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Dead Sea Scrolls

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- The Dead Sea Scrolls are a collection of ancient manuscripts that include the earliest existing copies of books from the Hebrew Bible, date from the 3rd century BC to the 1st century AD.
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- Around 900 scrolls were discovered between 1947 and 1956 in the Qumran caves above the Dead Sea.
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- Archaeologists have uncovered a new cave that once housed Dead Sea Scrolls.
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- The cave discovered west of Qumran in the occupied West Bank contained no manuscripts, but there is ample evidence of their earlier presence.
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Mission XI Million

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- It is the biggest school sports outreach programme in the country launched in New Delhi.
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- It aims to take football to at least 11 million boys and girls around the country
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- The programme is to make football as the sport of choice in India, to encourage children gain healthy habits and learn important life lessons in teamwork and sportsman spirit.
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Fairy Queen

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- The ‘Fairy Queen’ is the oldest surviving functional steam engine in the world.
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- The locomotive was constructed in England, in 1855, and reached Kolkata in the same year.
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- It was certified by the Guinness Book of Records in 1998 as the world's oldest steam locomotive in regular operation.
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- It will once again run between Delhi and Rewari for a single day heritage trip.
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Defence Procurement Organisation

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- The government plans to set up a Defence Procurement Organisation (DPO).
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- The Defence Procurement Process continues to be lengthy and complicated.
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- DPO will simplify the defence purchase procedure by integrating procurement processes.
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- The new agency will be established based on the recommendation of government appointed committee headed by **Dr. Pritam Singh**.
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- The DPO will be under the **Union Defence Ministry**.
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