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Warsaw Convention

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- It refers to an international agreement that defines the rules and regulations that govern civil aviation.
- It defines the potential liability that an international carrier faces with regards to the air transport of people and luggage of various kinds.
- It helps provide a common framework for dispute resolution between parties belonging to different countries.
- **Montreal Convention** is a multilateral treaty adopted by member states of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).
- It amended important provisions of the Warsaw Convention's regime concerning compensation for the victims of air disasters.

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Agriculture Hackathon

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- Vishakhapatnam will host the first-ever agriculture hackathon.
- It is being organized here by the State government (Andhra Pradesh) in association with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- It will be major international hackathon with delegates from all over the world participating to showcase the latest agriculture technologies and products of companies.

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Bhandhan Express

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- It is a cross border passenger train runs between India and Bangladesh.
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- It connects Kolkata and Khulna, covering a distance of 172 km.
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- This will be the second train to run between the two countries after Maitree Express.
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- Maitree Express connects Kolkata and Dhaka in Bangladesh, covering 375 km.
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- It was flagged off in 2008 after the gap of 43 years it was stopped during 1965 war between India and erstwhile East Pakistan.
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- India and Bangladesh share a 4096km long international border, the 5th longest land border in the world.
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Olive Ridleys

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- Gahirmatha beach in Odisha’s Kendrapara district is known as world’s largest rookery of olive ridley species.
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- Olive ridleys started arriving off the coast of Gahirmatha for its nesting.
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- Olive Ridley is the smallest of the sea turtles and omnivorous in diet.
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- They are found only in warmer waters, including the southern Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.
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- They are known for their behavior of synchronized nesting in mass numbers, termed arribadas.
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- They nests twice/thrice in a year.
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- Its nesting season ranges worldwide from June to December, with the peak period in September and October.
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- They are listed as Vulnerable in IUCN Red List and in Appendix I of CITES.
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- Nasi II Island is part of Gahirmatha Scantuary in Odisha, one of the world's largest nesting grounds of olive ridley turtles.
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Shilpotsav -2017

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- Shilpostav- 2017 is the annual fair of artisans from across the country, belonging to the weaker sections of the society.
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- It is being organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
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- Its objective is to empower marginalized and disadvantaged artisans by providing financial independence.
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- The artisans assisted by National Backward Classes, Scheduled Caste, Handicapped, Safai Karamchari Finance & Development Corporations.
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World Immunization Day

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- World Immunization Day is celebrated every year by World Health Organisation on November 10.
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- It is celebrated to make people aware about the importance of getting timely vaccinations against vaccine preventable diseases.
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- India has one of the largest Universal Immunization Programs (UIP) in the world in terms of the quantities of vaccines used, number of beneficiaries covered, geographical spread and human resources involved.
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- GoI is providing vaccination free of cost against vaccine preventable diseases under Mission Indradhanush.
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- It includes Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Measles, severe form of Childhood Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B and Meningitis & Pneumonia (across the country),

Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), Japanese Encephalitis in JE endemic districts and Rotavirus diarrhoea in selected states.
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- Measles-Rubella vaccine, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) is being introduced in phased manner.
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