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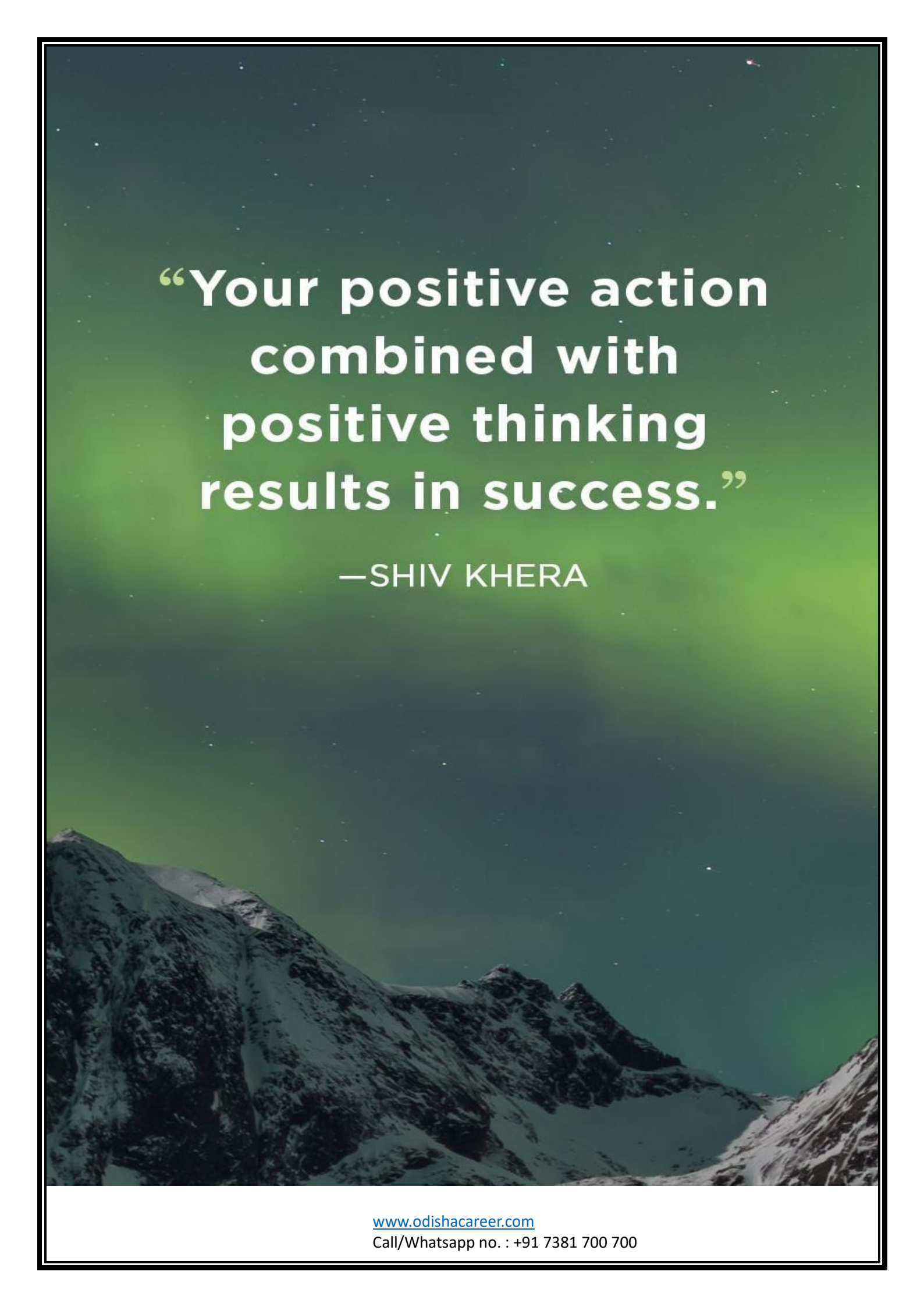
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### VOCABULARY

- 1. Barred:** Excluded or prohibited from a certain action or place; prevented from entering or participating.
  - Synonyms: Prohibited, Forbidden, Banned, Restricted.
  - Antonyms: Allowed, Permitted, Admitted, Granted.
  - sentence: Due to security concerns, the individual was barred from entering the restricted area.
- 2. Manoeuvre:** A planned or skillful movement or action, often with a specific purpose; to manipulate or navigate through a situation.
  - Synonyms: Tactic, Strategy, Move, Operation, Plan.
  - Antonyms: Inaction, Stillness, Immobility, Rigidity, Stagnation.
  - sentence: The politician executed a clever manoeuvre to gain support before the election.
- 3. Toppled:** Overturned, usually forcefully or as a result of a sudden change; to cause something to fall or be removed from a position of power.
  - Synonyms: Overthrow, Upset, Overturn, Oust, Depose.
  - Antonyms: Uphold, Support, Maintain, Stabilize, Reinforce.
  - sentence: The government was toppled in a coup, leading to a change in leadership.

4. **Rigging**: Manipulating or tampering with a system, process, or event, especially to achieve a dishonest or predetermined outcome; often used in the context of elections or competitions.

- Synonyms: Tampering, Cheating, Manipulation, Deception, Fraud.
- Antonyms: Fairness, Transparency, Honesty, Integrity, Legitimacy.
- sentence: Allegations of election rigging surfaced, prompting an investigation into the integrity of the electoral process

5. **Woe**: Deep distress or sorrow; a feeling of intense suffering or misery.

- Synonyms: Misery, Grief, Suffering, Distress, Despair.
- Antonyms: Joy, Happiness, Bliss, Contentment, Delight.
- sentence: The nation experienced economic woe as inflation soared, causing hardships for its citizens.

6. **Replica**: An exact or very close copy or reproduction of something; a duplicate or imitation.

- Synonyms: Copy, Duplicate, Imitation, Recreation, Reproduction.
- Antonyms: Original, Authentic, Genuine, Real, Unique.
- sentence: The museum displayed a replica of the ancient artifact, allowing visitors to appreciate its historical significance

7. **Riveting**: Captivating or engrossing, holding one's attention firmly; extremely interesting or compelling.

- Synonyms: Fascinating, Gripping, Absorbing, Compelling.
- Antonyms: Boring, Tedious, Uninteresting, Dull, Monotonous.
- sentence: The speaker delivered a riveting presentation that kept the audience engaged from start to finish.

8. **Indomitable**: Impossible to subdue or defeat; unconquerable; showing remarkable strength, courage, or determination.

- Synonyms: Unyielding, Invincible, Unconquerable, Unbeatable.
- Antonyms: Vulnerable, Defeatable, Yielding, Timid, Weak.
- sentence: Despite facing numerous challenges, her indomitable spirit and determination allowed her to overcome every obstacle in her path.

9. **Frenetic**: Characterized by frenzied or hectic activity; fast-paced, energetic, and chaotic.

- Synonyms: Frantic, Chaotic, Hectic, Wild, Intense.
- Antonyms: Calm, Serene, Tranquil, Relaxed, Placid.
- sentence: The frenetic pace of the city can be overwhelming for those unaccustomed to its constant hustle and bustle.

10. **Ominous** : Giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen
- Synonyms: Menacing, Threatening, Foreboding, Portentous, Unfavorable.
  - Antonyms: Promising, Auspicious, Reassuring, Encouraging, Favorable.
  - sentence: The dark clouds gathering on the horizon cast an ominous shadow over the peaceful town, signaling an impending
11. **Tussle**: A brief and vigorous struggle, typically involving physical or verbal conflict; to engage in a vigorous struggle or dispute.
- Synonyms: Scuffle, Clash, Fight, Squabble, Confrontation.
  - Antonyms: Peace, Harmony, Agreement, Cooperation, Conciliation.
  - sentence: There was a tussle between the two teams during the intense match.

### IDIOMS AND PHRASES

12. **Rise to the occasion**: To respond effectively or perform exceptionally well in a challenging or demanding situation; to meet and overcome difficulties with skill and determination.
- sentence: Despite the unexpected challenges, the team was able to rise to the occasion and deliver an outstanding performance.

13. **Spring a surprise:** To unexpectedly reveal or present something surprising, often catching others off guard; to cause astonishment or shock.
- sentence: The underdog team managed to spring a surprise by defeating the favored opponent in a stunning victory.

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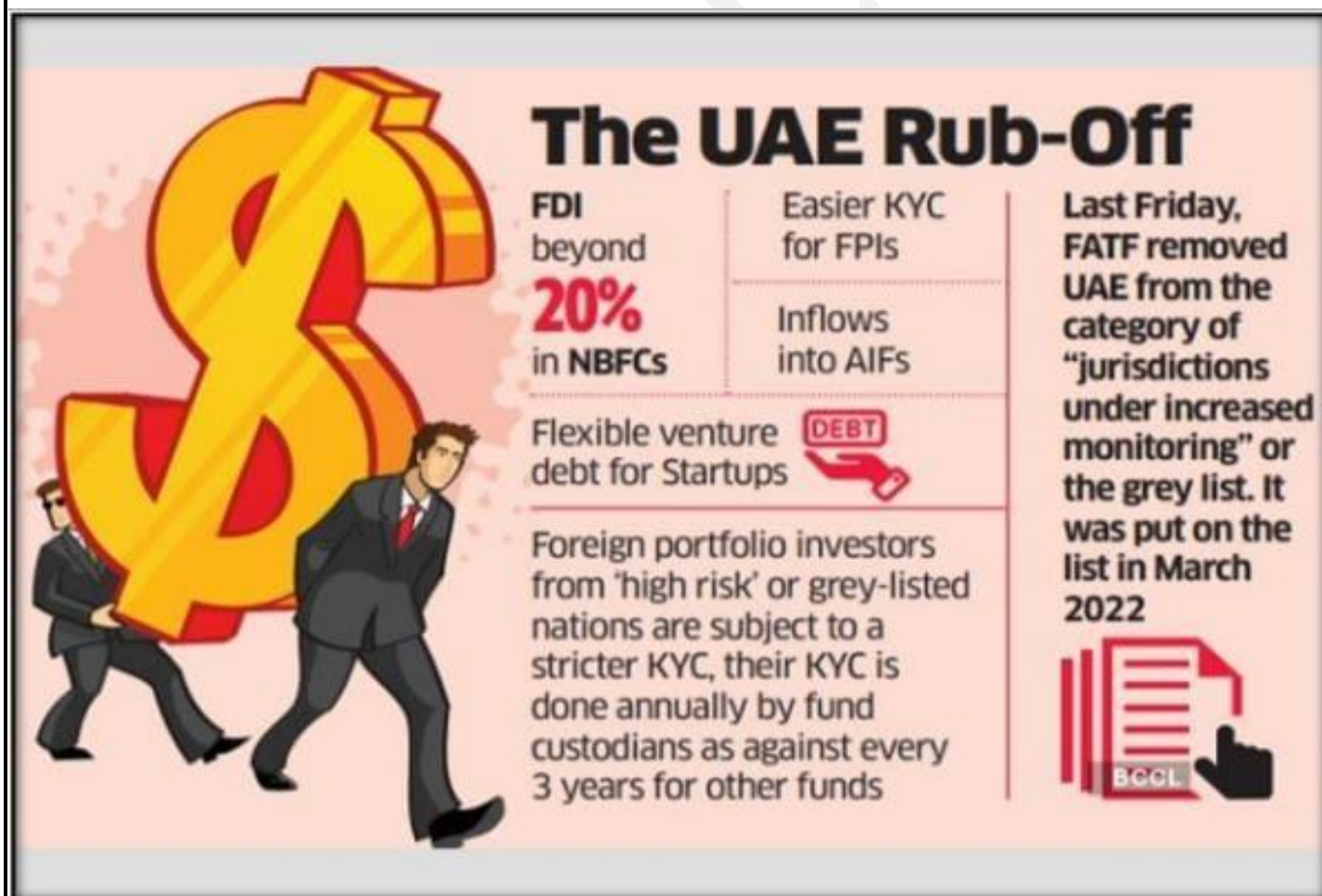
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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

27<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

1. Geeta Batra, a distinguished Indian economist, has been appointed as the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the World Bank's Global Environment Facility (GEF).
2. The UAE swiftly exits the FATF's gray list, lauded for its anti-money laundering efforts. Expected benefits include smoother transactions and increased trade.



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Last Friday, FATF removed UAE from the category of "jurisdictions under increased monitoring" or the grey list. It was put on the list in March 2022

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3. The Philippines has been the first Asian country to ratify a convention to end workplace violence and harassment, the International Labor Organisation (ILO).



4. The 5th edition of the joint military exercise between India and Japan kicked off on Sunday in Rajasthan. The exercise, named 'Dharma Guardian', is being conducted at the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Bikaner from Feb 25 to March 9.



5. SECI's new project in Rajnandgaon is India's largest with a 152.325 MWh capacity.

- It Features advanced bifacial modules for enhanced efficiency, the project utilizes 451 acres of land through a sustainable use agreement.
- Funded by the World Bank and Clean Technology Fund, the initiative showcases a viable model for renewable projects with significant reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.

6. Attukal Pongalais a significant festival in Kerala, where women gather to cook a special dish called "pongala" as an offering to the goddess Attukalamma. It celebrated annually at the Attukal Bhagavathy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to lay the foundation stone for Rangpo Railway Station in Sikkim, marking the initiation of the 45-kmlong Sivok-Rangpo railway project, the first of three approved phases by the Centre.

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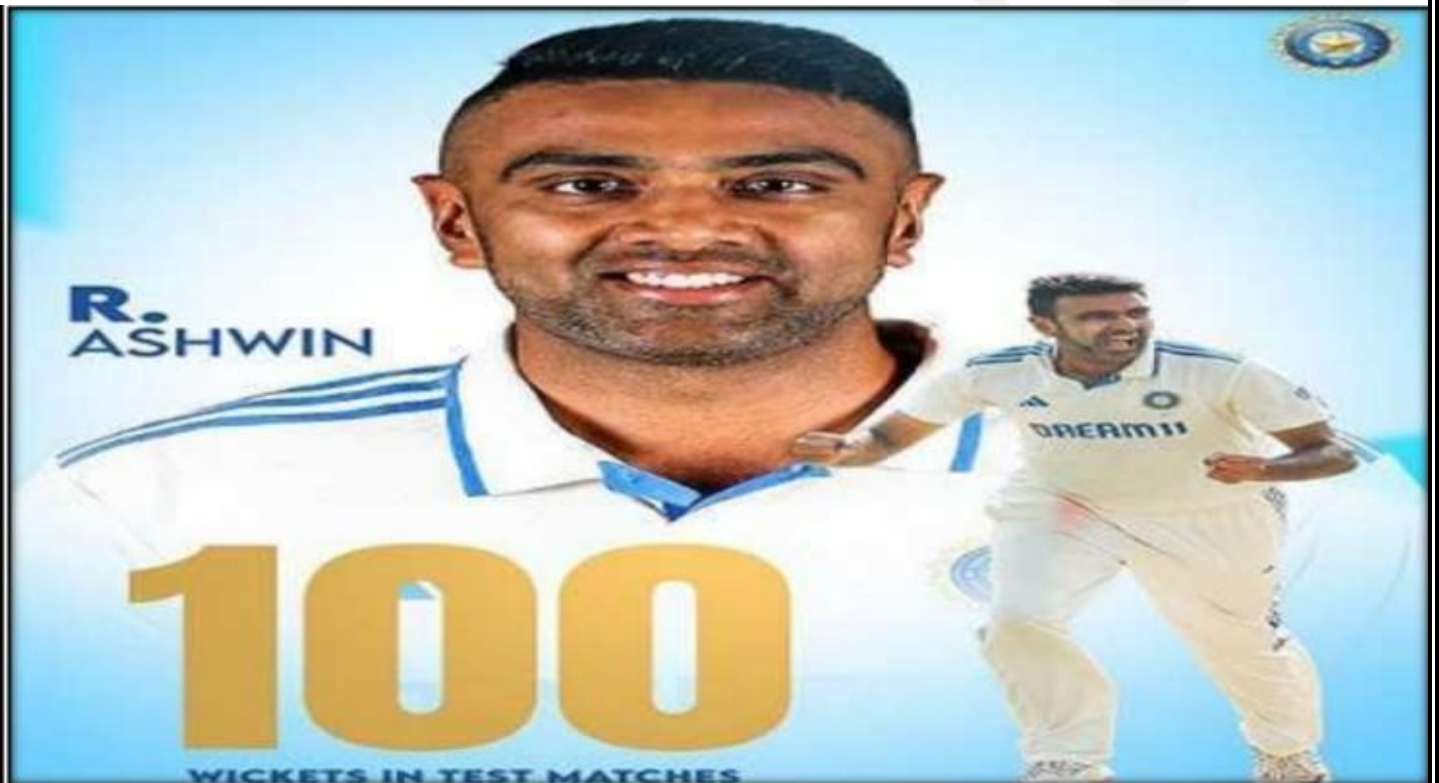


8. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the Lahaul Sharad Utsav — a revered winter festival celebrating the cultural richness of the Lahaul and Spiti region.

- The festival, spanning two months postsnowfall, offers a vibrant showcase of local customs and traditions, attracting tourists and locals alike with an array of activities ranging from snow sports to culinary competitions.

9. Army clinches Khelo India Winter Games 2024 Title on Final day.

10.



- Ravichandran Ashwin is on a recordbreaking spree in the ongoing Test series against England. He became the first Indian bowler to pick 100 wickets in Tests against England.

- The veteran cricketer achieved the landmark in the twenty-second over of the first innings. Ashwin has completed 100 wickets against England in 23 matches and has an average of around 29.

11. President Droupadi Murmu to inaugurate day long “Purple Fest” at Amrit Udyaan in Rastrapati Bhawan.

