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Today's Important News

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1. Yash Raj Films names Akshaye Widhani as CEO

- Akshaye Widhani has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yash Raj Films, which is a film production and distribution company.
- Prior to this, he was serving as senior vice-president, finance and business Affairs and head of operations at YRF Studios.
- He joined Yash Raj Films as a studio manager in 2005.
- Yash Raj Films's is India's biggest film production house



Foot Notes:

About Yash Raj Films:

Founded by: Yash Raj Chopra, in 1970

Chairman and MD: Aditya Chopra

2 . World Wildlife Day 2022 is observed every year on 3rd March

- World Wildlife Day is observed every year on 3rd March to raise awareness about the world's wild fauna and flora.
- **Theme 2022:** Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration.



- The day was proposed by Thailand and recognized by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2013.
- March 3 has been chosen as it is the day of signature of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973.

3. India & US hold 19th Military Cooperation meeting in Agra

- The 19th edition of the India-US Military Cooperation Group (MCG) meeting has been held in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.
- Meet was co-chaired by Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) Air Marshal BR Krishna from Indian side and his US counterpart Stephen D Sklenka.
- **Focus:** strengthening the ongoing defense engagements between the two sides and mulled on new initiatives under the ambit of the existing cooperation mechanism.



Foot Notes:

About Uttar Pradesh:

Governor: Anandiben Patel

Capital: Lucknow

Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath

4. MyGov launches “Sabka Vikas MahaQuiz” series of 14 episodes

- MyGov has launched ‘Sabka Vikas MahaQuiz’ series, which is a year-long project and consists of 14 episodes, all hosted at Quiz.MyGov.in
- **Aim:** to sensitize the participants about the various government schemes and initiatives.
- This includes yojanas like PM Awas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, PM Jan Dhan, direct benefit transfer (PM KISAN) or free gas connections (Ujjwala), etc.
- Every week, top 1000 winners will be announced and every winner will receive Rs 2000/- each



5. DPIIT to organize Post Budget Webinar on “Make in India for the World”

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry is organizing Post Budget Webinar on 'Make in India for the World'
- Union Budget 2022 has laid down roadmap for India@100 with manufacturing as one of the key drivers of growth and employment generation.
- This webinar will include discussions on paradigm shift in manufacturing in India, realizing trillion-dollar goal in Exports and MSMEs as a growth engine for the economy.



Foot Notes:

About DPIIT:

Founded: 1995

6. Google and MeitY to train 100 Indian startups under Appscale Academy

- MeitY Startup Hub, an initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and Google have announced a cohort of 100 early to mid-stage Indian startups under Appscale Academy programme.
- They were chosen from over 400 applications following an in-depth selection process
- Under this 6-month programme, 100 startups will be trained through a customized curriculum that includes virtual instructor-led webinars, self-learning material, mentorship sessions.



Foot Notes:

About Google:

CEO: Sundar Pichai

Founded: 4 September 1998

Headquarters: United States

Parent company : Alphabet Inc.

7. 148 IAF aircraft, including Rafale, to participate in exercise Vayu Shakti

- Indian Air Force (IAF) will conduct 'Exercise Vayu Shakti' at the Pokharan range in Jaisalmer on 7th March 2022.
- PM Narendra Modi will be the Chief Guest of this event.



- 148 aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in Vayu Shakti exercise.
- It will be participated by Rafale aircraft for the first time in this exercise.

Exercise Vayu Shakti:

- Organized by Indian Air Force once every three years.
- Last Vayu Shakti took place in 2019.

Foot Notes:

About IAF:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 8 October 1932

Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind

Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (CCSC): General Manoj Mukund Naravane

8. Minister of Electronics & IT Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw to inaugurate Tech Conclave 2022

- Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw will inaugurate 3rd edition of 'NIC Tech Conclave 2022' in Delhi
- It is a two-day event that will held on 3rd and 4th March 2022
- Organized by: National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- **Theme:** Next-Gen Technologies for Digital Government
- It will be participated by experts from IT industry who will share their expertise in areas like AI, Data Analytics, NextGen Database Solutions, Cyber Security, etc.



9. According to Knight Frank India ranks 3rd in billionaire population globally

- India has been ranked 3rd in terms of most billionaires' population globally in 2021, as per Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022
- **Top Performers:** United States and China
- Number of ultra-high-net-worth-individuals (UHNWIs) in India increased by 11% in 2021 to 145 billionaires, highest percentage growth in Asia Pacific region
- **UHNWIs:** Individuals with net assets of US\$ 30m (Rs 226 crore) or more



- India's UHNWI is expected to grow by 39% from 2021 to 2026

10. Union Minister for Women & Child Development, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani Launches "Stree Manoraksha Project"

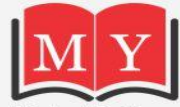
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani has launched 'Stree Manoraksha project' as a part of a week-long International Women's Day week (1st to 8th March, 2022)
- Aim:** to extend mental health training to 6000 One Stop Centre (OSC) functionaries across India.
- Organized:** Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with NIMHANS.
- It emphasizes on psychosocial well-being and will improve mental health of women in India.



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