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NATIONAL

1) Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha

- Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur, debuted the trailer for the new television series Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha in New Delhi.
- Doordarshan will begin airing this series on August 14th, 2022.
- The contribution of the liberation warriors and unsung heroes of the freedom movement will be highlighted in the 75-episode drama. The All India Radio will also air this programme.

2) Iran, Belarus Joined Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

- Iran, Belarus are the newly joined Nations in Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- The decision to admit Iran was made in last year's Dushanbe summit and Belarus has submitted its application.
- The Beijing-headquartered SCO is an eight-member economic and security bloc consisting of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.

3) Jagriti

- Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) has launched "Jagriti", a mascot for empowering consumers and generating awareness of their rights.
- Jagriti mascot shall be shown along with tagline "Jago Grahak Jago" in all its media campaigns.

4) Project 17A Frigate

- Defence Minister launched the fourth and latest ship of the Indian Navy's 17A Frigates, the Dunagiri.
- These are follow-on of the P17 Frigates (Shivalik Class) with improved stealth features, advanced weapons and sensors and platform management systems.

STATE NEWS

1) e-FIR service

- The e-FIR service and the Uttarakhand police app were introduced by chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama.





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- The State police's five online services are all integrated into the police app. Dhami, who spoke at the event, asserted that the app will provide better services to the public.

2) 'Namsai Declaration'

- The Chief Ministers of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh signed the 'Namsai Declaration' for minimising the inter-State boundary dispute involving 123 villages.
- The boundary line shown on 29 toposheets by a high-powered committee in 1960 will be taken as the basis for the realignment of the Arunachal Pradesh-Assam boundary towards resolving decades of dispute.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Vedanta has partnered with Detect Technologies

- To implement safety incident detection, metal and oil and gas company Vedanta has partnered with Detect Technologies, a startup established at IIT Madras, and deployed T-Pulse HSSE Monitoring System across all of its business units.
- The partnership is consistent with the Vedanta Group's objective to achieving zero harm through the implementation of AI-enabled safety monitoring of workplaces, which is a key priority in its roadmap for digital transformation.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Marty Chavez

- Marty Chavez is joining the board of Google parent Alphabet Inc., adding significant finance muscle to the technology giant.
- His appointment marks the first change to the Alphabet board since 2020 when former Google Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt departed.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021

- The United Nations Environment Program National Goodwill Ambassador Ms Dia Mirza, and Environmental Activist Mr Afroz Shah were felicitated with the prestigious Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021.
- The award is given by the Governor of Maharashtra Hon. Bhagat Singh Koshiyari.



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- They were awarded for their commendable and notable achievements in Environmental Sustainability.

2) “The Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum”

- The Japanese government announced to honour former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with the country’s highest award “The Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum” posthumously.
- Shinzo Abe will be the fourth former premier to receive the honour under the postwar Constitution.
- Before him, former Prime Ministers Shigeru Yoshida, Eisaku Sato and Yasuhiro Nakasone were conferred with the same honour.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Youth Skills Day 2022

- World Youth Skills Day 2022 is observed annually on July 15.
- The day focuses on the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.
- Theme of 2022: ‘Transforming youth skills for the future’.