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India Workplace Equality Index

- This index is India's first comprehensive benchmarking tool for employers to measure their progress on LGBT+ inclusion at workplace.
- Non-profit Keshav Suri Foundation has partnered with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Pride Circle and Stonewall UK, to bring the IWEI to India Inc.
- The index measures nine areas: policies and benefits, employee lifecycle, employee network group, allies and role models, senior leadership, monitoring, procurement, community engagement and additional work.
- There are three categories of IWEI: Gold, silver and bronze categories.
- The IWEI comes two years after the Supreme Court's landmark reading down of Section 377.

Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation

- This award is given by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- Sunder Nursery has become Delhi's first heritage complex to receive two of these awards for Cultural Heritage Conversation.
- It has bagged the Award of Excellence and the inaugural Special Recognition for Sustainable Development.
- The 90-acre Sunder Nursery is the park set amid historical structures at Nizamuddin, Delhi.
- It has 20 heritage monuments and landscaped environs, including a 30-acre biodiversity zone.
- UNESCO's jury said the park sets a new bar for heritage conservation.
- It was awarded Special Recognition for Sustainable Development for its transformative impact in turning a barren site into an urban oasis in the heart of New Delhi.

Rahim Khan's Tomb

- This tomb is opened to the public after six years of restoration work.
- Abdur Rahim Khan-e-Khanan, commander-in-chief of Akbar's army and poet, built a tomb in Delhi in memory of his wife Mah Banu.
- It was the first Mughal tomb built for a woman, five decades before the Taj

Mahal was built by Shah Jahan.
- Rahim's tomb was an inspiration to the architecture of the Taj.
- Just like his dohas, Rahim used Hindu motifs on the mausoleum.
- Rahim's persona as a hydraulic engineer, who built the Burhanpur water supply system, was demonstrated here with a fountain that lifted water over 20 feet high from a pool on the sandstone terrace of the tomb.
- But, in the 18th-19th centuries, stones from this tomb were plundered to build monuments elsewhere in the city, such as the Safdarjung Tomb.
- This had left the structure at a risk of collapse, which was the reason why conservation steps were taken.

Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020

- Union Government for the first time lays down rights to the electricity consumers through Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020.
- Every distribution licensee must supply electricity on request made by an owner or occupier of any premises in line with the provisions of Act.
- The consumers would get electricity connection in prescribed timeline - 7 days in Metro cities, 15 days in other cities and 30 days in rural areas.
- No connection shall be given without a meter.
- Wilful disregard to consumer rights would result in levying penalties on service providers.
- Consumers could apply for new electricity connection and pay bills online. Provision for advance payment of bills has also been made.
- Distribution licensee shall establish a centralised 24x7 toll-free call centre for consumer services.
- Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) established would include consumer and prosumer representatives.

Firefly Bird Diverters

- Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) India has installed firefly bird diverters to conserve Great Indian Bustard (GIB) populations found in the wild.
- The selected stretch is opposite the Pokhran Field Firing Range, which offers a safe habitat to a breeding population of GIBs outside the Desert National Park Sanctuary in Jaisalmer.
- **Firefly bird diverters** are flaps installed on power lines that work as reflectors for bird species.
- Birds can spot them from a distance of about 50 meters and change their path of flight to avoid collision with power lines.
- This diverter model has been endorsed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Species Survival Commission's (SSC) Bustard

Specialist Group.
- To know more about GIB, click here.

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