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CCEA has approved equity investment for setting up of :



Coal-to-SNG project through the JV of CIL & GAIL in ECL with the equity capital of ₹ 1997.08 Crores ($\pm 25\%$).

Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project through the JV of CIL & BHEL in MCL with the equity capital of ₹ 1802.56 Crores ($\pm 25\%$).

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Cabinet approves setting-up of two coal gasification plants in West Bengal and Odisha with a target of 100 metric ton coal gasification by 2028-29

- The Government has approved that Coal India Limited (CIL) will set up two Coal Gasification Plants with a view to achieve the target of 100 MT coal gasification by the year 2030 and to fulfil India's dual objectives of self-reliance and energy independence. Briefing media after the Union Cabinet meeting, Union Minister for Coal Pralhad Joshi said that total investment in the joint venture of CIL and GAIL for the proposed Coal-to-Synthetic Natural Gas at Sonepur Bazari Area of Eastern Coalfields Limited in West Bengal will be of 13 thousand 52 crore rupees.
- Mr Joshi informed that for CIL and BHEL Joint Venture for the proposed Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate at Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Jharsuguda district of Odisha will be 11 thousand 782 crore rupees. He informed that by 2028 - 29 these projects will be operationalised.
- The Centre has also approved a proposal for equity investment for setting up of Coal-to-Synthetic Natural Gas Project through a Joint venture of Coal India Limited - CIL and Gas Authority of India Limited- GAIL. It has also approved for setting up of the Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project through a Joint venture of CIL and Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited- BHEL.
- The Union Cabinet has also approved the scheme for the promotion of Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects of Government PSUs and the Private Sector. Mr Joshi said, the total outlay of this scheme is eight thousand 500 crore rupees towards incentive for coal gasification projects under three categories.

Q. The Cabinet has approved setting up of two coal gasification plants in West Bengal and which state with the target of 100 MT coal gasification by 2028-29? **Odisha**



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Sweden set to become NATO member

- Turkey's parliament ratifies Sweden's NATO membership bid, clearing the biggest remaining hurdle to expanding the Western military alliance after 20 months of delay. Turkey's general assembly, where President Tayyip Erdogan's ruling alliance holds a majority, voted 287-55 to approve the application that Sweden first made in 2022. All NATO members need to approve applications from countries seeking to join the alliance.
- Sweden's membership would make the entire Baltic coastline NATO territory - with the exception of the Russian coast and that of its enclave Kaliningrad. This would, for example, make the Baltic States easier to defend in the event of a Russian attack. Troops and equipment could be transported much more easily by ship via Sweden to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

NATO:

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization also called the North Atlantic Alliance, is an intergovernmental military alliance of 31 member states – 29 European and two North American.
- Formation: 4 April 1949
- Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
- Secretary General: Jens Stoltenberg
- Chair of the NATO Military Committee: Lt. Admiral Rob Bauer, Royal Netherlands Navy

Q. Recently Sweden is going to become a member of NATO. In context to same, what is the fullform of NATO? **North Atlantic Treaty Organization**



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India's Rohan Bopanna becomes oldest player to hold number one spot in men's doubles tennis

- Indian tennis sensation Rohan Bopanna became the oldest player to hold the No. 1 men's doubles ranking.
- The 43-year-old Ace player, alongside Australia's Matthew Ebden defeated the Argentine pair Máximo González and Andrés Molteni in straight sets in the 2024 Australian Open quarter-finals.
- The second-seeded Indo-Australian duo will face the unseeded Tomas Machac and Zhizhen Zhang in the Australian Open semi-finals.
- After becoming the World No. 1, Bopanna said that his achievement will inspire the people all over the world, being 40 and above in a different way.
- Bopanna had made his debut more than 20 years ago. He will be 43 years and 330 days old at the end of the tournament on Sunday. According to the International Tennis Federation, the previous oldest men's doubles No 1, Mike Bryan, was 41 years and 76 days old when his streak ended in 2019.

Q. Which Indian tennis player has become the oldest player to hold the No. 1 men's doubles ranking? **Rohan Bopanna**



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K'taka HC Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale to be appointed SC judge

- The Central government approved the appointment of the Chief Justice of Karnataka HO Justice Prasanna B Varale, as Judge of the Supreme Court.
- Once he takes oath, the apex court will attain its full strength of 34 judges, including the Chief Justice of India Justice Varale will become the third sitting SC judge from a Scheduled Caste community.

Prasanna Bhalachandra Varale:

- Justice Prasanna Bhalachandra Varale was born in Nipani, Karnataka, on June 23, 1962. He graduated in Arts and Law from Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University. He became an advocate in 1985.
- Justice Varale was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court in July 2008 and was made a permanent judge three years later.
- He served as a judge in the Bombay High Court for 14 years until being appointed as Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court in October 2022.
- Justice Varale is well-known for proactively initiating suo moto cases in the public interest.

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Q. Who has been appointed SC judge recently, taking the total number of judges in the top court to 34? **Prasanna B Varale**



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CCI approves JSW Group's acquisition of up to 38% in MG Motor India

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of approximately 38 per cent of share capital of MG Motor Pvt Ltd by JSW Ventures Singapore Pte Ltd.
- JSW Ventures is a wholly-owned subsidiary of JSW International Tradecorp Pte Ltd and is part of the JSW Group.
- MG Motor India, incorporated in India, is primarily engaged in the manufacturing and sales of passenger cars and electric vehicles under the brand 'MG', the CCI stated, adding that a detailed order of the commission will follow.
- In November last year, China's SAIC Motor and JSW Group announced a strategic joint venture, with JSW Group securing a 35 per cent stake in MG Motor India. MG Motor UK is owned by SAIC Motor UK.
- The joint venture was signed with the objective of focusing on the growth and transformation of MG Motor in India, bringing together resources in automobiles and new technology.

Q. The CCI has approved the acquisition of approximately how much percent share capital of MG Motor Pvt Ltd by JSW Ventures Singapore Pte Ltd? **38**



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Ukrainian-born Japanese woman crowned Miss Japan

- A Japanese woman who was born to Ukrainian parents has crowned Miss Japan 2024.
- Carolina Shiino, 26, from Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, became the first naturalised Japanese citizen to win the pageant in Tokyo.
- Mr Shiino moved to Japan when she was five years old after her mother remarried a Japanese man.
- In 2015, Ariana Miyamoto became the first bi-racial woman to be crowned Miss Japan. She was born to a Japanese woman and her father was African American. Even at that time, questions were raised over the crowning of a mixed race person at the pageant.

Japan:

- Capital: Tokyo
- Prime Minister: Fumio Kishida
- Currency: Japanese yen

Q. Name the Ukrainian-born Japanese woman, who has crowned Miss Japan 2024? **Carolina Shiino**



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Cabinet approves signing of MoU between India and Oman on cooperation in the field of Information Technology

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed between the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology of the Sultanate of Oman on cooperation in the field of Information Technology.
- The MoU intends to promote comprehensive cooperation between the Parties through mutual support, sharing of technologies, information and investments in the field of Information Technology.
- The MoU shall come into effect from the date of signature of the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of 3 years.
- Both G2G and B2B bilateral Cooperation in the field of Information Technology will be enhanced.
- MoU envisages improved collaboration leading to employment opportunities in the field of IT.

Q. Recently the Cabinet has approved the signing of MoU between India and Oman on cooperation in which field?
Information Technology



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Cabinet approves Protocol for establishment of joint Economic and Trade Committee between India and Dominican Republic

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the proposal for signing of a protocol for establishment of Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) between the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic.
- At present, there is no bilateral institutional mechanism between India and Dominican Republic on trade and commerce.
- India primarily imports gold from Dominican Republic and exports pharmaceuticals, marine products, motor vehicles, two and three wheelers etc. to them.
- The establishment of JETCO will strengthen economic tie between India and the Dominican Republic and shall play a pivotal role and provide a platform for discussions, exchange of information, knowledge and ideas which would in turn facilitate trade and industry. The Protocol can be an effective gateway to the larger Latin American and Caribbean markets.

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Q. The Cabinet approved the protocol for the establishment of a Joint Economic and Trade Committee between India and which country?

Dominican Republic



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MoD inks contract, worth over Rs 1070 cr, with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd

- The Ministry of Defence has signed Contract with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) for acquisition of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- The value of the contract is Rs 1070.47 cr.
- These multi role FPVs will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by MDL under Buy (Indian-IDDMM) Category and will be delivered in total 63 months.
- Along with several high tech advanced features and equipment, these FPVs will be equipped with multipurpose drones, wirelessly controlled remote water rescue craft lifebuoy and AI capability etc. enabling greater flexibility and operational edge to the ICG to face new age multidimensional challenges.
- These modern FPVs will play a critical role in enhancing fisheries protection and monitoring, control and surveillance, anti-smuggling operations, search and rescue operations including in shallow waters, assistance to ship/crafts in distress, towing capabilities, assistance and monitoring during marine pollution response operations, anti-piracy operations.
- The acquisition of these FPVs is aimed to boost ICG's capability and reinforces the increased focus of the government towards maritime security.

Q. What is the value of the contract signed by the Ministry of Defense with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) for the acquisition of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)? **Rs 1070 cr**



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Competition Commission of India



TATA ELECTRONICS

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CCI approves 100% acquisition of Wistron Infocomm Manufacturing (India) Private Limited by Tata Electronics Private Limited

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved 100% acquisition of Wistron Infocomm Manufacturing (India) Private Limited by Tata Electronics Private Limited.
- The proposed combination relates to the acquisition of 100% of the Wistron Infocomm Manufacturing (India) Private Limited's (Target) equity share capital from SMS Infocomm (Singapore) Private Limited and Wistron Hong Kong Limited by Tata Electronics Private Limited (Acquirer).
- The Acquirer is a greenfield venture of Tata Sons Private Limited. It manufactures smartphone enclosures (i.e. the frame of the phone on which other components/sub-assemblies of a smartphone are assembled), a high precision component for smartphones.
- The Target is an electrical and electronics manufacturing company engaged in electronic manufacturing services (i.e., contract manufacturing of electronics) for smartphones in India, at its plant in Karnataka. It was incorporated in 2017 by the Wistron group.

Q. Recently CCI has approved 100% acquisition of which company by Tata Electronics Private Limited? **Wistron Infocom Manufacturing (India) Private Limited**



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