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National News

1. **NDA Vice Presidential candidate Jagdeep Dhankar to file his nomination today**



- National Democratic Alliance (NDA) vice-presidential candidate Jagdeep Dhankar will file his nomination today.
- The last date for filing the nominations is tomorrow and the election will be held on 6th of August.
- Margaret Alva is the opposition's candidate for Vice Presidential Election. She will file the nomination tomorrow.
- The Vice-President is elected by the members of the Electoral College consisting of the members of both Houses of Parliament.
- For 16th Vice-Presidential Election, the Electoral College consists of, 233 elected members and 12 nominated members of Rajya Sabha, and 543 elected members of Lok Sabha.

- The Electoral College comprises a total of 788 members of both Houses of Parliament. The term of Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu is ending on 10th of next month.

2. INS Sindhudhvaj decommissioned after 35 years of glorious service to nation



- The Submarine, INS Sindhudhvaj bid adieu to Indian Navy on Saturday, 16 Jul 2022, serving for a glorious period of 35 years. Vice Adm Biswajit Dasgupta Flag Officer Commanding -in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command was the Chief Guest for the ceremony.
- The Decommissioning event was attended by 15 of the former Commanding Officers including Cmde SP Singh (Retd), the Commissioning CO and 26 Commissioning crew veterans
- The submarine crest depicts a gray colour nurse shark and the name means flag bearer at sea.
- Sindhudhvaj, as the name suggests, was the flag bearer of indigenisation and Indian Navy's efforts towards achieving Atmanirbharta in the Russian built Sindhughosh class submarines throughout her journey in the navy.

- She had many a firsts to her credit including operationalisation of the indigenised sonar USHUS, Indigenised Satellite Communication systems Rukmani and MSS, Inertial Navigation System and Indigenised Torpedo Fire Control System.

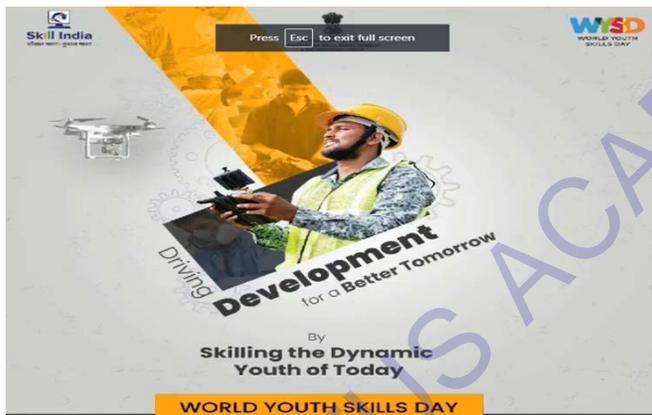
3. Singapore Open: Indian shuttler PV Sindhu clinches Women's Single title; Prez, PM Modi congratulates shuttler



- In Badminton, ace Indian shuttler PV Sindhu has clinched Women's Single title of Singapore Open.
- The Two-time Olympic medalist defeated Wang Zhi Yi of China, 21-9, 11-21, 21-15 to claim her maiden title in Singapore Open and third title this year after registering wins in Korea Open and Swiss Open.
- It took her just 12 minutes to wrap up the opening game which included winning 13 consecutive points.
- Wang Zhi however fought back in superb fashion to draw level as he gained the second game.
- The decider started on a nail-biting note before she gained a five-point lead at the interval. The Chinese looked to fight back but eventually fell short in the end.

- President and Vice President have congratulated ace shuttler PV Sindhu for winning Singapore Open 2022 tournament for the first time.
- President Ram Nath Kovind said, P V Sindhu's resilience and enthusiasm are inspiring.
- Mr Kovind hoped that she will continue to bring glory and pride to the country.

4. World Youth Skills Day is being observed today



- The World Youth Skills Day is being observed today. It is celebrated every year on July 15 after the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA) declaration in 2014.
- The day is celebrated to mark the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship, said a statement by UNESCO.
- It added that the day has also provided a unique opportunity for dialogue between young people, Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutions, firms, employers' and workers' organizations, policy-makers, and development partners.
- This year, the day is being marked amid concerted efforts toward socio-economic recovery from the pandemic that are interconnected with challenges such as climate

change, conflict, persisting poverty, rising inequality, rapid technological change, and demographic transition among others.

- Every year, World Youth Skills Day is marked with a certain theme set by the United Nations.
- The theme for this year is Transforming youth skills for the future.

5. Raksha Mantri launches Y- 3023 Dunagiri, Project 17A frigate at GRSE Ltd, Kolkata



- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the fourth P17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri' into the Hooghly River in Kolkata.
- The Project 17A frigate is built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited. The P-17A class is a follow-on of the P-17 Shivalik Class with improved stealth features & advanced weapons.
- The first two ships of the P17A Project were launched in 2019 and 2020 at MDL and GRSE respectively.
- The third ship (Udaygiri) was launched at MDL on 17 May 22 earlier this year.
- Security challenges in the Indian Ocean region and Indo-Pacific are constantly increasing.

- In order to achieve the Prime Minister's Vision of 'SAGAR', i.e., Security and Growth for All in the Region' and to protect, preserve and promote India's national maritime interests, the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and other organizations have to increase the infrastructure and assets so that the country stays ahead of the curve in dealing with these challenges.

6. New television series called "Swaraj" being promoted by Anurag Thakur



- Anurag Thakur, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, debuted the trailer for the new television series Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha in New Delhi.
- Doordarshan will begin airing this series on August 14th, 2022.
- The contribution of the liberation warriors and unsung heroes of the freedom movement will be highlighted in the 75-episode drama.
- The All India Radio will also air this programme.
- The serial logo was unveiled by Mr. Thakur at New Delhi's Akashwani Bhawan.

- The nation was commemorating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and that the administration had planned numerous events in all corners of the nation in which millions of people had taken part told by the Minister of Information and broadcast.
- The upcoming television series Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha, the debut of the promo is an illustration of the Swaraj that was envisioned during the battle for independence.

7. Varanasi Named First Cultural And Tourism Capital Of Shanghai Cooperation Organization



- The holy city of Varanasi showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- Varanasi will become the "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.
- Each year a city of the cultural heritage of a member country that will take over the rotating Presidency of the organisation will get the title to highlight its prominence.

- The organisation's new initiatives ahead of this year's Heads of the State summit of the SCO scheduled to be held at Samarkand in Uzbekistan on September 15-16 this year.
- The new initiative will come into force after the Samarkand summit following which India will take over the Presidency and host the next Heads of the State summit.

8. V K Singh takes charge as Director (Technical) of REC Limited



- V.K. Singh has taken charge as Director (Technical) of REC Limited.
- Before this elevation, Singh was Executive Director in REC holding a portfolio of key business areas including Private Sector Project Management, Entity Appraisal and Procurement and is also a Director on the Board of REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited.
- Singh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT Roorkee and has a career spanning more than 33 years across power sector PSUs, NTPC, PGCIL and REC.

- In his 15 year stint with REC, he has delivered in key operations of the company involving Policy formulation, Project & Entity Appraisal, Business Planning, Stressed Assets Management and MoU negotiations besides heading operations at REC's subsidiary for some time

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