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National News

1. Jamshed J Irani, known as 'Steel Man of India' dies at 86



- Jamshed J Irani, also known as the "Steel Man of India", died aged 86 at Tata Main Hospital in Jamshedpur.
- He was born on June 2, 1936, in Nagpur to Jiji Irani and Khorshed Irani, Irani completed his BSc from Science College, Nagpur in 1956 and M.Sc in Geology from Nagpur University in 1958.
- Irani retired from the Board of Directors at Tata Steel in June 2011.
- Jamshed J Irani completed his BSc from Science College, Nagpur in 1956 and his MSc in Geology from Nagpur University in 1958.
- Irani then went to the University of Sheffield in the UK as a JN Tata scholar, where he secured a Master's in Metallurgy in 1960, and a PhD in Metallurgy in 1963.
- He started his professional career with the British Iron and Steel Research Association in Sheffield in 1963. But he always wished to contribute to India's industrial progress.
- Irani returned to India to join Tata Steel or Tata Iron and Steel Company, as it was then known, in 1968 and joined

- the firm as assistant to the director in charge of research and development.
- In 1978, Irani went on to become the general superintendent of the company.
- In 1979, he was promoted to the rank of general manager, and eventually, in 1985, he became the president of Tata Steel.

2. CM Yogi inaugurates north India's first data centre at Greater Noida



- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated North India's first hyper-scale data centre Yotta Yotta D1 built at the cost of Rs 5,000 crore and spread over an area of 3,00,000 square feet at the upcoming Data Centre Park in Greater Noida.
- Memorandums of Understanding worth Rs 39,000 crore were also signed between the Yogi Government and Hiranandani Group to be spent on projects in the next five years on the occasion.
- The data centre will increase the data storage capacity of the country, which until now stood at two percent only despite the fact that 1.5 billion mobile phones and 650 million internet users in the world are from India using 20 per cent of data.
- Yet for storage of data, we had to look for centres abroad.
- According to an official statement, the Data Center Policy was notified in 2021.

- Under the policy, the work of setting up of 04 Data Center Parks by various investors is currently under process with an investment of more than Rs 15,950 crore.
- These include M/s NIDP Developers Pvt Ltd of Hiranandani Group (Rs 9134.90 crore), M/s NTT Global Centers and Cloud Infrastructure India Pvt Ltd of Japan (Rs 1687 crore), and two projects of Adani Enterprises Ltd of Rs 2414 crore and Rs 2713 crore.

3. SpaceX launches first Falcon Heavy rocket in 3 years



- SpaceX's Falcon Heavy, the world's most-powerful active rocket, lifted off for the first time in more than three years, from Florida's Cape Canaveral, with Elon Musk's company sending a group of satellites into orbit for the U.S. Space Force.
- The rocket system, representing three Falcon 9 boosters strapped side-by-side, lifted off at a SpaceX launch pad.
- The rocket's two side boosters were due to land in synchrony on adjacent concrete slabs along Florida's east coast roughly eight minutes after liftoff.
- The Heavy carried a handful of classified payloads toward geostationary orbit for the U.S. Space Force on a mission called USSF-44.
- USSF-44 is the fourth launch for the SpaceX Falcon Heavy overall and its first since June 2019.
- That low flight rate stands in stark contrast to the company's Falcon 9 workhorse, which has flown more than once per week this year on average.

 And while the overwhelming majority of those Falcon 9 launches have used pre-flown boosters, Falcon Heavy launched on three brand-new first stages.

4. 63 officers awarded with 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal'



- 63 police officers from Maharashtra, Delhi, Punjab, Telangana, and Jammu & Kashmir have been awarded the 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal' for the year 2022.
- The award was given by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for four special operations conducted by them in areas of terrorism, border actions, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling, and rescue operations.
- In total, 63 police officers have been awarded the special medal on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The officers belonged to Telangana, Punjab, Maharashtra, Delhi, and the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The medals were awarded at the 'Run For Unity' event to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal' was constituted in 2018.

- It is conferred to state and union territory police forces, central police organizations, central armed police forces, and security organizations throughout India.
- The objective of the 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal' is to recognize those operations, which have a high degree of planning, and high significance for the security of the country/state/UT.

5. Gujarat govt's big move for Uniform Civil Code ahead of assembly polls



- With Gujarat headed to Assembly elections and awaiting the release of the poll schedule, state Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi announced that the cabinet had decided to form a committee for the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state.
- Gujarat is the second BJP-ruled state after Uttarakhand to constitute a committee of experts on the UCC.
- Chief Ministers of Himachal Pradesh and Assam, also ruled by the BJP, too have backed the UCC proposal.
- Addressing a press conference in Gandhinagar, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala said, "From the days of our youth, we have been making demand for Ram Janmabhoomi, for (abrogation of) Article 370, for UCC.
- I want to congratulate and express my gratitude to Chief Minister Bhupendra Pate, he has taken the next step towards fulfilling an old demand of the BJP."

- "Like Ram Mandir and Kashmir, this issue (of UCC) has been passed by the Gujarat government (in the cabinet).
- A committee will be formed soon and based on the committee's report, the way for implementing this law will open up in the state of Gujarat."

6. Arunachal Pradesh to get Northeast's first fish museum: Fisheries minister



- A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh, Fisheries Minister Tage Taki.
- The museum in the NorthEast region (NER), with all fish species across the district from Tawang to Longding, to attract tourists, fish lovers and the museum will also serve as a training centre for fish farmers.
- The fish museum would be a part of India's first Integrated Aqua Park (IAP), sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAHD).
- The existing Tarin Fish Farm (TFF), located at high-altitude Bulla village, would be upgraded as the IAP where the museum would come up.
- It will have all fish species of the state and serve as a training centre for fisherfolk.

 An amount of Rs 43.59 crores was sanctioned for the project in the current financial year as the first instalment.

7. Max Verstappen wins record-breaking 14th race of the season at Formula One's Mexican Grand Prix



- Red Bull driver Max Verstappen finished in first place at the Mexican Grand Prix 2022 to claim his record-setting 14th win of the season. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton and Red Bull's Sergio Perez finished second and third respectively.
- Verstappen 14th victory of the season sees him pass
 Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel for the most race wins in a single season in Formula One history.
- Verstappen is now the most successful driver in the history of the Mexican GP, having secured his fourth title.
- It was the 34th race win of his career & 14th win of the 2022 season.
- Earlier in October, Verstappen claimed his second career world championship at the Japanese Grand Prix, and last week he won the US Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, which

saw him share the record for the number of season race wins.

• With his victory in Mexico, Verstappen also broke the record for the most points accumulated in a single season, previously set by Lewis Hamilton in 2019.

