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CURRENT AFFAIRS: DAYS

World Accreditation Day



- **World Accreditation Day (WAD)** celebrated every year on **June 9th** to highlight the role of accreditation in trade and economy.
- **The theme** for WAD this year, decided by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) was, **Accreditation: Improving Food Safety**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: NATIONAL

MoS Home G Kishan Reddy, 9 others named on new panel for freedom fighters



- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has reconstituted a committee to look into the **welfare of freedom fighters, with** the minister of state for home affairs **G Kishan Reddy** as the **chairman** and **nine “eminent freedom fighters”** from across the country as its members.
- The ministry has a separate division to serve freedom fighters who are alive and their families. It disburses pension to about 30,000 freedom fighters and their families.
- The new panel may verify if one person has given affidavits to two or more applicants and will examine the demands to build memorials and museums for freedom fighters.

About Ministry of Home affairs

- Minister of Home Affairs: Amit Shah
- Constituency: Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Minister of State: G. Kishan Reddy
- Constituency: Telangana.

BS-VI compliant vehicles to display green sticker



- The Government has mandated a **one cm green sticker**, providing registration details, in all BS-VI compliant motor vehicles. The order will come into force from **October 1, 2020**.
- Vehicles complying with **BS-VI emission** norms shall have 1 cm green strip at the top in the third registration plate, as per a notification issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- The order was issued amending the **Motor Vehicles (High Security Registration Plates) order, 2018**.
- Earlier, the Government has stated that from April 1, 2019, all motor vehicles will be fitted with tamper-proof, high security registration plates (HSRP).
- This HSRP or third number plate will be fitted on the inside of the windshield of each new manufactured vehicle by the manufacturers.
- Under the HSRP, a chromium-based hologram is applied by hot stamping on the top left corner of the number plates both at the front and back besides laser-branding of a permanent identification number with a minimum of 10 digits into the reflective sheeting on the bottom left of the registration plate.
- The third number plate will also have colour coding for the fuel used in the vehicle. The colour coding is done in order to detect polluting vehicles from the non-polluting ones.
- A Road Transport and Highways Ministry official stated it has been brought-forth that the BS-VI emission standards, which have been mandated from April 1, 2020, provide for strict emission norms, and requests were to made to have distinct identification for such vehicles as is being made in other countries.
- Accordingly, a feature in form of a unique strip of **green colour of 1 cm wide** on top of the existing third registration sticker for the purpose of BS-VI vehicles of any fuel type i.e -- **for petrol or CNG**, which have a **light blue colour sticker** and a **diesel vehicle** which is of **orange colour sticker** -- will have a green strip of 1 CM on top has been mandated, he stated.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

Indian economy to grow at 9.5 pct in next fiscal, says Fitch Ratings



- After a contraction in the current financial year, India's economy is forecast to bounce back with a sharp growth rate of **9.5 percent** next fiscal, Fitch Ratings has stated. It has forecast a **5 percent contraction** in the GDP in the ongoing financial year.
- Fitch Ratings stated after the global crisis, India's GDP growth is likely to return to higher levels than '**BBB**' category peers.
- To support the economy, the Reserve Bank of India has eased monetary policy by cutting policy rates and providing liquidity through long-term repo operations. Prudential requirements for banks have also been eased to free up liquidity for lending.

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- The government has announced stimulus measures amounting to **10 percent of GDP**.

About Fitch Ratings:

- Headquarters: New York, United States
- CEO: Paul Taylor

Customs duty hiked on bamboo imports from 10% to 25%



- Union Government has hiked **Customs duty** on bamboo imports by agarbatti manufacturers from **10 per cent to 25 per cent** with immediate effect. Finance Ministry has stated that the decision has been taken to encourage use of domestic bamboo under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme.
- The **25 per cent customs** duty rate shall now uniformly apply to any import of bamboo, including by traders.
- Government stated, uniform rate will help in avoiding misuse and rate-related disputes. This measure is seen to benefit farmers and MSME agarbatti manufacturers.
- Earlier, the gains were utilized by only the large agarbatti manufacturers as they were able to import bamboo at lower rate.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATES

Uttar Pradesh govt. clears ordinance to prevent cow slaughter



- To protect cows and prevent their slaughter, the Uttar Pradesh government approved a **draft ordinance**, providing a maximum rigorous **imprisonment of 10 years** and a **fine up to Rs.5 lakh**.
- For the first offence, a person can be given a rigorous punishment of one to seven years with a fine ranging from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.3 lakh.
- For the second offence, the person can be given a 10-year rigorous imprisonment with a fine up to Rs.5 lakh.
- The State cabinet cleared the draft of the **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Cow Slaughter Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020** at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- In case of the illegal transportation of cows and other bovines, the driver, operator and the owner of the vehicle shall be charged under the new Act, unless proven that the transportation was done without the owner's knowledge by someone else for committing the crime.
- If someone puts the life of a cow in danger by not providing food and water with the intention of endangering its life, one-year rigorous imprisonment may be awarded, which may extend to seven years for the first offence. Additionally, a fine of Rs.1 lakh may be imposed, which may be extended to Rs.3 lakh.
- The Uttar Pradesh Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act, 1955 was implemented in the state on January 6, 1956. The Act was amended in 1958, 1961, 1979 and 2002. The rules were amended in 1964 and 1979.

About UP

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- Capital: Lucknow
- Governor: Anandiben Patel
- Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath

Andhra CM launches 'Jagananna Chedodu' scheme for tailors, barbers and washermen



- A scheme to provide financial assistance to **barbers, dhobis (washermen) and tailors** in the state was launched by Andhra Pradesh chief minister Jagan Mohan Reddy.
- The scheme, christened as '**Jagananna Chedodu** (Handholding by Jagan)', was unveiled by the CM transferring the cash into the accounts of beneficiaries from his camp office at Tadepalli.
- It involves direct cash transfer of **Rs 10,000** into the bank accounts of each of 2,47,040 beneficiaries every year. The government has released an amount of **Rs 247.04 crore** for the implementation of this scheme.
- The government has followed a completely transparent procedure for the selection of beneficiaries through village and ward volunteers. Those who are eligible but couldn't apply for the scheme can complete the application through village secretariats, he stated.

About Andhra Pradesh:

- Capital : Amaravati
- Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Chief Minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATION

Nagarjuna Cement ropes in actor Varun Tej as brand ambassador



- Hyderabad-headquartered NCL Industries has signed **Varun Tej Konidela**, star of Telugu cinema, as the **brand ambassador** for its cement brand, **Nagarjuna Cement**.
- The 30-year old actor will feature in a new song and a TV commercial, which will be launched by Nagarjuna Cement as part of its upcoming brand campaign that aims to connect with a broader demographic.
- Popularly known as 'Monagadu Cement' in Telugu, Nagarjuna Cement also supplies in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Pondicherry.

Gargo International Proudly Presents Sonu Sood as its Brand Ambassador



- **Gargo International**, a Delhi-based Lubricant Company under the flagship of R.G. Group with the defining objective, quality & commitment has appointed **Actor Sonu Sood** as **its brand Ambassador** in the month of January, this year and since then they can't stop praising him for his tremendous work and his kindness towards the migrants

About Gargo International:

- Gargo International has 51+ years of experience across the globe with the comprehensive range of Automotive & Industrial Lubricants, Process Oils, Transformer oil, Greases and other specialities.

Lakshmi Vilas Bank appoints B K Manjunath as non-exec, independent director



- **Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)** has appointed **B K Manjunath** as its **non-executive and independent director**.
- Manjunath is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and practising as a chartered accountant.
- He had also served as an independent director of the bank between 2008 and 2015, and as its part-time chairman during the June 2017-June 2020 period

About LVB

- Headquarters: Chennai
- Tagline: The Changing Face Of Prosperity

Alan Gemmell appointed British Deputy High Commissioner for western India



- **Alan Gemmell** is the new **British Deputy High Commissioner for Western India** responsible for all aspects of diplomatic engagements in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Goa. Additionally, he is appointed **Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner (HMTC)** for South Asia to bolster UK trade and investment relations with the region.
- He previously worked in India as the Director of the British Council from 2016 to 2018 leading the UK-India Year of Culture and working with state governments to support education agendas across the country. Alan received the Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2016 for his contribution to arts and science.

- Alan arrived in Mumbai and has started virtual engagement with key stakeholders with a focus on the Covid-19 response and business engagement supported by the Confederation of Indian Industry, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, the UK India Business Council as well as with the Lord Mayor of the City of London.

Shri Shambhu S. Kumaran has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Philippines



- Diplomat **Shambhu S Kumaran** has been appointed as the **next Ambassador of India** to the **Philippines**, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated.
- Kumaran is presently Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Morocco.
- From 2012-2016, Kumaran was Director (East Asia/China), Joint Secretary (Establishment) and Joint Secretary (Eurasia) in the MEA.
- During January 2016-May 2019, he was on deputation to the Ministry of Defence as Joint Secretary (Planning and International Cooperation).

About Philippines:

- Capital: Manila
- Currency: Philippine peso

CURRENT AFFAIRS: MOU

TCS iON partners with NSDC to accelerate skill development



- **TCS iON**, a strategic unit of Tata Consultancy Services, has partnered with **the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** to provide its training partners access to digital skilling tools using TCS' iON Digital Glass Room.
- The partnership aims to strengthen NSDC's online content aggregation platform - **eSkill India** - through which it enables e-learning amongst skill seekers and will contribute towards strengthening the Skill India mission.
- The TCS iON Digital Glass Room is a web-based digital education platform that empowers educators to engage with students in real-time by uploading and sharing their own lessons.

About TCS

- Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chief Executive Officer(CEO) and Managing Director(MD)– Rajesh Gopinathan
- Chairman- N. Chandrasekaran

About NSDC

- Headquarters– New Delhi, India

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- MD & CEO– Manish Kumar
- Chairman– A M Naik

Empays Payment Systems, Mastercard partner to enable contact-free ATM cash withdrawals



- **Empays Payment Systems India Pvt Ltd**, has announced a partnership with **Mastercard** in a bid to launch ‘**Cardless ATM powered by Mastercard**’ in India.
- ‘**Cardless ATM powered by Mastercard®**’ will enable users to digitally locate the nearest enabled ATM and initiate a withdrawal by simply scanning a QR code on the mobile phone, using their banking app. It will be allowing users to withdraw cash safely, especially during current times of COVID-19.
- Users will be able to withdraw cash safely by completely eliminating the need to use a physical card or touch an ATM PIN pad, while providing the security of an EMV transaction, making it safe, quick and easy for people to access cash.
- Earlier, **AGS Transact Technologies Limited (AGSTTL)** has developed ‘touchless’ (based on QR code) solution for cash withdrawals at ATMs.

About Empays Payment Systems

- Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Ravi Rajagopalan
- Headquarter– Mumbai, Maharashtra

About Mastercard

- Headquarter– New York, U.S.
- President and CEO– Ajaypal Singh Banga

NFL inks MoU with ITI Nangal for training of youth in 12 trades for employment



- With a view to give thrust to the Skill India initiative, **National Fertilizers Limited**, NFL, a Central Public Sector Enterprise Under Department Of Fertilizers, has started tying up with **Industrial Training Institutes** located near to its plants to train youth in various trades and to enhance the chances of their employability in heavy and process industry.
- The Nangal plant of the company in Punjab has signed an MoU with ITI, Nangal to train youth in 12 trades. The students will be skilled under Dual System of Training Scheme under which they will learn theoretical skills in the institute and on-the-job training in NFL Nangal plant.
- ITI, Nangal is one of the oldest institute in Punjab. With the signing of this MoU with ITI, NFL becomes first CPSE to take this initiative in the state of Punjab. The company plans to explore more such options in future to give impetus to Skill India by training more youth from institutes.

About National Fertilizers Limited:

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- Headquarters: Noida
- Mr. Virendra Nath Datt (Chairman and MD)

IFFCO signs MoU with ICAR for joint research, testing, validation of products



- Fertiliser major **IFFCO** stated it has signed an agreement with government's farm research institute **ICAR** for joint research, testing and validation of different products.
- **Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO)** signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with **The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** for collaborative research, testing and validation of different products through ICAR institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), the cooperative stated.
- Department of Agricultural Research Secretary and ICAR DG T Mohapatra and IFFCO MD U S Awasthi were present during the signing of agreement.
- Mohapatra stated if the consumption of fertilizer can be reduced by even 15 per cent with the collaborative research and extension, it would be a significant contribution to agriculture and farming community.
- Awasthi stated the objective of the collaboration is to serve farmers in reducing consumption of chemical fertilizers by effective use of technology.
- We are working to root out the chemicals from the soil. ICAR will give support and encouragement in these ventures, he added.
- Yogendra Kumar, marketing director, IFFCO, stated the MoU will help in testing, validation and dissemination of innovative products to the field level.

About Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd:

- Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- B.S Nakai :Chairman
- Dr. U.S Awasthi: MD & CEO

About The Indian Council of Agricultural Research:

- Director: Trilochan Mohapatra
- Location: New Delhi

CURRENT AFFAIRS: RANKING

India ranks 56th among 200 countries on Covid-19 safety assessment



- **India** has been ranked **56th out of 200 countries** in a comprehensive report on **safety and risk assessment** of nations tackling **Covid-19**.
- According to **Deep Knowledge Group**, **Switzerland** is the **safest country** in the world for Covid-19, followed by Germany and Israel. **South Sudan is the most dangerous**.
- The study also created a subset of four distinct tiers, ranking each nation under different parameters according to available data.
- The first tier comprises a list of 20 most safe countries while those in the fourth tier are amongst the riskiest lot. The study focusses on nations and their safety capability against the pandemic.

Top 10 safest countries from coronavirus:

- Switzerland
- Germany
- Israel
- Singapore
- Japan
- Austria
- China
- Australia
- New Zealand
- South Korea
- Pakistan, on the other hand, is ranked at 148th position out of a total of 200 nations.

Mumbai most expensive Indian city for expats, 19th most expensive in Asia



- India's financial capital **Mumbai** has emerged as the **most expensive city** in the country for expatriates in terms of **cost of living**.
- According to **Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey'**, Mumbai is the **60th** most expensive city for expatriates **globally**, while it ranks **19th in Asia**.
- Mumbai is the most expensive among Indian cities surveyed, followed by **New Delhi (101st globally) and Chennai (143rd globally)**.
- **Bengaluru (171) and Kolkata (185) are the least expensive** Indian cities in the rankings.
- The global list was topped by **Hong Kong**, followed by **Ashgabat (Turkmenistan) in second position**. **Japan's Tokyo and Switzerland's Zurich** remain in the **third and fourth** positions, respectively, whereas Singapore is in fifth position, down two places from last year.
- On the other hand, Tunis in Tunisia, Windhoek (Namibia), Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) and Karachi (Pakistan) were ranked at the bottom as the least expensive cities in the world.

QS World University Rankings, IIT Bombay is India's top university

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- **Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings 2020-21** released. Notably, only three institutes from India managed to find a place in top 200 in QS World Rankings this year.
- The Indian institutes in the list are **IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi and IISc Bangalore**. It may be recalled that **IIT Delhi** was ranked 182 in 2019 and it fell down to **193 this year**.
- **IIT Bombay** is ranked **172nd**, while **IISc** is **185th** and **IIT Delhi** is at **193rd place**. A total of 21 Indian higher education institutions are in the top 1000.
- **IISc** is ranked as **India's best research university** with a score of 100/100 on the 'citations per faculty' indicator.
- Other IITs in the top 500 are: Madras (275), Kharagpur (314), Kanpur (350), Roorkee (383) and Guwahati (470).
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** is ranked as the **world's best university**, followed by **Stanford University (2nd)** and **Harvard University (3rd)**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: AWARDS AND HONOURS

First American Woman to Walk in Space Reaches Deepest Spot in the Ocean



- The **first American woman** to walk in space has **become the first woman** to reach the **deepest known spot** in the ocean.
- **Kathy Sullivan**, 68, an astronaut and oceanographer, emerged from her 35,810-foot dive to the **Challenger Deep**, according to EYOS Expeditions, a company coordinating the logistics of the mission.
- This also makes Dr. Sullivan the first person to both walk in space and to descend to the deepest point in the ocean. The Challenger Deep is the lowest of the many seabed recesses that crisscross the globe.
- Dr. Sullivan and Victor L. Vescovo, an explorer funding the mission, spent about an hour and a half at their destination, nearly seven miles down in a muddy depression in the Mariana Trench, which is about 200 miles southwest of Guam.
- In 1978, Dr. Sullivan joined NASA as part of the first group of U.S. astronauts to include women. On Oct. 11, 1984, she became the first American woman to walk in space.
- The Challenger Deep was discovered by the H.M.S. Challenger, a British ship that sailed the globe from 1872 to 1876. Since then, many expeditions have sought to measure the fissure's depth, prompting disagreements not only about the precise figures but also over who truly was the first to reach the deepest point.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS

Russian high jumper Alexander Shustov given four-year ban over doping offence

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- **Alexander Shustov**, the European men's high jump champion in 2010, has been handed a **four-year ban** for a breach of **anti-doping rules**.
- Shustov had been sanctioned for "use or attempt to use an prohibited substance or prohibited method by an athlete" under World Athletics' anti-doping rules.
- Shustov will be suspended until June 4 in **2024**.
- Shustov, who achieved a personal best of 2.33 metres to win the European title in Barcelona in 2010, has claimed he will pursue the case further.

ICC approves replacements in test cricket, bans use of saliva to shine ball



- **International Cricket Council, ICC** has approved substitution in case a player shows symptoms of COVID-19 during a Test match besides ratifying the interim ban on using saliva to shine the ball. ICC has also re-introduced non-neutral umpires for bilateral series as part of its interim playing regulations to tackle the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In the five new regulations, recommended by the **Anil Kumble-chaired Cricket Committee**, and ratified by the Chief Executives Committee (CEC), the teams will also be allowed an additional DRS call as home umpires will now be officiating in bilateral Test series.
- The ICC stated that a 32-inch additional logo would also be permitted on the players' jerseys, for Boards to make up for financial losses due to pandemic. However, the regulation for COVID-19 replacements will not be applicable in ODIs and T20Is, it added.
- The ICC stated, ban on use of saliva was taken as it is considered to be a transmitter of novel coronavirus unlike sweat which will still be allowed to shine the ball. Repeated violation of the ban would at first invite a warning before a five-run penalty is imposed. It added, A team can be issued up to two warnings per innings but repeated use of saliva on the ball will result in a 5-run penalty to the batting side. Whenever saliva is applied to the ball, the umpires will be instructed to clean the ball before play recommences.
- The introduction of two home team umpires for bilateral after nearly two decades is purely due to the logistical challenges of travelling given the flight restrictions in place globally. The requirement to appoint neutral match officials will be temporarily removed from the playing conditions for all international formats owing to the current logistical challenges with international travel.

About ICC:

- Chairperson: Shashank Manohar
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- CEO: Manu Sawhney

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CURRENT AFFAIRS: DEFENCE

GRSE delivers fifth ship in "Fast Patrol Vessels" series to Indian Coast Guard



- Premier warship builder **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE)** delivered **ICGS Kanaklata Barua**, the **fifth and final ship** in the series of Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV) for the Indian Coast Guard.
- This is the **105th vessel** delivered by the Defence PSU shipyard based on the banks of river Hooghly.
- GRSE had earlier made deliveries of **FPVs ICGS Priyadarshini, ICGS Annie Besant and ICGS Amrit Kaur** in this series to the Indian Coast Guard.
- The fourth ship Yard 2116 in the series of FPVs is earmarked for export delivery to the Seychelles Coast Guard and is likely to be delivered shortly after completing the related formalities.
- The warship builder will make another ship for the ICG as a replacement to the one diverted to the Seychelles Coast Guard and related formalities of signing contract with the amendments to the existing one are underway and will be completed shortly.
- The fast patrol vessels, which have been entirely designed by GRSEs Central Design Office, can achieve speeds exceeding 34 knots with an endurance of more than 1,500 nautical miles.

About GRSE

- Headquarters– Kolkata, India.
- Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)– Rear Admiral Vipin Kumar Saxena, IN(retd).

Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle Complex inaugurated at Visakhapatnam



- The **Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV)** Complex was inaugurated at **Visakhapatnam** by Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, PVSM, AVSM, VSM Flag Officer Commanding in Chief ENC. The DSRV Complex is designed to accommodate the newly inducted Submarine Rescue System with state of the art facilities to store the DSRV assets in a Rescue-Ready state.
- The DSRV system consists of a **Submarine Rescue Vessel**, a Remote Operations Vehicle, Side Scan Sonar and associated equipment. It also has Diver Decompression Chambers and hyperbaric medical equipment to decompress submariners after being rescued from a sunken submarine. The DSRV system can be rapidly mobilised by air or road to facilitate submarine rescue operations even at distant locations.
- The Indian Navy has inducted two such systems which will provide rescue cover to submarines on the West and East coast of India respectively. Currently, there are about 40 nations that operate submarines in the world out of which only a few have any form of submarine rescue capability. The third generation IN submarine rescue capability can, therefore, be called upon to assist during submarine contingencies of other navies in the IOR.

IAF inducts indigenously developed pod ARPIT to evacuate critical patients from remote areas

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- The **Indian Air Force** inducted an indigenously designed and manufactured pod called ARPIT, which will be used for evacuation of critical patients suffering from infectious diseases like COVID-19 from isolated and remote areas.
- The IAF has designed, developed and inducted an Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT), stated the IAF.
- It stated when the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic, it felt the need for an evacuation system that prevents the spread of infectious aerosol from the patient to another person.
- This indigenously designed system has been developed at a cost of **Rs 60,000**, which is very less when compared to imported systems which cost up to Rs 60 lakh a piece, the IAF stated.
- The isolation system has a suitable number of air exchanges, integration of medical monitoring instruments, and ventilation for an intubated patient, the IAF stated.
- In addition, the pod generates high constant negative pressure in the isolation chamber for prevention of infection risk to air crew, ground crew and health care workers involved in air transportation, the IAF noted.
- This pod will be utilised for the evacuation of critical patients with infectious diseases including COVID-19 from high altitude area, isolated and remote places, it added.

About Indian Air Force:

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chief of the Air Staff (CAS): Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

CURRENT AFFAIRS: OBITUARY

President of Burundi, Pierre Nkurunziza, 55, passes away



- **President Pierre Nkurunziza** of **Burundi** died of **heart failure** just weeks after a crucial election to choose a successor to replace him after 15 years of autocratic rule over the Central African nation. He was 55.
- A former rebel leader, Mr. Nkurunziza ruled the country with impunity for years, arresting opponents, stifling media outlets and cracking down on dissent.

DAILY CA 10th JUNE

- Irdai withdraws long-term third-party motor insurance for 3, 5 years from Aug 1
- India to rebuild 56 schools destroyed in Nepal's 2015 earthquake
- India to Launch First-Ever Coal Trading Exchange
- CBIC launches Turant Customs for faceless clearance of imported goods
- RBI moots comprehensive norms for sale of loans

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- Global economy to shrink 5.2% this year due to coronavirus pandemic
- Amazon Business launches 'MSME Accelerate'
- Adani Green wins world's largest solar project worth \$6 billion
- Wipro, IBM collaborate to help clients accelerate their cloud journeys
- World Bank lends Rs. 1,950 crore loans to W Bengal Govt for tackling COVID situation
- Gairsain declared summer capital of Uttarakhand
- Himachal CM launches green belt development scheme for rural senior citizens
- Indian Entrepreneur Renjith Kumar honoured with "NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal"
- DIAT develops disinfectant spray to combat Covid-19
- IIT-Guwahati students develop mobile app for contactless air travel
- MP becomes country's top wheat procurer; farmers get Rs 25,000 crore boost
- Indian sprinter Gomathi Marimuthu banned for 4 years
- Tamil Nadu: DMK MLA J. Anbazhagan died of COVID-19 disease

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