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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Building Accessible Safe and Inclusive Indian Cities

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) for 'Building Accessible Safe and Inclusive Indian Cities (BASIIC)'.

'Ninox 40' Micro-Tactical UAV

In Aero India Show 2021, Spear UAV of Israel & Paras Aerospace of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding to introduce 'Ninox 40' Micro-tactical UAV System (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) into the Indian market.

MoHUA Signs MoU with Zomato

- The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has signed a MoU with Zomato to onboard street food vendors on its food-tech platform.
- This is part of Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNibhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme.

Lakhwar Electricity Project

- Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change gave approval for the Lakhwar Electricity Project on the Yamuna river at Dehradun district, Uttarakhand.
- With this project, Electricity upto 572.54 million units can be generated per year.

Ropeways and Alternate Mobility Solutions under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

- Government of India has brought Ropeways and Alternate Mobility Solutions (such as Ropeway, Cable Car) under the ambit of **Ministry of Road Transport** and Highways.
- Ropeways earlier work under Ministry of Railways.

'Zoroaster'

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd has signed a contract with Seychelles for delivering Fast Patrol Vessel called 'Zoroaster' to the Seychelles Coast Guard.
- "Zoroaster" will be a powerful, fuelefficient platform which will be capable of performing operations like Patrolling, anti-poaching etc.

STATE AFFAIRS

'Chief Minister Water Conservation Programme'

- Maharashtra Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray approved the implementation of INR 1, 340 Crore worth 'Chief Minister Water Conservation Programme'.
- It will be implemented for a period of 3 years.

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

'Salute to Caregivers - Ek Naya Nazariya Campaign'

 Bharti AXA General Insurance has launched 'Salute to Caregivers – Ek Naya Nazariya Campaign' to support the cancer survivors in the battle against cancer.

RBI Monetary Policy 2021

- The Reserve Bank of India has forecasted that real Gross Domestic Product (GDP), hit by the Covid pandemic in 2020-21, is expected to grow by 10.5% in 2021-22.
- The RBI has kept the repo rate under the **Liquidity Adjustment Facility** (LAF) unchanged at 4%.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

SN Subrahmanyan

- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has appointed SN Subrahmanyan, the CEO and Managing Director of Larsen & Toubro Limited as the new Chairman of National Safety Council.
- The major role of NSC is to **ensure safety in** workplaces.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"Whereabouts"

- Pulitzer Prize winner Jhumpa Lahiri is set to release her new novel titled "Whereabouts".
- The book is published by Penguin Random House India is about a woman protagonist and her journey through life.

'1857 - The Sword of Mastaan'

- A new novel titled '1857 The Sword of Mastaan' has been authored by Vineet Bajpai.
- It is published by Delhi-based publishing house, TreeShade Books.