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**CISF****RAISING DAY**

The CISF provides security cover to 300 industrial units, government infrastructure projects and facilities and establishments located all over India.

Importance: To mark the establishment of CISF on 10 March 1969

Governing Body: Union Ministry of Home Affairs

Parent agency: Central Armed Police Forces

Edition: 54th

Note: CISF was subsequently made an armed force of the Republic of India by another Act of Parliament passed on 15 June 1983.

Annual budget: ₹ 13,214.68 crore (2023–24)



Friday, 10 March 2023

RBI launches Mission 'Har Payment Digital' on the occasion of Digital Payments Awareness Week 2023

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the Mission 'Har Payment Digital' on the occasion of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2023.
- This is part of RBI's endeavour to make every person in India a user of digital payments.
- The campaign theme is "Digital Payment Apnao, Auron ko bhi Sikhao" (Adopt digital payments and Also teach others).
- "Har Payment Digital" is aimed at reinforcing the ease and convenience of digital payments and facilitating onboarding of new consumers into the digital fold.
- Various campaigns highlighting the digital payment channels available are being planned by the banks and non-bank payment system operators.
- This will further encourage and support the adoption of digital payments in the country.
- The Reserve Bank will also initiate a '75 Digital Villages' programme in observance of 75 years of Independence.
- Under this programme, Payment System Operators will adopt 75 villages across the country and convert them into digital payment enabled villages.

Q. What is the name of the mission launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on the occasion of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2023? **Har Payment Digital**



Friday, 10 March 2023

India-France joint military exercise FRINJEX-23 begins in Thiruvananthapuram

- The first ever joint military exercise between the Indian and French Army, FRINJEX-23, begins at Pangode Military Station, Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.
- This exercise is focused on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.
- The Joint exercise will further strengthened defence cooperation with France which is a key aspect of the overall Indo-France strategic partnership.
- It is for the first time French and Indian Army are engaging in this format with each contingent comprising a Company Group.
- The exercise is aimed at enhancing inter-operability, coordination and cooperation between both forces at tactical level.
- The exercise is unique in its concept and participation with the largest ever contingent being fielded by the Thiruvananthapuram-based Indian Army troops and the French 6th Light Armored Brigade.
- The theme for the exercise is based on “Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Operations in a Contested Environment”.

Q. Name the first ever joint military exercise between the Indian and French Army? **FRINJEX-23**



Friday, 10 March 2023

Sipra Das gets Lifetime Achievement honour in National Photography Awards ceremony

- Thirteen photographers including senior photojournalist Sipra Das have been conferred with National Photography Awards in various categories at a function in New Delhi.
- Photojournalist Sipra Das has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- A total of 13 awards were presented comprising of one Lifetime Achievement Award with cash prize of Rs.3,00,000; one award each in Professional Photographer of the Year category and Amateur Photographer of the Year category with cash prize of Rs.1,00,000 and Rs.75,000 respectively; and 5 Special Mention Awards in both Professional and Amateur categories with cash prize of Rs.50,000/- and Rs.30,000/- each respectively.
- The Photo Division confers these Awards every year to promote various facets of the country such as art, culture, development, heritage, history, life, people, society, and tradition through the medium of photography and to encourage professional and amateur photographers across the country.
- The theme for the Professional category was “Life and Water”, while in the Amateur category the theme was “Cultural Heritage of India”.

Q. Who has recently been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at National Photography Awards? **Sipra Das**



Friday, 10 March 2023

Group Captain Shaliza Dhami becomes first woman officer to command frontline IAF combat unit

- Captain Shaliza Dhami has become the first woman officer in the Indian Air Force to command a front line combat unit.
- According to the announcement by the Indian Air Force, Dhami will command a missile squadron in the Western sector.
- Dhami was commissioned as helicopter pilot in 2003, and has over 2800 hours of flying experience and is commended by Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief on two occasions.
- In the past, she has conducted several search-and-rescue missions, and also undertook flood relief operations.

Indian Air Force:

- Commander-in-Chief: India President Droupadi Murmu
- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS): General Anil Chauhan
- Chief of the Air Staff (CAS): Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS): Air marshal Amar Preet

Q. Who has become the first woman officer in the Indian Air Force to command a front line combat unit? **Captain Shaliza Dhami**



Friday, 10 March 2023

EC to host 3rd International Conference on theme Inclusive Elections & Elections Integrity

- Election Commission will host the 3rd International Conference on the theme 'Inclusive Elections and Elections Integrity'.
- ECI is leading the Cohort on Elections Integrity which was established as a follow-up to the 'Summit for Democracy' held in 2021.
- Over 46 Participants from 25 Countries as well as representatives from the International Foundation for Electoral systems and Civil Society Organisations are expected to participate in the Conference.
- The participating countries include Angola, Armenia, Australia, Canada, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland and Zambia.
- The first international conference of the Cohort was organized in November last year in New Delhi on the topic 'Role, Framework and Capacity of Election Management Bodies.
- The 2nd Conference on the theme 'Use of Technology and Elections Integrity' was organised by the Election Commission in January this year.

Q. What is the theme of the third International Conference organized by the Election Commission of India? **Inclusive Elections and Elections Integrity**



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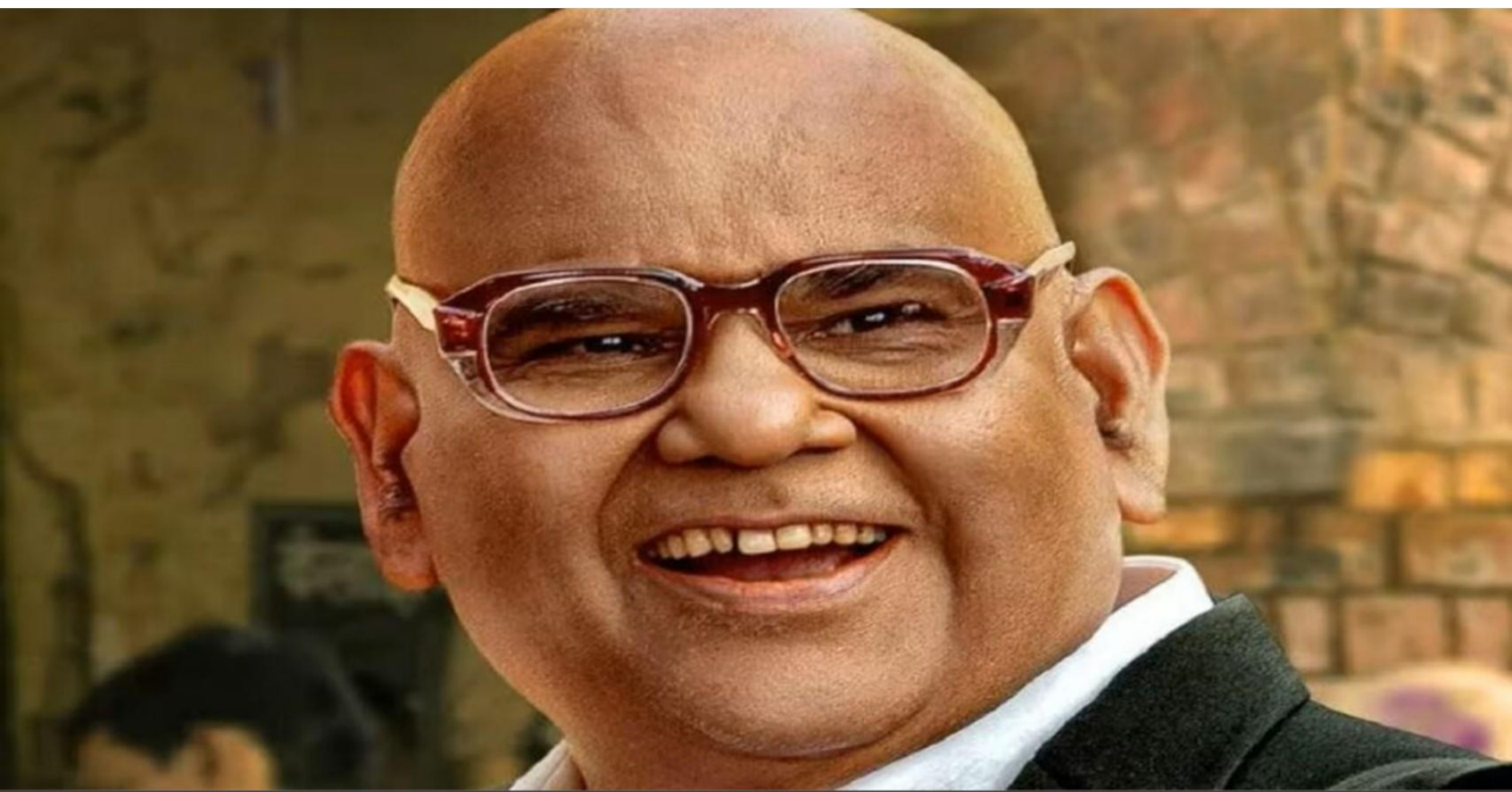
UN inks first 'High Seas Treaty' in a bid to protect ocean bodies of the world

- The United Nations inked the first 'High Seas Treaty' in a bid to protect the ocean bodies of the world that lie outside the national boundaries and form almost two-thirds of the world's oceans.
- The treaty is an outcome of a decade of talks on this environmental concern.
- The previous negotiations failed to conclude due to disagreements on funding and fishing rights.
- The last international agreement on ocean protection was signed 40 years ago in 1982 - the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Key Points regarding Treaty:

- The UN High Seas Treaty now brings 30 percent of the world's oceans into the protected domain, puts more money into marine conservation and sets new rules for mining at sea.
- Previously these water bodies were open for fishing, shipping and to conduct research and only about 1 percent of these waters also known as high seas were under protection which left the marine lives in these waters at high risk of exploitation from threats including climate change, overfishing and shipping traffic.
- As per the red data book of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), nearly 10 percent of marine species, were found to be at risk of extinction.

Q. Under the newly inked 'High Seas Treaty' by UN, how much percent of the world's oceans now came into the protected domain?
30%



Friday, 10 March 2023

Veteran actor & director Satish Kaushik passes away

- Veteran actor and director Satish Kaushik passed away.
- The 66-year old Satish Kaushik had acted in more than 100 films.
- Born on April 13, 1956, in Haryana, he acted in theatre before finding his break in Bollywood.
- An alumnus of the National School of Drama and the Film and Television Institute of India, Kaushik was best known for his roles in films such as Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron, Mr. India, Deewana Mastana, and Udta Punjab.
- Known for his comic timing, he was a successful director and will be remembered for his many films including Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja.
- Satish Kaushik won the Filmfare Best Comedian Award in 1990 for Ram Lakhan and for Saajan Chale Sasural in 1997.

Q. Satish Kaushik, an alumnus of the National School of Drama and the Film and Television Institute of India died. He was a famous _____. **Actor & Director**



Friday, 10 March 2023

Conrad Sangma sworn in as Meghalaya chief minister

- Conrad Kongkal Sangma was sworn in as the Meghalaya chief minister for the second successive term.
- Governor Phagu Chauhan administered the oath of office to Sangma, along with his two deputies Prestone Tynsong and Sniawbhaland Dhar, and nine other ministers.
- Sangma won from the South Tura constituency with a margin of 5,016 against Bharatiya Janata Party's Bernard N Marak, as per the data shared by the Election Commission of India on March 2.
- 58 newly elected MLAs were sworn in as assembly members with pro-tem speaker Timothy D Shira administering the oath of office and secrecy to them.
- The new government, which will be called the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance 2.0, has one woman minister in M Ampareen Lyngdoh. Other members of the new cabinet include Rakkam A Sangma, Marcuise M Marak, AT Mondal and Comingone Ymbon, all from Sangma's National People's Party (NPP).

Meghalaya:

- Capital: Shillong
- Chief Minister: Conrad Kongkal Sangma
- Governor: Phagu Chauhan

Q. Who has been reelected as the chief Minister of Meghalaya? **Conrad Kongkal Sangma**



David Chipperfield
Pritzker 2023 Laureate

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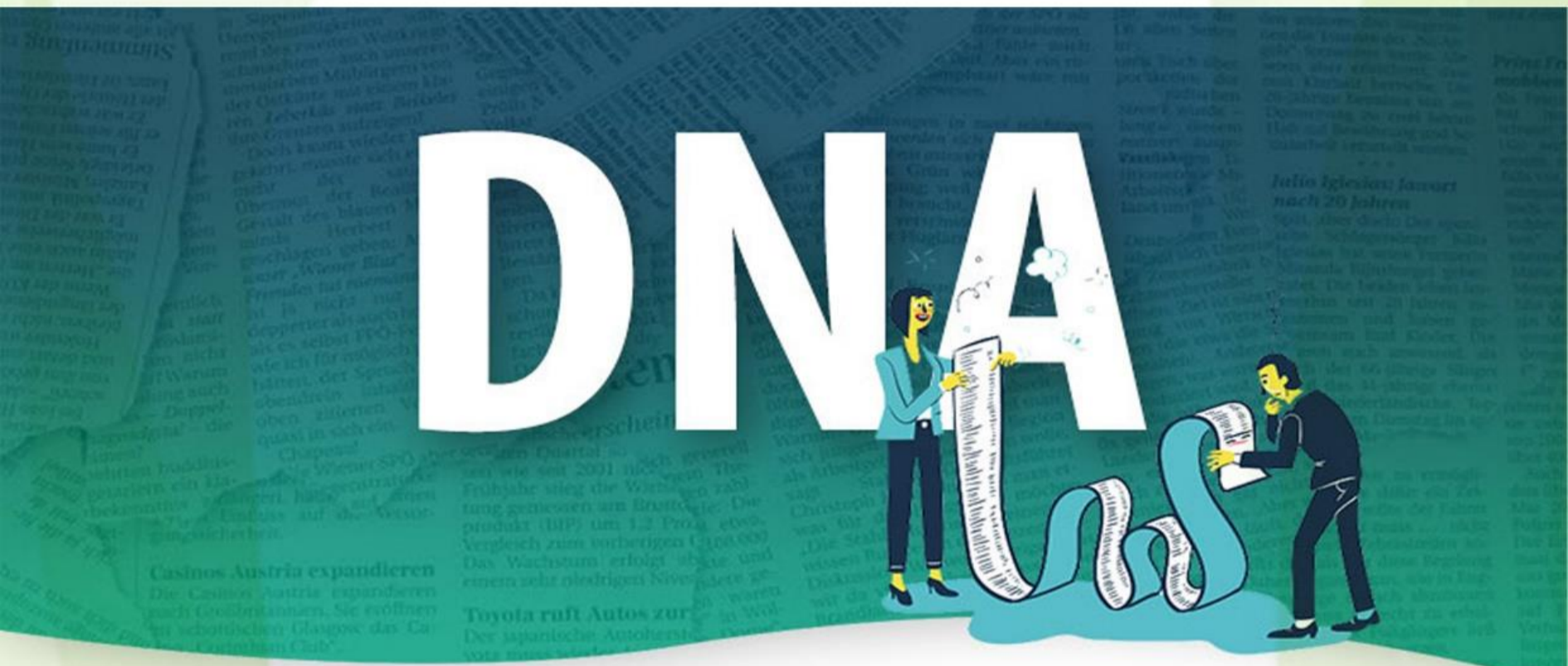
Sir David Chipperfield wins 2023 Pritzker Architecture Prize

- Civic architect, urban planner and activist, Sir David Alan Chipperfield has been selected as the 2023 Laureate of The Pritzker Architecture Prize, the award that is regarded internationally as architecture's highest honor.
- Chipperfield's storied career spans more than 40 years and includes 100-plus projects, ranging from civic, cultural, and academic buildings to residences and urban masterplanning throughout Asia, Europe, and North America. His built works, spanning over four decades, are expansive in typology and geography, including over one hundred works ranging from civic, cultural and academic buildings to residences and urban masterplanning throughout Asia, Europe and North America.
- Born in London in 1953, Pritzker Prize-winner Sir David Alan Chipperfield was raised on a farm in Devon, in the south-west of England.
- He worked under Douglas Stephen, Norman Foster, 1999 Pritzker Prize Laureate, and the late Richard Rogers, 2007 Pritzker Prize Laureate, before founding David Chipperfield Architects in London in 1985.

Q. This year who has been awarded with the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2023? **Sir David Chipperfield**



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