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V.O.C. Port Becomes India's First Scope-2 Emission-Free Major Port



- V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority is located at Thoothukudi (Tuticorin), Tamil Nadu.
- The recognition was provided by Bureau Veritas. The port received a Renewable Energy Verification Statement.
- VOC Port is named after V. O. Chidambaram Pillai, a freedom fighter and pioneer of India's indigenous shipping movement.

Gujarat Launches Plastic Waste Management Project at Nalsarovar



- Nalsarovar is an important wetland ecosystem of Gujarat.
- It aims to improve collection, segregation and scientific disposal of plastic waste.
- Nalsarovar is particularly important for migratory and resident birds.

Jitendra Singh Dedicates First-of-Its-Kind 'Eco-Educational Hub'



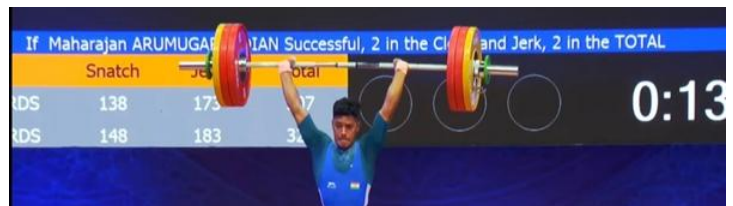
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh dedicated the country's first-of-its-kind eco-educational hub to Nation in Lucknow, UP
- The hub is named Prakriti Gyan Dham.
- It has been established at the Maharishi Parashar Bioresource Centre (MPBC).

NABARD Announces Climate Stack Innovation Challenge Winners



- NABARD is working with the Gates Foundation and Dalberg Advisors.
- The objective is to create a climate-intelligence architecture for India's rural economy.
- The initiative is anchored in NABARD's DiCRA platform.

Maharajan Wins Silver in Asian Junior Weightlifting



- Arumugapandian Maharajan represented India at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships 2026.
- He competed in the men's 65 kg category. He won the silver medal in the 65 kg category.
- The championship was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

India–US Navy EOD Exercise Begins in Kochi



- India and the United States conduct joint naval training involving Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and salvage operations.
- The exercise is known as SALVEX.
- Kochi is associated with the India–US naval salvage exercise.

India Wins Four Medals at 23rd International Linguistics Olympiad



- The 2026 edition was held in Bucharest, Romania.
- India's medal tally consisted of 1 Gold Medal and 3 Bronze Medals.
- India won four medals at the International Linguistics Olympiad 2026: Shrilakshmi Venkatraman won Gold, while Aarav Anil Rao,

Nishanth Shankar Lakshmanan and Advay Misra won Bronze medals.

India Gifts Five Peacocks to UN Geneva



- India gifted five Indian peacocks to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).
- India's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva, Arindam Bagchi, presented the birds.
- Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of UNOG, received them. The Indian peacock is the national bird of India.

RECENT RAMSAR SITES IN INDIA

Chhari Dhand — Gujarat

Siliserh Lake — Rajasthan

Kopra Jalashay — Chhattisgarh

Gogabil Lake — Bihar

Gokul Jalashay — Bihar

Menar Wetland Complex — Rajasthan

Khichan Wetland — Rajasthan

Tawa Reservoir — Madhya Pradesh

Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary — Tamil Nadu

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 11 August as World Steelpan Day. World Steelpan Day was first observed in 2024. The steelpan originated in Trinidad and Tobago. The steelpan is also commonly known as a steel drum.