

National News

Launch of the Global Biofuel Alliance.

- **Indian Prime Minister Modi** launched the **Global Biofuels Alliance** at the G20 Leaders Summit in the national capital **New Delhi** on **September 9, 2023**.
- The Global Biofuels Alliance aims to be an important part of our quest towards **sustainability** and **clean and reliable energy** and soon the alliance will **create environment-friendly global sustainability initiatives**, the Prime Minister of India said at the conference and the Alliance is unique in that it is a major India-led initiative to build a **coalition of governments, international organizations and industry to facilitate the adoption of biofuels**.

REC has entered into an MoU with PFC for two financial years of development.

- **PFC** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the **REC organization** under the **DPE Performance Evaluation Initiative – Development of Central Public Enterprises** for the **financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25**.
- These agreements were signed in the presence of **Vivek Kumar Devangan**, Chairman (CMD) of **REC**. According to this in the financial year **2023-24** nearly **Rs. 469.35 billion** and in **FY 2024-25** around **Rs. 563.22 billion** worth of **operations**, REC has entered into this agreement with the **objective of generating corporate revenue**. It is significant that REC belongs to the **Maharatna** division. Both **PFC** and **REC** are under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Power, Government of India**.

ONDC has entered into an MoU with the Kerala Transport Department.

- **The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry** has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the **Department of Transport, Government of Kerala** as a major initiative of the Department of Industry and Domestic Trade and Economic Development (**DPIIT**), Open Network for Digital Commerce (**ONDC**).
- The MoU was signed in the presence of the **Transport Minister on behalf of Kerala Government** and **Joshi (CBO)** on behalf of **ONDC**. The collaboration is said to be an **expansion of the one launched with KOMN in 2019**.
- It is significant that the agreement is aimed at creating an **integrated and accessible mobility ecosystem in the state** without any barriers.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the NextG Alliance and the Bharat 6G Alliance to explore opportunities for web collaboration.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) has been entered into between **NextG Organization** and **Bharat 6G Organization** to explore and promote all-enterprise collaboration opportunities in **6G wireless technologies in India** and its dependent **regions** and rest of the **world**.
- It is significant that this MoU was signed in the presence of **ATIS NextG Alliance** President and CEO **Susan Miller** and **Bharat 6G Alliance** President **NG Subramaniam**. It is aimed at aligning research and development priorities that support the **country's common 6G vision** and building **secure and reliable telecommunications and supply chains**.

World's tallest fighter jet base to be set up in Ladakh

- **The Border Roads Organization (BRO)** said in a statement issued on **September 10** that the **world's highest combat airfield or base** is to be set up at **Nyoma** in India's Union Territory of **Ladakh**.
- **Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh** is scheduled to lay the **foundation stone** for this important and historic development project on **September 12** and the airport, which will be built at a cost of around **₹218 crore**, is set up with the aim of **greatly improving aviation infrastructure in Ladakh**, **BRO** said.

Various development MoUs have been signed between the Governments of India and Saudi Arabia to explore research in industries.

- In a recent notification issued by the central government, more than **twenty MoUs** have been signed between **India and Saudi Arabia** to explore the development of **agriculture, education, information technology, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals and human resource sectors**.
- It is significant that the Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between private companies of the two countries including **HP Company, Serum India Company, VFS Global and ICICI Bank**.

International news

Olympic champion Mudasa has been chosen as Qatar's Tourism Brand Ambassador.

- The country has mentioned in its latest announcement that the **world and Olympic champion Mutaz Barshim** has been selected as the **New advertising or Brand ambassador** on behalf of the **country's tourism sector**.
- Notably, he recently became the **only high jumper to win five World Series Championship medals**. He will be the **new face of Qatar Tourism's campaigns** from **September 2023 to September 2024**, the announcement said.

The US and Vietnam have signed a memorandum of understanding to expand the country's industry.

- **The United States and Vietnam** have recently entered into a memorandum of understanding on **semiconductor supply chains** to expand and improve the capacity of the **semiconductor ecosystem in regional areas** based in the **Hanoi region** to support the **two countries**, and particularly the **U.S. industry**.
- In a **White House statement** released on **September 11**, the MoU aims to **build and improve Vietnam's strong semiconductor supply chains**.

The documentary "Touch Me Not" was released at the 23rd Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology.

- A **documentary** produced by the **Jindal Institute of Behavioral Sciences**, which examines the widespread problem of indecent touching in public places in **India** and includes solutions, has been released at the **23rd annual conference of the European Society of Criminology**.
- It is notable that the documentary was released by **Professor Stephan Parmentier, Secretary General of the International Criminology Association in Florence, Italy** at the **three-day** conference. The **30-minute** documentary explores the **widespread problem of sexually inappropriate touching in public spaces across India**.

State news

Mahatma Gandhi statue unveiled in Assam.

- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sharma** on **September 11** unveiled a **statue of honorable Mahatma Gandhi** at the state new assembly complex in Assam's main city **Guwahati**.
- The **five-day autumn session of the Assam State Legislative Assembly** began on **September 11**. It is also significant that this is the **first time** that the meeting will be held in the **newly constructed Assam Assembly building in Guwahati**.

Appointments

NAILEA was appointed as REVLON's global Brand Ambassador.

- Globally renowned consumer products services provider **Revlon** has announced in its latest announcement that it has appointed **Nylia Devora** as its **Global Brand Ambassador**.
- It has been mentioned that he has worked as the **face of Revlon until 2024**.

Appointment of Jingyuan as director of Lithium Universe.

- In its latest announcement, it has appointed **Dr Jingyuan Liu**, a technologist, as the **sole or Independent managing director of Australia-based Lithium Universe (LU7)**, a lithium exploration company.
- It is notable that before this appointment, he worked as the **General Manager of the Company's Management and Technology Division at Galaxy Resources**. It is reported that he has more than **30 years of technical experience** and will strive for organizational excellence through his consistent activities.

Awards

Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Awards 2022 Selection List Released

- The list of **Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Awards**, the country's **best annual science award** for nearly **two years**, was released on **September 11, 2023**.
- The announcement mentioned that **12 scientists** will receive the awards in **seven categories** this year. It is notable that these awards are presented in **seven scientific disciplines: Biology, Physics, Engineering, Mathematics, Chemistry, Medicine, and Earth Sciences**. It is considered special that these awards are presented **annually in the name of Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar, the first Director of CSIR**.

Sports news

India has won the silver medal in the 2023 Archery World Cup.

- **Archery World Cup 2023** finals Indian archer **Prathamesh Jawkar** retained his **Silver Medal** after a tough fight.
- It is significant that **India's World No. 14 Jawkar** retained the **gold medal** by competing against **Denmark's Mathias Fullerton**, who is ranked **No. 10**.

Important day

National Forest Martyrs Day 2023

- **National Forest Martyrs Day** is observed on **11th September** every year to honor and respect those who sacrificed their lives to protect all the **forests and its wildlife in the country**.
- It is also commonly observed as the anniversary of the **1730 Khejarli Massacre**. It is significant because in this massacre, **nearly 363 Bishnoi villagers were killed while protecting the trees**. This day is observed with the general concept of **Honoring Sacrifice**.