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BUSINESS and ECONOMY - Current Affairs Today

GeM, SAIL ink pact to set up project management unit

- Public procurement portal Government eMarketplace (GeM) and SAIL Thursday signed a pact to set up a project management unit (PMU).
- GeM and Steel Authority of India NSE -2.31 % (SAIL), signed an MoU (memorandum of understanding) to set up GeM Organizational Transformation Team.
- With this MoU, SAIL has become the first public sector undertaking to establish GOTT PMU for transforming their procurement landscape and increasing their footprint on GeM.

Extra Shots:

Steel Authority of India Limited is an Indian state-owned steel making company based in New Delhi, India. It is a public sector undertaking.

- Founded: 19 January 1954
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- CEO: Anil Kumar Chaudhary
- CEO of Government e Marketplace (GeM): Radha Chauhan

NATIONAL Current Affairs - Current Affairs Today

HRD Minister launches “Deeksharambha”

- Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank released the UGC Guide to Student Induction Programme - Deeksharambha in New Delhi.
- Objective: to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment.

Extra Shots:

- Human Resource Development Minister: Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

STATE Current Affairs - Current Affairs Today

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10th Jagran Film festival inaugurated in New Delhi

- 10th Jagran Film festival started at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi.
- The festival inaugurated by Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar.
- Jagran Film Festival, JFF is an initiative by the Jagran Prakashan Group towards creating a culture of cinema appreciation and an honest and sincere attempt create a platform that connects great content with audiences across the country.
- He highlighted the recent steps taken by the Ministry to promote India as a filming destination through single window clearance mechanism created through film facilitation office.

Extra Shots:

- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister: Prakash Javadekar

Tamil Nadu to get two new Districts

- Tamil Nadu to form two new district and the total number of districts in the state will be raised to 35.
- Tenkasi District would be carved out of Tirunelveli and Chengalpet District would be established by splitting Kanchipuram district.

Extra Shots:

- Tamil Nadu: Capital City(Chennai) CM(Edappadi K Palaniswami) Governor(Banwarilal Purohit)

Odisha to get first desalination plant

- Odisha will get its first desalination plant in Paradip with a capacity of 10 million litres per day.
- The proposed plant, to be built at a cost of around Rs 116 crore, is expected to be commissioned by 2021.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement the project was signed between the Paradip Port Trust (PPT) and the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), in Chennai.
- saline water would be made potable for consumption in the PPT township through Sea Water Reverse Osmosis (SWRO) process.

Extra Shots:

- Odisha: Capital City(Bhubaneswar) CM(Naveen Patnaik) Governor(Ganeshi Lal)

RANKS and INDICES - Current Affairs Today

Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd: second-largest operator by subscriber base

- According to the data from Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd has overtaken rival Bharti Airtel to become the second largest operator in terms of mobile subscriber base.
- As of May end, Jio had 322.98 million users as against Airtel's 320.38 million users.
- Vodafone Idea continues in the top position with 387.55 million users.

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Extra Shots:

TRAI: The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is a statutory body set up by the Government of India under section 3 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997. It is the regulator of the telecommunications sector in India.

- Founded: 20 February 1997
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chirman: Ram Sewak Sharma
- Secretary: Sunil K Gupta

AGREEMENTS and MoU signed - Current Affairs Today

India, Sri Lanka sign US 91.26 mn agreement to upgrade rail track located between Colombo and Jaffna

- Sri Lankan government today signed an agreement with IRCON International for upgrading of a railway track with Indian concessional financing of around 91.26 million US dollars.
- The aim of this agreement is to upgrade old track of 130 km located between Colombo and Jaffna in Tamil - majority Northern Province.
- The contract agreement was signed by Sunil Kumar Choudhury, Chairman & Managing Director, IRCON International Limited, and L.P. Jayampathy, Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation of Sri Lanka.
- India has so far committed Line of Credit worth around 1.3 billion USD for development of railway sector in Sri Lanka.
- India has so far upgraded around 300 km of railway track and provided modern signaling & telecommunication system for around 330 km in Sri Lanka.

Extra Shots:

- Sri Lanka (Capital/Currency): Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte/ Sri Lankan rupee
- President: Maithripala Sirisena

Union Health Ministry signs MoU to eradicate TB by 2025

- Union Health Ministry has signed an MoU with Ministries of Ayush, Defence and Railways to strengthen the efforts towards a TB-Free India by 2025.
- Around 28 lakh people contract the disease every year in the country and four lakh people die every year.

Extra Shots:

- Health and Family Welfare Minister: Dr Harsh Vardhan

BSE, Haryana govt sign pact to facilitate MSMEs raise capital

- BSE has inked a pact with Haryana government to encourage and support state's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to raise capital.
- Objective: to facilitate SMEs in raising funds through BSE's dedicated platform for SME's -- BSE SME

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- Through BSE SME small companies can list and raise productive capital, gain visibility **and credibility vis-a-vis large corporate.**

Extra Shots:

- Haryana: Capital City(Chandigarh) CM(Manohar Lal Khattar) Governor(Satyadev Narayan Arya)

BSE: The Bombay Stock Exchange is an Indian stock exchange located at Dalal Street, Mumbai. Established in 1875, the BSE is Asia's first stock exchange.

- Founded: 9 July 1875
- MD & CEO: Ashish Kumar Chauhan

Sports Current Affairs - Current Affairs Today

ICC suspends Zimbabwe Cricket over 'political interference'

- International cricket chiefs suspended Zimbabwe over a failure to keep the sport free from government interference.
- ICC funding has been withdrawn and the country will be barred from participating at ICC events.

Extra Shots:

- Zimbabwe (Capital/Currency): Harare/ Zimbabwe dollar (ZWL)
- President: Emmerson Mnangagwa

ICC: The International Cricket Council is the global governing body of cricket. It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England and South Africa. It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1989.

- Founded: 15 June 1909
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Chairperson: Shashank Manohar
- CEO: Manu Sawhney
- 13th ICC Cricket World Cup will be held in India from 9th February to 26th March 2023.

Former athlete PT Usha nominated for IAAF's Veteran Pin

- PT Usha has been nominated for the International Association of Athletics Federation's (IAAF) 'Veteran Pin' for her outstanding service to the sport.
- Usha is often called the "queen of track and field".
- She won five gold medals -- 100 metres(m), 200m, 400m, 400 m hurdles and the 4x400 m relay -- besides a bronze in the Asian Games which were held at Jakarta in 1985.
- Usha was the first Indian to reach the finals of the 400m hurdles.

Extra Shots:

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IAAF: The International Association of Athletics Federations is the international governing body for the sport of athletics.

- Founded: 17 July 1912, Stockholm, Sweden
- Membership: 215 member federations
- Headquarters: Monaco
- President: Sebastian Coe

DEFENCE - Current Affairs Today

DRDO ship set to embark on mission Sagar Maitri

- INS Sagardhwani embarked on a two month long Sagar Mitri Mission-2 from Southern Naval Command in Kochi.
- INS Sagardhwani, an oceanographic research vessel of the Defence Research and Development Organisation,
- Sagar Maitri is a unique initiative of the DRDO.
- 'Safety And Growth for All in the Region' (SAGAR)
- The objective of mission is to promote ocean research cooperation among the Indian Ocean Region nations.

Extra Shots:

DRDO: The Defence Research and Development Organisation is an agency of the Government of India, charged with the military's research and development.

- Founded: 1958
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Motto: बलस्य मूलं विज्ञानम्; "Strength's Origin is in Science" (Sanskrit)
- Chairman: Dr G. Satheesh Reddy

BOOKS and AUTHORS - Current Affairs Today

Kargil: Untold stories from the War by Author Rachna Bisht Rawats

- A new book titled, "Kargil: Untold stories from the War" authored by Rachna Bisht Rawat released in New Delhi.
- The book is based on Rawat's interviews with war survivors and martyrs' families, take the readers to the treacherous Himalayan mountains.
- The book has been published by Penguin Random House.

AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS - Current Affairs Today

Sachin Tendulkar, Allan Donald and Australia's Cathryn Fitzpatrick inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

- Indian batting icon Sachin Tendulkar has been inducted into the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame alongside South African pace legend Allan Donald and Australia's Cathryn Fitzpatrick
- Sachin Tendulkar became the 6th Indian to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.

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- Previously Sunil Gavaskar, Bishan Singh Bedi, Kapil Dev, Anil Kumble and Rahul Dravid inducted into the Hall of Fame.

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OBITUARIES - Current Affairs Today

Prominent Assamese Writer Purobi Bormudoi Dies

- Assamese litterateur Purobi Bormudoi passed away at an age of 69.
- She was awarded the Sahitya Akademi award in 2007 for her book 'Shantanukulanandan' and was also a recipient of the Assam Valley Literary award and Assam Sahitya Sabha's Basanti Bordoloi Award.
- Her prominent books include 'Gajraj Prem aru Banditwa', 'Rupowali Noi, Sonowali Ghat', 'Bagshal, Baghjal aru Manuh', 'Porom Pujoniya aru Dukhar Upanyas', 'Eta Alibato Itikatha' and 'Saponor Ghar, Gharor Sapon' among others.
- The eminent writer had donated her eyes and pledged her body for medical research.

Extra Shots:

Assam: Capital City(Dispur) CM(Sarbananda Sonowal) Governor(Jagdish Mukhi)

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