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International

Qatar, Turkey, Pakistan and Indonesia Sign 'Project Badr' Defence MoU

According to Indonesia's Ministry of Defence, the 'Project Badr' quadrilateral defence MoU was signed in Doha on 21 Oct 2026. It covers research and development with technology transfer, defence industry and manufacturing, and human resources.

Why it matters: Which countries signed the Badr defense cooperation MoU in Doha?

Source: Indonesian Ministry of Defence

World Bank Group Launches Its First Comprehensive Digital Strategy in Seoul

The World Bank Group launched its first digital strategy in Seoul, South Korea, aiming to expand affordable digital connectivity, skills, and AI adoption in developing countries.

Why it matters: Where did the World Bank Group launch its first digital strategy?

Source: World Bank Group

Economy and Banking

CCI Approves Maybach Asia's Acquisition of Sahrudaya Health Care

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of 100 percent equity share capital of Sahrudaya Health Care Private Limited by Maybach Asia Holdings II Pte. Ltd.

Why it matters: Which body approved the acquisition of Sahrudaya Health Care by Maybach Asia Holdings?

Source: PIB

CCI Clears Integrace Private Limited to Acquire Universal Nutriscience

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of share capital of Universal Nutriscience Private Limited and related transactions by Integrace Private Limited.

Why it matters: Which regulatory body approved the Integrace and Universal Nutriscience deal?

Source: PIB

Environment

Trans-Boundary Haze Crisis Affects Southeast Asia Due to Indonesian Peatland Fires

Severe peatland and forest fires in Indonesia, particularly in Kalimantan and Sumatra, triggered a cross-border haze crisis affecting Malaysia and Singapore.

Why it matters: The AATHP agreement is associated with which environmental issue in Southeast Asia?

Schemes and Policies

PM-DAKSH Scheme Merged with MSDE's PMKVY Scheme from 2024-25

The PM-DAKSH scheme has been merged with the PMKVY scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship starting from the financial year 2024-25.

Why it matters: With which scheme has PM-DAKSH been merged from 2024-25?

Source: PIB

Tripartite MoU Signed to Boost Livelihoods for ST Youth in Rourkela

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs through NSTFDC signed a tripartite MoU to strengthen livelihood opportunities, benefiting over 600 students at the Livelihood Business Incubation Centre in Rourkela.

Why it matters: Which ministry supports the Livelihood Business Incubation Centre at Rourkela?

Source: PIB

Today's quiz

1. Which ministry implements the PM-DAKSH scheme following its merger with the PMKVY scheme starting from the financial year 2024-25?

A. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
B. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
D. Ministry of Finance

2. Consider the following statements regarding international developments in 2026:
1. Qatar, Turkey, Pakistan, and Indonesia signed the Badr defense cooperation MoU in Doha.
2. The World Bank Group launched its first digital strategy in Seoul, South Korea.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements regarding corporate acquisitions approved by the Competition Commission of India (CCI):
1. Acquisition of 100 percent equity share capital of Sahrudaya Health Care Private Limited by Maybach Asia Holdings II Pte. Ltd.
2. Acquisition of share capital of Universal Nutriscience Private Limited and related transactions by Integrace Private Limited.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Match List-I with List-II regarding recent environmental and developmental initiatives:
List-I (Initiative/Event)
1. Tripartite MoU for Rourkela Livelihood Business Incubation Centre
2. Cross-border haze crisis affecting Malaysia and Singapore

List-II (Associated Entity/Region)
I. NSTFDC (Ministry of Tribal Affairs)
II. Kalimantan and Sumatra (Indonesia)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

A. 1 - I, 2 - II
B. 1 - II, 2 - I
C. 1 - I, 2 - I
D. 1 - II, 2 - II

Answers: 1. A 2. C 3. C 4. A

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