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### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Cabinet approves IIITs laws(amendment) bill,2020.

- The union cabinet has approved to confer the status of '**institutions of national importance**' to the five Indian Institutes of Information technology(IIIT) along with the **existing 15 IIIT** in Public Private Partnership.
- The **five IIITs** in PPP mode includes the IIITs in **Bhopal, Raichur, Agartala, Bhagalpur and Surat**.

#### Indian navy to get its 3<sup>rd</sup> Scorpene-class submarine.

- Indian navy is to get the delivery of its 3<sup>rd</sup> **Scorpene-class submarine** by the end of this year, and all the six will be delivered by 2021.
- The name of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Scorpene submarine is "**KARANJ**".
- The names of other submarines are. **INS Kulvari(1st), INS Khanderi (2nd)**.
- These submarines are constructed under the Mumbai based **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders(MDL)**.

#### India- Africa Defence Conclave

- The '**Lucknow declaration**' was adopted at the **first indo-African defence conclave** in the ongoing Defexpo 2020.
- Along with the defence minister of India there were twelve African countries along with representatives of thirty-eight other African countries were present at the conclave.
- They have come together to deepen cooperation **to combat the growing threat of terrorism** and to preserve maritime security by sharing information in a joint declaration.

#### Russian helicopters(RH) signed a roadmap with IRHL

- At the ongoing Defexpo 2020, Russian helicopters have signed a roadmap with the **Indo-Russian helicopters ltd(IRHL)**.
- It was signed for the localization of **Ka-226T light utility helicopter** production in India.
- CEO of Indo-Russian helicopters ltd(IRHL): **N.M Srikanth**.

## **India- Russia military industrial conference held at Lucknow.**

- On the sidelines of the Defexpo 2020 at Lucknow, **India-Russia military industrial conference(IRMIC)** was held where **14MoUs** were signed between **Russian OEMs and Indian companies**.
- **Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA)** was signed between India and Russia at **Vladivostok, Russia** last year on the joint manufacturing of spare parts in India and now this IGA provides the substructure for the above partnership.

## **PM to attend celebrations signing on BODO ACCORD**

- An event celebrating the signing of **Bodo Accord at Kokrajhar in Assam** is to be attended by PM Narendra Modi today.
- **Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal** and his ministerial colleagues will also attend the event.
- **The tripartite Bodo Accord** was signed between **the Centre, the Assam government and the Assam-based insurgent group National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB)**.
- The main aim of the agreement is to bring political and economic benefits to the Bodo tribe, the largest tribal group in Assam.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **NASA Astronaut returns to earth after setting new space record**

- **Nasa's Christina Koch** has the world record for the most time spent by a woman in space.
- She was on her **11-month mission** before she landed on earth.
- Koch walked through the previous record of her fellow astronaut **American Peggy whitson** (289 days stay in space) by **spending 328 days on international space station(ISS)**.

### **Hollywood legend actor kirk Douglas passed away.**

- The Veteran **actor Kirk Douglas** (103 years) from **Hollywood** passed away today at Beverly Hills, California in US.
- He was born in New York in 1916, and won his first Oscar nomination for the 1949 boxing story Champion.

## **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

### **Fitch predicts India's GDP growth at 5.6%**

- **Fitch ratings** has predicted India's GDP growth will be **5.6%** in the next financial year

(2020-21) which is lower than the government's economic survey prediction.

- The economic survey had projected a GDP growth of **6-6.5 per cent**.

### **RBI keeps Repo Rate, Reverse Repo rates unchanged.**

- RBI's monetary policy committee has released its **6<sup>th</sup> Bi-monthly monetary policy** for the year 2019-20.
- RBI governor said referring to the MPC that RBI would maintain **the repo rate** unchanged **5.15%**.
- Along with the Repo rate, **Reverse repo rate and the marginal standing facility rate** also remains unchanged with **4.90% and 5.40%** respectively.

### **DoT approves merger of Bharti, Tata Tele merger.**

- The Department of telecom (DoT) has approved the merger of Telecom operator Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) consumer mobile business with Bharti Airtel.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **SOURAV GANGULY - Goodwill Ambassador for Indian team for TOKYO Olympics**

- **BCCI president Sourav Ganguly** to become the Goodwill Ambassador for the Indian team for TOKYO Olympics, invited by the **Indian Olympics Association**. The **Tokyo Olympics 2020** will be held in the months of **July and August**.
- Headquarters of Indian Olympics Association: **New Delhi**.

### **Abigail Spears banned for 22-month on failing dope test.**

- Abigail Spears, **The Former Australian Open mixed doubles champion** tested positive for the banned substances **Prasterone and Testosterone** at the 2019 US open in New York.
- Her ban was backdated to November 7, 2019 and will end on September 6, 2021.



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