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NATIONAL NEWS

Indian Navy Launches guided missile destroyer INS Imphal

• Indian Navy launched its third guided missile destroyer at Mazgaon Dock's as part of its project 15B, which is aimed at adding state-of-the art Warship to the naval fleet. It has been designed by the Indian navy's Directorate of Naval Design, New Delhi.

• INS Imphal has a launched weight of 3037 tonnes.

Indian Scientists develop new salt tolerant transgenic rice plant

• Indian Scientists led by Arun Lahiri Majumder of Bose institute, Kolkata developed a new salt-tolerant transgenic rice plant by over-expressing a gene from a wild rice called Porteresia coarctata into the commonly used IR 64 indica rice variety.

• PC is a native of India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

FAC gives final clearance to North Koel dam project in Jharkhand

• The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change's Forest advisory committee (FAC) gave stageII clearance for the construction of the North Koel Dam in core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve in Latehar and Garhwa districts of Jharkhand.

Tech Mahindra & i2chain collaborate to leverage next gen technologies

• Tech Mahindra Ltd announced a strategic collaboration with i2c chain Inc, a San Francisco-based startup, leveraging next gen technologies to secure customer information and Data assets.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Oyo launches OPEN initiative for transparency among asset owner community

• Budget hotel chain Oyo Hotel and Homes launched the Oyo partner Engagement Network (OPEN), an initiative for stronger interaction and engagement among the asset owner community in India.

• Oyo also introduced an upgraded version of an app 'co-oyo'

WHO release guidelines on how countries can use digital health technology

• WHO released new recommendation on 10 ways that can use digital health technology, accessible via mobile phones, tablets and computers, to improve people's health and essential services.

BANKING NEWS

Uber wins $1bn investment from Toyota, Softbank fund

• Japanese car giant Toyota and investment fund Softbank Vision Fund unveiled an Investment of $1 billion in U.S. Company Uber to drive forward the development of driverless ridesharing services.

• Toyota and DENSO are stumping up $667 million.

• Softbank is top shareholder in Uber, Holding 16 percent.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGN

Soft bank Group international CFO Alok Sama to step down