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Important News: International

India gifts Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka

Why in News:

- On August 15, India presented Sri Lanka with a Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft, which will allow the island nation to combat a variety of difficulties such as human and drug trafficking, smuggling, and other types of organized crime in its coastal seas.



Key Points:

- The dramatic handover ceremony took place on the day India celebrated its 76th Independence Day, and a day before a high-tech Chinese missile and satellite tracking ship moored at the island country's vital Hambantota port.
- Vice Admiral S.N. Ghormade, accompanied by Indian High Commissioner to Colombo Gopal Baglay on a two-day visit to the country, handed over the aircraft to the Sri Lankan Navy at the Sri Lanka Air Force facility in Katunayake, next to the Colombo International Airport.
- The aircraft will function as a force multiplier, allowing Sri Lanka to combat a variety of difficulties in its coastal waterways, including human and drug trafficking, smuggling, and other organized forms of crime.

Source: Livemint

Important News: National

'Panch Prana' Target

Why in News:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his speech on August 15, 2022, outlined his "Panch Prana Lakshya" (five resolutions) to make India one.



key points:

- According to Panch Pran, cleanliness campaigns, vaccination, electricity connections, elimination of open defecation and use of solar energy are all examples of established Indian standards.
- A prime example of "liberation from the concept of slavery" is the new National Education Policy.
- According to Panch Pran Lakshya, women's rights, gender equality, and India First are national symbols of solidarity and unity.
- The Pancha Pranas given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is as follows:
 1. Move forward with more conviction and resolve for a developed India
 2. to get rid of any signs of slavery.
 3. Be proud of the history of India.
 4. power of unity
 5. Duties of citizens, such as PM and CM.
- The Prime Minister's vision of "Vishwaguru Bharat" is also one of these five resolutions (Panch Prana).
- On completion of 100 years of independence, PM Modi wants to turn India into "Vishvaguru".

Source: Indian Express

Manthan Platform

Why in News:

- The Government of India launched the "Manthan" platform to improve collaboration between industry and research institutions in order to execute technology-based social impact innovations and solutions in the country.



Key Points:

- The launch of Manthan, a platform that promises to strengthen our efforts to foster and encourage industry participation in R&D, demonstrates our dedication to the UN SDG goals.
- Manthan begins with the 75th anniversary of India's independence and provides an opportunity to bring national and global communities closer to India's technological revolution.
- The Manthan platform will aid in the enhancement of stakeholder contact, the facilitation of research and innovation, and the sharing of issues in various developing technologies and scientific interventions, including those with a social impact.
- Manthan Manch lays the groundwork for transforming the nation through new ideas, creative minds, and public-private-academic collaboration in order to meet the country's sustainability goals.
- Manthan promotes knowledge transmission and interaction through hosting information exchange sessions, exhibitions, and events in order to create a framework for future science, innovation, and technology-led development.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: State

MP's Mandla becomes the country's first 'functionally literate' district

Why in News:

- Bisahulal Singh, Minister of State, stated that Mandla district, a tribal-dominated area in Madhya Pradesh, has become a 100% literate district.



Key Points:

- According to the Madhya Pradesh government, the literacy rate in the district was 68 percent according to a 2011 study, but another report in 2020 stated that more than 2.25 lakh people in the district were illiterate, with the majority living in forest areas. There were indigenous communities residing there.
- "The tribals have frequently complained to authorities about fraudsters stealing money from their bank accounts, with the main cause being that they were not functionally literate."
- When a person is functionally literate, he can write his name, count, and read and write in Hindi.

- The Madhya Pradesh government wants to educate women and older persons; thus a literacy campaign has been launched with the involvement of the school education department, the women and child development department, Anganwadi, and social workers.
- He claimed that within two years, the entire district had become functionally literate, with citizens of Mandla being able to write, count, and read their names, making Mandla the first district in the country to do so.

Source: Business Standard

Important News: Defence

Future Infantry Soldier (F-INSAS) System

Why in News:

- The much-anticipated Future Infantry Soldier (F-INSAS) has been handed over to the Indian Army as a System (F-INSAS) at a ceremony conducted in Delhi by India's Defense Minister, Rajnath Singh, to unveil various Defense and Strategic Systems.



Key Points:

- The F-INSAS is outfitted with an AK-203 assault rifle, a Russian-made gas-fired, magazine-fed, select-fire assault rifle.
- An Indo-Russian joint company manufactures rifles, which have a range of 300 meters.
- For target acquisition, a rifle-mounted holographic sight with a 200-meter range is supplied.
- Infantry now has access to helmet-mounted night vision equipment. The helmet and vest are resistant to 9mm bullets as well as AK-47 assault guns.
- For communication with the command post and other components on the battlefield, a hands-free headset is provided.
- The system includes ballistic helmets, ballistic goggles, bulletproof jackets, elbow pads, and knee pads to ensure the survival of infantrymen.
- F-INSAS also has a cutting-edge target acquisition and communication system. The F-INSAS project was conceptualized in the early 2000s by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) to

fully fit with the goals of the Army's Infantry Troop Modernization Program and enhance soldier performance over the course of a military operation.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Economy

Bima Manthan 2022

Why in News:

- In order to protect policyholders' interests, the insurance regulator, IRDAI, has asked firms to create technologically advanced innovative solutions for automatic death claim settlement, minimizing mis-selling, and other components of the insurance ecosystem.



Key Points:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has welcomed applications for the Bima Manthan 2022 Hackathon, which was launched with the topic "Innovation in Insurance."
- Participants in the hackathon are asked to investigate and create ideas that have the potential to make insurance available to everyone in a seamless and timely manner through the use of technology while also preserving policyholders' interests.
- IRDAI is investigating technologically enabled methods for identifying uninsured motor vehicles, ensuring the issuing of needed motor third party insurance, and delivering insurance goods via technology, including "challenging terrain and poor penetration." Microinsurance is included in "eligible places."
- According to IRDAI, Bima Manthan 2022 will give participants the opportunity to present their innovative solutions to a renowned panel and compete for attractive awards.
- The Bima Manthan 2022 winner is given the option of collaborating with the insurer (or insurers) on the winning project/platform, participating in a demo day in front of insurers/intermediaries and other stakeholders, or directly entering the IRDAI regulatory sandbox regime.

Source: Times of India

Important Personality

Lisbon Triennale Lifetime Achievement Award

Why in News:

- Marina Tabassum, a prominent Bangladeshi architect, researcher, and educator has been honored with the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium BCP Lifetime Achievement Award as the first laureate of Global South and First South Asian.



Key Points:

- Marina Tabassum's distinctive approach, according to the international jury for the prize, touches on the philosophical basis of architecture.
- Marina Tabassum's works, according to the jury's citation for the prize, address immediate contemporary themes and are influenced by specific cultural and geographical contexts.
- Marina Tabassum's work exemplifies how architects may respond to climate disasters and impact societal change in novel, insightful, and exciting ways.
- The Lisbon Triennale, which opened on September 29 in Lisbon, Portugal, will be awarded a unique work of art made by Carlos Nogueira, a Portuguese sculptor, and artist.
- Marina Tabassum's architectural designs are known for disregarding professionalism and emphasizing environmental concerns.
- Marina Tabassum's Bait Ur Rauf Mosque in Dhaka is one of her numerous well-known masterpieces.
- The mosque is notable for its "lack of characteristic mosque iconography, focus on material, position, and light, and ability to function not only as a place of worship but also as a centre of its tiny community on the outskirts of Dhaka." Marina Tabassum has also designed bamboo cottages for the Rohingya refugee camps in Ukhia, near Cox's Bazar, which are "minimum impact, mobile housing that can be delivered at the lowest cost."

Source: Business Standard

Important News: Sports

Northeast Olympics

Why in News:

- The upcoming second edition of the Northeast Olympics will be hosted by the state of Meghalaya from October 30.



key points:

- A meeting between the Meghalaya Department of Sports and Youth Affairs and the Northeast Olympic Association was held in Meghalaya to finalize the list of sports subjects.
- The first edition of the Northeast Olympic Games was held in Manipur in the year 2018 with 12 disciplines.
- In the new edition of the Northeast Olympics, around 4,000 participants from eight northeastern states will participate in 18 disciplines at 13 venues spread across Shillong.
- Participants will compete in disciplines such as Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Football, Judo, Karate, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Wushu, Cycling (Mountain Bike), Golf, Weightlifting, and Wrestling.
- The Chief Minister of the State of Meghalaya is Conrad Sangma, and the Governor is Satya Pal Malik, and the capital of the State of Meghalaya is Shillong.

Source: Indian Express