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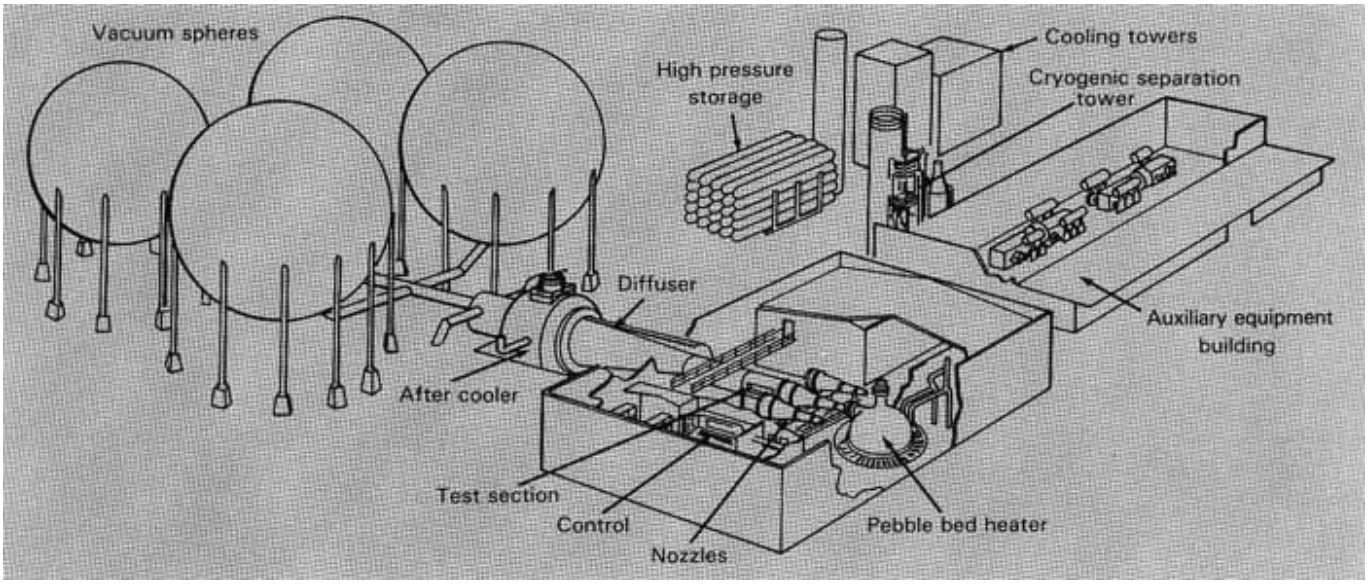

- Union Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Hypersonic Winf Tunnel testing facility in the DRDO, Hyderabad.
- The state-of-the-art HWT Test facility is pressure vacuum driven enclosed free jet facility having nozzle exit diameter of 1 meter and will simulate Mach No 5 to 12.
- This indigenously developed technology made India is the third country to have such a large facility in terms of size and operating capability to simulate hypersonic flow over a wide spectrum and will play a major role in the realization of highly complex futuristic aerospace and defence systems.

Facts:

- Chairman of DRDO: Dr G. Satheesh Reddy
- The first 2 countries having HWT: USA and Russia

Union Minister for Highways laid Foundation for 33 NH Projects in Karnataka

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways inaugurated and laid foundation of 33 NH projects in Karnataka on 19th December 2020 through virtual mode.
- These projects include 1197 kms long roads worth Rs 10,904 crore.

Facts:

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways: Nitin Gadkari
- Chief Minister of Karnataka: Y S Yeddiyurappa

BANKING NEWS

ASSOCHAM Foundation Week

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at ASSOCHAM Foundation Week 2020 on 19th December 2020 through video conferencing.
- The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) is a member of the International Chamber of Commerce, the World Business Organisation, through ICC, India.
- ASSOCHAM is authorised by the Government of India to issue Certificates of Origin, certify commercial invoices, and recommend business visa.
- The Prime Minister also presented the 'ASSOCHAM Enterprise of the Century Award' to Shri Ratan Tata, who received the award on behalf of the TATA Group.

Facts:

- Chairman of ASSOCHAM: Dr Niranjan Hiranandani
- Established in: 1920

AWARDS

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Awards

- To motivate the Telecom Skill ecosystem, DoT launched Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Awards scheme in 2017
- This rewards the successful telecom skilled people for their special contributions in the areas of Telecom - Skilling, Services, Manufacturing, Applications in deploying telecom dependent sectoral solutions for different fields such as agriculture, commerce, health, education etc.
- The award was named after Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji to commemorate his birth centenary
- Communications Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and MOS for Communications Shri Sanjay Dhotre presented the awards to Sreenivas Karanam and Prof.Subrat Kar with a cash prize of ₹ 50,000 and ₹30,000 respectively.

- Shri. Sreenivas Karanam, Bangalore, was selected for the FIRST prize for his contribution in developing a cost-effective customized technical solution under the brand ‘C mobile’, for deep sea communication, operating along the Kerala coast, facilitating communication among fishermen and issue of weather alerts etc.
- Prof.Subrat Kar, New Delhi was selected for the SECOND prize for his innovative solution on development & deployment of a large scale sensor network and devices to avoid train-animal collision, which works without interfering with natural movements/behaviour of animals, thereby helping in wildlife conservation.