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## 1. India's first Lithium- ion cell manufacturing plant to start its trial run ( Sept. 15, 2022 )

India's first Lithium -cell -ion cell manufacturing plant will start its trial run on 16 September 2022. It will be inaugurated by Union minister of state for electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

#### IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The lithium cell -ion cell manufacturing plant has been set up by the Chennai based **Munoth Industries limited** (MIL) at **Tirupathi in Andhra Pradesh.**
- MIL has tied up with China-based Tianjin Lishen, BPI and Amprius for technology and the end product for its Lithium cell manufacturing plant.
- MIL will invest Rs 799 crore in three phases.
- In the first phase it will produce lithium-ion cells for the consumer electronics segment such as mobile phones, hearable and wearable devices, followed by an energy storage system and two-and-three wheel electric vehicles.
- According to the company India imports Rs 15,000 crore-Rs 20,000 crore of lithium-ion cells from China, South Korea, Vietnam and Hong Kong. With the establishment of the new facility, it would take care of 60% of India's requirements.

### 2. Cabinet approves signing of guarantees for hosting the U-17 FIFA Women's World Cup ( Sept. 15, 2022 )

The Union Cabinet on 14 September 2022 approved the signing of guarantees for hosting the FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) Under-17 Women's Football World Cup 2022 in India.

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- The World Cup will take place from 11th to 30th October 2022, in Bhubaneshwar, Navi Mumbai and Goa.
- This seventh edition of the biennial youth tournament will be the first FIFA women's competition to be hosted by India.
- In 2017, India hosted the FIFA U-17 Men's Football World Cup.

#### Financial Inclusion:

 All India Football Federation (AIFF) has been sanctioned a financial outlay of Rs 10 crore for the maintenance of the playground, spectator capacity in the stadium, energy and cable laying and branding of the ground and training venue, etc.

### Objectives:

- Increasing the representation of women in football leadership and decision-making
- Motivating more and more girls to play football in India
- Advocating gender-inclusive participation by generalizing the concept of equal play from a young age

#### FIFA Tournament:

- Organized by FIFA, the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup is the world championship for female players aged 17 or below 17.
- The event started in 2008.
- The **sixth edition** of the event was held in **Uruguay** from 13 November to 1 December 2018.
- **Spain** is the current champion of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.
- FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 will be the **7th edition** of the tournament in which 16 teams including India will participate.

## 3. Union Cabinet approves inclusion of tribes of five States in ST category (Sept. 15, 2022)

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#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

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- In these, Bhuyan, Bhuyan, Bhuyan, Bhariya have been included in ST as synonyms of Bhariyabhumiya.
- With this decision, the number of Scheduled Tribes in the country has increased from 705 to 720.
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## 5. Bhutan ratifies International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement ( Sept. 15, 2022 )

Bhutan on 14 September ratified the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement.

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

• Bhutan's Ambassador to India Major General Wetsop Namgyal handed over the ratification document to Secretary ER Dammu Ravi in the presence of DG International Solar Alliance.

#### International Solar Alliance:

- It is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization whose primary function is to promote solar development by reducing the cost of financing and technology.
- It is the nodal agency to implement 'One Sun, One World, One Grid'.

- It aims to transfer the solar energy generated in a specific region to meet the electricity demand of another region.
- It was launched by the Prime Minister of India and the President of France on 30 November 2015 at the Conference of the Parties (COP-21) to the UNFCCC in France (Paris) along with 121 solar resource rich nations.
- Its key objectives include achieving a global potential of over 1000 GW of solar power generation capacity and mobilising about \$1000 billion to invest in solar energy by 2030.
- Member-**106 countries** have signed this Framework Agreement. 86 out of 106 countries have signed and ratified this Framework Agreement.
- Headquarters **Gurugram, India**

# 6. MoU signed between Power PSU and National Sports Development Fund ( Sept. 14, 2022 )

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#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Financial assistance of **Rs.115 crore** will be provided by NTPC over the next 5 years and this will support Archery in India.
- REC Foundation has also committed an amount of Rs 100 crore over 3 years to support **women's hockey, athletics and boxin**g.
- NSDF has received this support through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).
- With this support from NTPC and REC Foundation, there will be grassroots development of sports, training for identified talent, training of elite talent, development of coaches, sports science support, advance training etc.

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- It was notified by the Government of India in November 1998.
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### 8. President Murmu to attend Queen Elizabeth Funeral (Sept. 14, 2022)

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She will be visiting London, United Kingdom on 17-19 September 2022.

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## 10. Bhupendra Yadav advocates improving the conditions workers at G20 Labour minister meeting ( Sept. 14, 2022 )

Union Minister of Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav attended the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' meeting at Bali, Indonesia. The G-20 Labour and Employment Ministers meeting was held on 13-14 September 2022.

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Speaking on the occasion the minister emphasized the need to focus on improving the employment conditions of the workers for a strong and resilient economic recovery.
- Indonesia is currently the chairman of the G-20 group and it will host the G-20 summit meeting on **15-16 November 2022 at Bali, Indonesia.**
- India will take over the chairmanship of G-20 from Indonesia at the Bali Summit.
- The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies. It comprises 19 countries including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, UK, USA and the European Union (EU).