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DAILY UPDATE 1 : IMPORTANT DAY



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International Dance Day : 29 April :-

International Dance Day, also known as World Dance Day is all about celebrating the amazing art of dance and showing how it brings people together. International Dance Day was created in 1982 by the Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute (ITI). The ITI is a partner of UNESCO, which works to promote education, science, and culture around the world. They chose April 29th for International Dance Day because it's the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre, a famous French dancer who helped create modern ballet.



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DAILY UPDATE 2 : APPOINTMENT



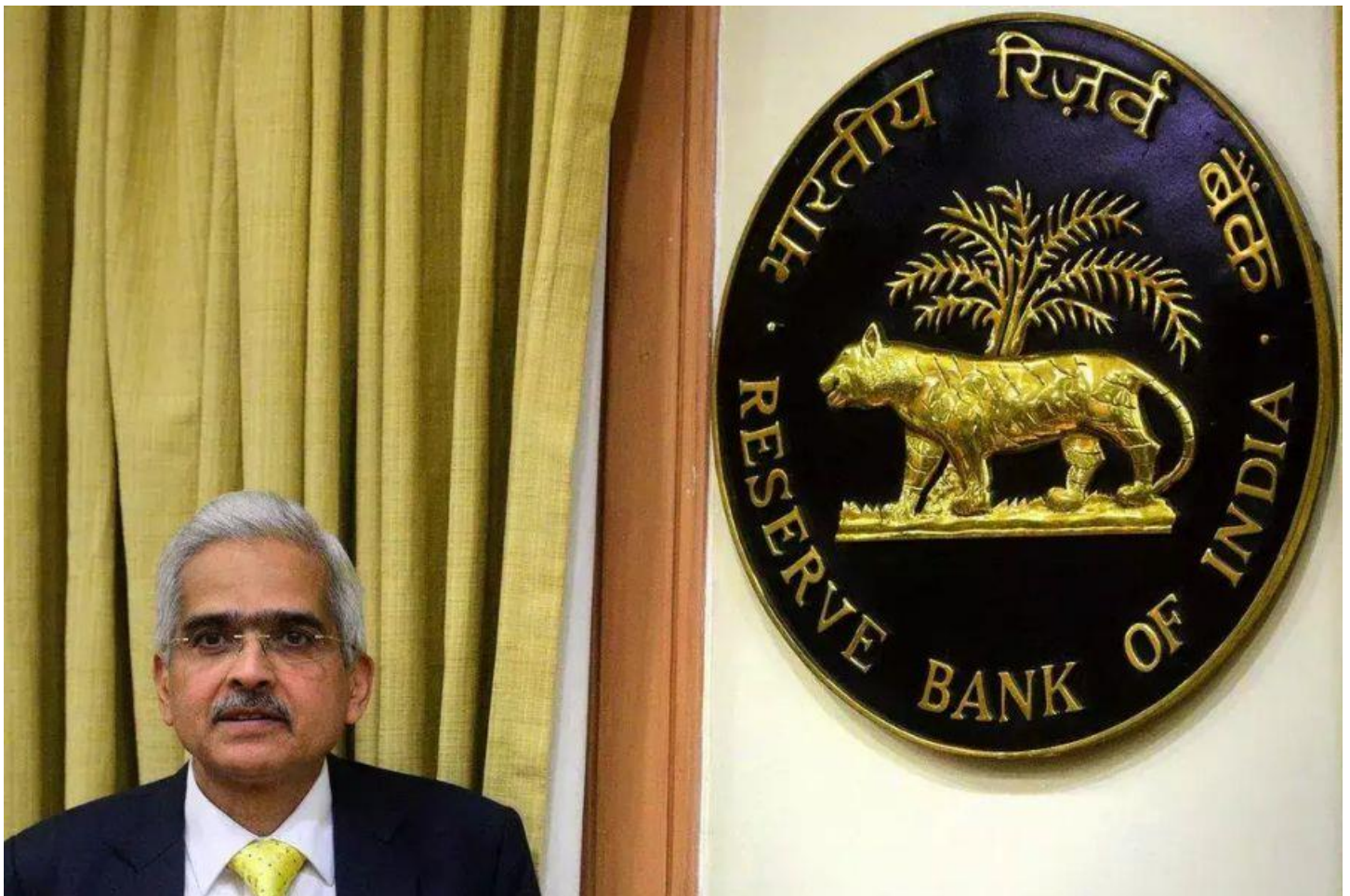
Former UGC Chairman Prof D. P. Singh Appointed TISS Chancellor :-

Prof. Dhirendra Pal Singh, also known as D.P. Singh has been appointed as the new Chancellor of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, Maharashtra. Singh has been appointed as the Chancellor of TISS for a period of 5 years. Prof. Singh is the former Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. He was also appointed as the director of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Singh has been vice-chancellor at Dr Hari Singh Gour University, Banaras Hindu University, and Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya.



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DAILY UPDATE 3: BANKING



RBI lays out a roadmap for the transition of SFBs to universal banks:-

The Reserve Bank of India has laid out a roadmap for the voluntary transition of small finance banks (SFBs). To be eligible for conversion into a universal bank, the RBI stipulates that only listed SFBs will qualify. Those intending to convert must have a minimum net worth of Rs 1,000 crore. Also, the SFBs must have a scheduled status and a satisfactory track record of at least five years with a gross non-performing asset (NPA) of 3 per cent or less and a net NPA of 1 per cent or less in the past two financial years.



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DAILY UPDATE 4 : DEFENCE



IAF holds investiture ceremony at National War Memorial:-

The Air Force Investiture Ceremony was held on 26 April 2024 near the Param Yodha Sthal, which is a part of the National War Memorial (NWM) complex in New Delhi. The ceremony began with the awardees paying homage to the



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fallen heroes of the country by laying a wreath at the Amar Chakra of the NWM. This solemn ceremony was followed by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, conferring Presidential awards to 51 air warriors. This is the first time that any service conducted its Investiture Ceremony in the NWM complex.

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Iran unveils new 'kamikaze' drone:-

The Iranian military on April 28 presented a new attack drone designed to fly into targets and explode, like the kind used by Russia in the war in Ukraine. This new Iranian drone is similar to the Russian Zala Lancet drone, which was first produced in 2020. Iranian Shahed drones have been used by Russian forces in air attacks in Ukraine. After Iran's recent air attack on Israel, the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada imposed new sanctions on Tehran targeting the production and export of drones.

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Dubai to build world's largest airport with 400 terminal gates :-

Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum on 28 April announced that his government has approved the designs for the new passenger terminals at Al Maktoum International Airport worth \$34.85 billion. The Al Maktoum International Airport will be the largest in the world having a capacity of handling up to 260 million passengers. It will be five times the size of the current Dubai International Airport. With five parallel runways, the airport will accommodate 400 terminal gates.



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DAILY UPDATE 7 : NATIONAL



Centre okays export of 99,150 tonnes onion to six countries :-

The government has approved exports of 99,150 tonnes of onion to six countries since the ban on the shipment was imposed in December last year to ensure adequate domestic availability against the backdrop of estimated lower Kharif and Rabi crops in 2023-24. The total quota for onion shipment approved is Bangladesh (50,000 tonne), UAE (34,400 tonne), Sri Lanka (10,000 tonne), Bahrain (3000 tonne), Mauritius (1200 tonne) and Bhutan (550 tonne). The onion is sourced from Maharashtra and shipped through the National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL).



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DAILY UPDATE 8 : SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Indian Air Force ushers in Digital Transformation with DigiLocker Integration :-

Indian Air Force (IAF) embarked on a transformative digital journey by integrating with the DigiLocker platform on April 26, 2024. In a ceremonial event held at Air Headquarters, Vayu Bhawan, the IAF and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to leverage DigiLocker's secure and accessible document repository services. This pioneering integration will revolutionize the way critical service documents of IAF personnel, both serving and retired, are issued, accessed, and verified digitally.



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DAILY UPDATE 9 : STATES



Kerala's Vizhinjam Port to run as India's first transshipment hub:-

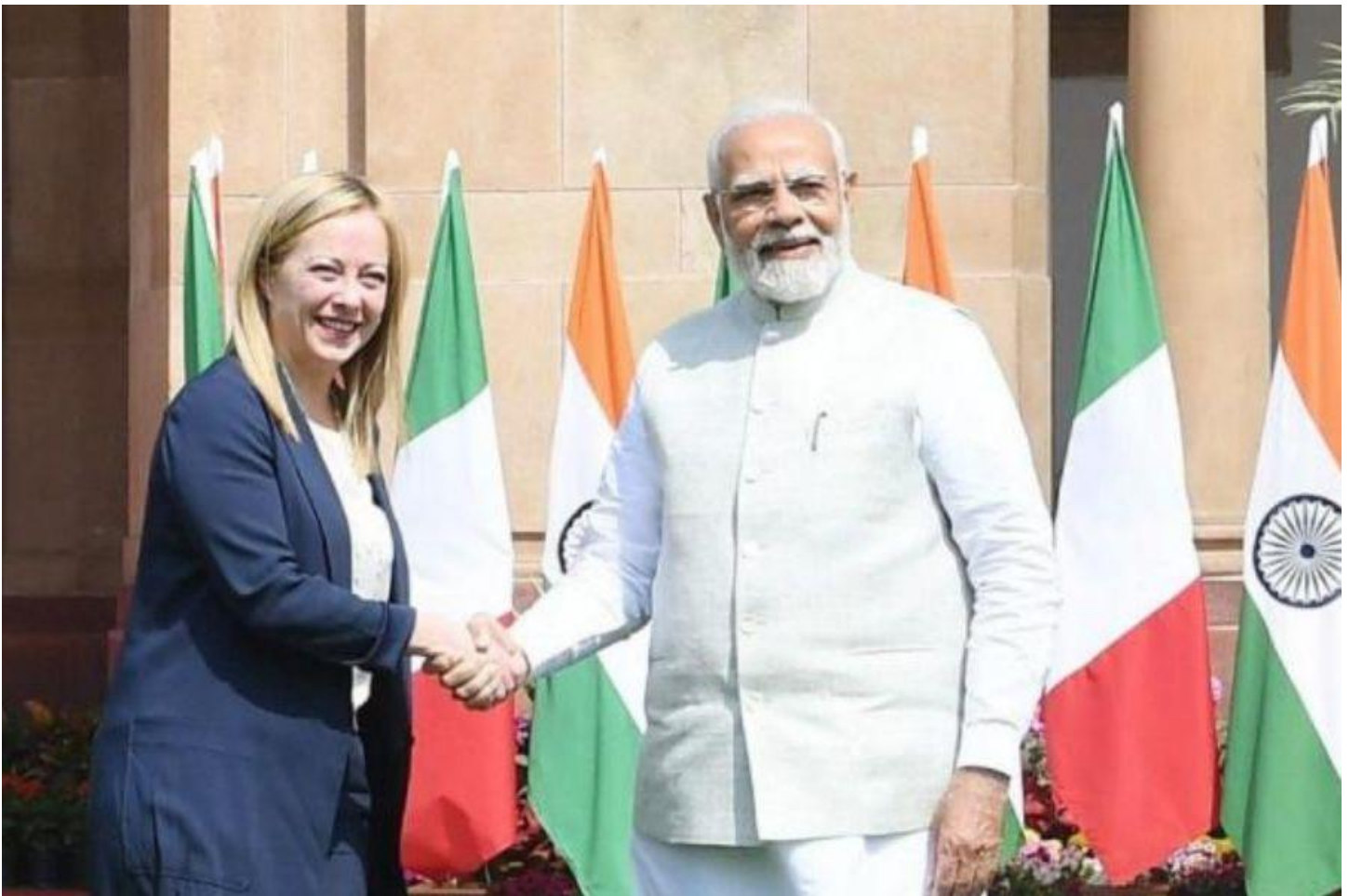
The Centre has given sanction to Adani's Vizhinjam Port in Kerala to operate as a transshipment port. A transshipment port is a crucial hub where cargo is transferred from one big vessel to several smaller ones before it reaches the final port of discharge. It will now help India in its ambition to become a manufacturing hub. Approximately 75 per cent of



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India's transshipment cargo is currently processed at ports overseas, with destinations such as Colombo, Singapore, and Klang handling about 85 per cent of this cargo.

DAILY UPDATE 10 : SUMMITS & CONFERENCE



Italian PM Meloni invites Indian PM Modi to attend G7 Summit in June :-



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The Italian PM Meloni graciously invited PM Modi to the G7 Summit Outreach Session in June, emphasizing advancing India's G20 outcomes at the G7 under Italy's leadership. Modi expressed gratitude and discussed deepening their strategic partnership, aligning on regional and global interests. The invitation reflects confidence in India's government. The G7 Summit, scheduled for June 13-15 in Puglia, follows the Lok Sabha election results. Both leaders affirmed their commitment to strengthening ties and enhancing cooperation.