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❖ **IICA and RRU sign MoU for academic and research collaboration**

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU).
- The objective of the MoU is to synergize the professional capabilities of IICA and RRU towards capacity building, education, research and consultancy in the areas of internal security, financial crime, law enforcement, corporate fraud and other subjects.
- The MoU also provides for exchange of knowledge and resources between IICA and RRU for conducting research, training and consultancy.
- IICA was registered as a society on September 12, 2008 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. It is a think-tank, capacity building and service delivery institute.

❖ **Indian Council of Agricultural Research signs a MoU with Amazon Kisan to Empower Farmers**

- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) signed an MoU with Amazon Farmer.
- The MoU aims to create synergy between these two organizations to guide farmers on scientific cultivation of various crops for optimum yield and income.
- ICAR will provide technical support to farmers through Amazon's network.
- This collaboration will enable farmers to access valuable agricultural knowledge and resources, improve their livelihood and increase crop yield.
- By adopting these practices, farmers can improve their income and overall profitability.

➤ The objective of this MoU is to ensure access to high quality fresh produce for consumers across India.

➤ Through initiatives such as Amazon Fresh, consumers will have reliable access to fresh farm products.

❖ **Havildar Alby D'Cruz, the first Keralite to receive the Ashoka Chakra, passed away**

➤ Havaldar Alby D'Cruz, the first Keralite to receive the Ashoka Chakra, passed away at the age of 87.

➤ In 1962, he received the Ashoka Chakra (3rd Class) from President Rajendra Prasad.

➤ Later the name of this award was changed to Shaurya Chakra.

➤ D'Cruz served in the Indian Army as a Lance Naik in the Assam Rifles.

➤ His battalion was assigned the task of countering the Naga rebels.

❖ **Har Ghar Jal' Program highlights significant impact on Public Health – WHO report**

➤ A recently released report by the World Health Organization (WHO) has highlighted the significant impacts of the 'Har Ghar Jal' program on public health and economic savings.

➤ Dr. Richard Johnston and Dr. Sophie Boisson of the WHO South East Asia presented the report titled 'Health impact of Jal Jeevan Mission'.

➤ The report pointed out that nearly four lakh diarrheal deaths could be prevented by ensuring safely managed drinking water for all households in the country.

➤ Nearly 14 million disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) related to these diseases could be prevented.

➤ This achievement alone will result in estimated cost savings of up to US\$101 billion.

➤ This report focuses on diarrhoeal diseases as water-borne diseases are a major reason for this.

➤ The report shows that in 2018, 36 per cent of India's total population did not have access to improved drinking water sources in their premises.

❖ **Anantharaman appointed new chairman of TransUnion CIBIL**

➤ Veteran banker V Anantharaman has been appointed non-executive chairman of credit bureau TransUnion CIBIL.

➤ Anantharaman has extensive experience in the banking industry and has held leadership positions in corporate and investment banking teams at renowned international firms such as Standard Chartered Bank, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank and Bank of America.

➤ Anantharaman has also served as a senior advisor to the UK's development finance institution British International Investment (formerly CDC).

➤ Anantharaman takes over from Shri M V Nair, who steps down after more than eleven years as the Chairman.

❖ **FSIB Announces New Leadership for GIC Re and NIC**

➤ The Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB) has selected N Ramaswamy, General Manager, General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re), as the next Chairman and MD (CMD) of the company while M Rajeswari Singh, General Manager & Director (GMD), United India Insurance, has been chosen as the CMD of National Insurance Company (NIC).

➤ After due approval of the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC), Ramaswamy will get a two-year term.

➤ FSIB has chosen Sat Pal Bhanoo and R. Doraiswamy as new managing directors of Life Insurance Corporation.

❖ US and UK Forge 'Atlantic Declaration' to Boost Economic Ties

- The United States and the United Kingdom have recently unveiled a groundbreaking strategic pact known as the "Atlantic Declaration."
- This agreement reaffirms their longstanding "special relationship" and outlines a joint effort to tackle challenges posed by Russia, China, and economic instability.
- Rather than pursuing a post-Brexit free-trade agreement, the two nations have opted to develop a new green economy through extensive industrial subsidies.
- The Atlantic Declaration focuses on fostering industry collaboration in defense and renewable energy sectors to effectively respond to China's growing competition.'
- In addition, it acknowledges the need to address the threats of authoritarian states, disruptive technologies, non-state actors, and transnational issues like climate change.

❖ Karnataka announces free bus travel 'Shakti' scheme for women

- The Karnataka government has advised the women to apply for Shakti smart cards to avail the free travel in state run buses, starting from June 11.
- The government has already issued a set of guidelines on the 'Shakti' scheme, which is one of the major poll promises by the Congress party in Karnataka.
- According to the transport department of Karnataka, women can apply for Shakti smart cards through sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in from June 11.

❖ PESB picks Sanjay Swarup to be the next CMD of CONCOR

- Sanjay Swarup is set to be next Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), a PSU under the Ministry of Railways. Swarup has been recommended for the post by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel.

➤ Presently, he is serving as Director (International Marketing & Operations) in the same organization.

➤ Swarup has been recommended for the post of CMD of CONCOR from a list of eight candidates, who were interviewed by the PESB panel in its selection meeting.

❖ **Russia says military ties with China provide global 'stability'**

➤ Russian armed forces chief of staff Valery Gerasimov said on Friday his country's strong military partnership with China provides stability around the world.

➤ Gerasimov, who is commander of Russia's military operations in Ukraine, made the remark during a video conference with his Chinese counterpart, Liu Zhenli.

➤ China and Russia have vowed to “strengthen” military cooperation to safeguard “global and regional security” during a meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US-sanctioned Chinese defence minister Li Shangfu in Moscow, Chinese official media reported.