

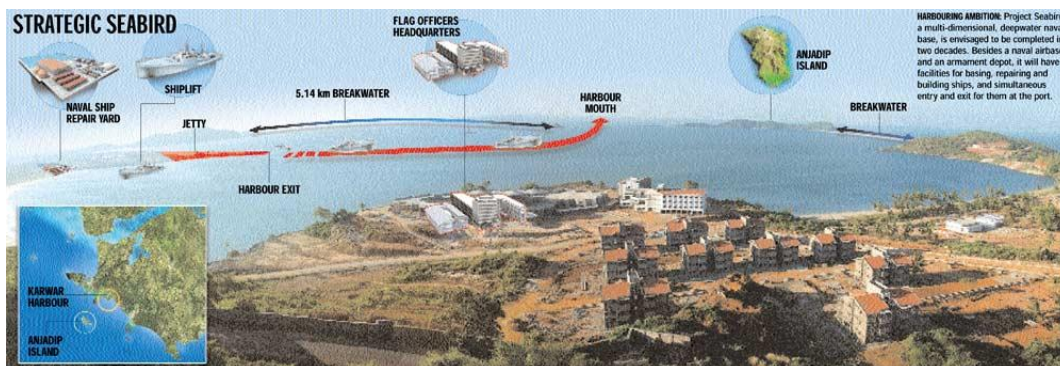
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Goa Becomes First State in India to Become Rabies Free.
 - CM Pramod Sawant announced that the state has not had a single case of rabies in Goa in the past three years.
- ❖ Sajan Prakash became the first Indian swimmer to qualify for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics.
 - Sajan achieved the feat at the Sette Colli Trophy in Rome.
- ❖ Manu Bhaker-Saurabh Chaudhary clinches silver in 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event in Osijek.
 - It is India's 3rd medal at the ISSF World Cup in Osijek, Croatia.
- ❖ China replaced the UAE as the second largest export destination for India in fiscal 2021.
 - The US remained the country's top export partner.
- ❖ Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited and Google Cloud are embarking on a comprehensive, long-term strategic relationship.
 - This is with a goal of powering 5G in enterprise and consumer segments nationwide.
- ❖ The Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel will act as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) in the Central Vigilance Commission.
 - The appointment was necessitated after Sanjay Kothari completed his term.

NATIONAL

Project Seabird

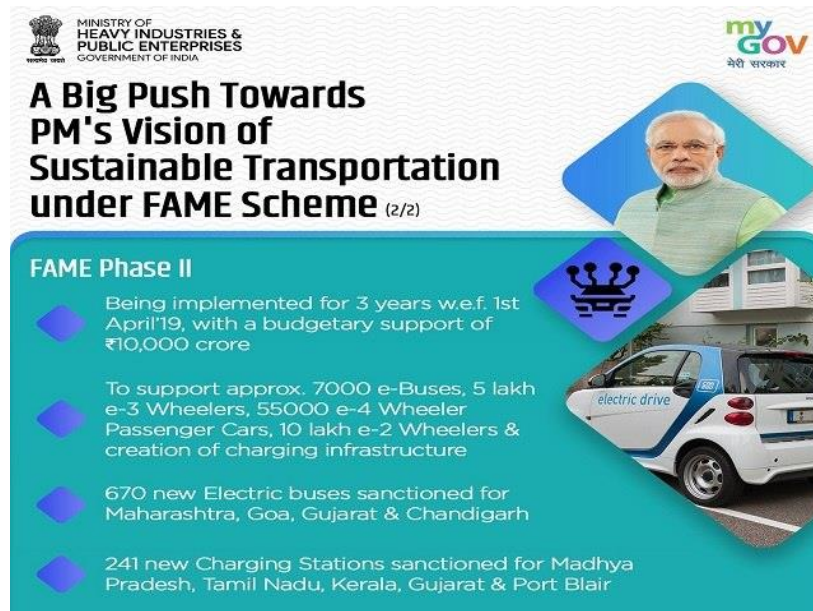


- ❖ It is the largest naval infrastructure project for India.

- ❖ The project aims at creation of a naval base at Karwar (Karnataka) on the west coast of India.
- ❖ Upon completion, the program will provide Indian Navy with its largest naval base on the west coast.
- ❖ It will also be the largest naval base east of the Suez Canal.

Fame II extended

- ❖ Fame or Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (Fame) scheme's first phase began on 1 April 2015.
- ❖ It was extended till 31 March 2019.
- ❖ The second phase (Fame-2) that began on 1 April 2019 is to end on 31 March 2022.
- ❖ The Union government has now extended the scheme to promote electric mobility by two years till 31 March 2024.



MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

A Big Push Towards PM's Vision of Sustainable Transportation under FAME Scheme (2/2)

FAME Phase II

- Being implemented for 3 years w.e.f. 1st April'19, with a budgetary support of ₹10,000 crore
- To support approx. 7000 e-Buses, 5 lakh e-3 Wheelers, 55000 e-4 Wheeler Passenger Cars, 10 lakh e-2 Wheelers & creation of charging infrastructure
- 670 new Electric buses sanctioned for Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat & Chandigarh
- 241 new Charging Stations sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat & Port Blair

INTERNATIONAL

U.S. economic blockade against Cuba

- ❖ India, along with 183 countries voted in favour of a General Assembly resolution that demanded ending the U.S. economic blockade against Cuba.
- ❖ The U.S. and Israel were the only nations voting against the resolution.
- ❖ Colombia, Ukraine and Brazil abstained on the resolution.

- ❖ The embargo against Cuba was imposed in 1960.
- ❖ This was following the revolution led by Fidel Castro and the nationalisation of properties belonging to U.S. citizens and corporations.



Last print edition newspaper Apple Daily

- ❖ Apple Daily's final edition of 1 million copies was sold out in Hongkong.
- ❖ The newspaper said it would cease operations after Hongkong police froze \$2.3 million in assets, searched its office and arrested five top editors and executives recently.
- ❖ The Hongkong police were accusing them of foreign collusion to endanger national security.
- ❖ In recent years, the newspaper has become increasingly outspoken, criticizing Chinese and Hong Kong authorities for limiting the city's freedoms.

FATF - Grey list

- ❖ The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) added Haiti, Malta, the Philippines and South Sudan to the grey list.
- ❖ Ghana was removed from the list.

FATF

- ❖ The Financial Action Task Force is an inter-governmental body established on the initiative of the G7.
- ❖ It was established in 1989.
- ❖ FATF is a Paris-based organization.



- ❖ It sets anti-money-laundering law standards.
- ❖ There are now 22 countries or territories on the so-called grey list.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Rapid Antigen Test kit - IIT Delhi

- ❖ The Minister of State for Education, Sanjay Dhotre, launched a Rapid Antigen Test kit for COVID-19.
- ❖ It was developed by IIT Delhi.
- ❖ RAT kit has been developed by IIT Delhi researchers led by Dr. Harpal Singh.
- ❖ He is a professor at Centre for Biomedical Engineering of IIT Delhi.
- ❖ The kit has been developed entirely using internal resources at IIT Delhi.

LiDAR based survey of forest areas

- ❖ The Union Environment Minister released the Detailed Project Reports of LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) based survey of forest areas in ten states.
- ❖ The 10 mapped states are Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura.
- ❖ The Survey of Forest Areas Project was awarded to WAPCOS.
- ❖ WAPCOS is a Mini Ratna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Jal Shakti Ministry.
- ❖ It is a first of its kind and a unique experiment using LiDAR technology.
- ❖ This survey will help augment water and fodder in jungle areas thereby reducing human-animal conflict.
- ❖ LiDAR technology has been found to have 90% accuracy.

STATES

Reforms in AP Public Service Commission

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh government issued a formal order dispensing with the process of interviews for all future recruitments into government service.
- ❖ This includes the executive posts also.
- ❖ Written tests and interviews were, however, retained for executive posts like deputy collector, Deputy Superintendent of Police, commercial taxes officer, regional transport officer and the like.

- ❖ The reforms were implemented as per the recommendations of a high-level committee headed by the then Special Chief Secretary J Satyanarayana.

Hemis festival

- ❖ The legendary two days Hemis festival celebrated in Leh in Ladakh.
- ❖ It's also popularly known as Hemis Tses-Chu.
- ❖ It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Padma sambhava.
- ❖ Guru Padma sambhava introduced and flourished Vajrayana Buddhist tradition in the entire Himalayas.
- ❖ Guru Padma sambhava is popularly known as the second Buddha.



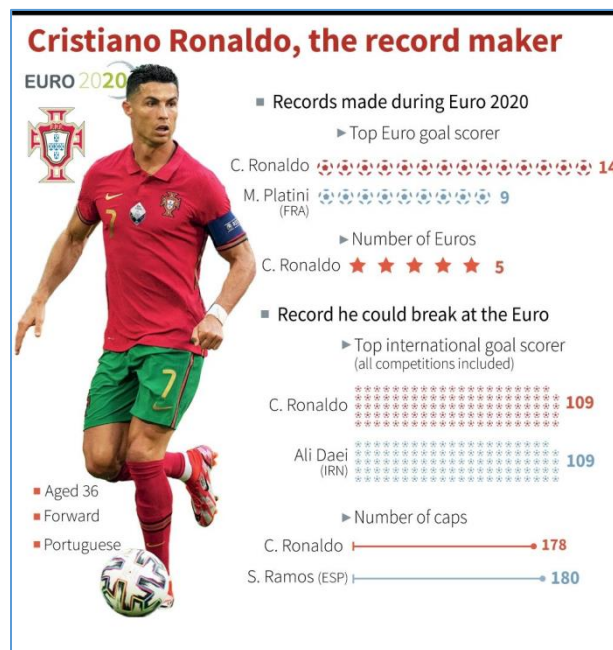
Export of Dragon fruits

- ❖ The first consignment of dragon fruit has been exported to Dubai recently.
- ❖ In India, this dragon fruit is also known as Kamalam.
- ❖ Dragon Fruit for exports was sourced from the farmers of Tadasar village, Sangli district, Maharashtra
- ❖ Dragon fruit is the fruit of a species of wild cactus indigenous to South and Central America.
- ❖ It is called pitaya or pitahaya over there.



SPORTS

Ali Daei and Cristiano Ronaldo



- ❖ Asian football legend Ali Daei had scored a remarkable 109 goals in 149 appearances for Iran between 1993 and 2006.
- ❖ This record was met recently by Cristiano Ronaldo.
- ❖ Ali Daei congratulated Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) after he scored his 109th goal.
- ❖ The goal was scored in Euro 2020 game against France.



Abhishek Verma

- ❖ Abhishek Verma won his 2nd World Cup gold medal in Archery recently.
- ❖ He is the first Indian man to win two World Cup gold medals in individual compound event.
- ❖ Verma won a shoot-off against American heavyweight Kris Schaff in gold medal match.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day - June 27

- ❖ United Nations celebrates the work of MSME in local and global economies and their contribution to sustainable development.
- ❖ The day also recognises the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ❖ The theme is “MSME 2021: key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery”.

