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### 1. MoYAS Announced to Replace Dhyan Chand Lifetime Award with Arjuna Lifetime

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) in India recently announced a significant change in the recognition of sporting excellence in the country. The Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award, which was previously the highest honor given to sportspersons for their lifetime contribution to Indian sports, will now be replaced by the **Arjuna Lifetime Achievement Award**.



#### Foot Notes:

- The Arjuna Award (Lifetime) will be given for lifetime contribution to sports development.
- Dhyan Chand award is presented to individuals excelling in disciplines that are a part of the Olympic Games, Paralympics Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.
- The award consists of a statue of Dhyanchand, a certificate, a ceremonial dress and a cash prize of 10 lakh rupees.

### 2. Global Nature Conservation Index 2024

The **Global Nature Conservation Index 2024** (GNCI 2024) is a ranking that evaluates and compares countries based on their overall performance in nature conservation efforts. The index considers various indicators related to the preservation and restoration of ecosystems, biodiversity, and natural resources. It aims to provide a



comprehensive picture of how well countries are protecting their natural environments and meeting global conservation targets.

**Foot Notes:**

- India Ranked 176 out of 180 Countries and Labelled as among Worst Performer.
- Luxembourg has topped the index followed by Estonia and Denmark ranked at 2nd and 3rd position.
- The index is developed by Goldman Sonnenfeldt School of Sustainability and Climate Change at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

**3. EIB Global has approved a €300 million loan for the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project in Karnataka**

The European Investment Bank (EIB) has granted a €300 million loan to back the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India. This funding is part of a broader initiative to enhance and expand urban transport infrastructure in India, aiming to improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion, and foster sustainable urban development in one of the country's rapidly growing cities.



**Foot Notes:**

- **Loan Approval:** EIB Global has approved a €300 million loan for the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project.
- **Location:** The project will enhance urban transport in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- **Objective:** To improve connectivity, reduce traffic congestion, and promote sustainable urban development.
- **Scope:** The project includes the construction of a 148-km suburban rail network with modern trains and infrastructure.
- **Impact:** It aims to ease commuting, reduce pollution, and support economic growth.

**4. The Indian Navy has hosted MAHASAGAR, a training exercise focused on maritime security**

The Indian Navy has organized MAHASAGAR, a training exercise designed to strengthen maritime security through coordinated efforts among various naval forces. This exercise provides a platform to enhance operational readiness, improve interoperability, and promote collaboration between different maritime security agencies.



**Foot Notes:**

- **MAHASAGAR Exercise:** A training initiative by the Indian Navy to enhance maritime security through collaborative efforts.
- **Objective:** Focuses on improving operational readiness, interoperability, and strengthening cooperation among maritime security agencies.
- **Coordination:** Involves naval forces, Coast Guard, customs, and potentially international partners.
- **Key Areas:** Includes surveillance, search and rescue, environmental protection, and countering maritime threats.
- **Significance:** Boosts the Indian Navy's capabilities and enhances regional maritime security.

### 5. Deutsche Bank has invested ₹5,113 crore to strengthen its operations in India

Deutsche Bank has injected ₹5,113 crore (around €600 million) to strengthen its operations in India. This investment is a key part of the bank's strategy to expand its presence and business in one of the world's fastest-growing economies. The funds will help the bank enhance its capacity to serve clients and broaden its reach across various business sectors in India.



#### Foot Notes:

- **Investment Amount:** ₹5,113 crore (approx. €600 million) invested by Deutsche Bank.
- **Purpose:** To strengthen operations and expand market presence in India.
- **Focus:** The funds will enhance the bank's ability to serve clients and grow across various business segments.
- **Strategic Goal:** Part of Deutsche Bank's broader strategy to tap into India's growing financial services market.
- **Impact:** The investment aims to improve digital capabilities, client services, and market reach.

### 6. Bibhab Talukdar received IUCN's Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership in the UAE

Bibhab Talukdar was honored with the IUCN's Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership in the UAE, recognizing his exceptional contributions to wildlife conservation, particularly in India and Southeast Asia. The award, named after the esteemed conservationist Harry Messel, is presented by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystems.



**Foot Notes:**

- He was awarded at the 5th IUCN SSC Leaders' Meeting in Abu Dhabi
- He is the founder, Secretary General, and CEO of Aaranyak, based in Guwahati, Assam.
- IUCN's President – Razan Al Mubarak ,Headquarters – Gland, Switzerland, Founded –1948

**7. Zimbabwe Launches ZIMSAT-2 to Advance Space Programme**

The ZIMSAT-2 is Zimbabwe's second satellite, following the successful launch of ZIMSAT-1 in 2018. This launch is part of the country's ongoing commitment to advancing space technology, with the goal of enhancing data collection and analysis for sustainable development. Equipped with remote sensing capabilities, the satellite will provide vital information for monitoring environmental changes, tracking deforestation, and evaluating agricultural productivity.



**Foot Notes:**

- ZIMSAT-2, a low Earth observation satellite, was launched aboard the Soyuz-2.1 spacecraft.
- The launch was a collaboration between Zimbabwe's ZINGSA and Russia's Southwest State University.
- Zimbabwe 's Capital: Harare ,President: Emmerson Mnangagwa

**8. The Indian Coast Guard has launched a Tier-III Data Centre as part of its Digital Coast Guard Project**

The Indian Coast Guard has inaugurated a Tier-III Data Centre as part of its Digital Coast Guard Project. This initiative is aimed at enhancing the digital infrastructure and technological capabilities of the Coast Guard, improving its operational efficiency, data management, and security



**Foot Notes:**

- Tier-III Data Centre: High-availability data centre with redundant systems, ensuring continuous operations and minimal downtime.
- Digital Coast Guard Project: Modernization initiative to enhance digital infrastructure and improve maritime security and operational efficiency.
- Operational Efficiency: Streamlines data processing and improves real-time decision-making for better coordination.

- Data Security: Provides advanced data management, storage, and backup systems to safeguard critical information.

### 9. Arjun Erigaisi rises to second in the world chess rankings

Arjun Erigaisi's rise to second in the world chess rankings is a major milestone in his career and reflects his exceptional talent and consistent performance at the highest levels of chess. This achievement places him among the very best players globally, behind only World Champion Magnus Carlsen.

#### Foot Notes:

- Arjun Erigaisi achieved world No. 2 in live chess ratings on November 7th.
- He is the 16th player in history to reach a 2800 rating.
- Erigaisi surpassed Fabiano Caruana (2805.0) and Hikaru Nakamura (2802.0) in the process.



### 10. National Cancer Awareness Day is observed annually on November 7

In India, **National Cancer Awareness Day** is observed every year on **November 7** to raise awareness about cancer, including its prevention, early detection, and treatment options. The day seeks to educate the public on the impact of cancer and promote healthier lifestyles to help reduce the risk of the disease.

#### Foot Notes:


- Educates the public about the impact of cancer.
- Promotes healthy lifestyles to reduce the risk of cancer.
- Encourages early screenings for better diagnosis and treatment outcomes.
- Significance: The date marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, a key figure in India's cancer research community.
- Goal: To reduce the cancer burden through awareness, early detection, and timely treatment.



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