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National News

1. DRDO successfully carries out maiden flight of unmanned fighter aircraft



- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out the Maiden flight of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- The flight operated in a fully autonomous mode.
- The aircraft exhibited a perfect flight, including take-off, way point navigation and a smooth touchdown.
- The unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) powered by a small turbofan engine.
- It has been designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, one of the research laboratories of DRDO.
- The focus is now on Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence and the government has urged the armed forces to buy the indigenous platforms and less imports.

- This year in the Union Budget, Rs 70,221 crore has been set aside for domestic defence procurement, and this accounts for 63 percent of the defence capital budget.

2. Veteran filmmaker Tarun Majumdar passes away at 91



- Veteran Bengali film director, Tarun Majumdar has passed away at the age of 92.
- Tarun Majumdar was known for helming popular Bengali films such as Smriti Tuku Thak, Shriman Prithviraj, Kuheli, Balika Badhu, Dadar Kirti, Chander Bari, among others in his lifetime.
- He created a significant impact in uplifting the Bengali film industry during the 60s, 70s and 80s.
- Tarun Majumdar was the recipient of the prestigious Padma Shri Award in 1990.
- He's the recipient of four National Awards, 7 BFJA Awards, 5 Filmfare Awards, and an Anandalok Award.

3. IGSS Ventures signs MOU with Tamil Nadu Govt for setting up semiconductor park



- In the presence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Tamil Nadu and the Singapore-based M/s. IGSS Ventures Pte Ltd to build a 300-acre semiconductor high-tech park in the State with an investment and grants of 25,600 crore.
- At the function held at the Secretariat were Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu, Chief Secretary V. Irai Anbu, and other top officials.
- In the next five years, the project is expected to directly employ more than 5,000 individuals, according to an official press release.
- By using renewable energy to cook, IGSS Ventures intends to take part in the India Semiconductor Mission and Project Surya, both of which aim to lessen air pollution and global warming.
- For a semiconductor fab that will produce wafers in three different technology nodes, including 28 nm, 45 nm, and ≥ 65 nm, as well as an industry ecosystem infrastructure

that includes semiconductor circuit designers, material suppliers, equipment suppliers, and outsourced semiconductor assembly and test players, Tamil Nadu has allocated nine strategic sites, including two near Chennai.

- According to the consortium, 1,500 semi-skilled and skilled workers might be employed when commercial production begins in two years.

4. World Zoonosis Day nationwide anti-rabies vaccine drive



- World Zoonoses Day is marked annually on 6 July to commemorate the first vaccination administered against a zoonotic disease like influenza, ebola and West Nile virus.
- Zoonotic diseases are caused by viruses, parasites, bacteria and fungi.
- These germs can lead to several kinds of illnesses, ranging in severity, in people and animals.
- Some can even cause death. Unlike in humans, animals may often appear healthy even when they carry such germs.
- World Zoonoses Day was instituted on 6 July 1885 to educate and raise awareness about zoonotic diseases that can transmit from animals to humans.
- It commemorates French biologist Louis Pasteur, who administered the first dose of the first vaccine against rabies.

5. Greenko, IIT-H sign pact to set up School for Sustainable S&T



- In order to establish a school where students would be trained toward sustainable goals like climate change mitigation, circular economy, energy transition, among others, the renewable energy company Greenko has partnered with IIT-Hyderabad.
- The Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology (GSSST) will open toward the end of this year, according to a statement from the company, and by June 2023, the first batch of students will be admitted for the MTech and Ph.D. programmes in sustainable science and technology, followed by the BTech programme.
- It will be the nation's first institution solely focused on teaching sustainable science and technology.
- Dharmendra Pradhan, the Union Minister for Education, was present when the MoU was signed.

- Dharmendra Pradhan stated that in order to achieve self-sufficiency and advance global welfare, we must innovate and create our own models.
- Technology is accessible in the twenty-first century to make the task easier.
- India will take the lead in the fourth industrial revolution, and IIT Hyderabad will have a significant impact on the internationalisation of the Indian brand.

6. Michelle Poonawalla Receives The Coveted Shiromani Award At NRI World Summit 2022



- Michelle Poonawalla has received the Shiromani Award at NRI World Summit 2022 in the United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of art.
- In addition to Poonawalla, the Shiromani Award was also awarded to Shri Sadhu Bhramvihari, Lord Rami Ranger, Rita Hinduja Chhabria.
- Michelle Poonawalla was a key note speaker at the House of Lords and accepted the Shiromani Award for her contribution to the field of Art.
- Poonawalla unveiled her artwork 'Reserve' at the JMS Foundation Charity Gala on 23 June.
- Her film 'Reserve' highlighted water scarcity as a global crisis and accentuated pollution and contamination of water reserves.

- The Shiromani Award was instituted in 1977 and has been bestowed on Mother Teresa, Chief Marshal Manekshaw, Raj Kapoor, Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, PT Usha, Leander Paes, Vishwanathan Anand, The Dalai Lama, Jaya Bachchan and Asha Bhosle in the past.

7. PokerBaazi brings Shahid Kapoor as its brand ambassador



- PokerBaazi.com, a poker platform, has onboarded actor Shahid Kapoor as its brand ambassador. PokerBaazi.com has launched its new brand campaign 'You Hold the Cards' featuring brand ambassador, actor Shahid Kapoor.
- The company said this association with the actor comes in line with its commitment to popularise and create awareness amongst the masses about poker.
- With the campaign titled 'You Hold the Cards', the brand aims to create awareness about poker as a skill-based sport and establish that in Poker, the game is under your control, and one can emerge victorious basis of skills, determination, and the right strategy.

8. Chief Minister Launches 'Naari Ko Naman' Scheme In Himachal Pradesh; Women



- Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Jai Ram Thakur has launched 'Naari Ko Naman' scheme to provide 50 % concession on fares in Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) buses to women commuters within the state boundaries.
- Seema Thakur, the first woman bus driver in the state, drove him in a state transport bus to the event venue.
- The chief minister had announced the 50 per cent concession on bus fares to women on April 15, Himachal Day.
- CM has announced the minimum bus fare will also be reduced from Rs.7 to Rs.5 for all passengers.

- **The government of HP will also sanction 25 new posts for female drivers in 'Ride With Pride Government Taxi service'.**
- **The service is for female passengers and senior citizens of HP.**

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