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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY

## PIB: Environment

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

National Zoological Park celebrates International Day of Forests on 21st March, 2024

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- **International Day of Forests** was celebrated on 21st March 2024.
- The theme for this year's International Forest Day is “**Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world**”.

### Background

- The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 March the International Day of Forests in November 2012 to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests.
- International Day of Forests was observed for the **first** time on **March 21, 2013**.

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AIR: IR

## 1st Foreign Office Consultations Between India And Mauritania Held In Nouakchott

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Ministry of External Affairs  
Government of India

### News

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### About

- India and Mauritania share long-standing ties of friendship and collaboration.
- The bilateral trade between India and Mauritania has grown steadily during the last three years and it reached over 378 million US dollar during 2022-23, from 108 million US dollar in 2021-22.
- India's **Resident Mission** was opened in June 2021 which has been providing impetus in strengthening the bilateral relations.

AIR :Culture/IR

## Inauguration Of Shree Jestha Varna Mahavihar In Lalitpur Reflects India's Development Partnership With Nepal



- Nepal and India jointly inaugurated the new building of **Shree Jestha Varna Mahavihar**, Lalitpur (Nepal) built under GoI's post-earthquake reconstruction grant in the cultural heritage sector in Nepal.
- Jestha Varna Mahavihara, also known as Jyaba Bahi is situated 300 meters away from the **Patan Durbar Square**, world heritage site.

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India to double assistance to Bhutan to ₹10,000 cr.



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was conferred the **Order of the Druk Gyalpo**, Bhutan's highest civilian award, by His Majesty the King of Bhutan in a public ceremony at the Tendrelthang, Thimphu.
- Prime Minister Modi is the **first foreign leader** to be given this prestigious award.
- The award recognizes Prime Minister Modi's contribution to strengthening the India-Bhutan friendship and his people-centric leadership.

## Do you know?

- India has decided to double Bhutan's assistance over the next five years, from ₹5,000 crore in 2019-2024 to ₹10,000 crore for the period till 2029,

## The Hindu-IR-Page 12

### Australia, Britain to build AUKUS subs

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Australia and Britain said on Friday that a landmark deal to develop AUKUS nuclear-powered submarines would go ahead, despite mounting fears about costs, capabilities and the possible return of Donald Trump.

Under the fledgling AUKUS deal, the two countries along with the United States have pledged to beef up their military muscle in a bid to counter China's rise.

Defence chiefs this week unveiled ambitious plans to supply Australia with a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines, a key pillar of the agreement.

"The three governments involved here are working at pace to make this happen," Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles said on Friday.

However, some fear Mr. Trump could jettison the pact if he wins this year's presidential election, returning to his "America first" style of foreign policy.

#### News

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#### About

- AUKUS is a trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific region between **Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.**
- Indo-Pacific region accommodates about 65 percent of the world population, accounting for 63 percent of the world GDP, and around two-thirds of world trade.

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### REUSABLE LAUNCH VEHICLE PASSES TEST

Pushpak, a Reusable Launch Vehicle, lands at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka, Friday. Calling it a major milestone, ISRO said the trial revalidated the indigenously developed technologies in the systems essential for performing a high-speed autonomous landing of a space-returning vehicle. *PTI*

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the **Pushpak** Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) LEX 02 **landing experiment** at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga (Karnataka).
- The RLV LEX 02 landing experiment is the **second of the series** of experiments conducted by the space agency.
- RLV-LEX-02 demonstrated the autonomous landing capability of RLV off-nominal initial conditions at the release from a Chinook helicopter.
- The RLV was made to undertake more difficult manoeuvres with dispersions, correct both cross-range and down range, and land on the runway in a fully autonomous mode.