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Anti-Tank Missile

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- India’s indigenously developed 3rd generation Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM), NAG has been successfully flight tested twice by DRDO.
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- NAG, also known as Prospina, is a guided missile primarily designed to hit and destroy heavily armored military vehicles.
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- India is looking to purchase 4th generation Anti Tank missile named Spike Missile from Israel.
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Lakshadweep Island

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- Parali I island, uninhabited and part of Bangaram atoll in Lakshadweep, has vanished due to erosion.
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- All the five islets of Bangaram atoll such as Bangaram, Thinnakara, Parali I, II and III, had undergone erosion and Parali I has been inundated.
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- Lakshadweep, formerly known as the Laccadive, Minicoy, and Aminidivi Islands is a group of islands in the Laccadive Sea, off the south western coast of India.
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- Kavaratti serves as the capital of the Union Territory and the region comes under the jurisdiction of Kerala High Court.
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- Nine degree channel separates Laccadive and Minicoy islands.
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- The islands form the smallest Union Territory of India.
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Swachhathon 1.0

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- Swachhathon 1.0, the first ever Swachh Bharat Hackathon, was organized by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
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- It is organised to crowd source solutions to some of the Sanitation and Hygiene challenges faced in various parts of the country.
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- It invited innovators from schools and colleges, institutions, start-ups and others to come up with solutions for problems like monitoring usage of toilets, triggering behaviour change, Solution for early decomposition of faecal matter, toilet technologies in difficult terrains etc.
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Sakshar Bharat Awards

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- On the occasion of 51st International Literacy day, Ministry of Human Resource Development conferred Sakshar Bharat Awards.
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- The award was constituted to encourage contribution in promoting literacy at grass root levels.
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- It also recognizes the achievements and invaluable contributions of functionaries and volunteers in the field of adult education and skill development.
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- Under the category of State Literacy Mission Authority, Chhattisgarh State has won the award.
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FAME India Scheme

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- FAME India Scheme [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India] was launched by Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.
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- The objective is to support hybrid/electric vehicles market development and Manufacturing eco-system.
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- It is aimed at incentivizing all vehicle segments i.e. 2 Wheeler, 3 Wheeler Auto, Passenger 4 Wheeler Vehicle, Light Commercial Vehicles and Buses.
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- The scheme's phase-I was introduced from April 1, 2015, to March 31, 2017.
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- The phase was subsequently extended by six months till September end.
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- The scheme has 4 focus areas i.e. Technology development, Demand Creation, Pilot Projects and Charging Infrastructure.
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Source: PIB, The Hindu and Economic Times

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