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National News

1. PM Modi to participate in First I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA) Leaders' Virtual Summit tomorrow



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the First I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA) Leaders' Virtual Summit tomorrow along with Prime Minister of Israel Yair Lapid, President of the UAE Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and President of the USA Joseph R. Biden.
- The Leaders will discuss the possible joint projects within the framework of I2U2 as well as the other common areas of mutual interest to strengthen the economic partnership in trade and investment in the respective regions and beyond.
- These projects can serve as a model for economic cooperation and offer opportunities for businesspersons and workers.
- The I2U2 Grouping was conceptualized during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four countries held on 18th October last year.

- Each country also has Sherpa-level interactions regularly to discuss the possible areas of cooperation.
- I2U2 is aimed to encourage joint investments in six mutually identified areas such as water, energy, transportation, space, health, and food security.

2. Twitter sues Elon Musk for breaching 44 billion dollar contract



- Twitter has sued Elon Musk for violating 44 billion dollar deal to buy the social media platform. In its petition, the company asked a Delaware court in US to order Musk to complete the merger at the agreed 54.20 dollar per Twitter share.
- The suit urges the court to order the billionaire to complete his deal, arguing that no financial damages could repair the damage he has caused.
- The suit said, Musk's conduct simply confirms that he wants to escape the binding contract he freely signed and to damage Twitter in the process.
- The petitioner said, Twitter has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable harm as a result of defendants' breaches.
- After weeks of threats, Musk late last week pulled the plug on the deal, accusing Twitter of "misleading" statements about the number of fake accounts.

3. World Masters Athletics Championships: 94-year-old Bhagwani Devi from India wins gold medal in 100 m sprint in Finland



- In Athletics, Bhagwani Devi, a 94-year-old sprinter from India, won the gold medal in the 100 m sprint at the World Masters Athletics Championships held in Tampere, Finland.
- She won the gold with a timing of 24.74 seconds. Bhagwani also bagged a bronze medal in shot put.
- World Masters Athletics Championships was held in Tampere from June 29 - July 10.
- It is a world championship-caliber event for the sport of athletics for male and female athletes aged 35 years and over.

4. Sanjai Kumar recommended for post of CMD, Raitel



- The public enterprise's selection board (PESB) has selected Sanjai Kumar for the post of Chairman & Managing Director, RailTel Corporation of India Ltd (RCIL).
- Currently, he is serving as Director (Network Planning & Marketing) and (Project, Operations & Maintenance – Additional Charge) in Railtel.
- Mr. Kumar holds a bachelor's degree in technology in electronic and telecommunication engineering from the University of Allahabad and a post-graduate diploma in management from Management Development Institute, Gurgaon.
- He is an officer of the Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers ("IRSSE") and joined the service on November 30, 1992.
- While working as an officer of IRSSE, he joined Railtel on a deputation basis on March 19, 2002, and subsequently was made a regular employee of the Company from August 12, 2008.
- He has over 27 years of experience working as an officer of IRSSE including over 18 years of experience in managing projects and marketing departments in our Company.

5. India's First Elevated Urban Expressway To Be Operational In 2023



- The Dwarka Expressway, which is being developed as the first elevated urban expressway in India, will be operational

in 2023, said Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.

- Dwarka Expressway will reduce pressure on the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway (part of the Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai arm of the Golden Quadrilateral) and arterial roads that experience severe traffic congestion, primarily from the commuters of West Delhi.
- It will be a 16-lane access-controlled highway with the provision of a minimum three-lane service road on both sides.
- The Expressway connecting Dwarka in Delhi to Gurugram in Haryana is being developed at a total cost of Rs 9,000 crores.
- It has a total length of 29 km, out of which 19 km falls in Haryana and the remaining 10 km is in Delhi.
- The expressway begins from Shiv-Murti on NH-8 (Delhi-Gurugram expressway) and ends near Kherki Daula Toll Plaza, through Dwarka Sector 21, Gurugram border and Basai.

6. Deutsche Bahn becomes the first intermodal partner of Star Alliance



- **Deutsche Bahn (DB) will be the world's first Intermodal Partner of Star Alliance.**
- **With this, DB and the aviation industry are sending another strong signal for the environment-friendly evolution of the travel industry.**
- **Under the new cooperation, DB customers and passengers of Star Alliance member airlines will be able to start or end their long-distance journey comfortably on the climate-friendly train.**
- **Germany is the first market and DB is the world's first partner in the new Star Alliance initiative.**
- **An industry-first, Star Alliance's Intermodal Partnership model intelligently combines airlines with railway, bus, ferry or any other transport ecosystem, alliance-wide.**
- **It is designed to link loyalty systems and facilitate seamless airport/station/port transit. Star Alliance plans to expand intermodal partnerships in the future.**

7. Nagpur Metro And NHAI Sets New Record For Building Longest Double Decker Flyover



- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Maharashtra Metro achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur.
- The longest viaduct with highway flyover and metro rail supported on single column piers.
- The maximum metro stations constructed on a double-decker viaduct are recognized by the Asia Book of Records & India Book of Records.
- The development is the fulfilment of the promise by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Government on building world-class infrastructure in New India.

8. Union minister Meenakshi Lekhi launches book on sacrifice of freedom fighters



- Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi has launched a book in Gujarati

commemorating the contributions of freedom fighters at a function.

- The book, 'Swadhinata Sangram Na Surviro', celebrates 75 freedom fighters and shares the stories of the sacrifices made by them for the country.
- The book is a part of the "Swadhinta Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to mark the 75th year of the country's Independence.
- The book commemorates the contribution of our freedom fighters who battled imperialism & dedicated their lives for Maa Bharati.
- Poet and president of the book release function's guidance committee, Bhagyesh Jha, said the book is an attempt to pay tribute to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country's freedom.

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