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National News

1. Maharashtra: Savarkar's Birth Anniversary To Be Celebrated As 'Swatantrya Veer Gaurav Din'.



- The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde, has declared that May 28, the birth anniversary of freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, will be celebrated as 'Swatantrya Veer Gaurav Din', and several events will be organized to promote the ideas of Swatantra Veer Savarkar on this day.
- The state government will commemorate the occasion by conducting various programs to spread the message of Swatantra Veer Savarkar.
- The announcement was made by the Chief Minister, who stated that the state will celebrate the birth anniversary of Swatantrya Veer Savarkar as 'Swatantrya Veer Gaurav Din' and conduct a range of events to promote his ideology.
- "Swatantra Veer Savarkar has made a great contribution for the country's independence and national development. Industries Minister Uday Samant had demanded to celebrate 'Swatantryaveer Gaurav Din' to salute his patriotism, courage and progressive thoughts.

- **Veer Savarkar, also known as Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, was an Indian independence activist, writer, and politician who played a significant role in the Indian freedom struggle.**

He was born on May 28, 1883, in Bhagur, a village in the Nashik district of Maharashtra.

- **He founded the concept of Hindutva, which sought to create a Hindu nationalist identity for India**

2. Greek-Indian Air Forces To Conduct Massive Joint Exercise Over Mediterranean Sea



- **The Greek and Indian Air Forces will collaborate on a joint training exercise with Su-30, F-16, and Rafale fighter jets for ten days over Greece and the Mediterranean Sea.**
- **The exercise will be conducted as part of the annual Greek exercise Iniochos 23, led by the Greek Air Force and the Greek Air Tactics Center of the Ministry of Defense.**
- **The training is scheduled to begin on April 18th and will conclude on April 28th.**
- **The defense cooperation between India and Greece is strengthening, as both countries aim to improve their joint operational capability.**
- **As a part of the annual Greek exercise Iniochos 23, the Indian Air Force will dispatch five Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets to participate in the training exercises.**
- **These fighter jets will perform complex missions alongside the air forces of Greece and the Mediterranean, with the aim of enhancing their operational skills.**
- **During the joint training exercise between the Indian and Greek Air Forces, Greece will utilize its F-16 and Rafale**

fighter jets, which are the core of its Air Force, to provide support to the land and sea forces that will be participating in the exercise.

- Iniochos 23 is an annual Greek study.
- It includes live flying. During these flights, the participating aircraft go through the full range of missions in complex operational and congested environments.

3. IIT-Kanpur partners with defense PSU to focus on innovation.



- The Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur has entered into a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agreement with Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited.
- Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited is one of the seven new Defence Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) that were created by converting the Ordnance Factory Board into fully government-owned enterprises.
- The agreement was signed in the presence of dignitaries from IIT Kanpur, SIIC, and Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AW&EIL) at the Ordnance Factory Kanpur.
- The SIIC and AW&EIL have joined hands with the aim of providing financial assistance to the startup ecosystem and supporting the incubation of new technology and innovation-based startups at IIT Kanpur, in line with the CSR Policy of AW&EIL.
- The expected result of this partnership is the overall advancement and growth of the country, as the startups

that emerge from this collaboration are expected to make a significant contribution to the economy and society as a whole.

4. India's oldest billionaire Keshub Mahindra passes away at 99.



- **Keshub Mahindra, the Chairman Emeritus of Mahindra & Mahindra and India's oldest billionaire, passed away at the age of 99.**
- **He had a net worth of \$1.2 billion as per Forbes.**
- **He retired as the Chairman of Mahindra Group on August 9, 2012, and passed on his responsibilities to his nephew, Anand Mahindra.**
- **Under his 48-year long tenure as Chairman, the Mahindra Group diversified from being solely an automobile manufacturer to expanding into other sectors such as IT, real estate, financial services, and hospitality.**
- **Keshub Mahindra played a crucial role in establishing strategic partnerships with global giants like Willys Corporation, Mitsubishi, International Harvester, United Technologies, British Telecom, among others.**

5. Himachal Pradesh launched Sanjeevani Project



- The economy of Himachal Pradesh is predominantly reliant on agriculture and animal husbandry.
- The rural households in the state consider livestock care as a crucial aspect, given the livestock population of approximately 4.41 million.
- The state government has initiated a project named Sanjeevani to uplift the livelihood of small dairy farmers and livestock owners.
- The project aims to enhance the lives of farmers by providing them with convenient and high-quality livestock care services at their doorstep, utilizing telemedicine and technology.
- This will aid in reducing the turnaround time for services and potentially prevent outbreaks.
- The Animal Husbandry Department of Himachal Pradesh has collaborated with Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd. (BFIL), a subsidiary of IndusInd Bank, for the National Animal Disease Control Programme-Mobile Veterinary Van (NADCP-AHD-MVU) project.

- The collaboration aims to provide doorstep livestock care through a toll-free telephone number that will be operational soon.
- The project intends to ensure the timely delivery of quality treatment to livestock, saving farmers the additional expenses of traveling for availing veterinary services like artificial insemination, medicines, vaccination, surgery, and infertility testing

6. Food Conclave-2023 in Hyderabad



- The Telangana government has scheduled the Food Conclave-2023 on April 28 and 29, which is a yearly gathering of 100 experts in the agri-food industry to discuss and exchange ideas.
- The main aim of the event is to recognize the primary obstacles and prospects for the Indian agri-food sector's expansion in the current decade.
- The event will encompass five theme-based sessions that will delve into different facets of the agri-food industry.
- The focal points will revolve around agriculture (green), edible oils (yellow), dairy (white), meat and poultry (pink), and aquaculture (blue).
- The Telangana government is partnering with various organizations to orchestrate this event.
- These organizations include the World Economic Forum-India, Indian Vegetable Oil Producers Association,

Indian Dairy Association, Heifer International, and Society of Aquaculture Professionals.

7. EAMS Jaishankar launches 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' in Uganda.



- **During his three-day visit to Uganda's Kampala, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' in Varanasi.**
- **He commended the Overseas Friends of BJP-Uganda for their efforts to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the oldest inhabited city in the world.**
- **Uganda has been selected to chair the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) for the period of 2022 to 2025 on behalf of Africa.**
- **The chairmanship of the movement rotates every three years during summit conferences and is assisted by both the previous and incoming chairs, representing the movement's past, present, and future.**
- **During his visit to Uganda, S. Jaishankar will hold delegation-level discussions with his Ugandan counterpart**

to explore opportunities for strengthening bilateral relations between the two nations.

- **Additionally, he is expected to meet with other Ministers and call on the country's leadership.**
- **Jaishankar will be in Mozambique from April 13 to 15.**
- **"This will be the first visit by an Indian External Affairs Minister to the Republic of Mozambique," according to the MEA announcement.**
- **During his visit, he will meet with Mozambique's top officials and co-chair the Joint Commission Meeting's 5th Session alongside Mozambican Foreign Minister Veronica Macamo.**
- **The EAM is anticipated to meet with numerous other Ministers and Assembly representatives from Mozambique.**

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