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Let's check this news about the Udaan Bhawan. Then, we will move ahead.

Udaan Bhawan inaugurated

The Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated "Udaan Bhawan" at Delhi's Safdarjung Airport. The New Integrated Office Complex will facilitate better coordination between various regulatory authorities under MoCA.

Key Points:

- A) The Occasion also witnessed the launch of an E-wallet facility.
- B) The e-wallet will be useful for processing of fees for various regulatory approvals in the Bharatkosh portal.
- C) It will act as a prepaid wallet that would enable registered users to add funds in advance.
- D) The Udaan Bhawan is well equipped with modern conference rooms, AV system, IT Infrastructure, Parking management system, Yoga room etc.
- E) The GRIHA-5 rated building embraces a host of sustainability features aligning with the environment friendly stance.



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Operation Sajag conducted by ICG

Drill involving all stakeholders of Coastal security was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard along the West Coast. The drill facilitates revalidation of the Coastal security mechanism and brings awareness among the fishermen at sea.

Key Points:

- A) A total of 118 ships including those from Customs, Marine Police, Ports and Indian Navy participated in the drill.
- B) Biometrics card readers have also been issued to security agencies.
- C) The drill enables verification of implementation of various Coastal security measures besides bringing out important lessons and highlighting trends in Coastal security.

About ICG:

- A) Stands for Indian Coast Guard.
- B) It was formed on 18th August 1978.
- C) It is a maritime law enforcement and search and rescue agency of India.



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Swavlamban 2023

The 2nd edition of Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation (NIIO) Seminar Swavalamban 2023 is to be conducted on October 5, 2023. In its maiden edition PM launched 75 challenges for the startups and MSMEs as part of Sprint initiative.

Key Points:

- A) The Sprint Challenges are aimed at giving a boost to the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy.
- B) The initiative has received an overwhelming response with 1106 proposals.
- C) The Navy is committed to developing at least 75 technologies/ products as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- D) Over 100 developmental agreements were concluded between the iDEX, NIIO and Technology Development Acceleration (TDAC).
- E) Niche technologies are being progressed across the spectrum including blue green lasers.



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IREDA sign MoU with Bank of Maharashtra

The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding with Bank of Maharashtra for financing Renewable Energy Projects. IREDA is a Mini Ratna Government of India enterprise under administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy..

Key Points:

- A) The Collaboration aims to promote and facilitate co lending and Loan Syndication for a diverse spectrum of Renewable Energy projects across the nation.
- B) Under the agreement the Bank of Maharashtra can invest in the bonds issued by IREDA in accordance with specified terms and conditions.
- C) The partnership is in line with the country's goal to achieve India's Goal of Net Zero emissions by the year 2070.

About IREDA:

- A) Stands for Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency.
- B) It was founded in 1987.
- C) It is formed for promoting, developing and extending financial assistance for setting up projects relating to new and renewable sources of energy.



[Image source: ANI]

New String Technology for Lithium Production

Researchers at University of Princeton have developed a technique that can drastically reduce the amount of time and land needed for production of Lithium. This new String based technique for extracting lithium could revolutionise the production of metal that is essential for all sorts of batteries.

Key Points:

- A) The Discovery fits with a larger worldwide trend towards eco friendly energy sources.
- B) The new technology uses strings made of porous fibres that can both attract and repel water.
- C) Due to physical differences between Sodium and lithium this method is Notable for its capacity to separate the two elements along a string.

About Lithium:

- A) Chemical compound with symbol Li and atomic number 3.
- B) It is a soft, silvery white alkali metal.
- C) It is highly reactive and flammable.

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[Image source: The Indian Express]

Procurement of PRALAY ballistic missiles

The Defence Ministry to boost Indian Army's Firepower approved the Procurement of a regiment of PRALAY ballistic missiles. It will be deployed along the LAC and LOC bordering China and Pakistan.

Key Points:

- A) Ballistic Missiles are launched directly into the upper layers of the Earth's atmosphere.
- B) The advanced missiles have been developed in a way to be able to defeat interceptor missiles.
- C) It has the ability to change path after covering a certain range in midair.

About PRALAY:

- A) It is a quasi ballistic surface to surface Missile.
- B) It can hit targets 150-500 KM away and has a capacity to carry 350-700 kg of high grade explosives.
- C) It is developed by DRDO.



[Image source: ANI]

ICMR releases list of Essential Assistive Products

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has released the National List of Essential Assistive Products (NLEAP) to prioritise essential assistive products. These assistive products are vital for enhancing the quality of life and promoting independence among individuals with disabilities.

Key Points:

- A) NLEAP consists of 21 essential assistive products and technologies
- B) These products and technologies are considered fundamental for improving the lives of those with functional impairments.
- C) Primary objective of NLEAP is to ensure universal accessibility to essential APs while also serving as a point of reference for government agencies.

About ICMR:

- A) Stands for Indian Council of Medical Research.
- B) It was founded in 1911 and its headquarters are located in New Delhi.
- C) It's one of the oldest and largest medical research bodies in the world.

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[Image source: lcmr.nic.in]

Mobile Van Program of Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Agriculture Department launched the Mobile Van Program under the Prakritik Kheti Khushhal Kisan Yojana to promote environmentally friendly farming.

Key Points:

- A) The Scheme will reduce the cost of farming, increase income and protect people from the ill effects of chemical farming on humans.
- B) Natural farming refers to use of chemicals like pesticides, Fertilisers are entirely shunned.
- C) The new initiative will ensure the availability of natural farming products to customers through mobile vans.



[Image source: ANI]

BIS established 6467 Standard Clubs for Students

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) established 6467 Standard Clubs in schools and colleges across the country for students. The objective is to sensitise young members of the society about the importance of standards in improving quality of life.

Key Points:

- A) BIS is also providing financial assistance of upto 1,00,000 to establish Manak Kaksha in government institutions.
- B) Under this initiative one room in the school shall be renovated by providing basic amenities like Smart TVs, audio video systems etc.
- C) BIS will be nurturing the Young Ambassadors of Quality through Standard Clubs.

About BIS:

- A) Stands for Bureau of Indian Standard.
- B) It was formed on 23rd December 1986.
- C) It is a National Standards Body of India under Department Of Consumer Affairs.



[Image source: Wikipedia]

Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou

The Asian Games 2023 are set to begin on September 23 in Hangzhou, China. It is the 19th edition of the event with a total of 40 sports across 61 disciplines and 655 athletes.

Key Points:

- A) Boxing and Hockey at the Asia Games 2023 will also act as Qualifiers for next year's Paris Olympics.



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B) The emblem of the games is "Surging Tides".

C) The three mascots have been named Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen collectively known as Memories of Jiangnan.



**19th Asian Games
Hangzhou 2022**

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