

# Headlines at a Glance - 7th February 2022

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## **PM kickstarts 50th Anniversary Celebrations of ICRISAT**

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi visited the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) campus in Patancheru, Hyderabad and kickstarted the 50th Anniversary celebrations of ICRISAT. The Prime Minister also inaugurated ICRISAT's Climate Change Research Facility on Plant Protection and ICRISAT's Rapid Generation Advancement Facility. These two facilities are dedicated to the smallholder farmers of Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. The Prime Minister also unveiled a specially designed logo of ICRISAT and launched a commemorative stamp issued on the occasion. Governor Telangana Smt Tamlisai Soundararajan, Union Ministers Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Shri G. Kishan Reddy was among those present on the occasion.

**SOURCE: The Hindu**

## **Fees of 50% seats in Private Medical Colleges to be at par with Government College: NMC**

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued guidelines that the fee of 50% seats in private medical colleges and deemed universities should be at par with the fee in government medical colleges in the state. "The benefit of this fee structure would be first available to those candidates who have availed government quota seats, but limited to the extent of 50% of the total sanctioned strength of the respective medical college," the office memorandum issued by NMC said. It, however, noted that if the government quota seats are less than 50% of total sanctioned seats, the remaining candidates would avail benefits of the fee equivalent to the government medical college

fees, based purely on merit. At present, fees in the private medical colleges are fixed by state regulatory authority for the merit seats. However, after the implementation of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, the NMC has mandated framing guidelines for determination of fees and other charges in respect of 50% seats in private medical institutions as well as deemed universities.

**SOURCE: *The Indian Express***

## **IIT Hyderabad to set up Suzuki Innovation Centre on its campus**

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) and Suzuki Motor Corporation signed a three-year contract to start Suzuki Innovation Centre (SIC) with the vision of “creating innovations for India and Japan” by providing a platform for exchange of knowledge between the two organizations. A press release from IIT Hyderabad said the SIC will be operated as a platform for open innovation among Industries, Academia, and Startups and the Centre will also support skill development and exchange of human resources between India and Japan. SIC is yet another milestone for IITH to play an important role in strengthening the India-Japan relationship. As a part of this initiative, IITH has offered the necessary support for the Centre within the Technology Research Park, it said.

**SOURCE: *Business Standard***

## **China, Pakistan ink new CPEC agreement**

China and Pakistan on Friday signed a new agreement on industrial cooperation as part of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) plan during Prime Minister Imran Khan’s on-going visit to Beijing. The agreement on Friday followed Mr. Khan’s meeting with He Lifeng, Chairman of China’s National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). The industrial cooperation agreement is a key part of what is being called “phase two” of CPEC. The first phase primarily involved Chinese investments in energy projects as well as road infrastructure. The agreement between Pakistan’s Board of Investment and the NDRC is aimed at boosting Chinese investment in Pakistan as well as transferring Chinese industrial capacity.

**SOURCE: *The Hindu***