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India's first indigenous aircraft carrier starts sea trial

India's first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier began sea trials off the coast of Kochi on 4th August, 2021. The landmark achievement puts India in an exclusive list of a handful of nations that have the capability to manufacture these most powerful of naval vessels.

The Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) will carry the name INS Vikrant — the same as the Indian Navy's first aircraft carrier that was decommissioned in 1997 after more than 35 years of service — once it is commissioned next year.

The “reincarnated Vikrant (IAC) sailed for her maiden sea trials today, in the 50th year of her illustrious predecessor's key role in victory in the 1971 war”, the Navy said in a statement celebrating a “proud and historic day for India”.

Parliament passes Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2021

Parliament has passed the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2021 with the Rajya Sabha approving it today amid din. The Lok Sabha has already passed the Bill. The legislation seeks to amend the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008. The Act designates an airport as a major airport if it has annual passenger traffic of at least 35 lakh. The Bill amends the definition of major airport and adds that the Central Government may group airports and notify the group as a major airport.

Cabinet approves continuation of Fast Track Special Courts

The Cabinet on 4th August, 2021, approved continuation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts for further two years till 31st March 2023. Briefing media Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said, 1,023 Fast Track Special Courts have been given get two-year extension. He said, 389 exclusive POCSO courts will also get extension. He said, central share of outlay will be funded from Nirbhaya fund.

This will provide speedy justice access to justice to victims of sexual crimes, quick justice to the hapless victims and declogging of their judicial system. It will help in reduction in number of pending cases of rape and POCSO Act.

Parliament passes Coconut Development Board Amendment Bill, 2021

The Parliament has passed the Coconut Development Board (Amendment) Bill, 2021. Lok Sabha on 4th August, 2021 passed the Bill amid din without any discussion, which was earlier passed by the Rajya Sabha.

Moving the Bill, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar said

that the Bill amends the Coconut Development Board Act, 1979. The Bill facilitates in development of the coconut industry across the country in coastal states and Union Territories. The Bill also amends the composition of the Coconut Development Board to improve its management and administration. Mr. Tomar said, the Bill will be beneficial to the Coconut farmers.

Parliament passes Deposit Insurance & Credit Guarantee Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2021

The Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 2021 passed the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (Amendment) Bill amid opposition uproar, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman saying the proposed legislation will help small depositors, including those of the stressed PMC Bank. The bill was passed after a short debate.

The Bill proposes that even if a bank is temporarily unable to fulfil its obligations due to restrictions such as moratorium, depositors can access their deposits to the extent of the deposit insurance cover through interim payments by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). For this, the Bill seeks to insert a new Section in the DICGC Act, 1961.

Parliament passes Limited Liability Partnership Amendment Bill

The Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 2021 passed the Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to encourage the start-up ecosystem and further boost ease of doing business, amid uproar by the opposition on Pegasus snooping row and other issues.

The bill, which was passed after a short debate, seeks to decriminalise 12 offences under the law and help to improve the ease of doing business by amending the Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Act, 2008. The amendment bill was passed with voice vote.

Lok Sabha passed Air Quality Management in NCR, Adjoining Areas Bill, 2021

A bill which seeks to set up a statutory authority with appropriate powers to tackle air pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR) and adjoining areas was passed by the Lok Sabha on 4th August, 2021. 'The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Bill, 2021', introduced last week, was moved for consideration and passage by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav amid din created by opposition members over the Pegasus spying row and farmers' issue.

Indian and Russian Armies begin joint Exercise INDRA 2021 at Volgograd in Russia

The Indo - Russia joint training Exercise INDRA 2021 commenced at Prudboy Ranges, Volgograd in Russia yesterday. It started an impressive opening ceremony that saw the unfurling of the National Flags of both countries. Exercise INDRA 2021 will enhance interoperability between the Indian and Russian Armies.

The aim of the exercise is to facilitate joint training between Indian and Russian Armies to jointly plan and conduct counter terror operations under the United Nations mandate.

Exercise INDRA - 2021 will strengthen mutual confidence, interoperability and enable sharing of best practices between both the armed forces. It will be another landmark event in the history of Indo-Russian defence cooperation.

Tokyo Olympics: India win bronze medal in men's hockey defeating Germany 5-4

Indian men's Hockey team scripted history with their sticks as they defeated Germany 5-4 to win a bronze in Tokyo Olympics. The quest for medal for India ended after the wait of 41 years as men in blue outplayed Germany in every quarter in a high scoring match. For India, Simranjit Singh scored two goals and Harmanpreet, Hardik, Rupinder Pal Singh scoring one goal each.

Tokyo Olympics: Wrestler Ravi Dahiya to fight for Gold in 57 Kg free style category

In Wrestling, Ravi Dahiya will fight for the gold against the reigning world champion Zavur Uguev of ROC in the freestyle 57kg final.

Tokyo Olympics: Boxer Lovlina Borgohain bags Bronze Medal in welterweight category

In Tokyo Olympic Boxer Lovlina Borgohain has bagged a Bronze Medal in welterweight 69 kilogram category after she lost to World Champion Busenaz Surmeneli of Turkey in semi-finals. This is the third medal for the country.

Athlete Neeraj Chopra qualifies for Men's Javelin throw finals

In Tokyo Olympics, promising athlete Neeraj Chopra sealed an automatic qualification for the Men's Javelin throw finals by throwing 86.65 metres in his first attempt.

India loses to Argentina 2-1 in women's Hockey semifinals

India lost to Argentina 2-1 in semi-final Women's Hockey match today. Now Argentina will clash with Netherlands in the Summit clash tomorrow for the gold medal at 3:30 PM. Indian eves will meet Germany team on Friday at 7:00 AM for Bronze medal.