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### National News

#### 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissions first indigenous aircraft carrier



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi commissioned the first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant today.
- During the event, the Prime Minister also unveiled the new Naval Ensign (Nishaan), doing away with the colonial past and befitting the rich Indian maritime heritage.
- Speaking on this occasion, the Prime Minister said that every Indian is witnessing the sunrise of a new future.
- This event is held on the INS Vikrant is a tribute to the rising spirits of India on the world horizon.
- He said, we are seeing a manifestation of the dream of the freedom fighters where they envisioned a capable and strong India.
- The Prime Minister exclaimed that Vikrant is huge, massive and vast. It is distinguished, it is also special.
- Vikrant is not just a warship. This is a testament to the hard work, talent, influence and commitment of India in the 21st century.

- If the goals are distant, the journeys are long, the ocean and the challenges are endless - then India's answer is Vikrant.
- The incomparable Amrit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is Vikrant. Vikrant is a unique reflection of India becoming self-reliant.
- Mr Modi acknowledged and praised the contribution of the Navy, engineers of Cochin Shipyard, scientists and especially the workers who worked on the project.
- He also noted the happy and auspicious occasion of Onam that is adding even more happiness to the occasion.

## 2. Rajasthan govt launches loan scheme for women entrepreneurs



- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has launched 'Mahila Nidhi', a loan scheme for the social and economic development of women through loans.
- Under the scheme, apart from everyday necessities, easy credit will be available to women for business expansion and starting new businesses.
- In the budget 2022-23, the government said it will establish 'Mahila Nidhi' through Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council.
- Rajasthan is the second state in the country after Telangana, where Mahila Nidhi has been established.

### 3. 'Daily wage earners' biggest group among death by suicides in 2021: NCRB



- The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released a **Accidental Deaths & Suicides** report, as per the number of suicide-related deaths in India reached an all-time high in 2021.
- In 2017, 1.64 lakh people committed suicide, a 7.2% rise from 2020, when 1.53 lakh people had done so.
- Since 1967, the first year for which statistics are available, there have been more suicide-related fatalities than ever before.
- 11.3 suicides per 100,000 individuals have been reported up to this time, as per the **Accidental Deaths & Suicides** report.
- As per the information on accidental fatalities and suicides given by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) in **Accidental Deaths & Suicides**, this number was around 1.39 lakh in 2019.

- The suicide rate, or the number of suicide-related deaths per one lakh people, was 12 in 2021.
- This is the highest rate of suicide-related deaths since 1967, the first year for which statistics is available. Up until this point, 11.3 suicides per 100,000 people have been recorded.
- The year 2010 had the highest reported suicide rate in the nation up until this point (11.3), as per Accidental Deaths & Suicides report.

#### 4. Leg-spinner Rahul Sharma announces retirement, set to take part in Road Safety World Series



- Indian Spinner Rahul Sharma has announced retirement from international and domestic cricket.
- In 2011, the tall leg-spinner came into the limelight where he represented Pune Warriors in IPL.
- Rahul Sharma made his ODI debut against West Indies in 2011 under Virendra Sehwag's Captaincy.
- He made his T20 debut in 2012 against Australia under the Captaincy of MS Dhoni.
- Later that year, he played his final series on the Sri Lanka tour. The former cricketer wrote an emotional post on his retirement from all forms of cricket.

## **5. Dr Vasudha Gupta assumes charge of Director General of News Services Division of All India Radio**



- Indian Information Service officer, Vasudha Gupta was appointed as the director general of the news services division of All India Radio.
- Gupta, who was director general in the Press Information Bureau, assumed charge of her new post immediately.
- All India Radio Director General N Venudhar Reddy superannuated.
- Rajesh Malhotra, Director General in the Press Information Bureau (PIB), was promoted to the rank of Principal Director General.
- Malhotra will continue to look after the publicity works of the finance ministry in the PIB.
- A 1989-batch officer, Gupta has served in various capacities in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in her over a 32-year career.

- Gupta earned her degree in law from Chaudhary Charan Singh University and later was awarded an M.Phil degree by the Delhi School of Economics.
- She did her PhD in Banking and Financial Support services from the Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi.
- Gupta had done stints in All India Radio and was instrumental in the automation of the newsroom for regional news units.

## 6. VAR technology to make debut in FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in India



- The upcoming Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 in India will see the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology making its debut in the age-group showpiece, world football governing body FIFA announced.
- The prestigious tournament, which was given the go-ahead by FIFA after lifting the 11-day-long suspension of the All India Football Federation (AIFF), will be held in Bhubaneswar (Kalinga Stadium), Margao (JLN Stadium) and Navi Mumbai (DY Patil Stadium) from October 11-30.
- The VAR technology supports the decision-making process of the referee in four game-changing situations: goals and offences leading up to a goal, penalty decisions and offences leading up to a penalty, direct red card incidents, and mistaken identity.
- Throughout a match, the VAR team constantly checks for clear and obvious errors related to these four match-changing situations.

- The VAR team communicates with the referee only for clear and obvious mistakes or serious missed incidents.

## 7. New Zealand All-rounder Colin de Grandhomme Retires from International Cricket



- New Zealand all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- The 36-year-old cricketer made his decision after discussions with the country's cricket board and hence, has been released from his central contract.
- In the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup, he starred with a 47-ball 60 in a pulsating victorious chase against South Africa, scored 64 against Pakistan, and bowled superbly in the final against England, taking one for 25 off his 10 overs.
- He represented New Zealand in 29 matches, scoring 1432 runs at 38.70 and picking up 49 wickets.
- He featured in 18 wins, playing a key role in the inaugural ICC World Test Championship campaign against India in Southampton.

## 8. TaMo completes acquisition of Marcopolo's stake in Tata Marcopolo Motors



- Tata Motors Marcopolo was a JV between Tata Motors (India) and Marcopolo, its Brazilian partners.
- Tata motors have announced that now they have completed the Acquisition of the other part of the JV in the company Tata Motors Marcopolo where Tata Motors and Marcopolo have a 51:49 ownership ratio.
- Tata motors Marcopolo JV manufactured buses under the JV agreement. In 2006, Tata Motors and Marcopolo came together to form a JV to manufacture low-floor air-conditioned and air-conditioned buses in India.
- The JV was also known as Tata Motors Marcopolo Ltd. (TMML), in which Tata Motors had a 51 percent share of the company and Marcopolo SA had the rest 49 percent share in JV.

- In December 2020, Marcopolo and Tata Motors came to an agreement, where Tata agreed to purchase the 49 percent share of Marcopolo in the JV for ₹100 crores.

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