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Important News: World

India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2022 approved at 2nd ASEAN Digital Ministers (ADGMIN) meeting



Why in News

- Recently, the 2nd ASEAN Digital Ministers (ADGMIN) meeting with India was held.
- Devusinh Chauhan, Minister of State for Communications (MoSC) and Admiral Tin Aung San, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Myanmar co-chaired the meeting.
- The Ministers meeting approved the India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2022.

Key Points

- The Work Plan includes system for combating the use of stolen and counterfeit mobile handsets, WiFi Access network interface for nationwide public internet, the capacity building and knowledge sharing in emerging areas in the field of Information and Communication Technologies such as Internet of Things (IoT), 5G, Advanced Satellite Communication, Cyber Forensics, etc.

ASEAN Digital Ministers (ADGMIN):

- The ADGMIN is an annual meeting of Telecom Ministers of 10 ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) countries - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam and dialogue partner countries - Australia, Canada, China, EU, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Russia, UK and US.

Source: PIB

Important News: India

PM Modi launches Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation



Why in News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched **Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation** on the occasion of the birth anniversary of legendary classical vocalist late Pandit Jasraj.

Key Points

- Pandit Jasraj was an Indian classical vocalist, belonging to the Mewati gharana (musical apprenticeship lineage).
- He received several accolades including the prestigious Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.
- He passed away at the age of 90 on August 17, 2020.

Source: TOI

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launches NIPER Research Portal



Why in News

- Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya launched **NIPER Research Portal**.

Key Points

- **National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Research Portal** has been created with the aim to disseminate the information about all the NIPERs and their research activities, patents filed and Publication information at one place so that an industry and other stakeholders know about them.
- India is the **third-largest pharmaceutical manufacturing country**.

About National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs):

- NIPERs are a group of national level institutes of pharmaceutical sciences in India.
- The Government of India has declared the NIPERs as Institutes of National Importance.
- They operate as autonomous bodies under the aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Source: PIB

Lok Sabha secretariat launches Digital Sansad app



Why in News

- The Lok Sabha secretariat has launched a new app, **Digital Sansad**.

Key Points

- The App, planned by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, will help people get all Parliamentary updates.

- It becomes easier for citizens to access general information on MPs, on budget speeches since 1947, House discussions from 12th Lok Sabha to 17th Lok Sabha.
- The App will also contain the live telecast of Sansad proceedings, the major news of the day, etc.

Source: PIB

Beating Retreat Ceremony



Why in News

- The **Beating Retreat Ceremony** is performed every year on January 29 and marks the end of the Republic Day celebrations.

Key Points

- A host of new tunes were added to the ceremony to commemorate 75 years of the country's independence (being celebrated as Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav). These include 'Hind ki Sena' and 'Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon'.

Note:

- **India's startup 'Botlab'** funded by the Technology Development Board (TDB) under the Union Ministry of Science and Technology and led by IIT Delhi alumnus 'Beating Retreat' at the conclusion of nearly a week long Republic Day events 1,000 drones were flown as part of a light show at the ceremony.
- With this, **India became the fourth country** after China, Russia and the UK to demonstrate on such a large scale with 1,000 drones.

Source: HT

Important News: Defence

Tri-Service Andaman & Nicobar Command inducts Advanced Light Helicopter MK III



Why in News

- The indigenous **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III** aircraft was formally inducted at INS Utkrosh by Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) Lieutenant General Ajai Singh at Port Blair.

Key Points

- The ALH MK III aircraft is manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and represents a tremendous leap towards self-reliance in the field of military aircraft, in line with the government's push towards 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.
- Amongst its variants, the MK III variant is a maritime role variant encompassing state-of-the-art sensors and weapons that add punch to India's prowess at sea.

Source: PIB

Important News: Appointment

Appointment of Dr V Anantha Nageswaran as the Chief Economic Advisor



Why in News

- The Government has appointed **Dr V Anantha Nageswaran** as the **Chief Economic Advisor (CEA)**.
- He succeeds former CEA KV Subramanian who returned to academia at the end of his three-year tenure in December 2021.

Key Points

- Prior to this appointment, Dr. Nageswaran has worked as a writer, author, teacher and consultant.
- He was also a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister from 2019 to 2021.
- The CEA plays a key role in bringing out the Economic Survey, which presents the economic report card of the Government during the year and suggestions on possible reforms.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Sports

Women's Asia Cup Hockey 2022: India beat China to win Bronze medal



Why in News

- **India** beat China 2-0 to win a **bronze medal** in the **Women's Asia Cup Hockey tournament 2022** at Muscat in Oman.

- **Japan** defeated South Korea to win the Women's Asia Cup Hockey 2022 title.

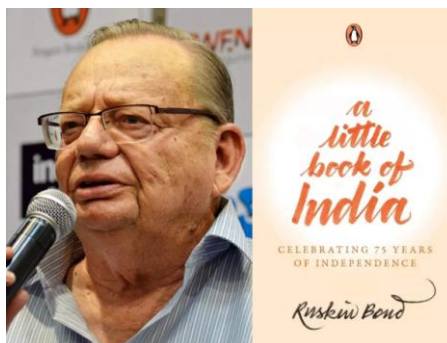
Key Points

- The Women's Hockey Asia Cup is a women's international field hockey tournament organized by the Asian Hockey Federation.
- The winning team becomes the champion of Asia and qualifies for the FIH Hockey World Cup.

Source: newsonair

Important News: Books

Ruskin Bond's new book, "A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence"



Why in News

- **Ruskin Bond** authored a new book titled "A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence".

Key Points

- The book is an amalgamation of the "physical and spiritual" attributes of India.
- It is published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).
- **Ruskin Bond** is the recipient of Sahitya Akademi Award, Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar, Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan, among other prestigious awards.

Source: TOI

Important News: Important Days

World Leprosy Day 2022



Why in News

- **World Leprosy Day (WLD)** is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. In 2022, World Leprosy Day is **30 January**.

Key Points

- The **theme** of World Leprosy Day 2022 is 'United for Dignity' and to create an environment for leprosy people to live a dignified life.
- The day was first initiated in 1954 by French Philanthropist Raoul Follereau who made people know about this ancient disease.
- Data published by WHO in September 2021, for the calendar year 2020, showed a drop in new cases of 37 percent in the previous year.
- Today, about 208,000 people worldwide are infected with leprosy, according to WHO, most of them in Africa and Asia.”

Note: In India, Anti Leprosy Day is observed on 30th January every year, i.e., Mahatma Gandhi's martyrdom day.

Source: India Today