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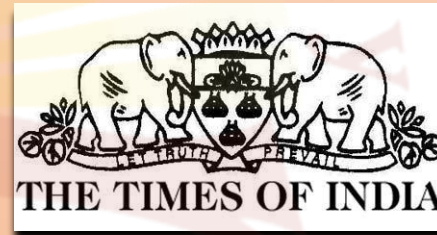
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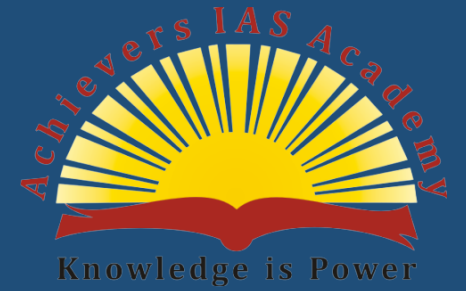
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• 28,723 new cases mark the highest testing day since the beginning of the pandemic with 2.21 lakh tests, Karnataka reported over 28,000 new covid cases and 14 deaths with Bengaluru alone accounting for over 20,000 cases, the overall positivity rate is at 12.98% and the total number of active cases in the state is 1,41,337 total cases. 83,937 total doses have been given at BMCRI, the health minister K Sudhakar stated that vaccination is the only way to defeat COVID and urged people to get their vaccination done. The state has now started giving “precautionary doses” to people aged 60 or above and to frontline workers who have taken their second dose of vaccine nine months ago.

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• India bagged a \$375 million deal to export BrahMos to the Philippines, the supersonic cruise missile is built indigenously and multiple countries have shown interest in acquiring the missiles including UAE, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa. This contract will mark the first-ever contract of exporting the 290 km range BrahMos missiles which are developed jointly with Russia and will pave the way for more deals with the Philippines as well as other Asian countries. The country also plans to sell the indigenously developed Akash missile systems that can intercept hostile aircraft, helicopters, drones, and subsonic cruise missiles to countries like the Philippines, Indonesia, UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, etc.

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• Imported equipment plans reviewed by the DAC, to push forward the focus on indigenously manufactured weapons systems for armed forces the Defence Acquisitions Council held a meeting to review upcoming projects under which equipment would have been imported. The government is reviewing all projects under which weapon systems were imported from foreign original equipment manufacturers, the government is pushing the forces to focus on equipment manufactured by the domestic industry as much as possible. A push on foreign countries to set up manufacturing units in India has also been made so that the country not only manufactures for its own armed forces but exports, in the long run, the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired the DAC meeting virtually.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Who is the Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education Minister of Karnataka?

Ans.

A. K Sudhakar (ANS)

B. K Gopalaiah

C. N Nagaraj

D. Bharati Pravin Pawar

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Q2. What is Gaganyaan and why did ISRO conduct a test for a cryogenic engine?

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Q3. Why did Reliance, Mahindra, and Hyundai place bids for incentives under the government's battery scheme?

Ans. Reliance, Hyundai, and Mahindra placed bids for incentives under the government's battery scheme because the country last year finalized an incentive program to encourage companies to invest in local manufacturing of batteries to establish a domestic supply for clean transport and build storage for renewable energy. Multiple companies such as Ola electric, Larsen and Toubro, Amara Raja, Exide all submitted bids. The country aims to establish a total of 50-gigawatt hours of battery storage capacity over five years and it expects to attract investment of around \$6 billion, around 10 companies have submitted bids totaling close to 100 Gwh.

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