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➤ SEHER Credit Education Program Launched To Empower Women Entrepreneurs

SEHER, a credit education program launched on July 2024, by the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and TransUnion CIBIL, will empower women entrepreneurs in India with financial literacy content and business skills. It helps them to access the financial tools they need to drive further growth and create employment in the country's economy.



➤ Haj Committee Now Under Minority Affairs Ministry

The government has designated the Ministry of Minority Affairs as the nodal ministry for the Haj Committee, taking over from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). This change includes new rules and the nomination of officers from various ministries to the committee. The Ministry of Minority Affairs now oversees the Haj Committee, which was earlier managed by the Ministry of External Affairs.



➤ Sixteenth Finance Commission Constitutes Five-Member Advisory Council

The Sixteenth Finance Commission has constituted an advisory council with five members to advise the Commission on any of the Terms of Reference (ToR) or related subjects. The Finance Commission, as per the ToR, will also suggest measures to augment the Consolidated Fund of a State to supplement the resources of panchayats and municipalities.





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➤ **Uttar Pradesh Launches 'Mitra Van' Initiative Along Borders**

The Uttar Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has unveiled a major environmental initiative called 'Mitra Van' (Friendship Forest) as part of the Vriksharopan Jan Abhiyan-2024. This ambitious project aims to enhance greenery along the borders of Uttar Pradesh, including its international border with Nepal.



- Increasing green cover along state and international borders
- Promote environmental cooperation with neighbouring states and Nepal
- Involve dignitaries from other states in tree plantation drives

➤ **Hong Kong, And Singapore Most Expensive Cities To Live In The World**

Hong Kong, Singapore and Zurich are currently the costliest cities for international workers in 2024, according to Mercer's cost-of-living data report. These three cities have maintained their positions in Mercer's rankings from the previous year. On the other hand, the cities with the lowest living costs are Islamabad, Lagos, and Abuja.



➤ **India and Russia Aim for \$100 Billion Trade**

India and Russia have set a target to increase bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030, emphasizing economic collaboration in energy, trade, manufacturing, and fertilizers. Discussions included balancing trade, reducing non-tariff barriers, and exploring an India-Eurasian Economic Union Free Trade Area. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed concern over civilian deaths in Ukraine and urged for peace efforts, stressing that a solution requires dialogue and not conflict.





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➤ **Azerbaijan Army Participates in “Birlestik-2024” Joint Military Exercises in Kazakhstan**

Azerbaijan Army servicemen have arrived in Kazakhstan to take part in the “Birlestik-2024” operational-tactical command-staff exercise. This joint military drill, scheduled on July 2024, will be conducted at the Oymasha training ground and Cape Tokmak in the Caspian Sea. The exercise is part of a collaborative effort between the Defense Ministries of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

