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SĀNJHI –MUJH MEIN KALĀKĀR'

Why in News?

Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) the National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama will launched the second phase of the Web Campaign 'SĀNJHI –MUJH MEIN KALĀKĀR' an initiative to document and promote the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) and diverse cultural traditions of the country by direct public-participation.

About the Initiative:

- This is a unique talent search where the participant will showcase their talent in the fields of music, dance, drama, puppetry, folk and tribal arts, culinary skills, painting, sculpture etc.
- The literal meaning of the term *SĀNJHI* is "to share" and "to partner", and the cultural traditions of our country has developed and prospered on the notions of harmony.
- The second phase of this campaign, SĀNJHI –MUJH MEIN KALĀKĀR, has its main focus area- the folk, traditional, customary, socially events and ritualistic art forms- woven as a cultural fabric around the harvest festival season of January.
- It is celebrated all across the country, known as various nomenclatures like *Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Lohri, Bhogali Bihu, Torgya, Uttarayan, Attukkal Pongal* etc.

Objectives:

It intends to bring forth such forms that are aligned with the domains of intangible cultural heritage as per the Convention of Safeguarding the ICH under UNESCO:

- Oral traditions and expressions, including language as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage;



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- Performing arts;
- Social practices, rituals and festive events;
- Knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe;
- Traditional craftsmanship

Background:

The first phase of this campaign was earlier initiated in the month of November 2018 during the festival season of Diwali.

About SNA:

- The Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) is the nodal agency of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India to coordinate the matters related to Intangible Cultural Heritage and various
- UNESCO Conventions addressing Cultural Diversity and promotion and dissemination of multifarious cultural traditions and expressions of the country.

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Gandhi Peace Prize

Why in News?

The Gandhi Peace Prize for the years 2015,2016,2017 and 2018 has been conferred on the following

1. ***Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari*** for the year 2015 for their contribution in Rural Development, Education , Development of natural resources.



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2. For 2016 jointly to **AkshayaPatra Foundation** for its contribution in providing mid-day meals to millions of children across India and Sulabh International for its contribution in improving the condition of sanitation in India and emancipation of manual scavengers.
3. **EkalAbhiyan Trust** for the year 2017 for their contribution in providing Education for Rural and Tribal Children in remote areas pan India, Rural Empowerment, Gender and Social Equality
4. **Shri Yohei Sasakawa** for the year 2018 for his contribution in Leprosy Eradication in India and across the world.

Composition of jury:

- Chairmanship of Prime Minister
- Chief Justice of India, Justice
- Speaker of Lok Sabha
- Leader of the single largest Opposition Party in Lok Sabha

About the Award:

- The annual award was instituted by the Government of India in 1995 during the commemoration of 125th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The award carries an amount of Rs 1Crore, a Citation in a scroll, a plaque as well as an exquisite traditional handicraft/handloom item.

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Export-Import Bank of India:

Why in News?

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the recapitalization of EXIM Bank.

The details are as follows:



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- i. Issuance of Recapitalization Bonds by Government of India to the tune of Rs.6,000 crore for capital infusion in Export Import Bank of India (Exim Bank).
- ii. The equity will be infused in two tranches of Rs. 4,500 crore in FY 2018-19 and Rs.1,500 crore in FY 2019-20 respectively.
- iii. The Cabinet also approved an increase in the authorized capital of Exim Bank from Rs. 10,000 crore to Rs. 20,000 crore. The recapitalisation bonds will be on the lines issued to Public Sector Banks.

Major Impact:

- Exim Bank is the principal export credit agency for India.
- The infusion of capital into Exim Bank will enable it to augment capital adequacy and support Indian exports with enhanced ability.
- The infusion will give an impetus to anticipate new initiatives like supporting Indian textile industries, likely changes in Concessional Finance Scheme (CFS), likelihood of new LoCs in future in view of India's active foreign policy and strategic intent.

Background:

- Exim Bank of India (Exim Bank) was established in 1982 under an Act of Parliament as the apex financial institution for financing, facilitating and promoting India's international trade.
- The Bank primarily lends for exports from India including supporting overseas buyers and Indian suppliers for export of developmental and infrastructure projects, equipment, goods and services from India.
- It is regulated by RBI.

Saksham 2019:

Why in News?

'Saksham', an annual high intensity one-month long people-centric mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas was launched here today



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What is it?

- Various interactive programs and activities are being planned by PCRA, Public Sector upstream/downstream Oil & Gas companies during the month long 'Saksham-2019'.
- 'Saksham' Cycle Day in 200 cities, Cyclothons, Short Film making contest on MyGov, Workshops for drivers of commercial vehicles, Seminars for housewives/cooks on adopting simple fuel saving measure, Nationwide campaign through Radio, TV, Digital Cinemas, Outdoor media etc. will be conducted, with a focus on reaching out to various segments of fuel users.
- PCRA is going to utilize the social media platforms for **various customized campaigns through Facebook, twitter, MyGov platform.**

Solar wind on moon:

Why in News?

A study using observations from Chandrayaan 1 mission has found how plasma particles from the solar wind make their way into the Moon's night side, filling up the wake region, long thought to be devoid of plasma particles.

This has significance in understanding bodies like the Moon which do not have global magnetic fields.

What is plasma Environment?

- The plasma environment of the Moon, which is generated mainly by its interaction with the solar plasma wind flowing towards it from the Sun.
- This plasma wind consists of charged particles such as protons and is partly absorbed by the side of the Moon facing the sun.
- The rest of the solar plasma wind incident on the Moon flows around it, but leaves a wake (a void) on the side not facing the sun (the night-side of the Moon).

Recent studies

- Earlier, it was believed that this wake was devoid of any particles.



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- But recent Moon missions such as Chandrayaan-1, Kaguya, Chang'e-1 and Artemis have found evidence of refilling of near lunar wake (heights of 100 km to 200 km above the lunar surface on the night side) with solar wind protons.
- Unlike the Earth, the Moon has no global magnetic field originating from a magnetized core.
- It has weak crustal fields that are too small to shield it globally from charged solar plasma particles incident on it.
- At some regions the crustal fields are quite strong and these are known as magnetic anomalies. The plasma particles scatter off these anomalous crustal fields. .

Significance:

- The interaction between the Moon and the solar plasma is a topic of interest now because understanding it can help us study any celestial body which has no atmosphere or global magnetic field, such as asteroids and some planetary satellites.