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Cabinet approves 12 Industrial nodes/cities under National Industrial Corridor Development Programme

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved 12 new project proposals under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) with an estimated investment of Rs. 28,602 crore.

CABINET DECISION
28TH AUGUST, 2024

Grand necklace of Industrial Smart Cities

- Cabinet approves 12 Industrial cities under National Industrial Corridor Development Programme
- Estimated investment of Rs. 28,602 crore
- Projects to span across 10 states and strategically planned along 6 major corridors

• Khurpia in Uttarakhand	• Gaya in Bihar
• Rajpura-Patiala in Punjab	• Zaheerabad in Telangana
• Dighi in, Maharashtra	• Orvakal and Kopparthy in AP
• Palakkad in Kerala	• Jodhpur-Pali in Rajasthan
• Agra and Prayagraj in UP	

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Key Points

- ❖ This move is set to transform the industrial landscape of the country creating a robust network of industrial nodes and cities that will significantly boost economic growth and global competitiveness.
- ❖ Spanning across 10 states and strategically planned along 6 major

corridors, these projects represent a significant leap forward in India's quest to enhance its manufacturing capabilities and economic growth.

- ❖ These industrial areas will be located in Khurpia in Uttarakhand
 - Rajpura-Patiala in Punjab
 - Dighi in, Maharashtra
 - Palakkad in Kerala
 - Agra and Prayagraj in UP
 - Gaya in Bihar
 - Zaheerabad in Telangana
 - Orvakal and Kopparthy in AP
 - Jodhpur-Pali in Rajasthan.
- ❖ NICDP is designed to foster a vibrant industrial ecosystem by facilitating investments from both large anchor industries and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- ❖ These industrial nodes will act as catalysts for achieving \$2 trillion in exports by 2030, reflecting the government's vision of a self-reliant and globally competitive India.

Guru Padmasambhava

Recently, the International Buddhist Confederation organized a two-day International Conference on the 'Life and Living Legacy of Guru Padmasambhava Conference' at Nalanda, Bihar.



Key Points

- ❖ **Guru Padmasambhava** was a revered figure from the eighth century in ancient India, often regarded as the **second Buddha**.
- ❖ He is credited with spreading **Buddha Dhamma** across the **Himalayan region** and is a **pivotal figure in Tibetan Buddhism**, especially within the **Nyingma school**.
- ❖ His name means **“Lotus-Born,”** reflecting his legendary birth from a lotus flower in a lake in **Oddiyana**.
- ❖ He taught **Vajrayana Buddhism**, emphasizing esoteric practices such as **mantras, mudras, and visualizations** as paths to enlightenment

VAJRAYANA (Vehicle of the Thunderbolt)

- ❖ **About:** It is an offshoot of **Mahayana Buddhism** and referred as **Mantrayana** (emerged after the 5th century AD.).

- ❖ **Centres:** It was practised in regions of **Bengal, Bihar, Nepal** and eventually spread to **Tibet** in the 11th century AD.
 - Its main centre was **Vikramasila University** in **Bihar**.
- ❖ **Nature:** Monks in this tradition distanced themselves from mainstream society and transitioned from **Pali (the People’s Language)** to **Sanskrit (an intellectual language)**.

She-Box Portal

The government has launched the **She-Box** portal to make workplaces safer for women. **Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi** launched the portal in **New Delhi**



Key Points

- ❖ **She-Box** portal is a centralized platform for registering and monitoring complaints of **sexual harassment** of women at the workplace.

- ❖ This platform provides facility to file complaints, track its status and ensure a time-bound processing of complaints by Internal Committees.
- ❖ With the help of portal complaints can be safely registered without personal information being publicly accessible.

POSH Act

POSH Act was notified and implemented on 9th Dec 2013.

Objective: To protect against sexual harassment of women in their workplace, public or private, to ensure gender equality, right to dignity, and a favourable working environment.

It gave legislative backing to the Vishaka Guidelines.

Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training (RESET) Programme

Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched “Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training” (RESET) Programme on the occasion of National Sports Day in New Delhi



Key Point

- ❖ RESET Programme is aimed at empowering our retired sportspersons who have played for the country and brought immense laurels to the nation.
- ❖ The programme will support retired athletes on their career development journey by empowering them with the necessary knowledge and skills and making them more employable.
- ❖ The athletes, who have retired from an active sports career and are aged between 20-50 years and who have been winners of an International Medal/participants in international events or have been National medallists/State medallists/participants in competitions recognized by National Sports Federations/Indian Olympic Association/Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports are eligible to apply for courses under RESET Programme.
- ❖ Initially, the programmes will be of two levels based on educational qualifications viz., Class 12th and above and Class 11th and below.
- ❖ For this pilot phase of the RESET Programme, Lakshmi Bai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) will be the lead institute in implementing the programme.

Samudra Pratap

The first indigenously developed Pollution Control Vessel of ICG, 'Samudra Pratap' was Launched in the presence of Raksha Rajya Mantri in Goa.



Key Points

- ❖ The Ship has been built by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- ❖ The vessel will help to check the oil spillage in the country's sea coast.
- ❖ The ship was launched and named as 'Samudra Pratap' by Smt Neeta Seth, in the presence of Shri Sanjay Seth, Raksha Rajya Mantri.
- ❖ It is for the first time that these vessels are being designed and constructed indigenously.
- ❖ 'Samudra Pratap' is an exemplary testimony of the nation's shipbuilding capabilities and propels Goa Shipyard Limited into the league of Indian Shipyards capable of producing state-of-art Pollution Control Vessels.

IATO's 39th Meet

The Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) is set to hold its 39th annual conference in Bhopal,



Key points

- ❖ Dr. Mohan Yadav, the Chief Minister, will be inaugurally starting the occasion. Other attendants of the invitation include the Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State for Culture, Tourism Religious Trusts and Endowment Shri Dharmendra Singh Lodhi.
- ❖ The upcoming conference 'Resurgent India Inbound' is expected to bring together more than 1200 delegates cutting across various sectors of tourism – tour operators, travel agents & hoteliers across the country.

- ❖ The first day's program will end with cultural troupes performance.
- ❖ The business sessions will be opening on the second day of the event.
- ❖ The 'Run for Responsible Tourism' programme is scheduled to be held on the 1st of September from 6 a .m. starting point from the Raja Bhoj statue on VIP Road.

Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, Maharashtra



Key Points

- ❖ GFF is jointly organized by the Payments Council of India, the National Payments Corporation of India and the Fintech Convergence Council.
- ❖ It aims to showcase India's strides in Fintech and bring together key stakeholders of the sector.
- ❖ Around 800 speakers, including policymakers, regulators, senior bankers, industry captains, and academicians, from India and various other countries will address more than 350 sessions at the conference.
- ❖ It will also showcase the latest innovations in the fintech landscape.
- ❖ Over 20 thought leadership reports and white papers will be launched at GFF 2024, offering insights, and in-depth industry information.

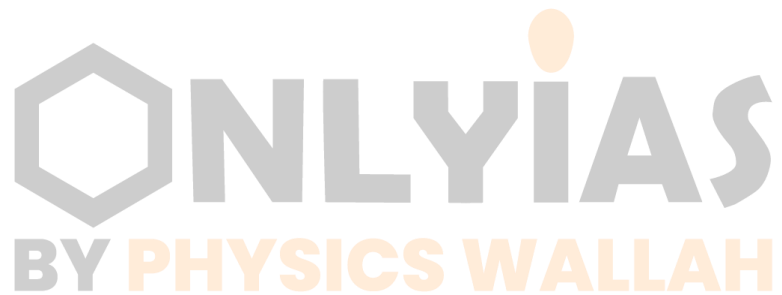
About Fintech

- ❖ Fintech, a combination of the terms "financial" and "technology," refers to businesses that use technology to enhance or automate financial services and processes.

Short News

- ❖ Shannon Gabriel from the West Indies and England's Dawid Malan have declared their retirement from international cricket.
- ❖ On August 27, the Himachal Pradesh Assembly approved a Bill to increase the minimum legal marriage age for women from 18 to 21 years.
- ❖ Moody's Ratings, the New-York based global rating agency has raised its real GDP growth projections for India today, indicating for a robust 7.2 percent growth in the financial year 2024, up from a previous estimate of 6.8 percent and 6.6 percent in 2025 from 6.4 percent.
- ❖ WHO has declared Dhulikhel Municipality of Kavrepalanchok district as Nepal's first 'healthy city' and second healthiest city in Asia.

- ❖ *India and Malaysia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Tourism, Government of Republic of India and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Government of Malaysia for strengthening co-operation in the field of tourism.*



Important Daily Current Affairs Question

Q1. Samudra Pratap is related to which of the following

- (a) A new initiative by the Ministry of Water Resources
- (b) A project to conserve marine biodiversity in India
- (c) An indigenously developed Pollution Control Vessel of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- (d) A newly launched space mission by ISRO

Answer - C

Q2. The 39th annual conference of the Indian Association of Tour Operators is set to organize in which of the following cities?

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Indore
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Bombay

Answer - A

