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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

18th Edition of BioAsia 2021

- The 18th Edition of BioAsia 2021 was conducted virtually from Hyderabad. It is Organized by the Telangana Government, BioAsia is Asia's Largest Life Sciences & healthcare forum.
- Discussions on COVID-19, Global Health, Pharma, and MedTech are the focused topics.

Next-Generation Missile Vessels

- Cochin Shipyard Ltd emerged as the Lowest Bidder in a tender floated by the Ministry of Defence for construction of 6 Next-Generation Missile Vessels to be utilized by the Indian Navy.
- These are planned class of anti-surface warfare corvettes for the Indian Navy.

Damage Control Simulator

- Goa Shipyard Limited is set to build the Damage Control Simulator for the Indian Navy at Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- It is a simulator to train the naval personnel for managing battle damage on board warships.

Stellapps Signs MoU with IPPB to Digitise Milk Procurement

- Stellapps, incubated dairy-tech startup signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India Post Payments Bank to digitize the dairy milk procurement value chain and improve banking facilities at milk collection centres.

STATE AFFAIRS

Asia's Largest Cattle Park

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, E.K Palaniswami inaugurated Asia's biggest cattle park, Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences Salem district.

'EBC Nestam'

- Andhra Pradesh Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy approved a new welfare scheme called 'Economically Backward Classes Nestam' for providing Financial Assistance to women belonging to the EBCs.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement

- The Union Cabinet has approved signing of the **Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement** between **India and Mauritius**.
- It is the first **trade agreement** signed by India with a country in Africa. It aims to provide an **institutional mechanism to encourage and improve trade** between the two countries.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

'Accredited Investors'

- **Security and Exchange Board of India** sought comments on the proposal to introduce the **concept of 'Accredited Investors'** in the **Indian securities market**.
- Accredited investors, also called **qualified investors**, are those who have an understanding of various financial products and the risks and returns associated with them.

Blank-cheque company

- Renewable energy producer **'ReNew Power'** announced an agreement to merge with **RMG Acquisition Corp II**, a **blank-cheque company**.
- **Blank-cheque company**, is an entity specifically set up with the objective of **acquiring a firm in a particular sector**.

Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project

- Government of India and the **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** signed a **loan agreement of \$304 million** for **Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project** to strengthen the **quality, and security of the power supply in Assam** along with reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Genome Valley Excellence Award

- The **Genome Valley Excellence Award** for the year 2021 was awarded to **'Bharat Biotech'** for its **commitment to development of India's 1st Indigenous vaccine** for COVID-19 called **'COVAXIN'**.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Vijay Sampla

- **Vijay Sampla** has been appointed as the **Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes**.
- **Article 338 of the constitution of India deals with NCSC**. It is a constitutional body that works to safeguard the interests of the scheduled castes in India.

Dr A Sakthivel

- The **Federation of Indian Export Organisations** has unanimously elected **Padma Shri Dr A Sakthivel** as its **President**.
- He is currently the Chairman of **Apparel Export Promotion Council**. He succeeds **Sharad Kumar Saraf**.

SPORTS

Upul Tharanga

- **Sri Lankan Cricketer Upul Tharanga** announced **retirement** from International cricket at the age of 36. He has represented Sri Lanka in **31 tests, 235 ODIs & 26 T20Is**.
- He scored **15 Centuries** which is the **5th most** by a Sri Lankan batsman & he is the **Fastest Sri Lankan** to reach 4000 ODI runs.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"#METOO"

- **Karan Puri** launched his second book titled, **'#METOO'**. It is published by **Invincible publishers**.
- The book highlights the **strength of human beings** who have lived through the trauma of sexual violence.

"The Last Light of Glory Days: Stories from Nagaland"

- **Dr. Avinuo Kire's** new book titled **"The Last Light of Glory Days: Stories from Nagaland"** was released by **Dr. Ralimongla**.
- The book was published by **Speaking Tiger Books**, a Delhi based publishing house.

"Bare Necessities"

- **Sahar Mansoor** founder and CEO of Bare Necessities, have authored a new book titled **"Bare Necessities: How to Live a Zero Waste Life"**, a one stop guide promoting a **sustainable lifestyle in India**.
- The book was published by **Penguin Random House**.