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### Khadi Fashion Show



Recently, a mega **'Khadi fashion show'** was organised by the **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in Rann of Kutch/ Kachchh**. This mega event was the first such event of KVIC to **establish new dimensions of the Khadi brand all over the world**. The government of Gujarat holds a **three-month long festival known as 'The Rann Utsav' every year**.

The Rann of Kachchh is a **salt marshy land in the Thar Desert in the kachchh district of western Gujarat**. It lies between Gujarat in India and the **Sindh province in Pakistan**.

It is famous for its white salty desert sand and is **reputed to be the largest salt desert in the world**. The inhabitants of Kachchh are called Kachchhi and **have a language of their own with the same name**. Most of the population in Rann of Kachchh comprises of Hindus, Muslims, Jains and Sikhs.

**Read More:** [Rann of Kutch/Kachchh](#), [Thar Desert](#), [Khadi and Village Industries Commission \(KVIC\)](#)

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## WAN-IFRA

Recently, the Hindu Group has won four awards at the **World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) Digital Media South Asia Awards 2022** for its various products and services. This was the **sixth edition of the digital media awards for South Asia**.

WAN-IFRA is the **global organisation of the world's press**. Its mission is to **protect the rights of journalists and publishers** around the world to operate independent media. The goal is to **provide members with expertise and services** to innovate and prosper in a digital world and **perform their crucial role in society**.

**Read More:** [Freedom of Media](#)

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## IIMR in Hyderabad: Centre of Excellence (CoE)

Recently, during the presentation of the **Union Budget 2023**, Union Finance Minister announced that the **Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR) in Hyderabad will act as a Centre of Excellence (CoE)** for 'Shree Anna' to take the research on millets to the international level and make India a global hub for millets.

India is the **world's largest producer and second largest exporter of several types of 'Shree Anna' (millets)** with a share of 41% in 2020, as per the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO). **Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are leading producers**.

As the year 2023 has been declared the **'International Year of Millet' by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**. The IIMR is considered the **main driver behind the surge in the interest and consumption of millet-based products** in the country in the last 5-6 years.

**Read More:** [Centre of Excellence \(CoE\)](#), [Food and Agricultural Organisation \(FAO\)](#), [India's Millet Revolution](#), [International Year of Millet](#)

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## Myanmar Extends Emergency Rule



Recently, Myanmar's junta **announced the extension of the country's state of emergency by another six months**.

'Coup' is **generally described as a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government.**

In the November 2020 parliamentary election, **Suu Kyi's party National League for Democracy (NLD) secured the majority of the seats.**

In Myanmar's Parliament, **the military holds 25% of the total seats** according to the 2008 military-drafted constitution and several key ministerial positions are also reserved for military appointees. When the **newly elected Myanmar lawmakers were to hold the first session of Parliament in 2021, the military imposed a state of emergency for one year** citing massive voting fraud in the parliamentary elections.

**Read More:** [Military Coup in Myanmar](#)

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