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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAYS

30th July World Day against Trafficking in Persons

- ❖ Theme 2024: "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking".
- ❖ 1 in 3 victims of human trafficking globally is a child.



APPOINTMENTS

Manoj Mittal takes charge as SIDBI's CMD after appointment

Manoj Mittal has taken charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

CONFERENCE

Tech Leaders Forum Of India Launched At World Education Conference 2024 In Dubai

- ❖ The Tech Leaders Forum of India (TELFI) was officially launched at the **World Education Conference 2024**, hosted by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA) at **Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University** in Dubai.
- ❖ TELFI, a new initiative aimed at **empowering engineers**, was unveiled as a key highlight of the conference.
- ❖ Its primary goal is to provide engineers with the resources, knowledge and network needed to excel in their careers and drive technological advancements both in India and internationally.

AWARDS & HONORS

Laos issues world's first-ever stamp depicting Shri Ram Lalla of Ayodhya

- ❖ EAM Jaishankar unveils commemorative postage stamp of Ram Lalla in Laos.
- ❖ Lao PDR (Lao People's Democratic Republic) has issued a postage stamp featuring Shri Ram Lalla of Ayodhya, making it the first country in the world to issue a stamp depicting the revered deity.
- ❖ The stamp set consists of two distinct stamps- one features Lord Buddha of Luang Prabang, the ancient capital of Laos, which is also a significant Buddhist site, while the other showcases Lord Shri Ram of Ayodhya.
- ❖ The theme of the stamp set, "Celebrating Shared Cultural Heritage of Lao PDR and India" symbolizes the long-standing historical ties.



Nita Ambani inaugurates India House, a first for the country at the Olympics



- ❖ India's first-ever country house at the Olympics has been established by the Reliance Foundation in partnership with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- ❖ Inaugurated by Nita Ambani, International Olympic Committee (IOC) member and founder of Reliance Foundation.
- ❖ India House, situated at Parc de la Villette in the Park of Nations, will operate daily throughout the Olympics.

TECHNOLOGY

In a first, Periyar Tiger Reserve installs wind turbine in its forests for power generation

- ❖ Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Thekkady has installed a wind turbine to generate power for real-time monitoring cameras and Wi-Fi connectivity within its forests.
- ❖ Until now, these sections have relied on solar power for wireless communication and for operations at the forest section offices. However, the foggy climate and heavy rain often impede efficiency of these solar panels.



REPORT

India's average data breach cost topped \$2 million in 2023: RBI report

- ❖ The average cost of a data breach in India jumped 28% between 2020 and 2023 reaching \$ 2.18 million, according to Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report on currency & finance.
- ❖ The industry-wise distribution of cyber attacks shows that the automotive industry is the most vulnerable to such incidents. The banking and financial services sector, governed by well defined regulations is relatively protected from such attacks.
- ❖ Phishing attacks are the most common, with a 22% share followed by 16% for stolen or compromised credentials.
- ❖ The rise in attacks comes as India has seen significant growth in the digital economy, which currently accounts for about 10% of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) and is expected to double to 20% by 2026.
- ❖ India leads the world in real-time payments, accounting for 48.5% of the global market.
- ❖ Domestic digital payments have recorded a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 50% and 10% in volume and value terms respectively, since financial year 2017-2018.

SPORTS

Women's Asia Cup Final 2024: Sri Lanka beat India in Finals



- ❖ The host Sri Lankan women's cricket team lift their maiden Women's Cricket Asia Cup.
- ❖ The 9th Women's Cricket Asia Cup was played at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium in Dambulla, Sri Lanka, on 28th July 2024.
- ❖ India is the only team that has played in the finals of all the Asia Cups and has been the most successful team, with 7 title wins.

All 5 Indian Participants Bag Medals at 54th International Physics Olympiad 2024

- ❖ 54th International Physics Olympiad 2024 held from July 21 to July 29 in Isfahan, Iran.
- ❖ All five Indian participants bagged medals, including 2 gold and 3 silver medals.
- ❖ Rhythm Kedia from Chhattisgarh and Ved Lahoti from Madhya Pradesh bagged gold medals.
- ❖ In the country-wise medal tally, India was placed in the fourth position, jointly with Vietnam. China came at the top



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