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INTERNATIONAL

1) China's CRRC Corporation Ltd

- It was Launched a hydrogen urban train, and it is the first in Asia and the second such train in the world. Germany introduced green trains a few months back.
- The hydrogen trains have a speed of 160 km per hour and the operational range without refueling is 600 km.
- The trains launched by Germany have a record of 1175 km range set. The Indian Railway on the other hand is moving fast to induct the 'World's Greenest Train' soon.
- India will get its first-ever Indigenous Hydrogen trains by December 2023. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnay informed that Indian Railways is working on new environment-friendly trains and the engineers are designing them.



NATIONAL

1) Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code

- The Government of India is proposing the ban on promotion of Online Betting on the Social Media platforms.
- The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, have recently been recommended for revision by the Central government to control the Indian online gaming market.
- The suggestion was made to protect consumers from any harm that skill-based games might cause.

2) Transmission System for Solar Energy Zones





















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- The President of India Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Samvidhan Udyan, Mayur Stambh, National Flag Post, Statue of Mahatma Gandhi, and Maharana Pratap at Raj Bhavan, Jaipur on 3rd January 2023.
- The President of India virtually inaugurated the Transmission System for Solar Energy Zones in Rajasthan and laid the foundation stone for the 1000 MV Bikaner Solar Power Project of SJVN Limited.

3) "Ganga Vilas"

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to launch the world's longest river cruise, "Ganga Vilas" from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh, Assam on 13th January 2023.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has informed us that all preparations for the arrival of the Prime Minister and the launch ceremony in Varanasi should be finished.

4) HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, is partnering with Microsoft

- HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, is partnering with Microsoft in the next phase of its digital transformation journey and unlocking business value by transforming the application portfolio, modernizing the data landscape and securing the enterprise with Microsoft Cloud.
- HDFC Bank as a part of its Future Ready strategy is developing in house IPs as well as partnering with several companies including FinTechs' to co -create technology IPs.



STATE NEWS

1) FAME India Phase II scheme

- 50 electric buses were launched in Delhi with support under the FAME India Phase II scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- In 2019, the government approved Rs 10,000 crore for a period of three years. Out of total budgetary support, about 86 percent of the fund has been allocated for incentives so as to create demand for electric vehicles.























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- Electric Vehicles are vehicles that are partially or fully powered on electric power. They have low running costs and are also very environmentally friendly as they use little or no fossil fuels (petrol or diesel).
- These vehicles can solve the problems of increasing pollution, global warming, depleting natural resources etc.

2) Siyom bridge

- Defence minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the Siyom bridge in Arunachal Pradesh, along with 27 other infrastructure projects completed by the Border Roads Organisation.
- Built at a cost of 724 crore rupees, these projects will hugely augment India's border infrastructure, mostly along the Chinese border, from Ladakh to Arunachal.
- 21 other bridges, three roads and three additional infrastructure projects in Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Punjab and Rajasthan, were virtually inaugurated by Rajnath Singh from the Siyom bridge site.
- Singh also virtually inaugurated the 27 other projects of the BRO. Out of these, eight have been constructed in Ladakh, four in Jammu and Kashmir, five in Arunachal Pradesh, three each in Sikkim, Punjab and Uttarakhand and two in Rajasthan.



3) Hydrogen blending operation

- India's first green hydrogen blending operation in the piped natural gas network at NTPC Kawas, Gujarat. The project is a joint effort of NTPC and Gujarat Gas.
- The power generation company stated that the first molecular of green hydrogen from the project was set in motion by P Ram Prasad, Head of Project, Kawas in presence of other senior executives of NTPC Kawas and GCL.





















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- After the start of blending and operation, NTPC Kawas held an awareness workshop for township residents with help of GCL officials. The foundation stone of the project was laid by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on 30th July 2022.

4) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced to set up of Rs 101 crore CM's Sukhashraya Sahayata Kosh for the destitute in the state.
- Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh informed that 40 Congress MLAs agreed to contribute Rs one lakh each from their first salary for the fund and also requested the MLAs from BJP and other parties to contribute.
- The collected fund will be spent on the higher education of destitute children to encourage them to pursue courses such as engineering, medicine, management, and other streams from reputed institutions like IIT, IIM, AIIMS, and NIT.



5) Sari Festival "VIRAASAT"

- The second phase of the Sari Festival "VIRAASAT"-Celebrating 75 handwoven Saris of India will begin from 3rd to 17th January 2023 at Handloom Haat, Janpath, New Delhi.
- The Sari Festival VIRAASAT is organized by the Ministry of Textile. In the second stage phase, there are 90 participants from different parts of the country.
- There are several Handcrafted varieties of Saris to be displayed in the festival including Tie and Dye, Chikan embroidered Saris, Hand Block Saris, Kalamkari printed Saris, Ajrakh, Kantha, and Phulkari.
- There is an addition to the exclusive handloom Saris of Jamdani, Ikat, Pochampally, Banaras Brocade, Tussar Silk (Champa), Baluchari, Bhagalpuri Sik, Tangail, Chanderi, Lalitpur, Patola, Paithani, etc

6) Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University

- Through video conferencing, Indian Science Congress's 108th edition was officially inaugrated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.





















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 Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University is hosting the five-day 108th session of ISC as it commemorates its centennial.

He emphasised the nation's expanding energy requirements and urged the scientific community to develo p any advances in the area that would help the nation.

7) Gaan Ngai festival

- The Gaan Ngai of the Zeliangrong Community celebrated in Manipur. The Gaan Ngai festival is one of the major festivals of Manipur which is celebrated every year after harvesting. The festival also marks the end of the year when the farmers have stored their foodgrains in their granaries.
- During the festival, the Zeliangrong Community shows their gratitude by offering the Almighty a good harvest and praying for a better and prosperous life in the coming year.
- It is a custom to produce new fire by rubbing dry wood and split bamboo pieces and distributing them to every household on the day of the festival to mark the beginning of the new year

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Braille Day

- World Braille Day, marked on January 4, emphasises the significance of Braille as a form of communication for the partially sighted and blind.
- The United Nations has been commemorating the day since 2019. World Braille Day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, who was born on January 4, 1809.
- After losing his sight during childhood, the French educator devised the Braille technique.



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