

Indian Navy stealth frigate Tushil launched in Russia



- The seventh Indian Navy frigate of the P1135.6 class was launched at the Yantar Shipyard at Kaliningrad in Russia.
- The ship has been formally named as Tushil, a Sanskrit word that means protector shield.
- Tushil will be commissioned into the Indian Navy in mid-2023 followed by its sister ship by the end of 2023.
- The ship has been developed under the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between India and Russia in 2016 for the construction of four additional P1135.6 class ships for Indian Navy.
- Out of the four ships, two ships of Project 1135.6 ships were to be constructed in Russia and two ships in India at M/s Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
- The Project 1135.6 class is also called Talwar class and the Talwar class frigates are built by Russia for Indian Navy.

5th edition of "Ganga Utsav 2021" begins



- The 5th edition of the three-day-long Ganga Utsav has been organised from November 01 to 03, 2021 in virtual format.
- The "Ganga Utsav 2021 The River Festival " will not only celebrate the glory of the river Ganga but all the rivers of the country to promote the celebration of 'Nadi Utsav' (River Festival).
- The 2021 event has been organised under the leadership of the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

- The annual event is organised by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) jointly with the Ministry of Jal Shakti to mark the anniversary of the announcement of River Ganga as the 'National River' on November 04, 2008..
- The 2021 celebrations will be part of the 75 years of Independence and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.
- On the first day of the festival, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) got registered in the Guinness Book of World Records for the highest number of photos of handwritten notes uploaded on Facebook in an hour.

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G20 Summit ended with the adoption of Rome Declaration



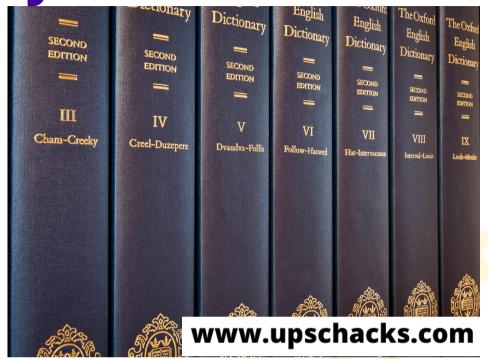
- The 2021 G20 (Group of Twenty) Summit was held in Rome, Italy on October 30 and 31, 2021. It was the 16th meeting of the G20 group.
- The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi.
- The summit concluded with the adoption of the Rome Declaration by G20 Leaders.
- Moto: People, Planet, and Prosperity
- Agenda: climate change, economic recovery, the pandemic and the global minimum corporate tax rate.

The final document committed the G20 member's nation leaders to the following:

- providing \$100 billion every year from now until 2025 to counter climate change.
- to end international financing for all new coal plants by the end of 2021,
- take action to limit global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
- strengthen the WHO on Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) for Covid-19 vaccines.
- Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi led the Indian delegation at the Summit.
- The Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal was India's G20 sherpa or personal representative of the head of government.

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'Vax' named Oxford English Dictionary's Word of the Year 2021



- 'Vax' has been chosen as the word of the year by the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) in 2021. Vax is derived from the Latin word Vacca, which means cow.
- Vax is used as a short form for vaccines and means a substance put into a person's body to prevent them from getting a disease.
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, words related to vaccines saw a surge in 2021, including terms like double-vaxxed, unvaxxed and anti-vaxxer.

Glasgow climate summit 2021: PM Modi speech highlights



- Addressing the COP26 Glasgow Climate Summit held in Scotland, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India will reach net-zero carbon emission by 2070
- PM Modi stressed on a fivepoint plan or 'Panchamrit' to fight the devastating effects of global warming and climate change.
- More than 120 world leaders were present at the COP26 Glasgow Climate Summit.
- India is the last of the world's major carbon polluters to announce a net-zero target. China has said that it would reach the net-zero carbon emission goal in 2060 while the United States and the European Union are aiming for reaching the goal by 2050.

Highlights from PM Modi's speech

- India would increase its 2030 target for an installed capacity of 'non-fossil energy', mostly solar from 450 to 500 gigawatts.
- PM Modi said that India will fulfil 50% of its energy requirement through renewable energy by 2030.
- India is committed to reducing carbon emissions by 1 billion tonnes and a net 45% carbon reduction among the five-point plan.
- The number of goods produced per unit of energy would be reduced by 45% by 2030. The previous goal was 35%.

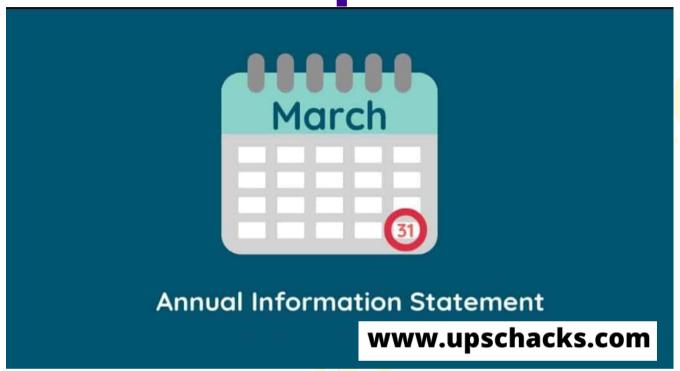
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Over 100 world leaders pledge to end deforestation by 2030 at COP26



- More than 100 world leaders at the COP26 climate summit have pledged to end and reverse deforestation and land degradation by 2030.
- The pledge was backed by the leaders of countries, including Brazil, Indonesia, and Russia, which cover about 85% of the world's forests.
- Deforestation contributes to climate change as it depletes forests that absorb vast amounts of carbon dioxide.

What is the new Annual Information Statement launched by Income Tax Dept?



- The Income Tax Department has launched the new Annual Information Statement (AIS) under the 'Services' tab on the new tax portal which provides a comprehensive view of information to taxpayers.
- It includes additional information relating to interest, dividend, securities, mutual fund transactions & foreign remittance.
- The reported information has been processed to remove duplicate information.

5 more nations recognise India's COVID-19 vaccination certificate



- Five more countries have recognised India's COVID-19 vaccination certificate, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Monday.
- Estonia, Kyrgyzstan, State of Palestine, Mauritius and Mongolia have been added to the list of countries that recognise India's vaccination document, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.
- Earlier, Hungary and Serbia had also accredited the Indian vaccination certificate.