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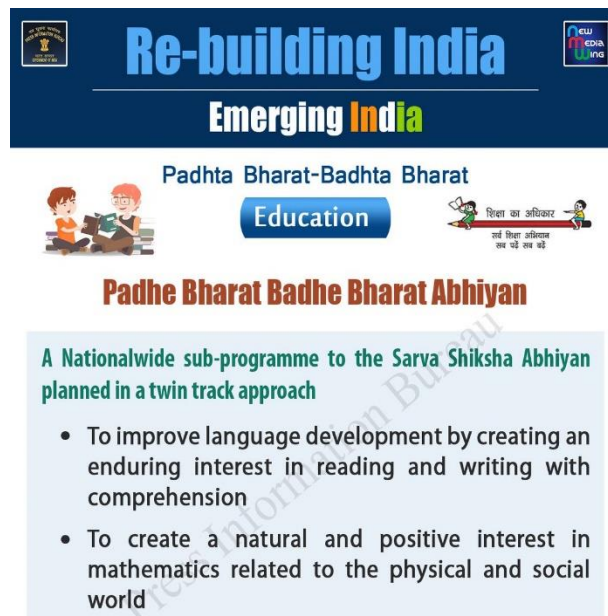
NATIONAL

Student Police Cadet Programme

- ❖ The Union Home Minister has launched the Student Police Cadet (SPC) Programme nationally.
- ❖ The programme focuses on students of class 8 & 9. It covers two kinds of topic: Crime prevention and control and Values and ethics.
- ❖ The programme will be steered by a state-level committee headed by the Principal Secretary, Home Department with the Principal Secretary, Education and Director General of Police as members.
- ❖ A similar committee will be formed at the district level, headed by the District Magistrate with the District Inspector of Schools and Superintendent of Police as members.

'Padhe Bharat- Badhe Bharat'

- ❖ The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has announced 'Padhe Bharat- Badhe Bharat' an initiative to promote the reading culture among students.



The infographic features a dark blue header with the text 'Re-building India' in large white letters and 'Emerging India' below it. To the right is the 'eGangotri India' logo. Below the header, the text 'Padhta Bharat-Badhta Bharat' is centered, with 'Education' in a blue box. To the left is an illustration of two children reading, and to the right is a logo with the text 'शिक्षण का अधिकार' and 'सब पढ़ें सब बढ़ें'. Below this is the title 'Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat Abhiyan' in bold. A light blue box contains the text 'A Nationwide sub-programme to the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan planned in a twin track approach' and a bulleted list of objectives.

Re-building India
Emerging India

Padhta Bharat-Badhta Bharat
Education

Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat Abhiyan

A Nationwide sub-programme to the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan planned in a twin track approach

- To improve language development by creating an enduring interest in reading and writing with comprehension
- To create a natural and positive interest in mathematics related to the physical and social world

- ❖ The initiative has been launched under 'Samagra Shiksha'.
- ❖ Under this initiative, the government will give an annual library grant to schools to allow students to widen their ambit of learning.
- ❖ 'Samagra Shiksha' is an overarching programme for school education extending from Primary to class 12 which was introduced in the Union Budget 2018-19.

INTERNATIONAL

International Army Games 2018

- ❖ India will be participating in a major army games event alongside Pakistan and China in Russia and six other countries
- ❖ The annually held event, International Army Games 2018, will be conducted from July 28 to August 11 in Russia, China, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Iran, and Kazakhstan.
- ❖ The military games, initiated by Russia in 2014, will be co-organised this year by China, Russia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Iran, and Armenia.
- ❖ The Indian Armed Forces have been participating in the Army Games since its inception.
- ❖ This year, two events (Tank Biathlon and Elbrus Ring) will see full participation from the Indian side.
- ❖ Armenia and Iran will be hosting competitions on their territory for the first time.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Advanced weather forecasting system

- ❖ Minister for Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan unveiled the first of its kind Air Quality and Weather Forecast System, **SAFAR** at Chandni Chowk in New Delhi.
- ❖ The giant true color LED display will give real-time air quality index on the 24x7 basis with color coding along with 72-hour advance forecast.
- ❖ The new system can track UV-Index, PM1, Mercury and Black carbon in real time and will provide health advisory and related precaution.



- ❖ The system was developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune in record time and operationalized by the India Meteorological Department.

STATES

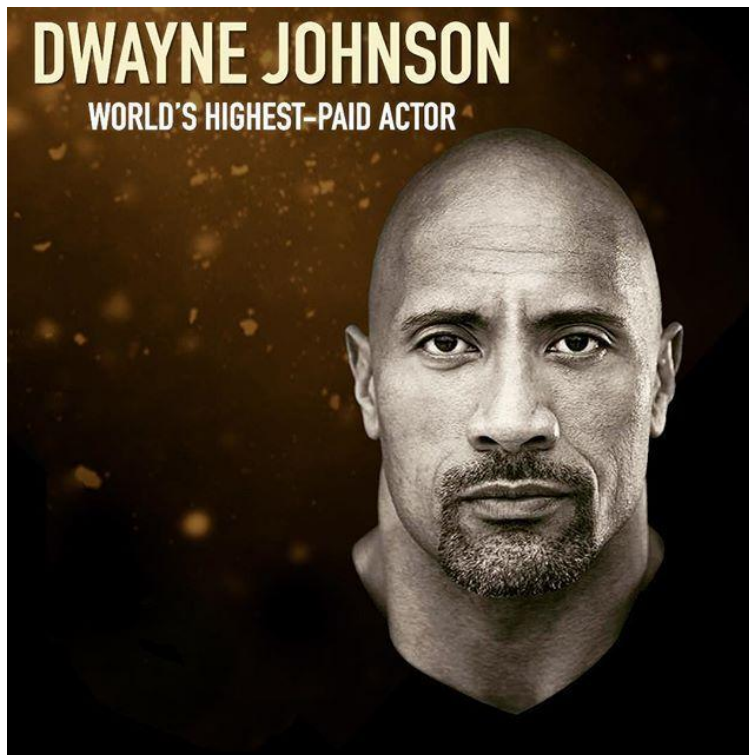
'Kharchi Puja'

- ❖ Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on 20th July, inaugurated the 7 days long “Kharchi Puja” at Puran Habeli, in Tripura.
- ❖ The annual festival is meant to cleanse the sins of mortal souls. Originally a Hindu tribals' festivity, it is now observed by all communities and religion.
- ❖ The worship starts with the dipping of 14 deities in the Howrah river, followed by the sacrifice of 108 animals
- ❖ Kharchi Puja is the biggest festival for the Hindu tribals in the northeastern region.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Forbes highest paid actor

- ❖ Forbes has named Hollywood actor Dwayne ‘The Rock’ Johnson the highest paid actor in the world.
- ❖ His earning at \$124 million last year was the largest ever recorded on the Forbes celebrity list.



- ❖ He ranked fifth on the overall list.
- ❖ Dwayne Johnson has earned more money for acting in a single year than anyone in the history of the Forbes Celebrity 100 list.
- ❖ The 2018 list calculates earnings from June 2017 to June 2018.

MISCELLANEOUS

Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development (ITRHD)

- ❖ 7th Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development (ITRHD) was held in New Delhi.

- ❖ ITRHD is an NGO devoted to the preservation of Indian Heritage and Culture in Rural India and working in about 7 states of India.
 - ❖ ITRHD's conservation works include works of 17th - 19th century village of terracotta temples, Maluti, Dumka, in Jharkhand.
 - ❖ The Maluti Project was inaugurated by PM Modi which involves conserving 62 temples of the 108 temples which were in a dilapidated condition.
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