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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1) Typhoon Lan made landfall in Japan

- Typhoon Lan made landfall in Japan, August 15, bringing heavy rain and strong winds.
- The typhoon has caused flooding and power outages in several areas, and authorities have issued evacuation warnings for some residents.
- The typhoon made landfall near Shionomisaki in Wakayama prefecture, about 400 kilometers southwest of Tokyo. It had maximum sustained winds of 160 kilometers per hour (100 miles per hour), equivalent to a Category 2 hurricane.

2) China's Inner Mongolia region

- China's Inner Mongolia region has reported two cases of bubonic plague, causing concerns amid previous infections and highlighting the need for vigilant containment efforts.
- The new cases involve close relatives of a previously infected individual. Bubonic plague is a highly infectious disease, primarily transmitted through rodents, and can be fatal if not treated promptly.
- The region's health authorities are taking proactive measures to prevent the further spread of the disease.

NATIONAL NEWS

1) August 15 is a day of celebration for many countries around the world

- August 15 is a day of celebration for many countries around the world. It is the day on which they gained their independence from colonial rule. India, South Korea, North Korea, Bahrain, and Liechtenstein all celebrate their independence on August 15.
- India gained its independence from British rule in 1947. This was a momentous occasion for the Indian people, who had long struggled for freedom. The day is celebrated with parades, flag hoisting ceremonies, and cultural events.

















2) Central Government has granted its final approval for a pivotal project

- In a significant development aimed at enhancing the operational capabilities of the Indian Navy, the Central Government has granted its final approval for a pivotal project to construct five fleet support ships.
- These vessels, designed to serve as vital logistical lifelines, will play a crucial role in replenishing warships with essential supplies including fuel, food, and ammunition during missions.

3) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

- To commemorate 75 years of Independence, various Air Force Stations in and around Delhi celebrated the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) from 09 to 15 August 2023.
- The events were organized under the aegis of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh Compaign', launched by the Government of India as a continuation for celebration of AKAM.
- One of the key activities of the campaign was the development of an Amrit Vatika (Amrit Garden) in each station by planting 75 saplings of indigenous species.
- This was done to replenish mother earth as 'Vasudha Vandhan' (reforestation). The saplings were planted by the personnel of the stations, school children, residents of the localities, and panchayat member

4) Indian Air Force

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is gearing up to host a colossal multilateral military exercise, 'Tarang Shakti', which was originally slated for October but has been rescheduled to the middle of 2024.
- The decision to push the exercise to next year comes as several participating air forces expressed their inability to join the wargame if held in the current year

STATE NEWS

1) Wipro Limited has announced the establishment of a groundbreaking Center of Excellence

- Wipro Limited has announced the establishment of a groundbreaking Center of Excellence (CoE) on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in partnership with the esteemed Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.

















- This collaboration manifests Wipro's commitment to drive continuous innovation in emerging technologies, solidifying its position as a frontrunner in the tech industry.
- The CoE's launch resonates as a significant milestone within Wipro's larger strategic vision, the Wipro ai360 ecosystem, which earmarks a staggering \$1 billion investment toward catalyzing AI-led innovation.

2) Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation

- Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO), the nodal agency overseeing the implementation of the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor (TNDIC), is set to establish India's first Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drone) Common Testing Centre at an outlay of Rs 45 crore.
- With a steadfast commitment to innovation, quality, and progress, Tamil Nadu is poised to revolutionize the industry and secure its position as a beacon of growth in the realm of Aerospace and Defence.

3) Asian Development Bank

- In a significant move towards improving early childhood development and maternal mental health, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a USD 40.5 million loan for the northeastern Indian state of Meghalaya.
- This strategic initiative, supported by the Meghalaya government's contribution of USD 15.27 million, aims to fortify both home-based and center-based childcare services through the establishment and enhancement of daycare centers known as Anganwadi centers.

SCHEMES NEWS

1) Vishwakarma Yojana

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent announcement of the Vishwakarma Yojana in his Independence Day address has paved the way for a new scheme aimed at bolstering the livelihood prospects of traditional artisans and craftspeople.
- Following this announcement, the Union Cabinet swiftly approved the scheme, demonstrating its commitment to promoting and preserving traditional skills and crafts.





















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BANKING NEWS

1) Canara Jeevan Dhara

- Canara Bank has unveiled a specialized savings account aimed at pensioners and those nearing retirement, designed to provide an array of benefits catering to their unique financial needs.
- This new offering, known as Canara Jeevan Dhara, extends its advantages to retirees who've opted for voluntary or regular retirement.
- Through this account, Canara Bank seeks to provide financial security and flexibility to individuals in their post-employment phase.

SPORTS NEWS

1) International Cricket Council

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has revealed the latest set of international stars to be named ICC Players of the Month for July 2023.
- Australia's spin bowling all-rounder Ashleigh Gardner and England's seamer Chris Woakes have been honored as the International Cricket Council (ICC) Players of the Month for July 2023.

2) Tamil Nadu government and Racing Promotions Private Limited

- The Tamil Nadu government and Racing Promotions Private Limited (RRPL) have launched a new street circuit in Chennai.
- The 3.5km track will be located around the Island Grounds and will be the first-ever street circuit in India and South Asia to host a night race.
- The track will have elevation changes and 19 corners, including multiple chicanes. It will also offer stunning views of the Marina Beach Road and the Bay of Bengal.

The event is scheduled to be held on December 9-10 and will feature the F4 Indian Championship and the Indian Racing League. The SDAT will be investing Rs 42 crore to host the event.

OBITUARY NEWS

1) V S Arunachalam has passed away

- V S Arunachalam, a prominent scientist and instrumental figure in India's nuclear program, has died at the age of 87.
- He was Known for his leadership roles at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), he played a crucial role in shaping India's defense capabilities.





















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