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NATIONAL NEWS

Launch of 2nd PROJECT 17A ship 'HIMGIRI'



- 'Himgiri', the first of the three Project 17A ships being built at M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata was launched on 14 Dec 20.
- Under the Project 17A program, a total of seven ships, four at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and three ships at GRSE are being built with enhanced stealth features, advanced indigenous weapon and sensor fit along with several other improvements.
- P17A ships are the first gas turbine propulsion and largest combat platforms ever built at GRSE.
- P17A ships have been indigenously designed by Directorate of Naval Design (Surface Ship Design Group) DND(SSG), and are being built at indigenous yards namely MDL and GRSE.

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- NITI Aayog today released a white paper Vision 2035 Public Health Surveillance in India on 14th December 2020.
- The white paper lays out India's vision for public health surveillance through the integration of the three-tiered public health system into Ayushman Bharat.

Facts:

- CEO of NITI Aayog: Amitabh Kant
- Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog: Rajiv Kumar

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Norway Research Institute signs an MoU with Clean Ganga Mission

- Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research has signed an MoU with cGanga, for development of sludge management framework in India.
- cGanga is a think-tank of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)

Facts:

• President of Norway: Erna Solberg

• Capital of Norway: Oslo

First Trilateral Working Group meeting held



- The first trilateral working group meeting between India, Iran and Uzbekistan was held virtually on 14th December 2020.
- The meeting was held to discuss about the joint use of the Chabahar port by the three countries.

BUSINESS NEWS

A study by EY predicts higher loss in NBFCs

- Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) are expecting higher credit loss as well as an increase in provision coverage rates, mainly due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a study.
- The study by EY is based on an analysis of the financial statements of 42 NBFCs for the year ended March 31, 2020.
- The companies have reported an 'increase in expected credit loss allowance by 33% and an overall increase in provision coverage rate by 26% as at 31 March, 2020 compared to the year ended 31 March 2019'.

