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Ordnance Factories Day



Context:

- Ordnance Factories Day is celebrated on **March 18th** every year in India.
- It commemorates the **establishment of the first Ordnance Factory in Cossipore, Kolkata, in 1801.**

About:

- The day highlights the **contributions of the Ordnance Factories Board (OFB) to India's self-reliance in defense equipment.**
- The OFB is a crucial organization under the **Ministry of Defence.**
- **It is responsible for manufacturing a wide range of weaponry and ammunition for the Indian Armed Forces.**
- Often referred to as the "Fourth Arm of Defence", the OFB plays a vital role in national security.

Theme:

- Ordnance Factories Day 2024 theme is "**Operational Efficiency, Readiness, and Mission Accomplishment in the Maritime Domain**".

RRP Electronics to set up first semiconductor plant in Maharashtra

Context:

- RRP Electronics has tied up with a consortium of European companies to set up a **one-of-its-kind semiconductor facility in Maharashtra.**

Key Points:

- The company, which will invest **₹5,000 crore over the next five years**, plans to **lay the foundation stone in its new premises of 25,000 sq ft on March 23.**
- In the **second phase**, it will invest another **₹5,000 crore.**

About:

- RRP Electronics will **fast-track the work on the project and commence the Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Testing (OSAT)** with adequate support of technology partners.
- The facility will **also have an R & D centre** to incorporate the latest developments in the field.
- The company will also **seek support from the Maharashtra Government to set up the unit comprising multi lines of OSAT fab foundry and manufacturing.**



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Maharashtra to vote in five phases for first-time ever

Context:

- For the first time ever, Lok Sabha elections to the 48 seats in Maharashtra will be held in five phases beginning on April 19 and ending on May 20th when the six seats in Mumbai go to the polls.

Key Points:

- In 2019, the polls were conducted over four phases while in 2014, there were three phases.
- The first phase will begin in the Vidarbha region.
- The by-poll for the Akola West assembly seat will also be held during the second phase of voting.
- The decision about the number of phases has been taken by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Maharashtra becomes first Indian state to buy land in Kashmir to construct 'Bhawan' for tourists

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Context:

- Maharashtra is set to become the first Indian state to buy land in union territory Jammu and Kashmir in order to construct a tourist facility for the state's people.

About:

- The Maharashtra Bhawan will come up on 2.5 acres of land at Ichgam, near Srinagar airport.
- The Jammu and Kashmir government has approved the transfer of land to the Maharashtra government for ₹8.16 crore.
- The process to purchase land was initiated after Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde visited the union territory last year in June and met Governor Manoj Sinha.



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Global Recycling Day



Context:

- Global **Recycling Day** is an annual event on **March 18** that helps to **acknowledge** that **recycling** is a **key part** of a **circular economy** that helps to **protect the environment** and **Earth's natural resources**

History:

- It was the **brainchild** of the **Bureau of International Recycling**, with the first announcement coming in **2015** by its **president, Ranjit Singh Baxi**.
- The **inaugural celebration** followed a few years later in **2018**.
- The day is now **recognized by the United Nations** as well.

About:

- The year **2024** marks the **7th** Global Recycling Day
- **Global Recycling Day 2024** focuses on the theme **#RecyclingHeroes**.
- It's a call to recognize individuals and initiatives making a positive impact through recycling.

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