

Headlines at a Glance - 22nd November 2021

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Swachh Survekshan Awards 2021 announced by President

Madhya Pradesh's Indore was adjudged the cleanest city for the fifth consecutive year by Swachh Survekshan 2021, the central government's annual cleanliness survey to promote sanitation in urban centres under the Swachh Bharat Mission. Chhattisgarh retained the first position in the "cleanest state" title. Surat and Vijayawada were ranked as the second and third cleanest cities, respectively, with a population of over 1 million. New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) was adjudged the cleanest city with a population of below 1 million, while Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh's Tirupati bagged the second and third place in the same category, respectively. The NDMC area also ranked first in the "India's cleanest small city" category having a population between 1 lakh and 3 lakh.

SOURCE: Hindustan Times

INS Visakhapatnam commissioned into Indian Navy

INS Visakhapatnam was formally commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on Sunday. INS Visakhapatnam is a P15B stealth-guided missile destroyer. It is indigenously designed by the Indian Navy's in-house organisation Directorate of Naval Design and constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai. "Our Navy's role is very important as India is a part of the Indo-Pacific route. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policy of SAGAR embodies the same values. We have every opportunity to build India an indigenous ship-building hub," the Defence Minister said at INS Visakhapatnam

commissioning at Mumbai Dockyard.

SOURCE: *Livemint*

Indo-France joint military exercise commences at Draguignan

The Sixth Edition of Indo-French joint military exercise “Ex-SHAKTI 2021” has commenced at the Military School of Draguignan, France with an opening ceremony on 15 Nov 21. The Indian Army contingent is being represented by a composite team of three officers, three Junior Commissioned Officers, and 37 soldiers from a battalion of Gorkha Rifles and Support Arms. The training so far has focused on aspects of joint planning, mutual understanding of the conduct of operations, and identification of coordination aspects required for jointly operating in a Counter-Terrorism environment under United Nations mandate. The participating contingents have also been put through paces of combat conditioning and tactical training which included firing drills and ‘battle hardening’ work sessions.

SOURCE: *India Today*

Manama Dialogue held in Bahrain’s capital Manama

The Manama Dialogue is annually held in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. Dozens of government officials, businessmen, international figures, economists and political and strategic thinkers from Asia, Africa, North America, Latin America and Europe meet in the Bahraini capital Manama to exchange views on regional security challenges. Latest discussions of the Summit focused on the impact of the economic boom of some emerging economic powers on the one hand, and the economic challenges facing some of the developed countries on global policies and governance systems in the world on the other. The conference, which coincided with the emergence of the Greek debt crisis and raised concern about the global economic recovery, served as a tool to uncover deep trends of geopolitics.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*