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First International Kala Mela

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 - First International Kala Mela is being inaugurated by the vice president in Delhi.
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 - Lalit Kala Akademi, the premier institution for the promotion of Art and Culture is organizing an International Kala Mela (Arts Festival)
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 - It is going to prove a boon to especially those artists who cannot afford to exhibit their works of art in the Art Galleries.
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 - Central objective of Kala Mela is to focus on direct interaction between the artist and the connoisseur.
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CriSidEx

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 - India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) developed jointly by CRISIL & SIDBI here today.
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 - CriSidEx is a composite index measures MSE business sentiment
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 - Its readings will flag potential headwinds and changes in production cycles and thus help improve market efficiencies.
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Advantage Assam-Global Investors Summit

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- It is an investment promotion and facilitation initiative by the Government of Assam
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- ‘Advantage Assam: India’s Express way to ASEAN’ is an holistic vision of the summit.
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- The event shall showcase the manufacturing prowess and the opportunities offered by the state in terms of export-oriented manufacturing and services to growing economies viz. ASEAN and BBN countries
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Sheen Khalai (Blue Skin)

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- It is an Afghan community in India who fled with their families from the tribal areas between Afghanistan and Pakistan during the Partition in 1947.
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- The women are part of a community of Pushtun Hindus that lived in the Baloch areas and belong to the Kakari tribes still living in afghan.
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- Pushtuns are an Iranian ethnic group who mainly live in Pakistan and Afghanistan
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- They speak the **Pashto** language and adhere to Pashtunwali, which is a traditional set of ethics guiding individual and communal conduct.
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Maratha Light Infantry Regiment

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- Maratha Light Infantry (LI) regiment will celebrate its 250th regimental day.
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- The Maratha LI was the first infantry unit to be designated “light infantry” for being “swift-footed.”
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- The regiment has a long history of gallantry and sacrifice and has a string of

honors.

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