



Rapid Fire Current Affairs

FloodWatch Real-Time Flood Monitoring App

Recently, the [Central Water Commission \(CWC\)](#) under the [Ministry of Jal Shakti](#), launched the mobile application "**FloodWatch**" for disseminating flood-related information in real-time.

- **Key Features of FloodWatch:**

- Real-time flood monitoring **provides up-to-date flood situations across the country.**
- App utilizes near **real-time river flow data from various sources** to enhance accuracy.
- Interactive Map feature enables users to check **CWC Flood Forecast (24 hours) or Flood Advisory (7 days)** by selecting stations directly from the map or using the search box.
- "FloodWatch" incorporates advanced technologies like **satellite data analysis, mathematical modelling, and real-time monitoring** to ensure accurate flood forecasts.

Read more: [Central Water Commission \(CWC\)](#)

Curbing Fraud with SIM Card Registration

The **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** in India has introduced new measures to combat cyber fraud and scam calls related to SIM cards, these include **mandatory registration and verification of SIM dealers**, with the goal of curbing fraudulent activities and strengthening mobile security.

- Recent efforts have led to the **blacklisting of 67,000 SIM dealers and 52 lakh connections, with over 300 First Information Reports (FIR) registered.**
- The rollout of the [Sanchar Saathi portal\(SSP\)](#) complements these efforts, solidifying India's commitment to combatting telecommunications-related fraud.
 - The SSP, developed by the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** under the DoT, addresses prevalent telecom frauds like identity theft and banking fraud.
 - Over **40 lakh fraudulent connections were identified, and 36 lakhs disconnected using the portal.**
 - Protects against identity theft, **forged KYC, mobile device theft, and banking fraud.**

Read more: [World Telecom Day](#)

Anduri Utsav: Uttarakhand's Whimsical Butter Festival

The **Anduri Utsav, popularly known as the Butter Festival**, celebrated at **Dayara Bugyal** of Uttarkashi district of **Uttarakhand** culminated recently.

- Dayara Bugyal, **situated at an altitude of 11,000 feet above sea level**, is one of the pristine meadows in the state.
- It is also known as **Butter Holi**, as people smear each other with **butter, milk and buttermilk** in a playful manner.
- The festival is a way of expressing gratitude to **Lord Krishna**, who is believed to have **protected the cattle from evil forces while they were grazing in the bugyal.**

Matti Banana

Matti banana, a native variety of Kanniyakumari district, Tamil Nadu, was recently granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its unique features and qualities.

- Matti banana has **six types that differ in colour, aroma, taste**, and texture, and are suitable for baby food and medicinal use.
- This Banana is commonly known as '**Baby Banana**'.
- It grows best in the specific climate and soil of Kanniyakumari.

Read more: [Geographical Indication \(GI\)](#)

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