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INTERNATIONAL

1) INS Tarkash visited Djibouti

- Indian Navy Stealth Frigate INS Tarkash visited Djibouti as part of its long-range overseas deployment.
- Djibouti is an East African country located in the Horn of Africa.
- Lake Assal is the lowest point of Africa, is in Djibouti.

NATIONAL

1) Union home minister Amit Shah unveiled the 'Statue of Peace'

- Union home minister, Amit Shah virtually unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya in Srinagar, located in a temple in the Sonwar region.
- Saint Ramanujacharya, also known as Ramanuja, is considered to be a great thinker, philosopher and social reformer, a south Indian Brahmin born in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur.

2) "SVANidhi Mahotsav"

- On the occasion of second anniversary of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, the Housing and Urban affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri launched the 'SVANidhi Mahotsav,' which will be celebrated from 9th to 31st of July.
- The festival will be organized in 75 cities across all states and Union Territories, and showcase various cultural activities, digital training activities and loan melas.

3) Kharchi festival

- Kharchi festival, offering prayer to 14 gods and goddess, began with thousands of devotees converging at Khayerpur on the eastern outskirts of the Tripura.
- Kharchi Puja is predominantly a tribal festival but it owes its origins to Hindu religion. Devotees and sadhus from across India and neighbouring Bangladesh have also participated in the festival.

4) Nonylphenol

- A study revealed the presence of high levels of toxic chemical Nonylphenol in drinking water across India.





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- Nonylphenol is commonly used in the production of Nonylphenol Ethoxylates (NPEs), which is used as surfactants as well as in day-to-day consumer products such as detergents, wetting agents and dispersants.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Payment Aggregators

- RBI has given in-principal approval for Payment Aggregator licence to payment providers such as Razorpay, Stripe and Pine Labs.
- Payment Aggregators, also known as merchant aggregators, are entities that facilitate e-commerce sites and merchants to accept various payment instruments from the customers for completion of their payment obligations without the need for merchants to create a separate payment integration system of their own.

STATE NEWS

1) India's first Right to Health Bill

- The Rajasthan government is soon likely to introduce in the Assembly the Right to Health Bill, "the first of its kind in India", which aims to commit to quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers.
- The right to health bill is part of the Rajasthan government's bid to expand and strengthen medical services in the state.

2) Mission Kushal Karmi

- Manish Sisodia, the deputy chief minister of Delhi, started Mission Kushal Karmi to help construction workers improve their abilities.
- According to a formal press release, the Delhi government developed this programme with assistance from the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University and Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.