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1) Khanan Prahari App

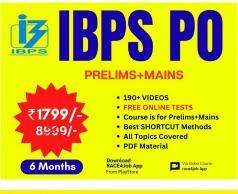
- Recently, the Indian government has introduced the Khanan Prahari App. It is an initiative led by the Ministry of Coal, aimed at curbing illegal coal mining through public participation.
- The app seeks to involve the public in reporting incidents of illegal coal mining, recognizing the crucial role of citizens in combating this menace.

2) BRIGHT STAR-23

- Indian Air Force contingent has embarked on a significant journey, marking the first-ever participation in Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23.
- The biennial multilateral tri-service exercise is taking place at Cairo Air Base in Egypt, spanning from August 27 to September 16, 2023.
- The exercise is designed with specific objectives in mind, focusing on the meticulous planning and seamless execution of joint operations.

3) National Award for e-Governance 2023

- The SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) Scheme, initiated by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, has been honored with the prestigious National Award for e-Governance 2023 (Gold) in recognition of its groundbreaking application of emerging technologies to deliver citizen-centric services.
- The accolade was presented during the 26th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.



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4) Lead poisoning

- According to the recent studies, Lead poisoning poses a hidden threat in India, with over half of children having blood lead levels above 5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL). Lead is a heavy metal element that is toxic to humans.
- Major sources of lead exposure include lead-based paints, lead batteries, contaminated soil and water, and occupational exposure in industries such as mining, smelting, and battery recycling.
- Informal and substandard recycling of lead-acid batteries, Increase in vehicle ownership, combined with the lack of vehicle battery recycling regulation and infrastructure are the reasons for lead poisoning.

5) PROJECT AMBER

- PROJECT AMBER (Accelerated Mission for Better Employment and Retention) is a joint initiative of the National Skill Development Corporation and Generation India Foundation under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- It is to provide cloud skills training to 1,500 learners.
- The training will be conducted in post-COVID resilient job roles, over a period of two years. Generation's holistic 7-step skilling methodology will be utilised to drive higher quality skilling, improved employment, and retention outcomes.





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Aditya-L1 mission

- Indian Space Research Organisation's announced that Aditya-L1 mission, the first space-based Indian observatory to study the Sun will be likely launched by the first week of September.
- ISRO will launch the PSLV-C57 for the Aditya L1 mission on September 2.
- Aditya L1 would be the first space-based Indian mission to study the Sun. The spacecraft shall be placed in a halo orbit around the Lagrange point 1 (L1) of the Sun-Earth system, which is about 1.5 million km from the Earth.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) The "State of India's Birds, 2023" report

- The "State of India's Birds, 2023" report reveals a widespread decline in most bird species across the country, with some currently declining and others projected to decline in the future.
- Raptors, migratory shorebirds, and ducks have experienced the most significant declines.

APPOINTMENTS

1) Justice M. Fatima Beevi

- Justice M. Fatima Beevi became the first woman to become a judge in the Supreme Court.
- She got a degree in science from University College and then studied law at Government Law College in Trivandrum.







• She became the Governor of Tamil Nadu on 25th January 1997. This showed that she was also a great leader who made important decisions for the state. From 1997-2001, she served as the Governor of Tamil Nadu.

2) Emmerson Mnangagwa

- Emmerson Mnangagwa has been declared the winner of Zimbabwe's presidential election, securing a second term.
- Mnangagwa's party, the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front (Zanu-PF), secured 136 seats in the parliamentary elections.

SPORTS

1) BWF World Badminton Championships 2023

- Indian badminton player HS Prannoy secured the bronze medal in the men's singles category at the prestigious BWF World Badminton Championships 2023.
- Prannoy was eliminated in the semi-finals that took place in Copenhagen, Denmark.

2) Dutch Grand Prix

• Max Verstappen has won the Dutch Grand Prix for the third consecutive year. With the dominant win, Verstappen has now matched Sebastian Vettel's all-time record of nine F1 victories in a row.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) The International Day Against Nuclear Tests

- The International Day Against Nuclear Tests is observed across every year across the world on 29 August.
- The aim of the day is to raise awareness about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions.





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