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NATIONAL NEWS

Fourth Edition of India Mobile Congress announced by Centre

- The Union Minister of State for Communications, Education and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Sanjay Dhotre, has announced the India Mobile Congress 2020,
- The fourth edition of IMC is jointly organized by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) and the prime Partners include Dell Technologies, Ribbon Communications and Red Hat.
- The theme of IMC 2020 is to be "Inclusive Innovation - Smart I Secure I Sustainable".

Facts about COAI:

- Constituted in: 1995
- Non-governmental body
- Director General: Lt. Gen. Dr. S.P. Kochhar

Urban Mobility India Conference 2020 inaugurated

- The 13th Urban Mobility India Conference was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep S. Puri.
- The theme of this conference was Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility'.
- The Ministry has issued a detailed advisory, as to how the nation needs to move ahead. It relies on three key pillars

1. promotion of public transport system
2. leveraging technological advancements
3. penetration of NMT systems in the urban transport paradigm.

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid foundation for various developmental projects in Varanasi.
- The projects inaugurated include the following
    - Sarnath Light and Sound show
    - Upgradation of Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital Ramnagar

    - Sewerage related works
    - Infrastructure facilities for protection and conservation of cows
    - Multipurpose seed storehouse
    - Agriculture produce warehouse of 100 MT
    - IPDS phase 2
    - Housing complex for players in Sampurnanand Stadium
    - Varanasi city smart lighting work
    - 105 Anganwadi Kendras and 102 Gau Ashray Kendras.
- Also, he introduced 16 schemes worth of ₹220 crores

BUSINESS NEWS

India’s first auction of coal mines for commercial mining

- Union Minister for Coal has said States will earn a total revenue of Rs 6,656 crores annually from the success of the nation's first ever commercial mining auction.
- A total of 19 mines have successfully been auctioned, which is the highest number of successfully auctioned mines in any tranche of coal auctions.
- These mines are spread over 05 states Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Maharashtra.

Facts:

- Union Minister for Coal: Shri Pralhad Joshi

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Science Day for Peace and Development

- World Science Day for Peace and Development observed on November 10 every year by UNESCO, highlights the significant role of science in society and its relevance in our daily lives.
- The theme of 2020 is “Science for and with Society”.

MISCELLANEOUS

Saffron to be produced from North-Eastern states

- North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR), an autonomous body under the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India supported a pilot project to explore the feasibility of growing saffron in North East region of India, with the same quality and higher quantity.
- The saffron bowl of India, Kashmir, is the only place to produce saffron as the climatic

condition suits the cultivation.

- Government mission on Saffron: National Mission on Saffron - focused to improve its farming