

The week from 29 Apr 2024 to 5 May 2024

Ajrakh from Kutch region was conferred the GI tag. Ajrakh is a traditional textile craft originating from Gujarat, particularly in areas like Sindh, Barmer, and Kutch. The term "Ajrakh" is derived from the word 'Azrak,' which means indigo, a primary dye used in the printing process.

Dr. Purnima Devi Barman, a wildlife biologist from Assam, has been recognized with the prestigious Whitley Gold Award for her exemplary conservation efforts aimed at protecting the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork and its wetland habitat. The award, sometimes known as the "Green Oscar," recognises her outstanding contributions to wildlife conservation and emphasises the significance of community-based initiatives in preserving biodiversity.

UK based pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca has acknowledged the potential for its COVID-19 vaccine to cause a rare side effect known as Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS). The vaccine was utilized in India under the name Covishield and was developed by AstraZeneca in collaboration with Oxford University during the pandemic and was manufactured by the Serum Institute of India.

Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum announced that Dubai is going to be the home of the world's largest airport. To be named Al Maktoum International Airport, it will have an unprecedented capacity to accommodate 260 million passengers annually, with 400 terminal gates and five parallel runways

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has achieved a significant milestone in enhancing India's anti-submarine warfare capabilities with the successful flight-test of the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system.

Alok Shukla, convener of Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan (CBA), will be awarded the 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize, also known as the Green Nobel, for his efforts to protect Hasdeo Arand, one of India's largest contiguous stretches of dense forest spanning 170,000 hectares with 23 coal blocks.

Bernard Hill, actor known for his roles in "The Lord of the Rings" and "Titanic," passed away at the age of 79.

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