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WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on June 15 every year to raise awareness about the plight of elders at the hands of their relatives or society.



About:

It was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution in December 2011. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day highlights

- Elder abuse is a problem that exists in both developing and developed countries.
- According to United Nations, between 2019 and 2030, the number of persons aged 60 years or above is projected to grow by 38 percent i.e. from one billion to 1.4 billion, globally outnumbering youth.
- The 2020 National Commission on Population report estimates that there will be nearly 138 million elderly persons in India in 2021, comprising 67 million males and 71 million females.

GLOBAL WIND DAY

Global Wind Day or World Wind Day is a worldwide event that occurs annually on 15th of June.



About:

- It is organised by WindEurope and GWEC (Global Wind Energy Council).
- It is a day for discovering wind energy, its power and the

possibilities it holds to reshape our energy systems, decarbonise our economies and boost jobs and growth.

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- India currently has the fourth-highest wind installed capacity in the world with total installed capacity of 39.25 Giga Watt as on 31st March 2021 and has generated around 60.149 Billion Units during 2020-21.
- The government is promoting wind power projects by providing various fiscal and financial incentives such as Accelerated Depreciation benefit and concessional custom duty exemption on certain components of wind electric generators.
- It also provides technical support including wind resource assessment and identification of potential sites through the National Institute of Wind Energy, Chennai.

RO-RO, RO-PAX FERRY SERVICES

Government of India has issued draft guidelines for operationalization of Ro-Ro and Ro-Pax ferry services along the coast of India for Stakeholder Consultation.



About:

The guidelines encompass the two aspects of ferry operation namely –

concessions for terminal operation and

- license for operation of Ro-Pax vessels.
- These guidelines will homogenize and streamline the development and operations of ferry services, along with, promoting ease of doing business by eliminating unnecessary delays.
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, under its Sagarmala Programme, has embarked on developing an ecosystem for the promotion of Ro-Ro ferry and waterway transportation in the country.
- This mode of transportation has multiple benefits including reduced travel time, reduced logistics cost and lower pollution in comparison to conventional mode of transportation.
- In view of immense potential and distinct advantages of ferry service, the Ministry is financially supporting 45 projects with total project cost of Rs. 1900 Crore.
- Under the gambit of Sagarmala, Ministry has operationalized Ro-Pax Ferry service between Ghogha Hazira in Gujarat and Mumbai Mandwa in Maharashtra.

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UPPER AGE LIMIT FOR AGNIPATH SCHEME

Amid widespread protests, the Union government increased the upper age limit to 23 from 21 for recruitment under the Agnipath scheme for the year 2022.



About:

- A large number of youth will be benefited by this decision and they will move forward towards their brighter future by serving to the nation.
- Government officials also released a note on "myths and facts"

regarding the scheme.

The note said it was a myth that "21-year-olds are immature and unreliable" and at no point of time will there be more youth than experienced people among the ranks. The number of Agniveers to be recruited in the first year would only make up 3% of the armed forces.

INDIAN STANDARD FOR 'NON-ELECTRIC COOLING CABINET MADE OF CLAY'

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standards Body of India, has developed an Indian Standard, IS 17693: 2022 for 'non-electric cooling cabinet made of clay'.



About:

Named as 'Mitticool refrigerator', Shri Mansukh Bhai Prajapati from Gujarat is the innovator behind the refrigerator which projects an eco-friendly technology.

- BIS standard specifies the construction and performance requirements of a cooling cabinet made out of clay, which operates on the principle of evaporative cooling.
- It is a natural refrigerator made primarily from clay to store vegetables, fruits, milk, and also for cooling water.

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- It provides natural coolness to foodstuffs stored in it without requiring any electricity. Fruits, vegetables, and milk can be stored reasonably fresh without deteriorating their quality.
- In this era, where the world is dominated by technology and advancement, there are people in our country who still bank on traditional cooling. Clay pots have been an integral part of Indian kitchens until factory-made products of variety of materials invaded the market