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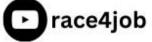
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# NCERT signs MoU with E-Commerce platform Flipkart to ensure affordable & seamless availability of NCERT publications

National Council of Educational Research and Training- NCERT today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with an E-Commerce platform Flipkart to ensure the affordable and seamless availability of NCERT publications across the country.

# **Key Highlights:**

- MoU aims to deliver NCERT textbooks learners' doorsteps, especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities.
- Education Minister emphasized initiatives like teachers' training modules NISHTHA / and experiential learning centers by private companies to strengthen teaching capacities.
- NCERT recognized as the cornerstone of national education, playing a vital role in preparing the next generation for 21st-century education.
- Q. Which organization recently signed an MoU with an E-Commerce platform Flipkart to ensure the availability of its publications across India? National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).















## Government Launches Credit Guarantee Scheme to Ease Loan Access for Farmers via e-NWR

- The Union Government launched the 'Credit Guarantee Scheme for e-NWR-Based Pledge Financing.' Under this scheme, farmers will now be able to get a loan through their produce.
- Objective: To provide farmers easy access to low-interest loans by using electronic negotiable warehouse receipts (e-NWR) as a guarantee.

#### **Key Details:**

- Farmers can obtain e-NWR after depositing produce in WDRA-registered warehouses.
- e-NWR serves as collateral for loans, reducing postharvest distress sales.
- Eligible beneficiaries: Farmers, farmers' producer organizations, farm cooperatives, and MSMEs.
- Reduces risks for banks and lending institutes by ensuring a secure loan portfolio.

#### Significance:

- Integrates farmers into institutional banking and finance networks.
- Promotes quality storage infrastructure and liberal lending to farmers.
- Aims to enhance food security in India.
- Q. What is the name of the recently launched government scheme that allows farmers to access loans using electronic negotiable warehouse receipts (e-NWR)? Credit Guarantee Scheme for e-NWR-Based Pledge Financing.















# Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya Signs MoU with Indian Navy to Boost Logistics **Education & Research**

- Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) Vadodara has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Navy to enhance logistics-related education, research, and training in New Delhi.
- The MoU was signed by the Controller of Logistics in the Indian Navy, Vice Admiral Deepak Kapoor, and Vice-Chancellor of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Professor Manoj Choudhary.

# **Key Highlights:**

- Focus Supply chain management, areas: sustainable multimodal transportation, and logistics.
- Enables Indian Navy officers to pursue academic degrees and management development programs at GSV.
- the Indian Navy's Strengthens logistical framework.
- Q. Which university recently signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to enhance logistics education and research? Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), Vadodara.















# India wins Women's Junior Asia Cup 2024 in penalty shootout against China

In Hockey, India won the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2024 championship in Muscat, Oman. In the title clash, the Indian team defeated China in a penalty shootout to successfully defend its title.

### **Key Performances:**

- Indian goalkeeper Nidhi made three crucial saves during the shootout.
- Sakshi Rana, Ishika, and Sunelita Toppo scored in the shootout for India.
- Kanika Siwach scored the equalizer during the third quarter for India.

## **Awards and Recognition:**

- Hockey India announced a reward of ₹2 lakh for each player and ₹1 lakh for each support staff.
- Deepika Sehrawat emerged as the tournament's top scorer with 12 goals.

#### **Historical Context:**

- India successfully defended the title, having won their maiden Women's Junior Asia Cup last year by defeating the Republic of Korea.
- Q. Which country won the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2024 in hockey by defeating China in a penalty shootout? India.















# CoAS of Nepal Sigdel conferred the rank of **Honorary General of Indian Army**

- Chief of the Army Staff (CoAS) of Nepal General Ashok Raj Sigdel concluded his official visit to India and returned to Kathmandu.
- General Sigdel was conferred the rank of an Honorary General of the Indian Army by President of India Droupadi Murmu.

# **Key Highlights:**

- President Droupadi Murmu conferred the honorary rank upon General Sigdel.
- General Sigdel participated as the Reviewing Officer at the passing-out parade of Officer Cadets at the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun.
- Officer Cadet Prabin Pandey from the Nepali Army was awarded the "Best Foreign Officer Cadet Award."
- General Sigdel laid a wreath at the War Memorial of IMA in homage to fallen soldiers.
- Q. Who was conferred the rank of Honorary General of the Indian Army during his official visit to India? General Ashok Raj Sigdel, Chief of the Army Staff of Nepal.















# Chrystia Freeland: Canada's 1st Female Finance Minister Who Quit After Rift With Trudeau

- Chrystia Freeland resigns as Canada's Finance Minister, replaced by Dominic LeBlanc.
- Reason for Resignation: A rift with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.
- New Appointment: Dominic LeBlanc, currently Public Safety Minister, to replace Freeland as Finance Minister.

## **Background on Dominic LeBlanc:**

- Long-time ally of Prime Minister Trudeau, known for crisis management and reliability.
- Has held senior cabinet positions since 2015 and is regarded for his loyalty to Trudeau.
- Spearheaded Canada's billion-dollar border strategy as Public Safety Minister.
- Played a key role in Canada-US relations, including accompanying Trudeau to a meeting with US President-elect Donald Trump.
- Q. Who has been appointed as Canada's new Finance Minister after Chrystia Freeland's resignation? Dominic LeBlanc.















#### Centre set to table 'One Nation One **Election' Bill in Lok Sabha**

The central government is set to table the "One Nation One Election" (ONOE) Bill in the Lok Sabha on December 17, 2024.

#### **Key Bills:**

- The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024 (ONOE Bill).
- The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill.

### **Implementation:**

- The scheme will be rolled out in two phases:
- Combine Lok Sabha and state Assembly elections.
- Align local body elections (panchayats, municipalities) with general elections.
- The "appointed date" for implementation will follow the 2029 Lok Sabha elections, with simultaneous elections starting in 2034.
- If elections are held mid-term, they will be for the remainder of the original term.
- Q. What is the proposed starting year for simultaneous elections under the "One Nation One Election" Bill? 2034













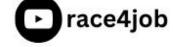


# **HPCL** inks pact with NLDS to integrate API with Unified Logistics Interface Platform

- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has signed an agreement with NICDC Logistics Data Services Ltd (NLDS) to integrate its APIs with the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP).
- Objective: The integration aims to provide realtime visibility into the location and pricing of HPCL fuel stations across India, addressing logistics challenges such as fluctuating fuel costs and lack of refueling options along routes.

# **Key Features:**

- Fuel Station & Pricing Visibility: Allows logistics service providers, traders, and transporters to optimise operations and reduce costs by having access to fuel station data.
- Route Optimisation: Helps fleet operators plan long-haul trips more effectively, reducing downtime and ensuring timely deliveries by identifying fuel stations along key routes.
- ULIP: A digital gateway that facilitates access to logistics-related data from various Government systems via API-based integration.
- Q. Which corporation signed an agreement with NLDS to integrate APIs with ULIP? HPCL















#### Google appoints Preeti Lobana as new country manager, VP for India

Google has appointed Preeti Lobana as the new Country Manager and Vice President for India. Lobana succeeds Sanjay Gupta, who recently transitioned to a higher role as President of the Asia Pacific region at Google.

#### Lobana's Role and Focus Areas

In her new position, Lobana will play a key role in shaping Google's strategy to drive the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) across India, with a focus on enhancing customer experiences and fostering innovation. She will oversee Google India's sales and operations, contributing to the country's growing digital economy.

**Experience and Expertise** 

- Lobana brings over 30 years of experience in leadership roles within the technology and financial sectors. Before her appointment, she was Google's Vice President for gTech, overseeing global operations related to ads content, quality, and support. Her leadership has consistently focused on business transformation, operational excellence, and customer-centric solutions.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new Country Manager and Vice President for Google India? Preeti Lobana















# SLINEX 2024: Strengthening Sri Lanka-**India Naval Ties**

- SLINEX 2024 is the latest iteration of the Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise, a bilateral maritime exercise aimed at enhancing mutual cooperation, interoperability, and understanding between the Sri Lankan Navy and the Indian Navy.
- The exercise is a testament to the growing defense and strategic partnership between the two South Asian neighbors.

# **Objectives of SLINEX:**

- Strengthening Naval Cooperation: Enhancing maritime security and fostering professional relationships between the two navies.
- Interoperability: Improving joint operational capabilities through tactical drills and maneuvers.
- Regional Security: Addressing shared maritime challenges such as piracy, smuggling, and illegal fishing in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- Knowledge Sharing: Promoting the exchange of best practices, modern naval technologies, and operational doctrines.
- Q. Which edition of SLINEX is being conducted in 2024? 11th



















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