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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Scientific Up-gradation of Indian Roads

- Indian Institute of Technology – Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU) signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways as a move to up-grade road construction in India, through scientific research.

Neptune declaration

- Maritime Union of India urged the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of India to take note of "Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change" while preparing the 'Maritime India Vision 2030'.
- It focuses on Recognition of seafarers as key workers by Governments of all countries.

Commerce Ministry Organised Udyog Manthan

- Ministry of Commerce and Industry has organised Udyog Manthan under which a series of webinars were conducted on 45 sectors which includes pharma and electronics.
- Udyog Manthan focuses on quality and productivity in all the major sectors of manufacturing services.

'Unified Portal of Gobardhan'

- Union Ministers jointly launched a 'Unified Portal of Gobardhan' to promote 'Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan' (GOBAR-DHAN) scheme, an initiative that aims to manage cattle and biodegradable waste and also help enhance farmers' income.

Centenary of the Chauri Chaura Incident

- On the occasion of the centenary of the Chauri Chaura incident, a postage stamp was released by the Prime Minister.
- Chauri Chaura is a town in Gorakhpur district of UP. On 4th February, 1922, this town witnessed a violent incident - a large crowd of peasants set on fire a police station that killed 22 policemen.

Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Jayanti

- The Prime Minister paid homage to Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, the classical music vocalist, on his centenary birth anniversary.
- He received the Bharat Ratna in 2008. He is remembered for his famous ragas including Shuddha Kalyan, Miyan Ki Todi, Puriya Dhanashri and Multani etc.

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Aero India 2021

- The 13th edition of the Aero India show began at Bengaluru's Yelahanka Air Force Station. It is a biennial international military and civil airshow.
- It is a premier event that draws international and Indian military and civil aircraft makers, their support industries, military brass and government dignitaries, and business visitors.

STATE AFFAIRS

AP SEC launches 'e-Watch' app

- Andhra Pradesh State Election Commissioner N. Ramesh Kumar launched the 'e-Watch' app to receive complaints related to poll related irregularities.
- This launch comes ahead to the Gram Panchayat Elections of Andhra Pradesh state.

"Switch Delhi" Campaign

- Arvind Kejriwal, the Chief Minister of Delhi, launched "Switch Delhi" a campaign to promote the use of Electric Vehicles and to encourage people to buy electric vehicles to reduce the pollution in Delhi.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Ministry of Corporate Affairs amends One Person Companies

- MCA has amended the 'Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014' to make changes in the definition of One Person Companies (OPCs) Rules.
- The new changes will be called as 'Companies (Incorporation) Second Amendment Rules, 2021'.

Decriminalization of Compound Offences

- Based on the recommendations of the Company Law Committee headed by Corporate Affairs Secretary, Rajesh verma, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has started the process of Decriminalization of Compound Offences under the Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Act, 2008.

Disinvestment of Gov Shareholding in RINL

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave in-principle approval for 100% strategic divestment of Indian Government's shareholding in Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL).
- In addition to this it also gave approval for management control of RINL by way of privatization.

Increased Farm Exports

- According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, farm exports have registered 9.8% growth for the period of April-December 2020.
- Farm exports include only the agricultural products.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Ajay Singh Re-elected as President of Boxing Federation of India

- Ajay Singh has been re-elected as the president of Boxing Federation of India for the second term in the general elections held at Gurugram (Gurgaon), Haryana.
- Hemanta Kumar Kalita was elected as the secretary and Digvijay Singh as treasurer.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Pakistan successfully Test Fires Nuclear Capable Ballistic Missile 'Ghaznavi'

- Pakistan's Army Strategic Forces Command (ASFC) successfully Test Fired the Nuclear-Capable Surface-to-Surface Ballistic Missile 'Ghaznavi (Hatf-III)'.
- Ghaznavi has a range of 290 Kms & can carry both Nuclear & Conventional Warheads.

CCTNS Hackathon & Cyber Challenge

- The inaugural function of the 2nd CCTNS Hackathon and Cyber Challenge 2020-21 of the National Crime Records Bureau was held in New Delhi.
- It aimed to deepen understanding and enhance skills of the law enforcement personnel.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Cancer Day 2021 – 4th February, 2021

- World Cancer Day is annually observed across the globe on 4th February to create awareness and educate the general public about the stigma around cancer and to reduce the preventable deaths.
- The theme of World Cancer Day 2021 is "I Am and I Will: "Together, all our actions matter".

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