

National News

The Union Minister lays foundation stone for various development projects of school education and higher education sector in Dehradun.

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the **Vidya Samiksha Kendra** in Dehradun, the capital of **Uttarakhand** on **September 12**. In the same work he has laid the foundation stone of **141 PM-Shri Schools** and **3 Netaji Subhash Chandra Residential Schools** in the state.
- It is significant that **Uttarakhand** is the **second state** after **Gujarat** to start the **Vidya Samiksha Kendra** system. Also, it has been set up with the aim of providing information about the **education department** in the state easily to those who need it on the **Portal**.

DoT launches a scheme to expand FTTH network cables in rural areas.

- The **Union Department of Telecom** has launched a program to recognize **Internet Service Providers** for their **exceptional efforts** in expanding and improving **fiber-to-home** connectivity in **small and marginal rural areas**.
- According to the **Ministry of Information and Communications**, the scheme aims to recognize three categories of **internet service providers - A, B and C** - that have provided the maximum number of connections in rural areas in a year.
- It is also said that in this recognition, the **name** of the **internet service providers** along with the **certificate will be displayed on the Portal** of the **Central Department of Communication** and this will be a **major initiative** to improve digital access and connectivity in rural areas.

First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights Begins

- **Droupadi Murmu**, the President of India, inaugurated the **first global conference** to **study and promote farmers' rights** in the national capital **New Delhi** on **September 12**.
- In this program he mentioned farmers and agricultural workers as **ANNDATA**. Notably, India was the **first country in the world to include farmers' rights in the context of plant variety registration** through the **Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001**.

The 12th India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD) meeting was held in New Delhi.

- The **12th round of the India-UK Economic and Financial Forum** was held on **September 11** in the national capital, **New Delhi**.
- The two countries are aiming to strengthen their commitment to deepen and **enhance cooperative cooperation** in their **financial services** and to **support mutual mechanisms** for financial inclusion and **sustainable development**. In this, it is considered very important that the two countries discuss **macroeconomic development**.

The Indian Navy and Uber have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Safe Travel.

- The **Indian Navy** and **Uber** have signed an **MoU** with the aim of **providing reliable, convenient, economical and secure mobility solutions** for personal and government travel of **naval personnel and their families across the country**.
- Under the initiative '**Ships First**', it is in line with **CNS's** vision of '**Happy Employees**' and is a **first of its kind in the tri-service armed forces**. It is seen as a **special part** of the central government's '**Digital India**' initiative to adopt technology for a **visionary transformation**.

NTPC Green Energy has entered into an MoU with Nayara Energy for production of green hydrogen.

- **NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL)**, a subsidiary of India's leading integrated power company **NTPC**, and **Nayara Energy**, a global new age international downstream energy company, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on **September 11, 2023**.
- These MoUs are aimed at exploring opportunities in the **green energy** and **green hydrogen space and producing green hydrogen** for captive use by **Nayara Energy**, accelerating decarbonisation activities and promoting reduction of **carbon footprint**.

An MoU has been entered into between NIT-C and IMHANS to study mental health issues among students.

- **National Institute of Technology, Kozhikode (NIT-C)** and **Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology (IMHANS), Kozhikode** have entered into an MoU on **11th September 2023** to ensure and promote improved **mental health access** for school and college **students and teachers**.
- **Prasad Krishna, Director of NIT-C**, said that this MoU is aimed at improving the **mental health and well-being** of students and teachers in **Central and Higher Education Institutions**.

India is set to launch its first seagoing submersible 'Matsya 6000' in the Bay of Bengal.

- The Union government has mentioned in a recent notification that the submarine called "**Matsya 6000**" which means the **first incarnation of Vishnu** or the **giant fish**, will be launched in the **Bay of Bengal** off the coast of **Chennai in early 2024**.
- The indigenously-built ship will dive almost **6000 meters** underwater to search for **precious metals and minerals** like **manganese, cobalt and nickel**, the announcement said.

International news

The Indian High Commission in Dhaka has launched an initiative called "Musical Soiree".

- **The Indira Gandhi Cultural Center (IGCC)** in **Dhaka**, the capital of **Bangladesh** and the **Indian High Commission in Dhaka** have organized a **musical extravaganza** called '**Musical Soiree**' on **September 11, 2023** at **Chhayanat Maidan Complex, Dhaka**.
- The initiative was taken in the presence of renowned **classical singer Pandit Alope Sen**. This is an expression of the cultural traditions of the two countries and the friendship between the two countries has been mentioned in a recent notification issued by the **Indian Supreme Council**.

Dhaka and Paris have entered into MoU for various sectoral developments.

- **Dhaka and Paris** signed **two MoUs** on **September 12, 2023** to **enhance cooperation in various sectors** including the **country's economic infrastructure and satellite**.
- It is notable that this MoU was signed in **Dhaka**, the capital of **Bangladesh**, in the presence of **Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina** and **French President Emmanuel Macron**.
- After **33 years**, **Macron** became the **first French president to visit Bangladesh**. The two countries agreed to work together in various fields such as **economic development and climate change**.

Intelsat and Aalyria have entered into agreements to develop optical technology for advanced space connectivity.

- **Satellite technology (satcom)** company **Intelsat** and **California-based Aalyria** have recently signed a commercial agreement to **develop new optical technology** to exchange data between **ground and space**.
- Notably, the **MoU** is aimed at taking the technology to the next level through **software-defined algorithms, 5G and multi-layer operations enabling cellular and optical technology connections**.

Introducing the Portal PM DAKSH.

- On **September 11, 2023**, the central government launched a **Portal** called **PM DAKSH-DEPwD**. It aims to act as a **"One-Stop Digital Destination"** where all differently-abled people across the country can access jobs offered by various companies.
- It is significant that it aims to initially add **nearly 25,000 jobs** to the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) Portal** under the **Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.

State news

The Gujarat government has entered into nearly 7 MoUs worth Rs 4,000 crore.

- **The Gujarat state government** on **September 12** signed nearly seven Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to create over **25,000 jobs** worth an investment of **Rs 4,000 crore** in the state.
- In this especially **Shyam Fashion India Company** Projects worth **Rs 103.25 crore** have been earmarked in **Gangad village of Bavla taluk of Ahmedabad district** which is considered special. Because the state government has said that it will start functioning by **March 2024** and as a result **nearly 150 people will get jobs**.

An exhibition titled 'Bharat: Mother of Democracy' has been set up.

- **The Union Ministry of Culture**, Government of India has organized a **historic exhibition** titled **'Bharat: Mother of Democracy'** on the premises of the **G20 Summit** held from **September 8 to 10**.
- It best brings the **history of democracy in India** through **26 interactive panels** on one side of the channel where the audience can easily read the content in more than **12 languages** and listen to the **audio in 16 different languages**. It is also notable that it includes **photos & statues** and **cinematography** of **historic events in modern India** including **elections, group local self-government, Krishna Deva Raya, Jain Dharma**.

Appointments

LRN Corporation has appointed Dean Rogers as Senior Vice President.

- **LRN Corporation**, a leader in ethics and procedural compliance solutions, announced in a recent announcement that it has appointed **Dean Rogers** as **senior vice president** of the **Asia-Pacific region** to drive and improve the company's ethical performance.
- Based in the **Tokyo office**, he will lead LRN's business development and client team across the **Asia-Pacific region**, overseeing teams in **Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong and Australia**.

Rojansky was appointed as Mobileye's CFO.

- **Mobileye Global**, a global technology maker for self-driving technology, has announced in its latest announcement that it has appointed **Moran Rojansky** as its **Chief Financial Officer** effective **September 12, 2023**.
- It is significant that this appointment has been made after he stepped down from this position **last June**. The **43-year-old** has been working with the **Israel-based company** since **2016** and is expected to improve the company through his **serious actions**, the company said in the announcement.