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Sangeet Natak Akademi awards

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- Sangeet Natak Akademi's Fellowships (Akademi RatnaSadsya) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) are two awards presented annually.

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- These awards are recognised as the most coveted national honours bestowed on performing artists as well as teachers and scholars of performing arts.

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- The award will be given to the eminent persons from the field of tribal music, dance, theatre and traditional folk arts.

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Sangeet Natak Academy

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- The Sangeet Natak Akademi was set up in 1953 for the promotion of performing arts.

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- The Sangeet Natak Akademi is an Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Culture.

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- It acts at the national level for the:

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1. Promotion and growth of Indian music, dance and drama;

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2. Maintenance of standards of training in the performing arts;

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3. Revival, preservation, documentation and dissemination of materials as

well as instruments relating to various forms of music, dance and drama.

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4. Recognition of outstanding artists.

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- The Akademi is also responsible for the establishment and maintenance of institutions and projects of national importance in the field of performing arts.

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Cyber & Information Security (CIS) Division

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- Union Ministry of Home Affairs has created Cyber & Information Security (CIS) division.

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- Under this division Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and the Cyber Police Force will be set up.

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- The CIS Division will have four Wings, namely Security Clearance, Cyber Crime Prevention, Cyber Security and Information Security Wings each headed by an Under Secretary level Officer.

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- It is also proposed to appoint the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Deputy CISO.

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Highest ranked SMART city

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- Surat has emerged as India's highest ranked smart city with the largest number of projects implemented and completed under the Smart City Mission.

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- Surat is closely followed by Pune at number two, Visakhapatnam, Udaipur, Bhubaneswar, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Coimbatore, Jaipur and Indore.

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- Almost all these cities have planned command and control centres to control urban services like city-wide Wi-Fi network, safety and security, citizen feedback management, integrated traffic management, parking and other citizen services.

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National Logistics Plan

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- Recently Union government has introduced an ambitious national logistics plan to allow seamless movement of inputs and finished goods across the country.

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- By this government aims to come out with the most cost-effective method to transport goods till 2035 to provide a competitive edge to the Indian industry.

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- Logistics division in the commerce department is in talks with logistics providing ministries of railways, roadways, shipping, inland waterways and civil aviation besides the logistics using ministries including food processing, coal and mines to chalk out the plan.

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- The logistics division has created a National Logistics Information Portal, which will also be an online logistics marketplace.

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World Future Energy Summit

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- The World Future Energy Summit (WFES) is an annual event, dedicated to advancing future energy, energy efficiency and clean technologies.

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- It will be held in Abu Dhabi every year and it includes a summit, an exhibition, Round Table Discussions, the Young Future Energy Leaders program, corporate meetings and social events.

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- International policy makers, industry leaders, investors, experts, academia, intellectuals and journalists will be participating the summit.

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- International Solar Alliance participated in the recently held WFES.

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International Solar Alliance (ISA)

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- In accordance with CoP21 Paris Declaration ISA was established as a treaty based international inter-governmental alliance.

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- It is alliance of 121 solar resource rich countries lying fully or partially between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

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- The Headquarters is in India with its Interim Secretariat being set up in Gurgaon.

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- The agreement will become operational after at least 15 countries have ratified it.

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- So far 19 countries have ratified and 48 countries have signed the ISA Framework Agreement.

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- International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement entered into force thereby making ISA a de jure treaty based international intergovernmental organisation.

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