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Important News: National

AAI and Sweden sign an MoU for Sustainable Aviation Tech

Why in News:

- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by LFV Air Navigation Services of Sweden and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) at AAI Corporate Headquarters in New Delhi.



Key Points:

- The MoU between Sweden and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) brings together two air navigation service providers, India and Sweden, who have a history of developing and implementing the most cutting-edge environmentally friendly aviation technology, to look into intelligent aviation solutions.

- This MoU would make it easier for the two nations to exchange aviation technology and knowledge.
- This will help Indian enterprises expand more quickly by utilizing Swedish innovation and knowledge.
- At the time of the new agreement's signing at the AAI Corporate Headquarters in New Delhi, senior members of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), LFV, the Swedish Embassy in New Delhi, and the Business Sweden-Swedish Trade and Investment Council were also present.
- The government wants to considerably improve the partnership between LFV Sweden and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in civil aviation for the creation and use of cutting-edge, intelligent, and environmentally friendly aviation technology.
- Tanmay Lal is the ambassador of India to Sweden, and Mr. Klaas Molina is the ambassador of Sweden to India.

Source: Indian Express

World's largest religious monument to open in West Bengal

Why in News:

- The Temple of the Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal, which will house the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), is the largest religious structure in the world and also has the largest dome.



Key Points:

- The founder of ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada, built the Vedic Planetarium Temple, which takes design cues from the American Capitol building.
- The temple is greater than the Taj Mahal, the famous St. Paul's Cathedral in the Vatican, and the white marble dome building.
- The International Society of Krishna Consciousness will have its headquarters in the temple of the Vedic planetarium (ISKCON).
- The temple was initially intended to welcome guests by the year 2022, but owing to the COVID-19 pandemic's delay, the opening date has now been moved to the year 2024.
- The massive 400-acre Angkor Wat temple is currently the biggest religious structure in Cambodia.
- In West Bengal's Mayapur, the Vedic Planetarium temple is situated in the Nadia district.

Source: News on Air

Important News: State

Uttarakhand Chief Minister launched 'CM Udyman Khiladi Upgradation Scheme'

Why in News:

- “Mukhyamantri Udyami Khiladi Unnayan Yojana” has been launched by the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami, on the occasion of National Sports Day.



key points:

- Under the CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana, the Chief Minister's Sports Development Fund will be set up to provide financial benefits to the students as per the speedy rules.
- In view of the shortage of sports coaches under the CM Udyman Khiladi Upgradation Scheme, eight sports coaches will also be appointed in each district.

- Under this scheme, a sports scholarship of Rs 1500 per month will be provided to the budding players in the age group of 8 to 14 years and after this scholarship will also be given to players of 14 to 23 years.
- Under this scheme, a total of 3900 budding sportspersons will be provided scholarships every year, which will include 1950 boys and 1950 girls.
- Efforts will be made by the government under this scheme to re-implement 4 percent reservation for sportspersons in government jobs as before.
- Under the CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojna, the State Sports Awards, along with the Himalayan Ratna Khel Award, as well as Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna, and Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Award will also be given by the government.

Source: Times of India

Important News: Science & Tech

Beijing tops tech hub, Bengaluru second in Asia-Pacific

Why in News:

- According to the Cushman and Wakefield report, Bengaluru ranks second in the list of top tech hubs in the Asia Pacific region.



key points:

- China's Beijing has been ranked first in the list of top technical centers according to the Cushman and Wakefield report.
- In a report titled 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate' by Cushman and Wakefield, 115 different 'tech cities of the world' have been studied.
- Three other Indian cities, Chennai, Delhi, and Hyderabad have been included in the list after Beijing and Bangalore.
- Mumbai and Pune also figure in the top-10 list with the APAC ranking eighth and ninth in the list of 14 cities.
- Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate Report incorporates factors such as talent, real estate, and business environment to assess and evaluate cities.
- The beginning of the turn of the millennium was to make Bangalore a technology hub by building the first international tech park in the country at Whitefield.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Economy

India overtakes China and UK to become world's 10th largest life insurer

Why in News:

- India has overtaken China and the UK to become the world's 10th largest life insurer.



key points:

- As per the report released by Benori Knowledge, a cutting-edge provider of custom research and analytics solutions, the life insurance sector in India grew at a CAGR of 11% between 2017-2022.
- According to a survey by Brand Finance Insurance 100, 2021, a London-based brand valuation consultancy organization, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), a state-owned insurance company and life insurer, is the third largest and tenth most valuable insurance brand globally.
- According to the report, the combined value of the top 100 insurance brands in the world declined by 6% from 462.4 billion dollars in 2020 to 433.0 billion dollars in 2021.

- According to the report, the brand value of LIC has increased by almost 7 percent to 8.65 billion dollars.
- Five Chinese insurance companies are among the top 10 most valuable insurance brands in the world, with Ping an insurance ranking the most valuable brand after a 26% reduction in brand value.
- France, Germany, and India each have one insurance company on the list, and two companies from the United States are included in the top ten.

Source: Economic Times

Important News: Sports

Neeraj Chopra wins Lausanne Diamond League

Why in News:

- Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra has become the first Indian to win the Lausanne Diamond League.



key points:

- In his first attempt, Neeraj Chopra won the title with a throw of 89.08m.
- The 89.08m throw by Neeraj Chopra was the third-best effort of his career.
- Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Jacob Wadledge finished second with a best throw of 85.88m, while USA's Curtis Thompson was third with a best effort of 83.72m.
- Chopra, 24, qualified for the Diamond League final in Zurich on 7 and 8 September, becoming the first Indian to do so.
- By Neeraj Chopra Earlier in July this year, Chopra brought glory to India by winning a silver in the javelin throw final becoming only the second Indian and the first male track and field athlete to win a medal at the World Championships.

Source: Livemint

England's James Anderson became the most successful pacer of international cricket

Why in News:

- James Anderson of England is become the first fast bowler in international cricket to reach 950 wickets.



key points:

- This historic feat was achieved by James Anderson on the third day of the second Test against South Africa.
- Glenn McGrath of Australia's record of 949 wickets has been broken by James Anderson.
- The most successful bowlers in international cricket are Sri Lankan spin, Muttiah Muralitharan (1,347 wickets), late Australian spin Shane Warne (1,001 wickets), and Indian spin great Anil Kumble (956 wickets).
- International cricket debut was made in the year 2003 by James Anderson, who has taken 951 wickets in all formats at an average of 27.18.
- Out of 951 wickets taken by James Anderson, 664 wickets have been taken in Test cricket.
- James Anderson is the only fast bowler to take more than 600 Test wickets.
- James Anderson is the only pacer to take 269 wickets in the ODI format.

Source: Indian Express

Important Personality

Miss Diva Universe 2022: Karnataka's Divita Rai is crowned this year

Why in News:

- Karnataka's Divita Rai has been crowned Miss Diva Universe 2022 in a star-studded event.



key points:

- Divita Rai has been crowned as her successor by Miss Universe 2021 Harnaaz Sandhu.
- With this, 23-year-old Divita Rai will represent India at the 71st Miss Universe 2022 pageant, where Harnaaz Sandhu will crown the next Miss Universe winner.
- Divita Rai was born in Mangalore and studied at Sir JJ College of Architecture, Mumbai.
- Divita Rai is an architect and model by profession.
- On the same occasion, Pragyanya Ayyagari Liva of Telangana has been elected Miss Diva Supranational 2022 and Ojaswi Sharma Miss Popular Choice 2022.

- She also participated in the Miss Diva Universe pageant in the year 2021 by Divita Rai, where Harnaaz Sandhu became the winner and she was Miss Diva 2nd runner up.
- Divita Rai considers 1994 Miss Universe winner Sushmita Sen as her role model.

Source: Navbharat Times

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