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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Diving Support Crafts

- Indian Navy signed a contract for construction of 5 Diving Support Crafts with Titagarh Wagons Ltd, Kolkata under the 'Make in India' initiative of Government of India.

'India Tunisia Business Council'

- 'India Tunisia Business Council' was launched for boosting the trade relations between the two countries.
- The main focus of the ITBC will be to focus on development in both countries.

Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav

- The Union Ministry of Culture organising 11th edition of its Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav (RSM) in West Bengal.
- The events will be held in Cooch Behar on February 14-16.

'Traffic Crash Injuries and Disabilities: The Burden on India Society'

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari released the World Bank report on 'Traffic Crash Injuries and Disabilities: The Burden on India Society', prepared in association with Save Life Foundation.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Bank accounts for construction workers

- The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India has inked memorandum of understanding with Indian Payments and Postal Bank to facilitate opening of bank accounts for construction workers.

'Carbon-neutral oil'

- Reliance Industries Limited has received 2 million barrels cargo of 'carbon-neutral oil' from Oxy Low Carbon Ventures (US) at Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- It is the world's 1st consignment of carbon-neutral oil and is also the energy industry's 1st major petroleum shipment.

India's retail inflation

- The National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is released the All India Consumer Price Index for January 2021.
- As per the index, India's retail inflation eased to a 16-month low at 4.06% in January 2021.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Combined Air Teaming System

- The **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** is developing a futuristic high altitude **pseudo satellite** namely **Combined Air Teaming System (CATS)** with a start-up company.
- It can also **carry ammunition, missiles** if needed.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Mario Draghi

- **Mario Draghi**, former President of the European Central Bank, has been named the **new Prime Minister of Italy**.
- He will lead the unity government replacing the centre left coalition government of Former prime minister Giuseppe Conte.

Marc Llistosella

- **Tata Motors Ltd** appointed **Marc Llistosella** as the **Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director** of the company.
- He succeeds Guenter Butschek.

Venkata Sanjay Kumar

- President of India, appointed **Justice Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar**, a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court as the **Chief Justice of Manipur High Court**.
- He hails from Andhra Pradesh.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

“Mapping Love”

- **Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari**, the 41-year-old Filmmaker is set to publish her debut **fiction Novel** titled **“Mapping Love”** in May 2021.
- The book is published by **Rupa Publications**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Women's Day

- **National Women's Day** is annually celebrated across India on **13th February** to honour **Sarojini Naidu**, the **“Nightingale of India”**, on her **birth anniversary**.