

14th August, 2021

PM Modi launches scrappage policy to phase out unfit and polluting vehicles

Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally launched the National Automobile Scrappage Policy and Investors Summit for setting up Vehicle Scrapping Infrastructure, through video conferencing at Gandhinagar in Gujarat. Addressing the summit, Mr. Modi said, the launch is a significant milestone in India's development journey. The Scrappage Policy will give a new dimension to India's mobility with a new identity to its automobile industry. Those who scrap their old vehicles will get a waiver on the registration fee for their new vehicle, and will be entitled to relief in road tax, he said. The new policy will attract the investment of around 10 thousand crore rupees along with thousands of new employment. He added, the new scrapping policy is an important link in the circular economy and in the waste to wealth campaign.

India's first 'Water Plus' city

Indore, India's cleanest city, has now been declared as the country's first 'water plus' city under the Swachh Survekshan 2021.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan took to Twitter saying Indore, the state's commercial capital, has set an example for other cities by becoming the first 'Water+' certified city under the Swachh Survekshan 2021.

Govt to ban manufacture, sale and use of single-use plastic items from 1st of July next year

The Government has notified the plastic waste management amendment rules 2021 prohibiting identified single-use plastic items by 2022. Pollution due to single-use plastic items has become a major environmental challenge. The manufacturing, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of several single-use plastics will be prohibited with effect from the 1st of July of next year. The thickness of plastic carry bags will be increased from fifty microns to seventy-five microns with effect from the 30th of September of next month and to 120 microns with effect from the 31st of December this year.

Assam Assembly passes Cattle Preservation Bill, 2021

The Assam Assembly passed the Cattle Preservation Bill, 2021 aimed at regulating slaughter, consumption and transportation of cattle in the state. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, after introducing the bill in the house, pointed out that the legislation seeks to ensure that permission wasn't granted to areas that are predominantly inhabited by Hindu, Jain, Sikh and other non-beef eating communities or places that fall within five- kilometre radius of a temple, satra or any other institution as maybe prescribed by the authorities. He said that exemptions might be granted for certain religious occasions. The opposition parties demanded the bill to be sent to the Select Committee. But when their demand was rejected, opposition Congress, AIUDF and CMI P legislators walked out. After that , the bill was passed on voice vote.

Rajnath Singh launches series of events to mark 75th anniversary of India's Independence being celebrated as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched a series of major events to mark 75th anniversary of India's Independence being celebrated as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. These events to be organized by the Armed Forces and other organisations of Defence Ministry. The events include hoisting of national flag at 75 places, army expedition to 75 mountain passes, Jan Sampark Abhiyan among others. A book 'Deeds of Gallantry', commemorating India's victory in the 1971 war, was unveiled by the Defence Minister. The book highlight 20 selected battles and valour of Indian soldiers.

3-day long maiden bilateral exercise 'Al-Mohed Al – Hindi' between Indian Navy, Royal Saudi Naval Force commenced off the coast of Al Jubail

The sea phase of the three day long maiden bilateral exercise 'Al-Mohed Al – Hindi' between Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Naval Force commenced yesterday off the coast of Al Jubail. Indian Navy participated with its indigenously built stealth destroyer Kochi with two integral Sea King helicopters.

It saw the two navies undertake co-ordinated action against asymmetric threat, replenishment at sea procedures, anti-piracy and boarding operations. Complex and collaborative exercises including weapon targeting drills beyond the horizon were also conducted to enhance synergy and inter-operability between the two navies.

IIT, Bombay develops novel method using infra-red technology to predict patients more likely to be severely ill from COVID

IIT, Bombay has developed a novel method using infra-red technology to detect which patients are more at risk of becoming severely ill from COVID-19. The head of the Proteomics Facility at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Professor Sanjeeva Srivastava, has confirmed that there is a correlation between a person's blood chemical signature and becoming severely unwell with COVID-19.

YOURLORDSHIPS