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Lalit Kala Akademi's National Exhibition of Art

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- It is held every year to exhibit works of brilliance and to give appreciation and recognition to outstanding artists.
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- The exhibition covers artworks from extensive series of mediums like paintings, sculptures, graphics, photographs, drawings, installation and multimedia.
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Lalit Kala Academi

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- Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Fine Arts) is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Culture.
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- It has headquarters at New Delhi and regional centres at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Kolkata, Lucknow and Shimla.
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- Lalit Kala Akademi is the nodal agency of the Government of India to promote understanding of Indian art, both within and outside the country.
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- The Akademi conducts international exhibition on contemporary art in New Delhi every three years.
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- It also conducts the National Exhibition of Photography and Art.
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- It publishes bi-annual art journals, Lalit Kala Contemporary (English), Lalit Kala Ancient (English) and Samkaleen Kala (Hindi).
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Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)

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- The PMSMA programme was launched in 2016 under the ministry of health and family welfare.
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- It aims to ensure free comprehensive and quality antenatal check-ups to pregnant women for ensuring safe pregnancy.
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- The programme is carried out across India with participation of private doctors.
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AGNI- V

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- Recently India test-fired Agni-V, an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile in its final operational configuration.
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- Agni V is a nuclear capable missile, which can reach the northern-most parts of China with its strike range of over 5,000-km.
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- The missile is over 50-tonne and designed to carry a 1.5-tonne nuclear warhead.
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- It is considered to be a credible strategic deterrent against India’s aggressive foes.
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- It is part of the Agni series surface to surface missiles indigenously developed by DRDO under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP).
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Nirman Samvaad

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- A one-day Mega Conclave called ‘Nirman Samvaad’, a first ever interaction between the Ministry of Railways and the Construction Industry concluded recently.
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- It was a major event aimed at taking measures to ensure expeditious implementation of ambitious Railway Infrastructure Development Plans.
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- The Conclave was organized by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL), a dedicated arm of Ministry of Railways for fast track implementation of railway projects.
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Operation Digital board

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- The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) recently passed a resolution to take steps towards Operation Digital Board.
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- The idea of Operation Digital Board is aimed at providing better digital education in all schools.
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- These steps will be on the lines of Operation Blackboard of 1987, which was started with the purpose of providing minimum basic facilities to all primary schools.
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- This will offer new opportunities and ways of teaching and learning in schools.
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- CABE is an advisory body under the Ministry of Human resource Development.
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