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Maharashtra State Specific News

<p>MH MSMEs to showcase niche products at Defence expo</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The inaugural MH MSME Defence Expo, currently underway in Pune, marks a significant moment for India's aspirations towards self-reliance in the defense sector.• Over 200 micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from the state are showcasing their niche products and capabilities, aiming to contribute to the nation's defense preparedness. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MSMEs are exhibiting innovative solutions across diverse areas like aerospace, armaments, electronics, communication, and logistics.• These include components for combat vehicles, communication equipment, drones, and specialized textiles.• The expo fosters collaboration between MSMEs and established defense players like L&T, Mahindra, and Tata, opening doors for joint ventures and technology transfer.• The expo aligns with the government's "Atma Nirbhar Bharat" initiative, promoting indigenous defense manufacturing and reducing reliance on foreign imports.
<p>Subsidy announced on solar panel installations</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Indian government has announced a new subsidy scheme to make rooftop solar panel installations more affordable. <p>Subsidy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ₹30,000 per kilowatt for systems up to 2 kW• ₹18,000 per additional kilowatt up to 3 kW• Capped at ₹78,000 for larger systems exceeding 3 kW <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower upfront cost of installation• Reduced electricity bills• Increased energy independence• Environmentally friendly power generation



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Sonu Nigam receives Raj Kapoor Vishesh Yogdaan Puraskar



Context:

- Sonu Nigam was awarded the Raj Kapoor Vishesh Yogdaan Puraskar at a ceremony in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir
- The award is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the Indian film industry.

About:

- Nigam has been a playback singer for over 25 years and has sung songs for over 1,000 films in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Bengali, Assamese, Gujarati, Punjabi, and Bhojpuri languages.
- He has won numerous awards for his singing, including four National Film Awards and two Filmfare Awards.

JP Dutta, Vidhu Vinod Chopra feted with prestigious Raj Kapoor Awards



Context:

- Two iconic figures of Indian cinema, JP Dutta and Vidhu Vinod Chopra, were recognized for their exceptional contributions with prestigious Raj Kapoor Awards.
- This marks a significant moment for their careers and highlights their lasting impact on the industry.

About:

- JP Dutta, known for crafting patriotic and historical epics like "Border", "LOC Kargil", and "Refugee", received the Maharashtra Bhushan Raj Kapoor Award.
- This award celebrates his dedication to showcasing themes of valor, sacrifice, and national pride through his powerful narratives.
- Dutta expressed immense gratitude, stating that the recognition from his home state held immense significance.
- Vidhu Vinod Chopra, acclaimed for films like "Lage Raho Munna Bhai", "Parinda", and "Munnabhai MBBS", was presented with the Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award.
- This award acknowledges his diverse filmography, spanning genres and addressing social issues while entertaining audiences.
- Chopra's commitment to storytelling and exploration of complex themes has been widely appreciated.



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The Central Excise Day



Context:

- The Central Excise Day commemorates the establishment of the Central Excise and Salt Act of 1944, which laid the foundation for India's indirect tax system.
- It celebrates the contributions of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in mobilizing revenue for the nation's development.
- This act was a combination of 11 acts regarding excise duties, and it was passed to make changes in the law related to salt and central duties.

About:

- On 24 February 1944, the Central Excise and Salt Act was passed, and Central Excise Day is celebrated to commemorate this legislation.
- In 1966, the act was renamed The Central Excise Act 1944, and Schedules 1 and 2 of the act were related to the values and rates of the duties

Do you Know?

- The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBIC) is responsible for administering indirect taxes in India.

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