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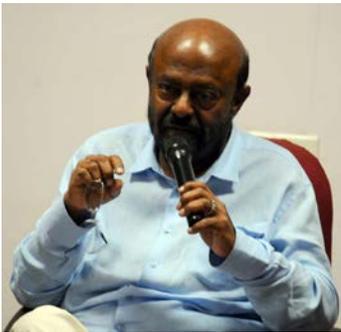
1. FATF removes Pakistan from 'grey list' after four years



- The financial Action Task Force (FATF) has removed Pakistan from its grey list after four years.
- This inglorious greylisting has adversely impacted Pakistan's imports, exports, and remittances and limited its access to international lending.
- Pakistan has been on the Paris-based watchdog's grey list for deficiencies in its counter-terror financing and anti-money laundering regimes since June 2018.
- The global watchdog on terror financing and money laundering has said that Islamabad will continue to work with the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering to further improve its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing system.
- It has also welcomed Pakistan's significant progress in improving its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regime.

- The decision was taken by the FATF in its plenary held in Paris yesterday.

2. HCL's Shiv Nadar India's most generous: Hurun India; Premji slips to second spot



- HCL founder Shiv Nadar topped as the most generous person in the country with an annual donation of Rs 1,161 crore, the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022 revealed.
- Nadar, 77, has reclaimed the 'India's most generous' title with a donation of Rs 3 crore per day, according to the report.
- Wipro's Azim Premji, 77, slipped to the second position with an annual donation of Rs 484 crore after ruling at the top position for the last two consecutive years, it said.
- India's richest man Gautam Adani, 60, ranked seventh in Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022, with a donation of Rs 190 crore.

3. Tripura CM opens state's 1st English-medium govt college



- Chief Minister of Tripura Dr. Manik Saha along with Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath inaugurated the first English medium general degree college of the state in the city having 100 intake capacity.
- The first five basic subjects of the arts stream include compulsory Bengali and English.
- Tripura government has built the general degree college at a budget of Rs 1 crore by renovating an old Teaching College.
- The state government aims to make the state an education hub with the inauguration of its first English medium government college.
- A large number of schools at each of the revenue blocks have been converted into an English medium government institution with all modern educational tools.
- The exact syllabus of CBSE has been introduced in the schools which are followed by recruiting a large number of trained teachers and training up to over 40,000 existing teachers.

- The government has also introduced several programs to plug the dropout rates of Tripura with the help of new initiatives.

4. Delhi L-G V K Saxena approves setting up Four Zila Sainik boards for ex-servicemen



- Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena approved the setting up of four Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) which are responsible for policy formulation and implementation of resettlement and welfare schemes for ex-servicemen (ESM) and their widows.
- The four ZSBs are to cater to the South-west, East, Shahdara, North-west, Central, and New Delhi districts. The move will help up to 77,000 ex-servicemen, their widows, and dependents.
- The decision of setting up Zila Sainik Boards came from the 2018 report of a high-level committee established by the Central Government.
- The report recommended the setting up of ZSBs by the state government of the population of ESMs and their families is more than 7,500.
- It was decided to establish four ZSBs in Delhi with a budget of ₹16.69 crores, 60% of which will be borne by the Central Government.

- In 2019, the in-principal approval was given, and the Arvind Kejriwal-led state government decided on the same.

5. Sanjay Malhotra to take over as next revenue secretary



- The government on Wednesday appointed financial services secretary Sanjay Malhotra, a 1990-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of Rajasthan cadre as officer on special duty (OSD) in the revenue department.
- He will become the revenue secretary after incumbent Tarun Bajaj retires on November 30, according to an official order.
- Tarun Bajaj currently has additional charge of secretary corporate affairs ministry.
- Vivek Joshi, 1989 batch IAS officer of the Haryana cadre, will take over as secretary in the Department of Financial Services. He is currently Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Nagendra Nath Sinha, 1987 batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre, currently serving as secretary in the Department of Rural Development, will be the new steel secretary on the superannuation of Sanjay Kumar Singh.

- Shailesh Kumar Singh, 1991 batch IAS of Jharkhand cadre, will take over as secretary in the Department of Rural Development.
- Kamran Rizvi, 1991 batch IAS of UP cadre, will be the new secretary in the Ministry of Heavy Industries.

6. LVM3 launch to mark ISRO's entry into global commercial launch service market



- The heaviest rocket LVM3 of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will launch 36 satellites of British start-up OneWeb Broadband Communication Satellites from the spaceport in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota on October 23, 2022.
- It will mark the the launcher's entry into the global commercial launch service market.
- This contract with M/s OneWeb is a historic milestone for NSIL and ISRO, as LVM3 is making its entry into the Global commercial launch service market. As part of the Contract, 36 satellites will be placed into orbit by one LVM3, from Satish Dhawan Space Centre," ISRO had said.
- "Cryo stage, equipment bay (EB) assembly completed. Satellites are encapsulated and assembled in the vehicle. Final vehicle checks are in progress," it said.

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