

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit takes over as Air Officer Commanding – in - Chief of Central Air Command

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CONFERENCE & INITIATIVE

PM Modi Inaugurated National Conference of District Judiciary



- ❖ The two-day National Conference of the District Judiciary organized by the Supreme Court of India at Bharat Mandapam. The conference is attended by more than 800 judges across all judiciary.
- ❖ PM Modi also released a Coin and a stamp commemorating 75 years of the establishment of the Supreme Court.

President Droupadi Murmu unveiled the new flag and insignia of the Supreme Court of India

- ❖ The new flag and the insignia, symbolizing justice and democracy were conceptualized by the National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi.
- ❖ The flag features the Ashok Chakra, the Inconic Supreme Court building and the book of the Constitution.



HONORS

FM Nirmala Sitharaman approves 'Navratna' status for four CPSEs



NHPC, SECI, Railtel and SJVN Gain Navratna Status

- ❖ Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has granted the navratna status to four more state -owned public enterprises:
 - Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd
 - Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd
 - Railtel Corporation of India Ltd
 - National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd
- ❖ The number of navratna firms has increased to 25 as a result, from 21 earlier. Navratna status provides more financial autonomy to the entities.

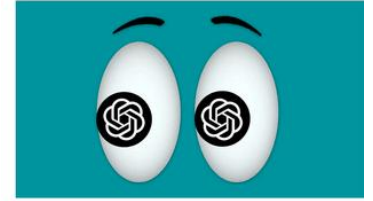
REPORTS

OpenAI says ChatGPT usage has doubled since last year



ChatGPT Hits 200 Million Weekly Users

- ❖ The AI research company **OpenAI** created **ChatGPT** and launched it in November 2022.
- ❖ **OpenAI** was founded in **2015** by a group of **entrepreneurs** and **researchers**, including **Sam Altman** and **Elon Musk**.



Berkshire Hathaway First US Non-Tech Company to Hit \$1 Trillion



- ❖ **Berkshire Hathaway** - the Omaha based conglomerate led by **Warren Buffett**.
- ❖ Berkshire Hathaway is a diversified holding company that operates in a variety of industries, including **insurance**, **transportation**, **energy**, **manufacturing** and **retail**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Indian Army Launches Project NAMAN: SPARSH Enabled Service Centres Nationwide

- ❖ The **Indian Army** launched the first phase of **Project NAMAN**, in presence of General **Upendra Dwivedi**, Chief of the Army Staff.
- ❖ **Project NAMAN** is centered around the implementation of the **SPARSH (System for Pension Administration Raksha)**, digital pension system, which streamlines pension related processes for Defense Pensioners, addressing the critical need for accessible facilitation points for Veterans and **Next of Kin (NOK)** across the country.
- ❖ The project involves the establishment of reception and facilitation centers dedicated to **Army Veterans, Pensioners, War Widows**, offering **SPARSH-enabled pension services**, Government to Citizen (**G2C**) services and Business to Consumer (**B2C**) services, all at a single, convenient location.



Google DeepMind Launches AI Project 'Morni' for 125 Indian Languages



- ❖ **Google DeepMind's** India unit is taking on an ambitious challenge with a project called **Morni**, known as the **Multimodal Representation for India (Morni)** aiming to develop an **AI model** that **understands** and **represents 125 Indian languages**

and **dialects**.

- ❖ To solve the problem of not having enough language data, Google has launched **Project Vaani**, in collaboration with the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** and **ARTPARK (Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park)** in 2022.

DEFENCE

3rd Edition of India-U.S. Defense Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X)

- ❖ It will be held at the **Stanford University** in **California** during which top defense leaderships from the two countries would brainstorm on enhancing cross-border defense innovation ecosystems.
- ❖ To be hosted by **U.S. India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF)** along with Stanford University's Gordian Knot Centre for National Security Innovation and the Hoover Institution on **September 9th and 10th**.
- ❖ Themed around **“harnessing investment opportunities to enhance cross-border defense innovation ecosystems”**.
- ❖ **INDUS-X** was launched in **June 2023**, the first edition was held in Washington DC on June 21, 2023.



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