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INTERNATIONAL

1) Tianlong-2 rocket into orbit from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Inner Mongolia

- Chinese company Space Pioneer has achieved a historic milestone in space exploration, launching its Tianlong-2 rocket into orbit from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Inner Mongolia on April 2. This marks the first time a liquid-fueled rocket has been launched into orbit by a Chinese aerospace firm, and the first time a startup has successfully reached orbit on its initial attempt.
- The Tianlong-2 rocket, also known as "Sky Dragon-2," has enabled Beijing Tianbing Technology to launch a small satellite named "Love Space Science" to a polar orbit around Earth. The satellite will test its remote sensing capabilities from this sun-synchronous orbit.



NATIONAL

1) The Gaj Utsav-2023

- On April 7, 2023, The Gaj Utsav-2023 was inaugurated at the Kaziranga National Park by the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu. During her speech, she highlighted the significant bond between nature and humanity, which is regarded as sacred. India has always identified itself with a culture of respecting nature.
- Our country has a unique connection between nature and culture, where both have been intertwined and nourishing each other. Elephants have been held in high esteem in our tradition, and are considered a symbol of prosperity. As the National Heritage Animal of India, safeguarding elephants is an essential element of our national duty to conserve our national heritage.

2) Secunderabad-Tirupati Vande Bharat Express

- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Secunderabad-Tirupati Vande Bharat Express. The Secunderabad Railway Station is also set to undergo a major redevelopment, which will include a new iconic building and world-class amenities, at a cost of Rs 720 crore.
- The new station will have a double-level roof plaza with all passenger facilities in one place, as well as multimodal connectivity to make it easier for passengers to transfer between rail and other modes of

























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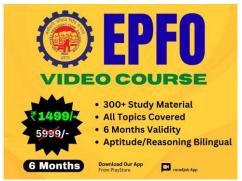
transport. The Prime Minister's Office stated that the new station will provide a seamless and convenient experience for passengers.

3) "PRAVAAH" (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And AutHorisation)

- RBI is set to introduce a new secured web-based portal called "PRAVAAH" (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And AutHorisation) aimed at simplifying and streamlining the application processes.
- The portal will display the timeframes for deciding on applications and approvals, leading to greater effectiveness in regulatory processes and making it easier for regulated entities to do business with RBI.

4) Indian Space Policy 2023

- The Union Government of India has recently approved the Indian Space Policy 2023, which aims to enhance the role of the Department of Space and boost the activities of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- This policy is a significant step towards strengthening India's space sector and achieving self-reliance in space technology.



5) Kirit Parikh committee's

- The government implemented changes to the pricing model of domestic natural gas in accordance with the Kirit Parikh committee's recommendations on gas pricing.
- The new pricing system will announce prices monthly and link them to 10% of the international price of the Indian crude basket.
- As a result, prices for piped natural gas (PNG) and compressed natural gas (CNG) used by households, auto fuel, and various industries are expected to decrease by 10%.

6) Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana

- The Ministry of Finance announced that the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) has sanctioned 41 crore loans amounting to ₹23.2-lakh-crore in the past eight years. The scheme has shown significant success in promoting entrepreneurship, with 68% of accounts under the scheme belonging to women entrepreneurs and 51% belonging to entrepreneurs from SC/ST and OBC categories.

























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- This data highlights that the availability of easy credit to budding entrepreneurs has led to innovation and a sustained increase in per capita income.
- The PMMY scheme aims to provide loans of up to ₹10 lakh to small entrepreneurs to start or expand their businesses. The announcement demonstrates the success of the government's initiative in promoting financial inclusion and entrepreneurship in India.

7) Indian Air Force's Rafale fighter jets

- The Indian Air Force's Rafale fighter jets will be participating in a military exercise in France that involves thousands of NATO troops.
- The jets are expected to arrive in France in mid-April to participate in Orion 23, a large-scale war game that includes multiple dimensions, such as ground troops, warships, aircraft carriers, and combat aircraft.
- The exercise, which began in February and is scheduled to end in early May, is aimed at enhancing military cooperation and interoperability among participating nations.

ELIGIBILITY : Any Graduation AGE : 18-27/30yrs LAST DATE : 03-05-2023 EXAM DATE : July 2023

8) Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

- The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and its partners hold the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) every year.
- The conference aims to facilitate discussions among member countries, organizations, institutions, and infrastructure stakeholders to promote disaster and climate-resilient infrastructure.
- ICDRI 2023 will be a hybrid conference that brings together decision-makers, thought leaders, academia, and institutions from around the world to discuss solutions for infrastructure resilience.

STATE NEWS

1) Adani Power Ltd

- Adani Power Ltd, one of India's leading private sector power generation companies, recently opened a new power plant in Jharkhand, India.
- This state-of-the-art power plant has a capacity of 1,600 MW and is expected to supply electricity to Bangladesh.

























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2) National Workshop on e-Procurement

- Tripura's recent award as the best-performing state in the North Eastern region for e-Procurement is a significant achievement for the state.
- The award was presented at a National Workshop on e-Procurement organized by the Union Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology in March 2023, held at the India Habitat Center in New Delhi.

3) Tamil Nadu Regional Aerial Connectivity through Helicopters (TN REACH)

- The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (Tidco) has developed a mechanism called Tamil Nadu Regional Aerial Connectivity through Helicopters (TN REACH), which aims to utilize over 80 unused helipads across the state to provide intercity and town connectivity.
- This would be possible by leveraging the National Civil Aviation Policy and the Helicopter Policy of the Government of India. According to Thangam Thenarasu, the Industries Minister of Tamil Nadu, TN REACH would establish an intra-state network of aerial routes to enable people to travel between cities and towns using helicopters.
- The mechanism would rely on two existing initiatives Heli Disha, which is an administrative manual for helicopter operations, and Heli Sewa, which is an online portal for providing landing clearance for helicopter operations.

4) Kerala State Inland Navigation Corporation

- Kerala State Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC) has launched a solar-powered tourist boat called Sooryamshu that can produce 27 KW of energy.
- The boat also comes equipped with generators, which will help power passenger lift systems and airconditioners.
- The solar panels will provide about 75% of the vessel's energy needs, while the rest will be met by the generators. The boat was built in Sri Lanka for Rs. 3.95 crores.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Anshuman Singhania

- The Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association has announced that Anshuman Singhania, who is currently serving as the Managing Director of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd, has been chosen as its new Chairman.
- Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) said Arnab Banerjee, Managing Director & CEO of CEAT Ltd has taken over as the Vice-Chairman.











