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1. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurates Badi Sadri-Mavli gauge converted rail section



- Union Rail Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the Badi Sadri-Mavli gauge converted rail section yesterday.
- He flagged off Badi Sadri-Udaipur City daily special and Rewa-Udaipur City weekly special and Siuri-Sealdah MEMU train virtually in the program organized at Badi Sadri in Chittorgarh Rajasthan.
- On the occasion, Rail Minister said that Indian Railways is moving towards a new direction under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- He said the stations are being built with a plan for the next 50 years. He said that the work of making Udaipur City Railway world class would be started soon.

- **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav announced to make Chittorgarh station a world class station.**

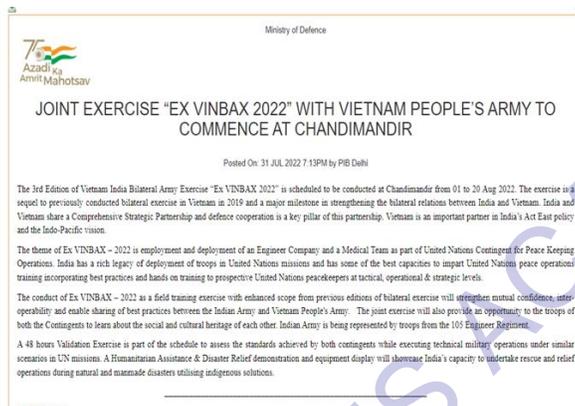
2. Indo-Oman joint military exercise commences in Rajasthan



- **The joint military Exercise AL NAJAH -IV between contingents of Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman is starting from today at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan. It would conclude on August 13.**
- **The Royal Army of Oman contingent comprising 60 personnel from the Sultan of Oman Parachute Regiment have already arrived at the exercise location.**
- **The Indian Army is represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion.**
- **The previous edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV was organised at Muscat from 12 to 25 March 2019.**
- **The joint exercise would focus on Counter Terrorism Operations, Regional Security Operations and Peace Keeping Operations under United Nations charter apart from organising joint physical training schedules, tactical drills, techniques and procedures.**

- **Joint military exercise aims to enhance the level of defence co-operation between Indian Army and Royal Army of Oman and will further manifest in enhancing the bilateral relations between the two nations.**

3. 3rd edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army exercise to begin tomorrow at Chandimandir



- **The 3rd Edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" will begin tomorrow at Chandimandir. It will continue till 20th August.**
- **The exercise is a sequel to a previously conducted bilateral exercise in Vietnam in 2019 and a major milestone in strengthening the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam. India and Vietnam share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and defence cooperation is a key pillar of this partnership.**
- **Vietnam is an important partner in India's Act East policy and the Indo-Pacific vision.**
- **The theme of Ex VINBAX - 2022 is the employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of the United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations.**

- India has a rich legacy of deployment of troops in United Nations missions and has some of the best capacities to impart United Nations peace operations training incorporating best practices and hands-on training to prospective United Nations peacekeepers at tactical, operational and strategic levels.
- The conduct of Ex VINBAX - 2022 as a field training exercise with enhanced scope from previous editions of bilateral exercises will strengthen mutual confidence, and inter-operability and enable sharing of best practices between the Indian Army and Vietnam People's Army.

4. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu presents President's colour to Tamil Nadu Police



- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu today presented the President's colour to the Tamil Nadu Police and released a Special Cover to honour the occasion.
- The President's Colour is the highest honour given to the military, paramilitary and police forces of States and Union Territories. Delivering his speech on the Occasion, Mr. Naidu appreciated the Tamil Nadu state Police for receiving the prestigious colour as the first in Southern India.
- He said that the State ranks second in the list of more women in the police force and observed that the State was the first to create a women commando force.

- He said, the police force needs to be updated and ready to handle modern crimes in cyberspace.
- The Vice President appreciated the formation of the State Marine Police Force to prevent crimes and protect the 1076 km long coastline of Tamil Nadu.
- Mr. Naidu said that Tamil Nadu is the only State to have a police unit to investigate smuggling of idols and statues.

5. Chahabar Day conference begins in Mumbai



- Union Shipping Minister Sarbanand Sonowal and Minister of State for Shipping Shripad Naik inaugurated the Chahabar Day conference in Mumbai today.
- Dignitaries from Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan were present on the occasion.
- The Chahabar port is a key pillar of India's Indo-Pacific vision to connect with Eurasia with Indian Ocean Region.
- The port will also be part of the International North South Transport Corridor network connecting India.
- Deputy Head of Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization, Jalil Eslami said that Chahabar port plays an important role in economic development of India and Iran.
- This trade route will open new avenues for India and Eurasian countries.

- He said that Iran has given special incentives to increase trade cooperation activities between India and Iran through Chabahar port.

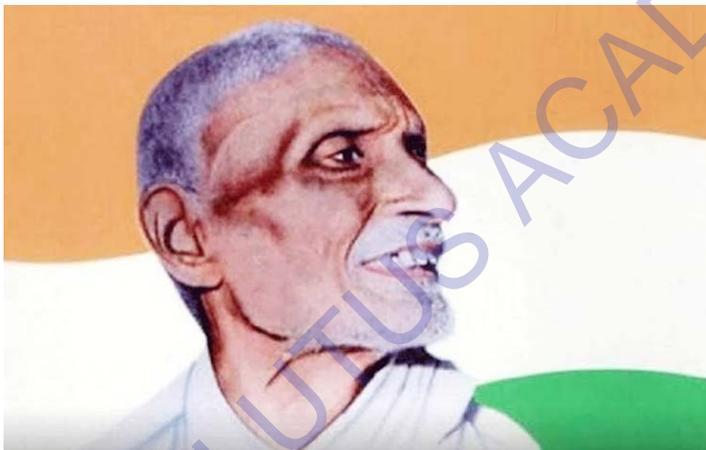
6. Commonwealth Games: Mirabai Chanu strikes first gold for India; Bindyarani Devi bags silver in Weightlifting



- At the ongoing Commonwealth Games, Tokyo Olympic silver medallist weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu claimed India's first gold medal in the Women's 49 kilogram event at Birmingham yesterday.
- The 2017 World champion lifted a total of 201 kilogram in snatch and clean and jerk category to give India their third medal at the games.
- Another weightlifter Bindyarani Devi Sorokhaibam won second Silver medal for India in the prestigious games in Women's 55 Kg category.
- Bidyarani lifted a total of 202 Kg in snatch and clean and jerk category.

- Earlier, Indian weightlifter Sanket Sargar clinched a silver medal in the Men's 55 kilogram category while Gururaja Poojary bagged bronze medal in the Men's 61 kilogram finals.
- President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated winners at the Commonwealth Games.
- Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur has also congratulated winners So far, India has won four medals in the prestigious sporting event. All these medals are in weightlifting.

7. National Flag designer Pingali Venkayya birth centenary celebrations in Delhi on Aug 2



- Union Minister for Culture and Tourism G Kishan Reddy has said that on the occasion of the birth centenary celebrations of the designer of the national flag, Pingali Venkaiah, a large-scale program will be organized in Delhi on Tuesday.
- Speaking to media in Vijayawada yesterday, Kishan Reddy said the original flag designed by Pingali will be displayed on that day.
- He said he will visit the hometown of Pingali Venkaiah and invite family members on behalf of the Prime Minister for the centenary celebrations to be held in New Delhi.

- He said a postage stamp will also be released in the name of Pingali and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah will honour the members of Pingali's family.

8. Actor Rasik Dave passes away after prolonged illness



- Actor Rasik Dave, known for appearing in Hindi and Gujarati films and shows, passed away following a prolonged illness.
- He was 65. His mother-in-law and veteran actor Sarita Joshi informed that Dave, who had been suffering from kidney ailments for the past four years, breathed his last on Friday evening.
- Dave's last rites were held yesterday in presence of family members and close friends.
- Rasik Dave began his career in 1982 with a Gujarati film, titled Putra Vadhu.
- In Hindi films and TV shows, the actor is best known for his work in Hrishikesh Mukherjee-directed movie 'Jhoothi', TV

shows like 'Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka', 'Mahabharat' and 'Sanskaar - Dharohar Apnon Ki'.

- The actor along with his wife - popular artiste Ketki Dave had also formed a theater company.

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