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Krishi Karj Mitra Yojana



- The government has approved the 'Krishi Karj Mitra' scheme of the Agriculture Department of the Zilla Parishad.
- It has been decided to provide timely and easy loans to eligible farmers.
- Anyone who wants to serve as an agricultural loan friend has to register on the Zilla Parishad website.
- The Agricultural Loan Friend will collect the necessary documents for the loan, prepare the loan case with the consent of the farmer and submit it to the bank for approval.
- The Agricultural Loan Friend must issue bonds to help and advise farmers in a transparent and honest manner.

Source: Newsonair

International Solar Alliance



- The **4th general assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)** was held between October 18th and October 21st, 2021.
- It was presided over by **Union Minister R.K. Singh, Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy**, Government of India and the President of the ISA Assembly.

Key initiatives of the 4th Assembly of the ISA:

- Operationalization of the OSOWOG (One Sun One World One Grid) initiative
- \$1 trillion Solar Investment Roadmap for 2030

About International Solar Alliance (ISA):

- It is an association of 124 countries initiated by India.
- **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana, India
- **Founded:** 30 November 2015

- **Director General:** Ajay Mathur
Source: PIB

'Konkan Shakti -2021'



- The **Maiden India – UK Joint Tri-Service exercise 'Konkan Shakti -2021'** began on October 21, 2021.
- It is scheduled in India from 21 October to 27 Oct 2021.

About 'Konkan Shakti -21':

- The **maritime component of the exercise**, to be conducted off the **west coast of India**, is scheduled to be held in two phases.
- The harbor phase is planned at Mumbai from 21 - 23 Oct 21, while at sea, the exercises will be conducted from 24 - 27 Oct 21.
- The land phase of the exercise is being conducted between Indian Army and UK Army at Chaubatia from 21 -27 October 2021 under the aegis of Golden Key Division of Surya Command.

Source: PIB

Atal Innovation Mission



- NITI Aayog's **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** has launched a **Digi-Book 'Innovations for You'**.
- The first edition of this book is focused on innovations in Health Care and soon other sectors shall follow.
- The book is a compilation of 45 health tech startups, incubated at Atal Incubation Centers spread across the country.

About Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog: It is the Government of India's flagship initiative to promote innovation and entrepreneurship culture in the country.

Source: PIB

Space Rocket 'Nuri'



- **South Korea** has launched its first homegrown space rocket 'Nuri' from **Naro Space Center in Goheung.**

About space rocket 'Nuri'

- Nuri is the country's first space launch vehicle built entirely with domestic technology.
- It is designed to deliver a 1.5-ton payload into orbit 600 to 800 kilometers above Earth.

Source: **Indian Express**

Sakharov Prize 2021



- **Russian Opposition leader Alexei Navalny** was awarded the European Union's top human rights prize '**Sakharov Prize 2021**' for Freedom of Thought.
- Alexei Navalny has fought tirelessly against the corruption of Vladimir Putin's regime.
- He was imprisoned in Russia in 2020.
- He is the leader of **Russia of the Future party** and **founder of the Anti-Corruption Foundation.**

Source: **The Hindu**

United Nations Day



- The **United Nations (UN) Day** is observed on **October 24** each year and marks the official establishment of the **United Nations in 1945**.
- The 2021 **theme** is “Building Back Together for Peace and Prosperity”.

History:

- On this day, the UN Charter was ratified by a majority of signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, which led to the official establishment of the UN.
- It was first celebrated on October 24, 1948.

Source: India Today

2021 Global Threat Assessment Report



- The **Global Threat Assessment Report 2021** has revealed that COVID-19 had contributed to a significant spike in child sexual exploitation and abuse online.
- The report was launched by the **WeProtect Global Alliance**.
- **WeProtect Global Alliance** is a global movement of more than 200 members, comprising 98 governments, over 50 private companies that are mostly tech firms, and more than 60 civil society organisations and charities.

Findings of the Report:

- The report details the scale and scope of the threat of child sexual exploitation online and aims to encourage action on the issue to reduce the risk to children and prevent abuse before it happens.
- The COVID-19 pandemic is undeniably one contributory factor behind the spike in reported incidents.

Source: The Hindu