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# ARTS

## ATENEO ART GALLERY ANNOUNCES 2023 PURITA KALAW-LEDESMA PRIZES FOR ART CRITICISM WRITING.

December 18, 2023



The Ateneo Art Gallery (AAG) officially announced the Winning Artists and Writers for the Ateneo Art Awards (AAA) 2023 Fernando Zobel Prizes for Visual Art and Purita Kalaw-Ledesma Prizes in Art Criticism (PKL). For the Purita Kalaw-Ledesma Prizes in Art Criticism, two winners were selected from the English category: Sean Carballo for his essay “Object Impermanence” for the PKL Prize for The Philippine STAR, and Sam Del Castillo for her essay “The Artist as Artificer: Santiago Bose’s Self-Made Worlds” for the PKL Prize for *Art Asia Pacific* magazine. Carballo will be awarded a monthly column for a year under “Platforms” in the Monday section of the Philippine STAR.

Read more at: <https://philstarlife.com/geeky/288008-ateneo-art-gallery-announces-2023-purita-kalaw-ledesma-prizes-for-art-criticism-writing#:~:text=For%20the%20Purita%20Kalaw%2DLedesma,for%20the%20PKL%20Prize%20for>

## New York’s Met museum returns Southeast Asian artefacts

December 19, 2023



Cambodia has welcomed the announcement that New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art will return more than a dozen pieces of ancient artwork to Cambodia and Thailand that were tied to an art dealer and collector accused of running a huge antiquities trafficking network out of Southeast Asia. This most recent repatriation of artwork comes as many museums in the United States and Europe reckon with collections that contain objects looted from Asia, Africa and other places during centuries of colonialism or in times of upheaval.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Read more at:

<https://fortune.com/2023/12/18/metropolitan-museum-of-art-return-stolen-cambodia-thailand-douglas-latchford/>



## Urban art, creativity on showcase at Lagos Street Art Festival

December 22, 2023



The Nigeria creative landscape is set to welcome the new year with a spectacular art and creative offering. Tagged 'Lagos Street Art Festival', the event, in its maiden edition, is a five-day fusion of art and creativity and is slated the first quarter of 2024. With the anticipated event, Lagos will kick-start 2024 in its tradition as the art, culture and entertainment hub of Nigeria. The will witness a vibrant celebration of urban art, creativity and community, bringing together artists, enthusiasts, and the public to celebrate the dynamic intersection of street art, urban culture, and creative expression.

Read more at: <https://businessday.ng/life-arts/article/urban-art-creativity-on-showcase-at-lagos-street-art-festival/>

## Culture Works To Celebrate 50 Years Of Dayton Arts Advocacy

December 23, 2023

Culture Works, Dayton's long time and significant arts fundraising and advocacy organization, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sunday, Dec. 31 at the Dayton Arcade. Founded as the Dayton Performing Arts Fund, Culture Works began life as the principal fundraiser for the Dayton Ballet Company, the Dayton Opera Association and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra Association. In 1994 the non-profit organization notably defined its mission as "funding, advocacy, and service to inspire, support, and sustain arts and culture in the Dayton Region."



Read more at: <https://www.dayton.com/what-to-know/culture-works-new-years-eve-party-celebrates-50-years-of-dayton-arts-advocacy/4AMJNNF2GNBWDGLD43NZTNS6VE/>



## **Sports Continue With Transgender Inclusion**

**December 22, 2023**

Major sports bodies will continue to work on transgender inclusion guidelines, despite the agreement between National and New Zealand First which aims to remove transgender women from women's sport. The coalition agreement states the new government would "ensure publicly funded sporting bodies support fair competition that is not compromised by rules relating to

gender". The coalition agreement statement about sport was led by New Zealand First. It was a topic the party campaigned on during the election. However, a policy or timeline has yet to be established, New Zealand First's sports spokesperson Andy Foster said, but he hopes it will occur in time for the next sports funding round next year.

Read more at: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/women-in-sport/301030897/sports-continue-with-transgender-inclusion-despite-coalition-agreement>

## **Canada's First Sport Integrity Commissioner To Resign In Early 2024**

**December 19, 2023**

Sarah-Eve Pelletier, who as Canada's first sport integrity commissioner headed the office that handled complaints about alleged abuse in sport, will resign in early 2024, it was announced on Tuesday. The former artistic swimmer's decision to resign follows the launch and first 18 operational months of

Abuse-Free Sport, Canada's first-ever independent safe sport program. Pelletier was appointed to the role in April 2022 after calls from athletes across the country for more to be done to address abuse and harassment in sports.

Read more at: <https://www.reuters.com/sports/canadas-first-sport-integrity-commissioner-resign-early-2024-2023-12-19/>

## **Mission Lakshyavedh: Maharashtra Government Unveils Blueprint To Boost Athletes' Performance**

**December 20, 2023**



The Maharashtra government's sports department has chalked out an action plan to elevate the performance of players from the state at national and international competitions, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Sanjay Bansode said. The plan, 'Mission Lakshyavedh' (mission achieving target), has been prepared with athletes from the state as centre point for National Games, Khelo India and Olympic Games, he said in a release issued by the sports department.

Read more at: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/pune/mission-lakshyavedh-maharashtra-government-unveils-blueprint-to-boost-athletes-performance>

## **Government schools in Coimbatore uninformed about sports syllabus**

**December 18, 2023**



Despite there being an order issued by the Tamil Nadu government mandating the curation of syllabus for Physical Education (P.E.) or sports in educational institutions, faculty in several government schools in Coimbatore district are unaware of it. As per the order, P.E. teachers are required to create lessons plans covering sports history, safety, playground maintenance, human anatomy, routine methods of teaching and rules of various games, planned

tournaments, and physical fitness tests.

Read more at: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Coimbatore/government-schools-in-coimbatore-uninformed-about-sports-syllabus/article67647875.ece>





## **Honourable Union Minister Sh Kiren Rijiju launches India's maiden winter scientific Arctic expedition**

**December 18, 2023**



The Honourable Union Minister, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Sh Kiren Rijiju, flagged off India's first winter scientific expedition to the Arctic from the MoES headquarters in New Delhi on December 18, 2023. Indian scientific expeditions to the Arctic during the winter (November to March) will allow researchers to conduct unique scientific observations during polar nights, where

there is no sunlight for nearly 24 hours and sub-zero temperatures (as low as -15 degrees Celsius).

Read more at: [https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/union-minister-kiren-rijiju-launches-maiden-indian-winter-arctic-expedition-123121800325\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/union-minister-kiren-rijiju-launches-maiden-indian-winter-arctic-expedition-123121800325_1.html)

## **The culture of sharing is a virtue of science that must be promoted**

**December 19, 2023**



Back in 1968, US Senator Robert Kennedy quipped that GDP measures "neither our wisdom nor our learning — it measures everything, in short, except that which makes life worthwhile".

Just as GDP can measure economic growth and prosperity but not well-being or progress towards sustainable development, so too the volume of scientific publications is a measure of quantity, not quality.

The limits of the "public or perish" mantra were underscored in 2015, when Tu Youyou was awarded the Nobel Prize "for her discoveries concerning a

novel therapy against malaria" that she had developed in a Chinese laboratory 40 years earlier.

Read more at: <https://www.euronews.com/culture/2023/12/15/the-culture-of-sharing-is-a-virtue-of-science-that-must-be-promoted>

## SLT-mobitel and STEMUP Foundation partner for 'Day of Code 2023'

December 21, 2023



With an aim to encourage interest in and advancement of computer science education among Sri Lankan students and educators, SLT-MOBITEL partnered with the STEMUP Educational Foundation to host the 'Day of Code 2023', for the second consecutive year. Day of Code was organized to celebrate and commemorate international Computer Science Education Week held during December 4-10, 2023. As the National

ICT Solutions Provider, SLT-MOBITEL understands that computer science skills have become crucial for young people to unlock opportunities, compete in the global digital economy, and drive innovation.

Read more at: <https://island.lk/slt-mobitel-and-stemup-foundation-partner-for-day-of-code-2023-inspiring-computer-science-learning/#:~:text=With%20an%20aim%20to%20encourage,for%20the%20second%20consecutive%20year.>

## WCM-Q faculty helps Qatari team win bronze at global Science Olympiad

December 23, 2023

A professor at Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) provided teaching support to the team of high school students representing Qatar who secured third place and two bronze medals at the International Juniors Science Olympiad (IJSO) held in Thailand recently. Dr. Mohammad Yousef, professor of physics, offered ten coaching sessions in the essential principles of physics. The concluding session was held in the physics teaching laboratory of WCM-Q's campus at Education City, during which eight student finalists participated in rigorous training to help them prepare to take on teams from all over the world at the 20<sup>th</sup> IJSO, which was held at Srinakharinwirot University in Bangkok.



Read more at: <https://qatar-weill.cornell.edu/media-center/news/story/wcm-q-faculty-help-qatari-team-take-bronze-at-global-science-olympiad>



# TECHNOLOGY

## Honor donates ICT resources to drive digital skills, enterprise development

December 21, 2023



To drive digital skills and enterprise development, Honor Technologies Africa donated ICT devices to Siyafunda Community Technology Centre (CTC) in Katlehong, to the value of R245 000. The consignment, which included Honor's 11.5-inch Pad X9, was handed over to Siyafunda CTC on Tuesday. Commenting on the contribution, Honor's Zhou Lefeng says: "We believe that access to technology and digital skills is not a luxury but a necessity, a fundamental right that should be available to everyone irrespective of their socioeconomic status."

Read more at: <https://www.itweb.co.za/article/honor-donates-ict-resources-to-drive-digital-skills-enterprise-development/DZQ58vV8zaBMzXy2>

## Cornerstone Insurance technology innovation attracts industry stakeholders

December 21, 2023



Leading underwriting firm, Cornerstone Insurance Plc has received industry recognition for its capacity in technology innovations that are helping push its products and services to potential customers. The company bagged three awards at the Nigeria Technology Awards (NiTA) including innovative Insurance Company of the Year, Insurance Company Website of the Year, and Excellence in Technology Innovation – Insurance Service.

Read more at: <https://businessday.ng/insurance/article/cornerstone-insurance-technology-innovation-attracts-industry-stakeholders/>

## Improving Air Quality: Kashmir's Brick Kilns Shift To Cleaner Technology

December 23, 2023



**Srinagar-** In Jammu and Kashmir, the long-standing concern over pollution caused by traditional brick kilns is gradually being addressed. A notable shift is underway as a portion of brick kilns, approximately 20 to 25 percent, have embraced the innovative zig zag technology, according to the officials of the J&K State Pollution Control Board (JKSPCB). According to the officials, this shift signifies more than just a technological upgrade; it reflects a conscientious effort to tackle environmental concerns.

Read more at: <https://kashmirobsvr.net/2023/12/23/improving-air-quality-kashmirs-brick-kilns-shift-to-cleaner-technology/>

## 2023: The year we played with artificial intelligence – and weren't sure what to do about it.

December 24, 2023



**WASHINGTON:** Artificial intelligence went mainstream in 2023 — it was a long time coming yet has a long way to go for the technology to match people's science fiction fantasies of human-like machines. Catalysing a year of AI fanfare was ChatGPT. The chatbot gave the world a glimpse of recent advances in computer science even if not everyone figured out quite how it works or what to do with it.

Read more at: <https://www.dtnext.in/technology/2023-the-year-we-played-with-artificial-intelligence-and-werent-sure-what-to-do-about-it-756475>