency program across all flight operations.
- Air India is navigating through a major, five-year, transformation roadmap under the aegis of Vihaan.AI.
- Q. Recently, GE Aerospace announced a landmark contract for flight operations software with which Indian airline? Air India















Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar Resigns, Nayab Singh Saini became new CM

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar resigned from his post amid speculation of a split between the BJP and the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) in the state.
- Nayab Singh Saini will be the new chief minister of Haryana, replacing Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Saini, an MP from Kurukshetra and an OBC community face, was appointed as the state president of Haryana BJP in October last year.
- The development came ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.
- The resignations come amid speculated split in the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) coalition in Haryana over seat-sharing agreements for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Haryana:

• Capital: Chandigarh

• Bird: Black francolin

• Flower: Lotus

Mammal: Blackbuck

• Tree: Bodhi tree

Q. Manohar Lal Khattar is the Chief Minister of which state, who recently resigned from his post? **Haryana**















Surya Kiran, Telugu Film Director, Passes Away At 48

- Telugu child actor-turned-director Surya Kiran, known for directing films such as Satyam and Dhana 51, passed away at the age of 48.
- Apart from his directorial ventures, Surya Kiran was a former participant in Bigg Boss Telugu.
- He started his career as a child actor with the Malayalam film Snehikkhan Oru Pennu in 1978. However, he then worked in over 200 feature films. Besides being an actor, Kiran made his directorial debut with the Telugu romantic drama 'Satyam'. Later, he directed several other films including 'Brahmastram' (2006), 'Raju Bhai' (2007) and 'Chapter 6' (2010). TM
- Kiran's latest film, titled Arasi will be released soon in theatres.
- Q. Film Director Surya Kiran, who passed away recently, was related to which regional cinema? Telugu















Adani Electricity Mumbai tops discoms rating chart

- Adani Electricity Mumbai has topped the chart in the performance ranking of power distribution companies for 2022-23.
- Torrent Power Surat and Torrent Power Ahmedabad were at second and third spots in the 12th edition of Integrated Rating of Discoms released by Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy R K Singh.
- As many as 14 out of 55 distribution companies received the highest A+ rating. Utilities of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh were in A+/A category, a power ministry release stated.
- In addition, two private utilities, TPNODL (Odisha) and DNHDDPDCL (Dadar, Nagar & Haveli, Daman & Diu) too have received A+ rating; however, they have not been included in the main ranking list since they have not completed three full years of operations.
- Gujarat's state power utilities Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Ltd (DGVCL) and Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Ltd (UGVCL) at fourth and fifth positions respectively.
- Q. Which power utility company has topped the chart in the performance ranking of power distribution companies for 2022-23? Adani Electricity Mumbai















Tamas Sulyok takes office as Hungary's new president

- The inauguration ceremony of Hungary's new President Tamas Sulyok was held in front of the Sandor Palace, the Hungarian President's residence.
- Hungarian lawmakers elected Sulyok, then head of the Constitutional Court, as the country's new president on Feb. 26 after his predecessor Katalin Novak stepped down on Feb. 10 following a child abuse pardon scandal.
- Born on March 24, 1956 in Kiskunfelegyhaza in southern Hungary, Sulyok boasts a distinguished career in both law and academia.
- He was elected president of the Constitutional Court in 2016.

Hungary

- Capital: Budapest
- Prime minister: Viktor Orbán
- Currency: Forint
- Q. Recently Tamas Sulyok takes office as the President of which country? Hungary















Rocket Lab to launch Japanese's radar-imaging satellite

- American aerospace manufacturer and launch service provider Rocket Lab is set to launch a new commercial radar-imaging satellite.
- The "Owl Night Long" mission will deliver Japanese company Synspective's StriX-3 satellite to low Earth orbit aboard Rocket Lab's Electron rocket.
- The lift off is expected to be from Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 in New Zealand.
- Tokyo-based Synspective is a satellite data solutions provider.
- The StriX-3 satellite is part of Synspective's constellation of Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) satellites.
- SAR is an active system that transmits microwave pulses toward the Earth's surface and receives the reflected signals to create an image of the target area.
- also penetrate clouds and The satellite can atmospheric conditions, enabling it to collect data day or night with frequent revisit rates.
- The deployment is part of a continuing multi-launch agreement between the two companies.
- Q. What is the name of the mission that will deliver Japanese company Synspective's StriX-3 satellite to low Earth orbit aboard Rocket Lab's Electron rocket? Owl Night Long



















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