

## 04 Aug 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. [INS Vikrant](#)
2. [MoU between Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology \(IIST\) and Delft University of Technology \(TU Delft\), the Netherlands](#)
3. [Fast Track Special Courts](#)
4. [NavIC System](#)
5. [National Industrial Corridor Programme \(NICP\)](#)
6. [Exercise INDRA-21](#)
7. [Border Roads Organisation \(BRO\)](#)
8. [Central Board for Indirect Taxes & Customs \(CBIC\)](#)

#### 1. INS Vikrant

##### Context:

Commencement of sea trials of indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC(P71)) 'Vikrant'.

##### Details:

- Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) 'Vikrant' designed by Indian Navy's Directorate of Naval Design (DND) is being built at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), a Public Sector Shipyard under the Ministry of Shipping.
- IAC Vikrant is a leading example of the nation's quest for "Atma Nirbhar Bharat" with more than 76% indigenous content.
- This is the maiden attempt of the Indian Navy and Cochin Shipyard to indigenously design and build an Aircraft Carrier.

Know more about [INS Vikrant](#) in the linked article.

---

#### 2. MoU between Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) and Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), the Netherlands

##### Context:

Cabinet approves MoU between Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) and Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), the Netherlands for research collaboration.

##### Details:

- The MoU paves the way for academic programmes and research activities involving students and faculty members of both institutions.
  - There are provisions for student exchange programmes, dual/double degree programmes, internships and project work, faculty exchange and joint research collaborations.
  - TU Delf is one of the oldest and largest Dutch public technological universities.
  - The Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology is an autonomous institute under the Department of Space, GOI.
    - The institute imparts education at the undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral levels on areas with special focus to space sciences, space technology and space applications.
    - It was established in 2007 and is located in Thiruvananthapuram.
- 

### 3. Fast Track Special Courts

#### Context:

Cabinet approves continuation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts for two more years.

To know more about Fast Track Special Courts, check [PIB dated Jan 9, 2020](#).

---

### 4. NavIC System

#### Context:

Union Minister said the usage of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (NavIC system) has increased in sectors like transportation and personal mobility.

Know more about [IRNSS-NavIC](#) in the linked article.

---

### 5. National Industrial Corridor Programme (NICP)

#### Context:

11 Industrial Corridors with 32 Projects to be developed in 4 phases in the country as part of National Industrial Corridor Programme (NICP).

#### About the National Industrial Corridor Programme (NICP):

- The National Industrial Corridor Programme (NICP) has been conceived to promote world class manufacturing facilities and develop futuristic industrial cities in India.

- It is under the [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade \(DPIIT\)](#).
- The broad objective of NICP is to provide plug and play infrastructural facilities for setting up large scale manufacturing units.
- The National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) under the DPIIT is the overarching institutional framework to implement the programme.
- Under the programme, land parcels are developed for immediate allotment to manufacturing units.
- The programme aims to develop new industrial cities as “Smart Cities” and converge next generation technologies across infrastructure sectors.
- The 11 Industrial Corridors being developed are:
  - Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)
  - Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC)
  - Amritsar Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC)
  - East Coast Industrial Corridor (ECIC) with Vizag Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) as Phase 1
  - Bengaluru Mumbai Industrial Corridor (BMIC)
  - Extension of CBIC to Kochi via Coimbatore
  - Hyderabad Nagpur Industrial Corridor (HNIC)
  - Hyderabad Warangal Industrial Corridor (HWIC)
  - Hyderabad Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (HBIC)
  - Odisha Economic Corridor (OEC)
  - Delhi Nagpur Industrial Corridor (DNIC)
- Need for such a programme:
  - Industrial corridors are conceived to foster global manufacturing, investment destination hubs and smart cities with the best in-class infrastructure.
  - They have the potential to unleash the manufacturing potential in the country and raise its contribution to GDP by creating quality infrastructure ahead of demand.

---

## 6. Exercise INDRA-21

### Context:

The Indo – Russia joint training Exercise INDRA 2021 commenced at Prudboy Ranges, Volgograd.

Read more about [Ex INDRA](#) in the linked article.

---

## 7. Border Roads Organisation (BRO)

### Context:

BRO constructs highest motorable road in the world in Eastern Ladakh.

**Details:**

- The road constructed is at 19,300 ft at Umlingla Pass in Eastern Ladakh.
  - BRO has constructed a 52-km long tarmac road through Umlingla Pass, bettering the previous record of a road in Bolivia connecting to its volcano Uturuncu at 18,953 ft.
  - The road now connects the important towns in Chumar sector of Eastern Ladakh.
  - It will prove to be a boon to the local population as it offers an alternate direct route connecting Chisumle and Demchok from Leh. It will enhance the socio-economic conditions and promote tourism in Ladakh.
  - The [Border Roads Organisation](#) is responsible for constructing and maintaining the road network in India's border areas.
- 

## 8. Central Board for Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC)

**Context:**

CBIC launched Compliance Information Portal (CIP).

**Details:**

- The [CBIC](#) launched the CIP to provide free access to information on all customs procedures and regulatory compliance for nearly 12,000 Customs Tariff Items.
- The portal would also have information related to partner government agencies like [FSSAI](#), drug controller, etc., to carry out imports and exports.
- CIP can be used by entering either the Customs Tariff Heading (CTH) or the description of the goods in question to get information to step-by-step procedures, regulatory compliances requirements like licence, certificates, etc., for imports as well as exports.
- This includes import and export through posts and courier, import of samples, reimport and re-export of goods, self-sealing facility for exporters and project imports.
- Another important feature of CIP is a pan-India map showing all the customs seaports, airports, and land customs stations, etc. It also contains addresses of the regulatory agencies and their websites.