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National News

1. Union Minister Smriti Irani gets additional charge of Minority Affairs and Jyotiraditya Scindia of Steel Ministry



- Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani has been assigned the charge of Ministry of Minority Affairs, in addition to her existing portfolio.
- Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Steel.
- The developments come after the President accepted the resignations of Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Steel Minister Ram Chandra Prasad Singh from the Union Council of Ministers.

2. First campus based IT business incubator opens in Bangladesh



- In a major step towards boosting the start up sector in Bangladesh, the first campus based IT business incubator was opened at Chattogram.
- The facility named 'Sheikh Kamal IT Business Incubator' was inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) in a virtual function today .
- The incubator will provide a complete and innovative eco-system for start ups in Bangladesh.
- Some 220 entrepreneurs, trainees, free lancers and potential startups will get financial and logistical services at the centre along with the mentoships.
- It will work as a bridge between the academia and the industrial and business sectors of the country.
- The incubator will also provide assistance to university graduates to develop themselves as entrepreneurs.
- It will seek to establish effective links between universities and the IT industry, as well as create opportunities of

research and innovation activities for the faculty and students of the university, reports the official news agency BSS.

3. PT Usha, Ilayaraja among 4 nominated to Rajya Sabha; PM praises the nominees



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated V. Vijayendra Prasad Garu, Veerendra Heggade, Ilayaraja and PT Usha for being nominated to the Rajya Sabha.
- In a series of tweets today, the Prime Minister said, V. Vijayendra Prasad Garu is associated with the creative world for decades and his works showcase India's glorious culture and have made a mark globally.
- On the contribution of Veerendra Heggade, Mr. Modi said, Veerendra Heggade is at the forefront of outstanding community service and he will certainly enrich Parliamentary proceedings.
- Lauding the creative genius of Ilayaraja, the Prime Minister said, Ilayaraja has enthralled people across generations and his works beautifully reflect many emotions.
- About PT Usha, Mr. Modi said, she is an inspiration for every Indian and her accomplishments in sports are widely known.

- He praised, PT Usha saying that her work to mentor budding athletes over the last several years is commendable.

4. 5 Indian-origin women in 2021 Forbes list of 'America's Richest Self Made Women'



- Indian-American Jayshree Ullal, CEO of Arista Networks, an American computer networking company, and a member of the board of directors of Snowflake, was ranked near the top of 8th annual Forbes' America's Richest Self-Made Women, with a net worth of \$1.7 billion as of May 2022.
- The list, released in June 2022, ranks her at #15, below Alice Schwartz, co-founder of Bio-Rad Laboratories, and above reality TV star Kim Kardashian.
- Other Indian American women who made it to the Forbes list are Neerja Sethi, co-founder of Syntel; Neha Narkhede, co-founder and former CTO of Confluent; former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi, and Reshma Shetty, co-founder of Ginkgo Bioworks.
- Diane Hendricks, co-founder and chairman of ABC Supply, topped the list for the fifth year.

5. India's Lieutenant General Mohan Subramanian Appointed Force Commander of UN in South Sudan



- India's Lieutenant General, Mohan Subramanian has been appointed the Force Commander in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
- He succeeds Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment on July 5.
- Almost 20,000 peacekeepers serve with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan to protect civilians and build durable peace in the conflict-affected country.
- The civilian, police and military personnel from 73 countries carry out many duties under the mandate provided by the United Nations Security Council.

6. Father-daughter fighter pilot duo create history



- **Father and daughter pair Flying Officer Ananya Sharma, who was commissioned as a fighter pilot in December 2021, and Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma, an experienced fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), made aviation history by flying in the same jet formation.**
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- **Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma received his commission in the Indian Air Force's fighter stream in 1989.**
- **He has vast expertise in fighter operations and has held the command of both a frontline fighter station and a Mig-21 Squadron.**
- **Ananya observed her father, a fighter pilot, foster this very link with his other squadron pilots while she was growing up, the officer added, referring to the closeness and camaraderie a fighter pilot shares with one's wingman, which is brilliantly shown in the Hollywood blockbuster Top Gun.**

7. India's first Autonomous Navigation Facility, TiHAN, launched at IIT Hyderabad



- India's first Autonomous Navigation facility, TiHAN inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh at the IIT Hyderabad campus.
- Developed at a budget of Rs. 130 crores by the Union Ministry of Science & Technology, TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) is a multidisciplinary initiative that will make India a global player in the futuristic and next generation 'smart mobility' technology.
- India's mobility sector is one of the world's largest markets and the TiHAN – IITH will be the source of futuristic technology generation for autonomous vehicles.
- TiHAN Testbed will provide a unique platform for high quality research between academia, industry and R&D labs both at the national and international level, thus making India a global leader in autonomous navigation technologies.

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