

## **August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> news:**

### **International:**

#### **Iran Unveils 1st Domestic Fighter Jet 'Kowsar'**

Iran unveiled its first domestic fighter jet at a defence show in Tehran on 21<sup>st</sup> August. The new "Kowsar" is a fourth-generation fighter shown at the National Defence Industry exhibition in Tehran. It was "100-percent indigenously made" for the first time

### **National:**

#### **Naya Raipur to Be Renamed 'Atal Nagar'**

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh on 21<sup>st</sup> August announced that Naya Raipur smart city, will be renamed 'Atal Nagar' in honor of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who passed away on August 16 in New Delhi. After a cabinet meeting in Raipur, Mr Singh announced that along with renaming of Naya Raipur, the Bilaspur University, a medical college, state capital expressway and the under-construction Central Park will be named after Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

On November 1, which is observed as the foundation day of the state, the government will also give awards to honour people who have rendered service to the society. The awards will be called as 'Atal Sushashan Awards

### **Bilateral:**

#### **1st Ever IAF-RMAF Joint Air Exercise Begins In Malaysia**

The first-ever joint air exercise involving the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) commenced at Subang Air Base in Malaysia. India has been eyeing a foothold at the strategically important Subang Air Base. The main aim of the exercise seeks to deepen defence and military ties between the two countries.

#### **President Kovind Inaugurates International Buddhist Conclave in New Delhi**

Indian President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the International Buddhist Conclave in New Delhi. The theme of the conclave is '*Buddha Path – The Living Heritage*'. The Ministerial level delegation from ASEAN countries will participate in the conclave along with delegates from 29 countries including US, UK, Germany, France and Russia. This year Japan is the partnering country for the Buddhist conclave.

### **Economy:**

#### **Kempegowda International Airport among fastest growing airports in world**

A study by RoutesOnline has found that the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is the second fastest growing airport in the world. Bangalore Air port said that the study by RoutesOnline is in sync with the data that points to India being among the fastest-growing aviation markets. To keep pace with

this growth, the Airport is on the cusp of tremendous infrastructure development that will include a new terminal and a second runway

Only Tokyo's Haneda International has bettered KIA's growth. New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport is placed sixth

### **RIL first Indian firm to hit Rs 8 trillion market cap, TCS not far behind**

Reliance Industries (RIL) on 23<sup>rd</sup> August became the first Indian company to cross Rs 8 trillion in market capitalization. The stock gained 1.9 per cent to close at Rs 1,270, valuing the Mukesh Ambani-led firm at Rs 8.05 trillion (\$115 billion at current exchange rate of Rs 70.11 for a dollar).

Tata group flagship Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) also is nearing the same milestone. Currently, the technology giant is valued at Rs 7.8 trillion (\$111 billion), 2.6 per cent away from the Rs 8-trillion mark.

### **Sports:**

#### **Asian games**

**Rahi Sarnobat wins:** Shooter Rahi Sarnobat won the women's 25m Pistol event at Asian Games 2018 in Indonesia. With this, she becomes the first ever Indian female shooter to win gold in the history of Asian Games.

### **Persons in news:**

#### **New Governors for seven states**

- Kaptan Singh Solanki - Tripura (Replaced Tathagata Roy)
- Satyadev Narayan Arya - Haryana (Replaced Kaptan Singh Solanki)
- Satya Pal Malik - Jammu & Kashmir (Replaced NN Vohra)
- Lalji Tandon - Bihar (Replaced Satya Pal Malik)
- Ganga Prasad - Sikkim (Replaced Shriniwas Patil)
- Baby Rani Maurya - Uttarakhand (Replaced K K Paul)
- Tathagata Roy - Meghalaya (Replaced Ganga Prasad)

**VVS Laxman:** Veteran cricketer VVS Laxman has written his autobiography titled, "*281 and Beyond*". The book will be released this year in November.

**Awards:**

**David Beckham:** Former England captain David Beckham will receive the UEFA President's Award for his contribution to football and promoting the sport in "every corner of the planet". David Beckham will become the third Englishman to receive the UEFA President's Award. Sir Bobby Robson (2002) and Sir Bobby Charlton (2008) are the previous English winners.

**Kuldip Nayar:** Eminent Indian writer and journalist Kuldip Nayar passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> August in New Delhi following a brief illness. He was originally born in Sialkot in 1923. His famous autobiography was "Beyond The Lines". He was also the High Commissioner of India to the U.K. and nominated member of the Rajya Sabha.

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