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NATIONAL

Tamil Nadu signs MoU's to create 41,000 job opportunities

- Tamil Nadu govt has signed atleast **24 MoU**'s worth **2,120 crore** aimed to create **41,000 jobs** with industries.
- It was signed at the Tamil nadu exports conclave organised as part of **'Trade and Commerce Week'**held from **sep20-sep26 nationwide**.
- These investments are made in the fields of **steel, leather, chemicals, textiles, ITES, apparels and general manufacturing.**
- These industrisl units are planned to be set in **Chennai, Kancheepuram, Madurai, Salem, Tiruchi, Thanjavur, Thirupatthur, Krishnagiri, Thoothukudi, Dindugal and Tirunelvelli.**

Blue Flag Certification for Kovalam beach

- **Kovalam Beach** situated near mamallapuram in **Chengalpattu** has been certified with **blue flag**.
- The **Foundation for environment education (FEE)** is the key authority that provides the certification.
- **Thirty three parameters** are considered for blue flag certification, Which includes **water quality and e-coli percentage** in water.
- Totally there are **10 beaches** in India with this certification.

Expert committee has recommended Hetero to manufacture Sputnik V

- A subject **expert committee** recommended **Hetero Biopharmacy's** proposal to maufacture the Russian Covid 19 vaccine **Sputnik V**.
- The Hetero group showed **interim safety and immunogenicity from the phase III trails.**
- The committee has granted to manufacture sputnik v for **restricted use in emergency situations.**

INTERNATIONAL

WHO set new guidelines to global air quality norms

- WHO sets new guidelines to **reduce global air pollution from the limits set in 2005,** since its impact on health from the past decade increased.
- This move does not have an immediate effect in India as the **National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)** does not meet with WHO's existing standards.
- The WHO guidelines states the annual average concemtrations of P.M 2.5 should not exceed 10 µg/m3, while 24-hour average exposures should not exceed **25 µg/m3 more than 3 times a year.**
- Three interim target standards recommended by WHO for cities lagging from their goal:

1. **15 µg/m3 annual mean, 37.5 µg/m3 24-hour mean**
2. **25 µg/m3 annual mean, 50 µg/m3 24-hour mean**
3. **35 µg/m3 annual mean, 75 µg/m3 24-hour mean.**