

Headlines at a Glance - 10th January 2022

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Centre to organize first ever Startup India Innovation Week

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is organizing the first-ever Startup India Innovation Week from 10th -16th of January 2022. This virtual week-long innovation celebration aims to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and is designed to showcase the spread and depth of entrepreneurship across India. Interestingly, in the startup world, 2021 has been recognised as the 'year of unicorns,' with 40+ unicorns added in the year. India is emerging as a global innovation hub, boasting the world's third-largest startup ecosystem. DPIIT has recognised more than 61,000 startups as on date.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

Centre surveys 17.78 lakh acres of defence land using advanced technologies

In the first-of-its-kind comprehensive exercise, the central government has surveyed 17.78 lakh acres of defence land using the latest technologies such as drone and satellite imagery. The mammoth exercise of surveying about 1.61 lakh acres of defence land inside cantonments and 16.17 lakh acres outside cantonments was started in October 2018 and is now complete, the defence ministry said. This is the first time after independence, entire

defence land has been surveyed using the latest survey technology and in a large number of pockets in association with the Revenue authorities of several state governments, the Defence ministry said.

SOURCE: *The Indian Express*

24th National Conference on e-Governance 2021 organised in Hyderabad

The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, in association with the State Government of Telangana organized the 24th Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2021 on 7th – 8th February 2022 at Hyderabad, Telangana. The theme of this Conference is “India’s Techade: Digital Governance in a Post Pandemic World”. At the Valedictory Session today, ‘Hyderabad Declaration’ on e-Governance was adopted after intensive deliberations during the sessions held over two days. The 24th NCeG represented a platform for constructive exchange of ideas on some of the latest technologies for promoting e-Governance. The Distinguished speakers invited for the Conference shared their knowledge and insights on the themes identified for the Conference.

SOURCE: *Hindustan Times*

UP ranked best state in water conservation efforts by Jal Shakti Ministry

Uttar Pradesh has been ranked as the best state in water conservation efforts for 2020, Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced on Friday. The Ministry of Jal Shakti awarded Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu second and third ranks, respectively, for their work and efforts towards water conservation. Addressing the 2020 National Water Awards, the Minister for Jal Shakti said the country required 1,000 billion cubic metres of water per year to cater to its agriculture, irrigation, industrial and domestic requirements.

SOURCE: *The Indian Express*

India GDP: Govt forecasts FY22 economic growth at 9.2%

The size of the Indian economy is expected to surpass the pre-pandemic level by growing at 9.2 per cent in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, after recovering from a historic contraction in the preceding year, the statistics office said on Friday.

According to the first Advance Estimates released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), India’s nominal GDP may expand to Rs 232.1 trillion in FY22, from Rs 203.5 trillion in FY20. In FY21, nominal GDP had slipped to Rs 197.5 trillion because of the Covid pandemic that

led to a nationwide lockdown, which hit both private consumption and output. Economists, however, believe the first Advance Estimates may have downplayed the imminent impact of the third wave of the pandemic on the Indian economy for the fourth quarter of FY22. Thus, they could have overestimated the overall growth.

SOURCE: *Business Standard*