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## **Govt Launches 'Model Skill Loan Scheme' To Provide Education And Upskilling Opportunities**

- Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary launched the 'Model Skill Loan Scheme' in New Delhi.
- The scheme aims to empower the country's future-ready workforce.
- Under the scheme, education and upskilling opportunities will be provided to 25 thousand youth across the country.
- Under the new scheme, the loan amount limit has been increased to 7.5 lakh rupees which was 1.5 lakh rupees earlier.
- Several Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC), scheduled banks, and rural banks also have been added to the scheme which will provide hassle-free loans to students.
- This scheme had been mentioned by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Union Budget 2024-25.
- The New Model Skill Loan Scheme is tailored to support advanced-level skill courses, which often come with higher fees, creating a significant financial barrier for many deserving students.
- This initiative aims to bridge that gap, ensuring that aspiring candidates receive the necessary financial support to pursue their skill training.

**Q.** The loan amount limit under the 'Model Skill Loan Scheme' has been increased to      which was earlier Rs 1.5 lakh. **7.5 lakh rupees**





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## **Veteran BJP leader Prabhat Jha passes away**

- Senior BJP leader and the party's former Madhya Pradesh president, Prabhat Jha, passed away in Delhi. He was 67.
- Jha, who served as the Madhya Pradesh BJP state president and national vice president, was known as a prominent figure in the party.
- Jha was born on June 4, 1957 at Hariharpur, Darbhanga district in Bihar.
- He served as Madhya Pradesh BJP president from May 8, 2010 to December 15, 2012.
- He was elected as the member of Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh in April 2008.

## **Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly**

- Term limits: 5 years
- Speaker: Narendra Singh Tomar, BJP
- Leader of the House(Chief Minister): Mohan Yadav, BJP
- Leader of the Opposition: Umang Singhar, INC
- Seats: 230

**Q.** Famous Prabhat Jha, who passed away recently, was related to which field? **Politics**





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## **Israel approves landmark 41-billion-USD Tel Aviv metro project**

- The Israeli parliament passed the long-awaited metro law, paving the way for the construction of a sprawling underground network in the Tel Aviv metropolis.
- The project, valued at approximately 150 billion shekels (around 41 billion U.S. dollars), is Israel's largest infrastructure undertaking to date.
- Scheduled for a phased opening start in 2040, the metro will comprise three lines spanning a total distance of 150 kilometers and 109 stations.
- It will service 24 municipalities and is expected to ferry an estimated two million passengers daily.
- The Knesset-approved law designates the Tel Aviv metro as a national project.
- It establishes a comprehensive framework encompassing budgetary allocation, regulatory procedures, and project structure.
- Additionally, the law outlines taxation regulations and allocates 550 million shekels in compensation for businesses impacted by construction activities.
- The metro project will integrate with the ongoing light rail network development in the Tel Aviv area.
- The light rail's first line commenced operations roughly a year ago.

**Q.** What is the approximate cost of the historic Tel Aviv Metro project, which was recently passed by the Israeli Parliament? **150 billion shekels**





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## **IIT-Kgp bestows Pichai with Doctor of Science, wife Anjali Distinguished Alumnus Award in San Francisco**

- IIT-Kharagpur honoured Google CEO Sundar Pichai with the Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) Award and his wife Anjali Pichai with Distinguished Alumnus Award at a programme in San Francisco in the US.
- In recognition of his remarkable contribution towards digital transformation, affordable technology and pathbreaking innovations; President Droupadi Murmu, Visitor of the institute, bestowed the degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to Pichai in absentia at the 69th Convocation of IIT-Kharagpur in December last year. However, as Pichai was not present at the annual convocation, the institute therefore had decided to reach out to him at a later date for the same.
- A BTech (Hons) in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering from IIT-Kharagpur, Sundararajan Pichai is the CEO of Alphabet Inc. and Google.
- Anjali Pichai, who has a background in Chemical Engineering, did BTech honours from IIT-Kharagpur in 1993.

**Q.** Which IIT has honoured Google CEO Sundar Pichai with the Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) award and his wife Anjali Pichai with the Distinguished Alumni Award at an event held in San Francisco, USA? **IIT-Kharagpur**





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## World Bank approves development loan for Romania

- The World Bank Group's Board of Executive Directors has approved a development loan totalling 599.1 million euros (\$650.5 million) for Romania to support its economic and environmental sustainability.
- The loan is aimed at helping Romania promote fiscal consolidation and sustainability and increase pension system equity.
- The loan will also introduce incentives to decarbonize Romania's transport sector and support its first green bond issuance to boost public investment.
- Additionally, the loan will promote private-sector involvement in renewable energy and boost energy efficiency by introducing new financing for green investments, among others.
- These steps are vital for Romania to meet its commitments under the European Green Deal and achieve climate mitigation goals, given its vulnerability to climate risks.
- The World Bank Group remains a steadfast partner in Romania's journey toward a more equitable and sustainable economy.

**Q.** Recently The World Bank Group's Board of Executive Directors has approved a development loan totalling \$650.5 million to which southeastern European country? **Romania**





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## US senator moves bill to help India take on China

- US Senator Marco Rubio introduced a bill in the Congress which proposes to treat India on par with its allies like as Japan, Israel, Korea and NATO allies regarding technology transfers, support India in its response to growing threats to its territorial integrity and bar Pakistan from receiving security assistance if it is found to have sponsored terrorism against India.
- China continues to aggressively expand its domain in the Indo-Pacific region, all while it seeks to impede the sovereignty and autonomy of our regional partners.
- The bill notes that the US-India partnership is vital to countering influences from Communist China.
- In order to strengthen this partnership, it is essential to enhance our strategic diplomatic, economic, and military relationship with New Delhi, it asserts.
- When passed into law, it would provide a limited exemption for India from CAATSA sanctions for purchases of Russian equipment that are currently used by the Indian military and set a sense of Congress that expeditious consideration of certifications of letters of offer to sell defense articles, defense services, design and construction services, and major defense equipment to India is consistent with US interests and it is in the interest of peace and stability India to have the capabilities needed to deter threats.

**Q.** US senator moves bill to help India take on China. In context to same what does What does the term S stands for in the abbreviation CAATSA? **Sanctions**





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## **Netherlands to deliver 14 tanks to Ukraine by end of summer**

- The Netherlands, in collaboration with Denmark, will deliver 14 Leopard 2A4 tanks to Ukraine by the end of this summer.
- The two countries purchased 14 Leopard 2A4 tanks last year, sharing the cost of about 165 million euros (about 178 million U.S. dollars).
- Though previously used, these tanks have undergone extensive refurbishment and testing over the past few months.
- Twelve of the tanks are ready for shipment and the other two are still undergoing tests, but all 14 will be delivered by the end of summer.
- The Netherlands has previously supplied tanks to Ukraine.
- Last year, the Dutch Ministry of Defence, in partnership with Germany and Denmark, purchased used Leopard 1 tanks and refurbished them before sending them to Ukraine.
- In March, the Netherlands signed a 10-year security agreement with Ukraine, committing to support the country in security, reconstruction, and justice.

**Q.** Which European country in collaboration with Denmark plans to deliver 14 Leopard 2A4 tanks to Ukraine by the end of this summer? **Netherlands**





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## HS Dhaliwal Appointed New DGP Of Andaman And Nicobar Islands

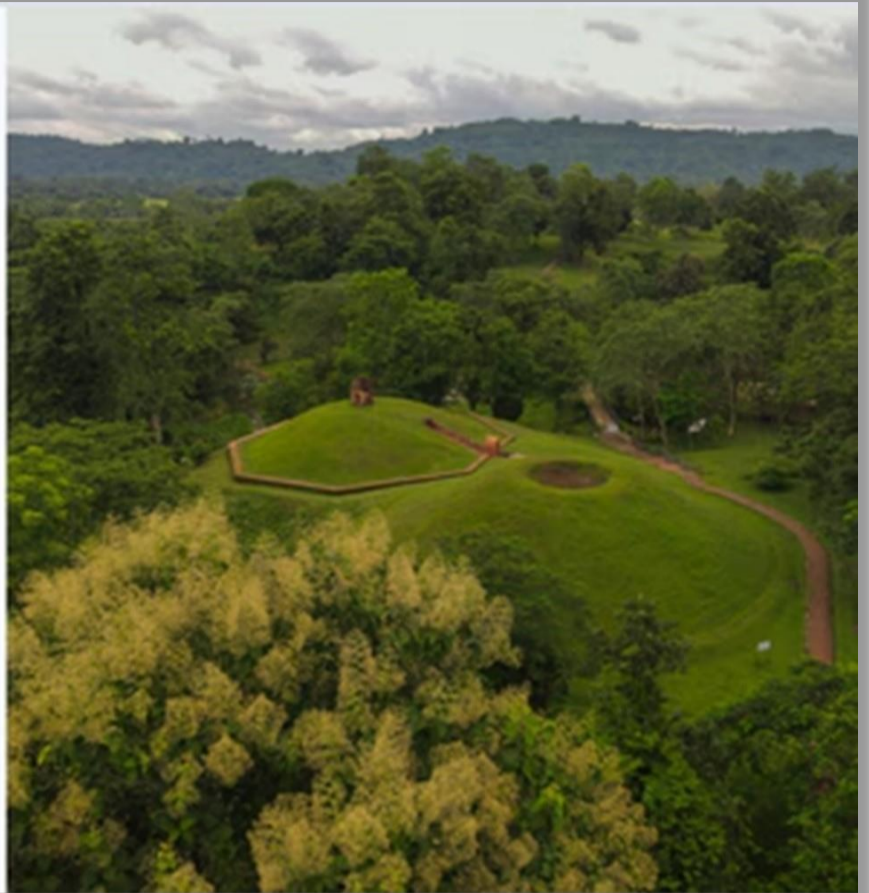
- The Ministry of Home Affairs appointed senior IPS officer Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal as the new Director General of Police of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Prior to his new role, Dhaliwal, a 1997-batch IPS officer, served as the special commissioner of police in New Delhi.
- Throughout his career, Dhaliwal has achieved significant milestones, including solving high-profile cases such as the Dhaula Kuan gangrape, journalist Saumya Vishwanathan's murder, and the Jigisha Ghosh murder case.
- He also played a crucial role in investigating the murder case involving Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala.
- Meanwhile, incumbent DGP Devesh Chandra Srivastva has been transferred to New Delhi.

### Andaman and Nicobar Islands

- Capital: Port Blair
- Lieutenant governor: Devendra Kumar Joshi
- Bird: Andaman wood pigeon
- Flower: Pyinma
- Mammal: Dugong
- Tree: Andaman Padauk

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Police of Andaman and Nicobar Islands? **Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal**





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## **Moidams – The Mound-Burial System of Ahom Dynasty Inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List as India's 43rd Entry**

- In an important cultural achievement for India “Moidams – the Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty” from Assam has been officially inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- The announcement was made during the ongoing 46th session of the World Heritage Committee at New Delhi.
- This makes it the 43rd property from India to be included here.
- This is the third World Heritage Property from Assam, following Kaziranga National Park and Manas Wildlife Sanctuary, both inscribed under the Natural category in 1985.
- The Moidams of Choraideo, which celebrate and preserve royal lineage through colossal architecture, are comparable to the pyramids of Egyptian pharaohs and royal graves in ancient China.
- Note: India became a member of the World Heritage Committee from 2021-25 and is currently hosting its first ever session since joining UNESCO's World Heritage Convention of 1972.

**Q.** Which cultural property of India's Assam has been Inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List as India's 43rd Entry? **Moidams – the Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty**





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## **The Indian Army departs for Multinational Military Exercise KHAAN QUEST**

- The Indian Army contingent departed for the Multinational Military Exercise KHAAN QUEST.
- The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 27th July to 9th August 2024 at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- The exercise will bring together military forces from around the world to collaborate and enhance their peacekeeping capabilities.
- Last edition of Exercise KHAAN QUEST was conducted in Mongolia from 19th June to 2nd July 2023.
- The exercise first started as a bilateral event between USA and Mongolian Armed Forces in the year 2003.
- Subsequently, from the year 2006 onwards the exercise graduated to a Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise with current year being the 21st iteration.
- Aim of Exercise KHAAN QUEST is to prepare Indian Armed Forces for peacekeeping missions while operating in a multinational environment, thereby increasing interoperability and military readiness in peace support operations under Chapter VII of United Nations Charter.
- The exercise will focus on high degree of physical fitness, joint planning and joint tactical drills.

**Q.** Where did the Multinational Military Exercise KHAAN QUEST is going to be conducted from 27th July to 9th August 2024? **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**





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