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National News

India Inks 10-year Deal to Operate Iran's Chabahar Port



India and Iran have inked a significant 10-year bilateral contract aimed at enhancing the operations of the Chabahar Port. This move underscores India's strategic interests in bolstering trade links with Central Asia and parts of Europe, leveraging the port's strategic location on Iran's southwestern coast.

International News

Russia's Controversial Oil and Gas Discovery in British Antarctic Territory



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In a development that has raised eyebrows globally, Russia has claimed to have discovered massive oil and gas reserves in the British Antarctic Territory, a region currently protected under the 1959 Antarctic Treaty. According to evidence submitted to the Commons Environment Audit Committee, the reserves uncovered by Russian research ships contain around 511 billion barrels worth of oil, a staggering amount equivalent to approximately 10 times the North Sea's output over the last 50 years.

Dubai Introduces Long-Term Dubai Gaming Visa



In a strategic move aimed at positioning Dubai as a global gaming hub and bolstering its digital economy, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai, has unveiled the 'Dubai Gaming Visa' as part of the Dubai Program for Gaming 2033. This groundbreaking initiative is poised to revolutionize the gaming landscape, offering a host of opportunities for talented individuals, creators, and entrepreneurs in the burgeoning e-gaming sector.

State News

Meghalaya Gets first woman police chief



Meghalaya has made history by appointing Idashisha Nongrang as the state's first woman Director General of Police (DGP). Nongrang, a 1992 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, will succeed Lajja Ram Bishnoi, who is set to retire on May 19, 2024.

Business News

India's Retail Inflation Marginally Eases to 4.83% in April



India's retail inflation has eased marginally to touch an 11-month low of 4.83 per cent on an annual basis in April, according to government data released on Monday. This slight dip from the previous month's figure of 4.85 per cent aligns closely with the projections of a Reuters poll of 44 economists, who estimated the number to come down to 4.80 per cent. Importantly, this figure falls within the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) tolerance band of 2-6 per cent.

Mahindra & Mahindra Sign MoU with MSDE for 'Drone Didi' Pilot Project



In a significant step towards empowering women in emerging technology sectors, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd to conduct two Pilot Projects under the Drone Didi Yojana. The event, attended by Secretary Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, and Group CEO & MD of Mahindra Group Dr. Anish Shah, marks a crucial collaboration aimed at creating new livelihood opportunities for women in agriculture through drone technology.

SAIL-Bhilai to Set Up Chhattisgarh's First 15-Mw Floating Solar Plant



In a significant stride towards sustainable energy practices, the Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP), a key unit of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) situated in Chhattisgarh, is set to inaugurate the state's premier floating solar project. This venture marks a pivotal moment in Chhattisgarh's journey towards renewable energy and underscores BSP's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint while promoting eco-friendly initiatives.

Awards News

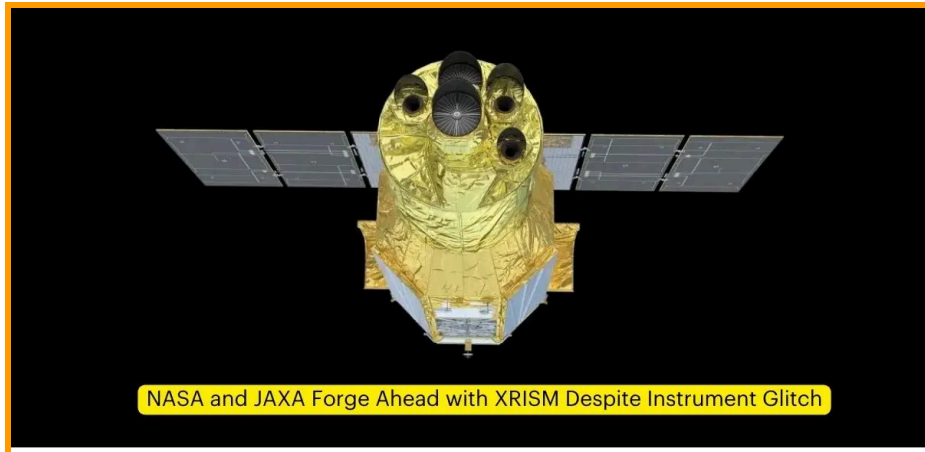
Hindustan Shipyard Limited's CMD Cmde Hemant Khatri Honored with 'PSU Samarpan Award'



In a prestigious ceremony held in New Delhi, Cmde Hemant Khatri, the Chairman and Managing Director (C&MD) of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), was bestowed with the esteemed 'PSU Samarpan Award' by Gov Connect. The award recognizes Khatri's outstanding leadership and his pivotal role in driving the transformation of the shipyard, inspiring countless individuals within the industry.

Science and Technology News

NASA and JAXA Forge Ahead with XRISM Despite Instrument Glitch



NASA and the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) have decided to operate an instrument on the X-ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM) satellite as-is for at least the next year and a half, despite encountering an issue affecting one of its instruments. This decision showcases the agencies' determination to push forward with this groundbreaking X-ray astronomy mission.

NASA Announces Plan To Build First Railway System On Moon



NASA has unveiled its ambitious plan to construct the first lunar railway system, known as FLOAT (Flexible Levitation on a Track), designed to revolutionize payload transport on the Moon. This innovative system aims to provide reliable, autonomous, and efficient transportation essential for the daily operations of a sustainable lunar base, aligning with NASA's Moon to Mars initiative and mission concepts like the Robotic Lunar Surface Operations 2 (RLSO2)....