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NATIONAL NEWS

PM Modi dedicates natural gas pipeline

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the 144-km-long Ramanathapuram-Thoothukudi natural gas pipeline on 17th February, 2021.
- The new natural gas pipeline project is able to transport the fuel to a fertilizer manufacturing and petrochemical units near the coastal town from the gas fields in Ramanathapuram.
- The project has been executed at a cost of ₹700 crore to bring 8 million metric standard cubic meter per day to Thoothukudi with the compressor station at Valantharavai village in Ramanathapuram district.
- The pipeline is part of a mega natural gas pipeline project being implemented in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

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- The third edition of the digital Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary launched on 17th February, 2021, included 10,000 terms across six categories.
- The ISL dictionary consists of terms of daily use, academic, legal and administrative, medical, technical and agricultural terms.
- The digital dictionary was developed by the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre under the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot launched this ISL dictionary through online.

Centre clears PLI plan for Telecom

- The Union Cabinet on 17th February, 2021, approved the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme in the telecom sector.
- The scheme is funded with ₹12,195 crores for a period of five years.
- The scheme is aimed at making India a international hub for manufacturing of telecom equipments.
- The PLI scheme will be implemented from April 1, 2021.
- The union minister for Information Technology and Communications is Ravi Shankar Prasad.

BUSINESS NEWS

Airtel to buy Bharati Telemedia

- Bharti Airtel is about to acquire 20% stake in Bharti Telemedia, its DTH arm, from an affiliate of Warburg Pincus.
- The business is to be bought for ₹3,126 crore, which would be paid out as 36.47 million equity shares of Bharti Airtel at a price of ₹600 per share and up to ₹1,037.80 crore in cash.
- A Warburg Pincus affiliate had, in December 2017, agreed to acquire a 20% equity stake in Bharti Telemedia.

APPOINTMENTS

State Information Commissioners

- P. Dhanasekaran and M. Sreedhar have been appointed as State Information Commissioners in the Tamil Nadu Information Commission.
- They both will hold office for a term of three years from the date on which they assume office or the date on which they attain 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.
- Their appointment comes after R. Dhakshinamurthy and G. Murugan ceased to hold the posts.

AWARD

IPI India Award

- Rikita Chopra, the Senior Assistant Editor in Indian Express, awarded the IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism in 2020.
- The International Press Institute is committed to promotion of free exchange of accurate and balanced news, safeguarding the freedom of press.
- The award consists of a trophy with a citation along with a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh.

ONE-LINE FACTS

- P. Krishna’s ward Durango (Arshad Alam up) won the V.S. Dhanasekar Memorial Trophy
- Pakistan to remain in FATF grey list until June.
- Best Service Provider Award for Union Bank of India at 29th Global HRD Congress award function.