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1. Ocean Darkening

Ocean Darkening Latest News

A new study seems to suggest that more than one-fifth of the global ocean has considerably darkened in the last two decades.

About Ocean Darkening

- Darkening of the ocean is essentially shrinking of the photic zones or those layers of water where sunlight can pass and induce the process of photosynthesis which is key to all biological processes.
- The photic layers can go down to about 200 meters and they also act as a base for nearly 90 per cent of the world's marine life.

2. Black Box

Black Box Latest News

After a Gatwick-bound Air India plane (AI171) crash, the search for the flight's black box continues, which is crucial equipment to find out what happened moments before the disaster.

About Black Box

- It is a small machine that records information about an aircraft during its flight.
- This bright orange or yellow rectangular box is crafted to withstand explosions, fire, water pressure, and high-speed crashes.
- It was discovered by Australian scientist David Warren, and is used to discover the cause of a plane crash.
- Most aircraft are required to be equipped with two black boxes — the cockpit voice recorder (CVR) and the flight data recorder (FDR) — that record the information about a flight and help reconstruct the events leading to an aircraft accident.
 - The CVR records radio transmissions and other sounds in the cockpit, such as conversations between the pilots and engine noises.

- The flight data recorder records more than 80 different types of information, such as altitude, airspeed, flight heading, vertical acceleration, pitch, roll, autopilot status, etc.

3. Operation Rising Lion

Source: TH

Context

Israel launched 'Operation Rising Lion', a massive airstrike targeting Iran's nuclear facilities and top military personnel.

4. Servants of India Society

Source: HT

Context


The Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE) has demanded the appointment of a neutral administrator for the Servants of India Society (SIS), citing alleged financial mismanagement.


Motto: Service of Motherland


Founder: Gopal Krishna G

1. First Indian to win Gold in World Boxing Cup:

Answer: Hitesh Gulia


 Location: Germany


 Year: 2025

 In 2025, Hitesh Gulia became the first Indian boxer to win a gold medal at the World Boxing Cup held in Germany.

2. India's Rank in Global AI Investments (UN Report 2023):


Answer: 5th Rank

 India secured ₹11,943 crores (~1.4 billion USD) in AI investments, making it the 5th highest in the world.

 Published by: United Nations (2023 Report)


3. 35th State/UT to Implement PM-JAY Officially:


Answer: Delhi

 In 2025, the Delhi government officially announced the implementation of Ayushman Bharat – PM-JAY scheme, becoming the 35th state/UT to join the program.

4. International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (April 6, 2025):

 Observed on: April 6

 Theme for 2025: “Levelling the Playing Field: Sport for Social Inclusion”

 The theme focuses on promoting equal opportunities and social inclusion through sport, especially for marginalized groups.

1. Bhagirath App – Uttarakhand Government

The Uttarakhand government recently launched the Bhagirath App to engage citizens in identifying and preventing the disappearance of water sources. This initiative encourages public participation in preserving critical water resources.

2. BIMSTEC Chairmanship – Bangladesh

Bangladesh assumed the chairmanship of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) on April 4, 2025. It will serve as the chair for two years.

3. IIM Ahmedabad – First International Campus in Dubai

IIM Ahmedabad announced its first-ever international campus in Dubai (Dubai International Academic City). The initial offering will be a One-Year MBA program starting in September 2025.

4. First Unicorn of India in 2025 – Netradyne

Netradyne, a company specializing in AI-powered fleet safety and video telematics, became India's first unicorn of 2025. It raised approximately \$90 million in Series D funding, reaching a valuation of \$1.34 billion.

5. World Homoeopathy Day

World Homoeopathy Day is observed annually on April 10 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homoeopathy. In India, various awareness programs are organized by the Ministry of AYUSH.

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1. Careless People – Book

Book Title: Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism

Author: Sarah Wynn-Williams

Published: March 11, 2025

Summary: A memoir based on the author's experience working at Facebook/Meta. It explores the internal politics, cultural flaws, and global political influence of the company.

Acclaim: Praised by top media outlets like The Guardian, The Washington Post, and The New York Times.

2. Shah Rukh Khan Statue at Leicester Square

A statue dedicated to Shah Rukh Khan is planned to be installed at Leicester Square in London.

The decision is based on scenes from the iconic Bollywood film 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge'.

This reflects the global influence and recognition of Bollywood cinema.

3. 7th Poshan Pakhwada Programme

Event: Poshan Pakhwada (7th Edition)

Dates: April 8 to April 22, 2025

Objective: To raise awareness about nutrition and health, particularly for women and children.

It was conducted as part of the government's flagship Poshan Abhiyaan initiative.

National Recognition for Bapatla Sarees

Bapatla: The silk sarees of Cheerala , Bapatla Dist have received national-level recognition. Under the “One District – One Product” scheme, the weaving of Bapatla sarees has been selected. In this regard, Bapatla Collector Venkata Murali accepted the recognition on behalf of South India.

1. Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Sonagiri has been appointed as the first woman naval officer to serve as the Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India. ADCs assist in protecting key national assets, including acting as bodyguards to VVIPs aboard aircraft, and are selected from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. This is a significant role in military protocol.

Belum Caves – GSI geo heritage site

2. In Andhra Pradesh, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has recognized the Belum Caves located in Kovelakuntla Mandal of Nandyal district as a geo-heritage site. These caves are now ranked on par with the Bharathakka Caves in Chittoor district for their archaeological significance.