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NATIONAL

PM inaugurates intergrated terminal building in Agartala

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the New Integrated Terminal Building of **Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) Airport** at **Agartala**, Tripura.
- The New Terminal building have been constructed at a cost of **Rs 450 Crore** spreading at an area of **30,000 sqm** from 10,000sqm before.
- New Integrated Terminal Building can handle capacity of **1200** Peak Hour Passenger (PHP) having an annual capacity of 3 MPPA & Apron for 6 additional parking bays for A-321 type of aircrafts.
- The integrated Airport will now be able to cater **30 lakh** passengers every year instead of 13 lakh in a year.
- The Prime Minister has also launched many key initiatives like Project Mission 100 of Vidyajyoti schools and Mukhiyamantri Tripura Gram Samrriddhi Yojana.

Additional data-

The Agartala Airport has a runway with dimensions-**2286m*45m**, and is considered as a heritage airport with **bamboo architecture** and **floral jalli** pattern to depict the forest cover.

The airport also contains **2 Mega Watt** solar panels for renewable energy.

Tripura capital- **Agartala**

Tripura Chief Minister-**Biplab Kumar Deb.**

NEAT 3.0 launched

- The Union Education and skill development minister has launched **National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) 3.0**, It is a single platform to provide the best-developed ed-tech solutions and courses to students of the country.
- Alongwith, he also launched AICTE prescribed technical books in regional languages.
- The Minister informed that **58** global and Indian start-up ed-tech companies are onboard NEAT and are offering **100 courses** & e-resources for bettering learning outcomes, developing employable skills and overcoming learning loss.
- The Ministry also added that, more than **12 lakh** socially and economically disadvantaged students have received free ed-tech course coupons worth over **Rs 253 crore** under NEAT 3.0.

About NEAT-

1. National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) is an initiative to provide the use of best-developed technological solutions in the education sector to enhance the employability of the youth on a single platform for learners' convenience.
2. These solutions use **Artificial Intelligence** for a personalized and customized learning experience for better learning outcomes and skill development in the niche areas.
3. **AICTE, MoE** is acting as the facilitator in the process to ensure that the solutions are freely available to socially and economically backward students.
4. NEAT has **58** Education Technology Companies with **100 products** that help to develop employable skills, capacity building, and bridge learning gaps.

Telangana tops in OFD plus

- **Telangana** tops in list of highest **open defecation free(ODF plus)** villages in the country under **Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase -II** programme till the end of 2021.
- A total of **13,737 out of 14,200 villages** (96.74%) in Telangana are in the ODF plus list.
- Telanagana State Government has enacted a new Telangana Panchayat Raj Act to ensure the holistic development of villages.
- A secretary has been posted in every panchayat for smooth execution of welfare programmes, close monitoring, digital reporting and to ensure the prevalence of good governance in villages.
- There are **12,769** dedicated compost sheds in all gram panchayats. Tankers have also been provided to water the plants for greenery in villages.
- Telangana was followed by **Tamil Nadu** with 4,432 villages**(35.39%)** and **Karnataka** with 1,511 villages**(5.59%).**

Telangana Capital-**Hyderabad**

Telanagana Chief Minister-**K. Chandrasekar Rao.**

Largest Single Site Solar Project in India commissioned

- Azure Power has commissioned a **600 MW** Solar Power project in **Bikaner, Rajasthan** connected with **Interstate Transmission Systems(ISTS)** by the Solar Energy corporation of India.
- This will be **largest** solar power project in India Owned and Operated at a single location by any developer.
- Azure Power has commissioned the project in various phases, now the company has **2,510MW** of high-performing operational solar assets across the country.

Azure Power CEO-**Ranjit Gupta**

Headquarters-**New Delhi**

INTERNATIONAL

Apple Inc’s market value touches $ 3 trillion

- **Apple Inc’s stock market value crossed the $3 trillion mark and becomes the first company to achieve the mark.**

- On 3d January 2022 the Companies share achieved **$182.88** in Intraday, making the market value above **$ 3 trillion**.
- The company achieved the milestone of **$ 1 trillion** by **2018** and **$ 2 trillion** by **2020**, now has crossed the three trillion mark.

Apple CEO-**Tim Cook**

Apple Headquartres-**California, US**

New Covid Variant discovered

- Scientists in **France** have discovered and identified a new variant of COVID-19, a more mutated variant than Omicron.
- The New Variant **B.1.640.2** has been given the name IHU mediterranee infection and have might been orginated from **Cameroon**.
- The new variant has not been labelled as **Variant under investigation** by the **World Health Organisation.**
- Now a total of **12** cases have been reported with the IHU variant near Marsilles.

BANKING, FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

India’s First global index of Cryptocurrencies

- **Crypto Wire**, A global Crypto Super app is set to launch the India’s **First** index on Cryptocurrencies naming it **‘Ic15’.**
- The Ic15 will track and measure the performance of the **top 15** widely traded liquid Cryptocurrencies, which is listed on crypto exchanges of the world.
- The Index is a rule based broad market index by market capitalization.
- The Index is set to monitor-**Bitcoin, Ethereum, XRP, Binance Coin, Solana, Cardano, Lite Coin, Chainlink, Polkadot, Uniswap, Terra, Dogecoin, Avalanche and Shia inu**.
- The **base value** of the Index has been set at **10,000** and **base date** has been set at **April1, 2018**.

- The Governing Committee of the Crytptowires's Index consists domain experts, Industry practisioners and academicians.

Crypto Wire CEO-**Jigish Sonagara**.

Framework for small value digital payments in offline mode

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has placed on its website the Framework for facilitating small value digital payments in offline mode.
- The framework incorporates the feedback received from the pilot experiments on offline transactions conducted in different parts of the country during the period from **September 2020 to June 2021.**
- An offline digital payment means a transaction which does not require internet or telecom connectivity.
- Under this new framework, such payments can be carried out **face-to-face (proximity mode)** using any channel or instrument like **cards, wallets, mobile devices, etc.**
- Such transactions would not require an **Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA).** Since the transactions are offline, alerts (by way of SMS and / or e-mail) will be received by the customer after a time lag.
- Transactions are subject to a limit of **Rs 200** per transaction and an overall limit of **RS 2000** for all transactions until balance in the account is replenished. Balance replenishment can only occur in an on-line mode.
- Offline mode of payment can be enabled only after obtaining specific consent of the customer.

Banks retain D-SIB's

- The Reserve Bank of India ahs retained and identifies **SBI, ICICI bank, HDFC** bank to continue as **Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)** under the same bucketing structure as in the 2020 list.
- The additional **Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)** requirement for D-SIBs was phased-in from **April 1, 2016** and became fully effective from **April 1, 2019**.
- The Reserve Bank had announced **SBI and ICICI Bank** as D-SIBs in **2015 and 2016** respectivly.
- HDFC Bank was also classified as a D-SIB, along with SBI and ICICI Bank, Based on data collected from banks as on March 31, 2017.
- The current update is based on the data collected from banks as on March 31, 2021.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Alka Mittal** has been elected as the new Chairman and Managing Director of **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation**, by this she becomes the first women to be elected to the post.
- **Ashok Elluswamy** has become the **first** Indian to be hired in the **Tesla's Autopilot team**.