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Let's check this news about Tele-Law 2.0. Then, we will move ahead.

Department of Justice to launch Tele-Law 2.0

Department of Justice (DOJ) committed to fulfil the Constitutional mandate of Article 39A to ensure Access to Justice is launching Tele-Law 2.0 at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi. The event is seminal as it commemorates the reaching of 50 lakh milestone that earmarks rendering of pre litigation advice to the common citizens through use of technology

Key Points:

- A) It will integrate legal advice service under Tele-Law with legal representation services under Nyaya Bandhu programme.
- B) Event is being organised by the Department of Justice, CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd etc.
- C) Event exemplifies the Government's version to strengthen the legal aid ecosystem and to ensure Justice for All.

About Nyaya Bandhu:

- A) Pro Bono Legal Services programme.
- B) It aims to provide free legal assistance and counsel to marginalised sections.
- C) Launched under the DISHA scheme for the period of 2021-26.



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54th Network Planning Group (NPG) Group Meeting held

The 54th Network Planning Group (NPG) Group Meeting chaired by Special Secretary, Logistics, DPIIT, Smt. Sumita Dawra held at New Delhi. Two projects of the Ministry of Railways and two roadways projects with a total cost of 7693 crore were assessed. The meeting stressed upon the importance of utilising the GatiShakti National Master Plan Portal.

Key Points:

- A) NPG examined Thiruvananthapuram Outer ring road (ORR) under Bharatmala Pariyojana in Kerala worth 4767 crore.
- B) The project will improve the road network, benefitting the local people by reducing time travel.
- C) NPG also deliberated on a new broad gauge Railway line between Pushkar-Merta in Rajasthan. It will provide direct connectivity from Central India to Northern India as well as to Western border.

About Gatishakti:

- A) Also known as the National Master Plan for Multimodal Connectivity.
- B) Indian Megaproject worth 1.2trillion USD to provide advantage to the manufacturing sector in India.
- C) It was formed on 15th August 2021.



Pelma to become SECLs first Opencast mine

SECLs Pelma will become the first Opencast mine in Chhattisgarh under MDO (Mine Developer and Operator) mode. SECL signed an agreement with Pelma Collieries to operate the Pelma Opencast mine located in the Raigarh area. Over 219 million tonnes of coal to be Extracted from the mine during a 20 year period.

Key Points:

- A) Pelma Collieries will be responsible for all the activities related to designing, financing, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of project
- B) High quality G-12 grade coal will be Extracted from the mine.
- C) MDO mode is a novel concept of mine operation under which the Government and private enterprises will work together to fulfil the country's energy needs.

About Pelma Collieries:

- A) Classified as a Public limited company.
- B) It is located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- C) Its directors are Amitabh Ishwarchandra Mishra and Ajay Kumar Gupta.
- D) It was incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises on April 7, 2023.

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Hun Manet appointed as new PM of Cambodia

A four star general in Cambodia's military elected as Prime Minister of the country by all 123 members of Cambodia's lower house of Parliament. He is expected to guide a generational shift in Cambodian politics taking over his father Hun Sen, one of the world's longest ruling Prime Ministers.

Key Points:

- A) Hun Manet is the eldest son of outgoing PM Hun Sen.
- B) Hun Manet is a member of the ruling Cambodian People's Party.
- C) Hun Manet's appointment reflects dynastic transfer of power and raises concerns about the country's democratic principles.

About Cambodia:

- A) It is a Southeast Asian nation in the southern indochinese Peninsula.
- B) Its capital is Phnom Penh.
- C) Currency used here is Riel with 97% Buddhist population.



FDA approved RSV Vaccine Abrysvo

The United States became the first country in the world to approve a vaccine for pregnant women that prevents severe diseases caused by Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). It will protect the infants from RSV. It was first approved for individuals aged 60 years and older to prevent LRTD caused by RSV.

Key Points:

- A) Abrysvo is administered to pregnant women during gestational weeks 32 to 36 via single dose injection.
- B) RSV is a highly contagious virus that causes Respiratory infections across age groups.
- C) Abrysvo showed 81.8 percent reduction in severe LRTD risk within 90 days after birth.

About FDA:

- A) Stands for Food and Drug Administration.
- B) It was established on June 30, 1906.
- C) Its headquarters is located in Maryland, USA.
- D) It is a federal agency responsible for protecting public health.



Report on stalled real estate projects submitted

The 14 member committee setup by Union Housing and Urban Affairs submitted its report on stalled real estate projects to the Ministry. The committee was chaired by former NITI Aayog CEO and India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant. Report revealed that 60 percent of these projects represented a capital commitment of 1.9 lakh crore had been purchased.

Key Points:

- A) The committee included officials of the Finance Ministry, UP and Haryana State Government, I&B Board of India, the NHB and RERA of Haryana and UP.
- B) Report emphasised the primary cause of project distress was a lack of financial viability, resulting in cost overruns and delays.
- C) The recommendations fall under the State Jurisdiction.

About Amitabh Kant:

- A) Born on March 1, 1956 in New Delhi.
- B) He is an Indian Bureaucrat and was the second chief executive of NITI Aayog.
- C) He is presently G20 sherpa of India during its presidency year.



Iran unveils Mohajer-10 Attack Drone

Iran unveils new version of the Mohajer a day after Israeli PM blames Iran for recent attacks. It was introduced at a ceremony in Tehran attended by President Ibrahim Raisi. It is a domestically built Drone with improved capabilities like higher altitude, longer endurance and increased payload capacity.

Key Points:

- A) The Drone can fly up to 24 hours, at altitudes of 7000 metres and cover a range of 2000 km.
- B) It is equipped with advanced electronic and intelligence systems and can reach speeds of 210 km per hour.
- C) Introduction of Mohajer-10 showcases Iran's technological advancements in Drone technology.

About IRAN:

- A) It is also known as Persia and officially known as Islamic Republic of Iran.
- B) Its capital is Tehran and its official language is Persian.
- C) It is the 17th most populous country and located in West Asia.

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Pench Tiger Reserve introduced Cycle Safari

Adding a new dimension to wildlife tourism, the Pench Tiger Reserve introduced cycle safaris allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the beauty of nature on wheels. The journey will begin at the Kolitmara Gate situated 80 kms from Nagpur. Pench Tiger Reserve is renowned for its diverse flora and fauna and its majestic Tigers.

Key Points:

- A) The cycle safari will be on the Kolitmara to Kunwara Bhivsen stretch covering 48 kms.
- B) The initiative marks a shift towards sustainable and low impact tourism.
- C) The participants will pedal along carefully designed trails that weave through Reserve forests and open grasslands along with their Guides.

About Pench Tiger Reserve:

- A) Located in Madhya Pradesh and continues in Nagpur district as a separate Sanctuary.
- B) Named after Pench River.
- C) Comprises Indira Priyadarshini Pench National Park, the Pench Mowgli Sanctuary.
- D) Its surrounding is mentioned in Rudyard Kipling's famous "The Jungle Book".



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LCA Tejas successfully test fires ASTRA Missile

Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas successfully fired the indigenous ASTRA beyond visual range air to air Missile off the Goa Coast. LCA Tejas is the lightest, smallest and tailless multi role Supersonic fighter aircraft in its class. The Missile release was successfully carried out from the aircraft at an altitude of 20,000 ft.

Key Points:

- A) All the objectives of the test were met and it was a perfect textbook launch.
- B) The aircraft was also monitored by a chase Tejas Twin seater aircraft.
- C) The launch would significantly enhance the combat prowess of Tejas and reduce the dependency on imported weapons.

About ASTRA:

- A) Indigenous Beyond Visual Range air to air Missile.
- B) It can destroy highly manoeuvring Supersonic aerial targets.
- C) Designed and developed by DRDO.

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Top Indian cricketers to undergo fitness test at Alur Camp

Cricketers who returned from the West Indies tour will be given a 13 day fitness programme at Alur Camp Bengaluru. It includes top Indian players like Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Harfik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja etc.

Key Points:

- A) The players will undergo a complete body test including blood.
- B) The fitness programme is aimed at preventing injuries that could derail the Indian Campaign at the World cup.
- C) The programme was prepared by the National Cricket Academy.

About NCA:

- A) Stands for National Cricket Academy.
- B) It was founded in 2000 by Raj Singh Dungarpur.
- C) It is located in Bangalore.
- D) Its current director is VVS Laxman and is under the BCCI.



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