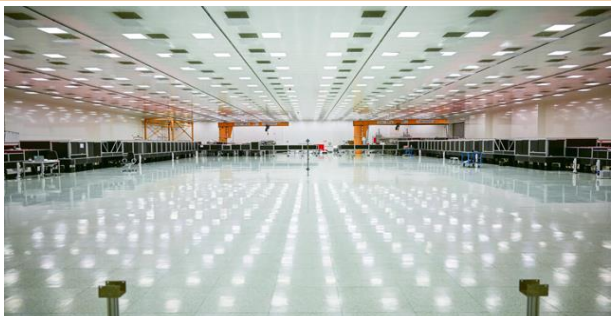


Magurele Laser in Romania becomes the most powerful laser in the world



- ❖ The laser at Magurele, near Bucharest, Romania marked a world premiere after reaching the highest power, 10 PetaWatts.
- ❖ Magurele Laser (ELI-NP, Extreme Light Infrastructure-Nuclear Physics) is part of the European ELI project.
- ❖ The laser was designed to reach 10 PT of power through two laser arms, completed by a very bright laser beam that can reach up to 19.5 MeV.

NATO marked 75 yrs of collective defense across Europe, North America



- ❖ The alliance's ranks have increased from its 12 founding members to 32 over the past seven decades.
- ❖ North Atlantic Treaty Organization is an intergovernmental military alliance of 30 European & 2 North American states.
- ❖ Estd in 1949. Secretary General: Jens Stoltenberg
- ❖ Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.
- ❖ Sweden is the newest member.

Agni-Prime missile flight-tested by Strategic Forces Command & DRDO



- ❖ Agni-Prime Ballistic Missile has been successfully tested by Strategic Forces Command & DRDO from Odisha coast.
- ❖ Agni-Prime is a two-stage, surface to surface, canister-launched, road mobile and solid-fueled medium-range ballistic missile being developed by India's DRDO as the 6th missile in the Agni series.
- ❖ Manufacturer: Bharat Dynamics Limited.
- ❖ Operational range: 1,000–2,000 km.

Canara Bank launched loans for healthcare, savings accounts for women



- ❖ Canara Bank launched "Canara Heal" to cover hospitalization expense shortfalls through TPA healthcare insurance claims
- ❖ It introduced "Canara Angel" savings account for women, featuring Cancer Care policy and pre-approved personal loans

India's 1st home-grown gene therapy for cancer launched at IIT Bombay



- ❖ The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu launched India's first home-grown gene therapy for cancer at IIT Bombay.
- ❖ This line of treatment is named "CAR-T cell therapy."
- ❖ India's first CAR-T cell therapy has been developed through collaboration between the IIT, Bombay and Tata Memorial Hospital in association with industry partner ImmunoACT.

India aims for 1st strategic petroleum reserve by 2029-30



- ❖ India plans to build its first privately managed strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) by 2029-30, granting the operator the freedom to trade all of the stored oil, the chief executive of Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd.
- ❖ India will build two new SPRs - the first a 18.3 million barrels cavern at Padur in southern Karnataka state, and then a 29.3 million barrels SPR in eastern Odisha state.

Forbes World's Billionaires List 2024



- ❖ Mukesh Ambani ranks 9th globally with USD 116 Billion, leading Asia's rich list and maintaining his diverse empire in Reliance Industries.
- ❖ Bernard Arnault leads with USD 233 Billion.
- ❖ Forbes 2024 list features 2,781 billionaires, with wealth totaling USD 14.2 trillion.
- ❖ The US, China, and India dominate the billionaire count, with Mumbai overtaking Beijing as Asia's billionaire hub.

World's oldest man, Juan Vicente Perez Mora, dies at 114.



- ❖ Juan Vicente Perez Mora, once certified as the world's oldest man by Guinness World Records, passed away on April 2, 2024, at the age of 114 in Venezuela.
- ❖ He was born on May 27, 1909.
- ❖ In 2019, he celebrated his 110th birthday, becoming the first male supercentenarian from Venezuela.
- ❖ Juan was announced as the oldest man living at 112 years and 253 days, as of 4 February 2022.

Japan introduced e-Visa only for Indian Tourists.



- ❖ Japan launches eVisa for Indians, enabling 90-day stays for tourism without physical visa stickers, applying via VFS Global.
- ❖ Applicants receive an electronic visa and must show a digital visa issuance notice with a barcode at airport check-in.
- ❖ India passport ranking as per the Henley Passport Index 2024, is ranked at the 82nd position, with access to 62 countries.

Union Health Ministry launches myCGHS iOS app



- ❖ The myCGHS app for iOS aims to improve access to healthcare for CGHS beneficiaries, including features like Electronic Health Records and online appointment bookings.
- ❖ It is developed by NIC Himachal Pradesh and the NIC Health Team.
- ❖ The app includes secure 2-factor authentication, facilitating various services such as lab reports, medicine history, and wellness center locations.

