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National News

1. **Union Minister Jitendra Singh to lead Indian Ministerial delegation to take part in Global Clean Energy Action Forum at Pittsburg, US**



- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Global Clean Energy Action Forum meet offers India an opportunity to present Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision before the world.
- The Minister said this while briefing the media before leaving on a five-day visit to the US as the head of a high-level Joint Ministerial official delegation.
- Dr Singh said the forum will bring together all the stakeholders and it is an acknowledgement of the leading role assumed by India in issues related to Clean Energy concerns.
- He said he is looking forward to close engagements at the Plenary and Roundtables of Global Clean Energy Action Forum, especially in the light of recent breakthroughs in the areas of Clean Energy Technologies both at home and abroad.

- Dr Singh recalled that only last month, the Union Cabinet had approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- He said, Prime Minister Modi launched the National Hydrogen Mission on Independence Day last year.

2. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to review bilateral defence ties with his Egyptian counterpart in Cairo



- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has reached Cairo on a two-day official visit to Egypt. Central Military Zone Commander Major General Tarik Hamed Elshazly received Mr Singh at the Al Maza Air Base in Cairo.
- During the visit, Mr Singh will hold bilateral talks with Minister of Defense and Defense Production, General Mohamed Zaki.
- The two Ministers will review the bilateral defense ties, explore new initiatives to intensify military-to-military engagements and focus on deepening cooperation between the defense industries of the two countries.
- An MoU to provide further impetus to enhanced defense cooperation between India and Egypt will also be signed. Mr Singh will also call on the President of Egypt Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi.

3. Sixth edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise concludes



- The sixth edition of the Japan India Maritime Exercise 2022, JIMEX 22 hosted by the Indian Navy concluded in the Bay of Bengal with the two sides bidding farewell to each other with a customary steam past today at ENC, Visakhapatnam.
- Indian Naval ships led by Rear Adm Sanjay Bhalla, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet and Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) Ships Izumo and Takanami led by Rear Adm Hirata Toshiyuki, Commander Escort Flotilla Four, participated in the week-long exercise.
- JIMEX 22 witnessed some of the most complex exercises undertaken jointly by the two navies.
- Both sides engaged in advanced level anti-submarine warfare, weapon firings and Air Defence exercises.
- Shipborne helicopters, fighter aircraft and submarines also participated in the exercise.
- IN and JMSDF ships replenished each other at sea under the agreement on Reciprocal Provision for Supply and Services (RPSS).

4. Union Minister Anupriya Patel attends East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting in Cambodia



- **Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Anupriya Patel, attended East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting on Saturday in Siem Reap City of Cambodia.**
- **Ms. Patel reiterated India's commitment to strengthening the EAS as an ASEAN-led organisation and supporting the EAS Forum in strengthening regional economic architecture.**
- **She acknowledged the pivotal role of EAS in strengthening multilateralism and promoting peace, stability, and economic prosperity in the region.**
- **She also reiterated India's willingness to collaborate with East Asian partners in the production of vaccines, generic drugs and medical technologies used for treatment of COVID patients.**
- **The meeting saw representation from all 10 ASEAN countries as well as eight partner countries including Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia and the US.**

5. PM Modi launches National Logistics Policy: Five points on the new initiative



- **The need for a national logistics policy was felt since the logistics cost in India is high as compared to other developed economies.**
- **It is imperative to reduce the logistics cost in India for improving the competitiveness of Indian goods both in domestic as well as export markets.**

1. According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the need for a national policy was felt since the logistics cost in India is high compared to other developed economies.

2. The policy reduces the logistics cost in the country for improving the competitiveness of Indian goods both in domestic as well as export markets. Reduced logistics cost improves efficiency cutting across various sectors of the economy, encouraging value addition and enterprise, the PMO said in a statement.

3. The policy endeavors to improve the competitiveness of Indian goods, enhancing economic growth and increasing employment opportunities.

4. According to the PMO, PM GatiShakti - the national master plan for multi-modal connectivity - will get further boost and complementarity with the launch of NLP.

5. India spends around 13 to 14 percent of the GDP on logistics costs. The logistics sector has more than 20 government agencies, 40 partner government agencies (PGA), 37 export promotion councils, 500 certifications, over 10,000 commodities, and a \$160-billion market. According to the World Bank Logistics Index of 2018, India is ranked 44th in logistics costs.

6. Evacuation warnings issued in Japan as Typhoon 'Nanmadol' brings strong winds, heavy rain around Kagoshima city



- **In Japan, millions of people in the country were under evacuation warnings today as Typhoon 'Nanmadol' brought strong winds and heavy rain to the southwest of the country after making landfall overnight.**
- **The powerful system has weakened since arriving on land Sunday evening around Kagoshima city in the southwestern region of Kyushu.**
- **National broadcaster NHK said one person had been killed and 50 others injured as the storm passed through Kyushu.**
- **There was no immediate confirmation of the figures from authorities.**
- **Official sources said, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who had been scheduled to leave for the United Nations General Assembly today, will delay his trip by a day to check on damage from the storm.**

7. Bajrang Punia bags Bronze medal at World Wrestling Championships at Belgrade, Serbia



- In Wrestling, ace Indian wrestler and Olympic medalist Bajrang Punia captured a bronze medal in the men's 65 kg category at World Wrestling Championships yesterday.
- He defeated Puerto Rico's Sebastian C Rivera by 11-9. This is Punia's fourth medal at the Championships, starting his journey with bronze in 2013.
- He went on to win silver in the 2018 Championships and followed it with another bronze in 2019.
- Now, he has four championship medals. This is India's second medal at the ongoing edition of the World Wrestling Championships.
- Indian wrestler and Commonwealth Games 2022 gold medalist Vinesh Phogat captured a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at the ongoing World Wrestling Championships 2022 in Belgrade on Wednesday.

8. Bengaluru FC lifts maiden Durand Cup by defeating Mumbai City FC



- Bengaluru FC has won its maiden and the 131st edition of the Durand Cup by defeating Indian Super League (ISL) giants Mumbai City FC 2-1.
- This is seventh domestic title for Bengaluru FC. Both the teams were at one each at the end of first half.
- But the goal by Alan Costa in 61st minute gave Bengaluru FC the winning lead against Mumbai.
- Earlier, Mumbai City FC defeated two times champion Mohammedan SC in the semis while Bengaluru FC beat Hyderabad FC to seal their spot in the final. The first edition of the competition was played in 1888.
- The 34-day tournament played across three states for the first time has concluded with the 47th and final match between two top teams and former champions of the Indian Super League, ISL.

9. Indian javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia clinches silver medal in World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Morocco



- Indian javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia has clinched a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco.
- Paralympics gold medalist Devendra threw the javelin to a distance of 60.97 meter to capture the silver.
- Devendra is a three-time Paralympics medalist.

10. NASA's Perseverance rover is close to completing its 1st set of objectives on MARS



- **The US space agency, NASA's Perseverance rover is close to completing its first set of objectives on MARS.**
- **According to media reports, the NASA robot has collected a diverse set of rock samples that it will soon deposit on the surface, awaiting carriage to Earth by later missions.**
- **It's been 17 months since the vehicle arrived in an area called Jezero Crater, slung below a rocket crane.**
- **NASA and the European Space Agency are working up a plan to retrieve the rock cache.**
- **It's an audacious plan that will involve another landing system, some helicopters, a Martian rocket, and an interplanetary freighter. The goal is to have the samples back on Earth in 2033.**

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