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## 1. Red Shield Division of Indian Army signs MoU for 'Manipur Super 50'



The Red Shield Division of the Indian Army has collaborated with the State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF) and the National Integrity and Educational Development Organization (NDC) to set up a 'Red Shield Center for Excellence and Wellness' under the aegis of Spear Corps. National Integrity and Educational Development Organization (NIEDO) signed a tripartite agreement. This agreement took place in Bishnupur district of Manipur. The 'Manipur Super 50' project is expected to be fully functional by the first week of July 2022 for the first batch of 50 students.

### Key points:

- These initiatives will be able to inculcate a sense of mental and social well-being among parents and their children by providing quality education. So in this way it will develop better life and responsible citizens for our country.
- The center which will be opened in Bishnupur Battalion will be helpful in bringing progressive and inclusive society.
- The signing ceremony of the MoU was also attended by the GOC Red Shield Division, the state DGP and several senior veterans and military and civil dignitaries. More than 100 students from different schools signed the MoU.

## 2. Qualcomm India Joins Hands With MeITy's C-DAC To Support Indian Chipset Startups



Qualcomm India Private Limited, a subsidiary of Qualcomm Inc., has proposed to launch and run the Qualcomm Semiconductor Mentorship Program 2022 for selected semiconductor startups in India. It aims to provide mentorship, technical training and industry outreach. Qualcomm India has entered into a partnership with C-DAC (C-DAC), an autonomous scientific society within the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. It will act as an outreach partner for the program and help the participating entrepreneurs gain exposure.

### Key Points (KEY POINTS):

- Qualcomm India will support intellectual-property-driven innovation and product development along with technological breakthroughs in the Indian ecosystem.
- This innovation will aid in mitigating risks, accelerating company growth and developing soft skills and knowledge base among Indian semiconductor design companies.
- It will give selected startups access to domain experts, venture capitalists, accelerators, incubators, industry groups and key corporations who can help them grow their businesses.
- Qualcomm India will provide the platform and platform to allow high growth-potential small

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businesses and startups to collaborate on potentially disruptive technologies that could shape or grow semiconductor supply chains in the future.

## Strategy (STARTEGY):

- For QSMP 2022, Qualcomm India will nominate a maximum of ten Indian semiconductor firms. Each nominated firm will be associated with a Qualcomm India executive for product development and planning consultation.
- Mentors and startups will meet regularly either in person or through video conferencing.
- Semiconductor design, testing, and validation packaging for Qualcomm India shortlisted businesses, as well as master class seminars on non-technical issues such as pitching, IPR, marketing, government incentives/opportunities, and growing teams Will host
- Through meetings, webinars, seminars and tradeshows, C-DAC and Qualcomm India will help these entrepreneurs get in touch with government stakeholders.

## BACKGROUND (BACKGROUND):

- From the year 2016, Qualcomm India has started coordinating with India's startup ecosystem. Qualcomm's flagship incubation program for IoT and hardware businesses developing products and solutions is called the Design in India Challenge. To support startups, the program has specialized engineering professionals, a laboratory with state-of-the-art equipment and prototyping platforms in Bengaluru. Qualcomm India had earlier announced the Qualcomm Women Entrepreneur India Network, a mentorship program for businesses founded by women, in 2020.

## 3. Ministry of Railways Signs an Agreement with C-DOT to Upgrade Railway Telecom



Ministry of Railways and Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to forge a strong collaborative working partnership for coordination and resource sharing. Under this, the solution of C-Telecom DoT in Railways and provision of telecommunication facilities in the delivery and implementation of services will be done.

### Key Points (KEY POINTS):

- During the MoU signing ceremony, Rajkumar Upadhyay, Executive Director and Chairman, C-DOT Board, Aruna Singh, Additional Member, Telecom and Railway Board, and other top Railway and C-DOT personnel were present.
- This MoU will allow C-DOT and the Ministry of Railways to collaborate on telecommunication modernization as per world standards in Indian Railways for public safety and security services using Long Term Growth for Railways (LTE-R). Under which, according to the Make in India policy, Indian Railways includes 5G usage, Internet of Things, Unified Network Management System, Network Management System, video conference software, chatting applications, routers and switches.
- Long-Term Evolution for Railways (LTE-R) is a next generation communication network specific to railway

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services, allowing high-speed wireless voice and data connections between trains as well as between trains.

- The collaboration between C-DOT and the Ministry of Railways will reduce the total cost of ownership of indigenous telecom equipment and services for train operations, public safety and security applications, boost the Make in India initiative of the Government of India and promote digital development in the country. It will help in bridging the divide.

#### 4. PM Modi Launches Semicon India Conference 2022



The Semicon India Conference-2022 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Bangalore hosted the three-day conference. According to a statement by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), the three-day conference was organized to further Prime Minister Narendra Modi's objective of making India a leader in electronics manufacturing, semiconductor/semiconductor design, production and innovation.

#### Key Points (KEY POINTS):

- The conference aims to serve as a springboard for the country's aspiration to become a worldwide semiconductor hub and develop a chip design and manufacturing ecosystem.
- The conference was attended by eminent experts from industry associations, research organizations and academia.

- They will discuss the role and efforts of policy, talent and government in fostering a conducive growth environment for the country's semiconductor ecosystem.

- Minister of State for MeitY, Rajiv Chandrashekhar had earlier said that the Semicon India 2022 conference will attract the best people from across the world from the semiconductor industry, research and academia, and is a major step towards realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision. will act as a step. India is a global hub for electronics manufacturing and the semiconductor industry.

- Chandrashekhar further said that the government expects a large number of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) to be signed during the three-day conference to forge cooperation and alliances in the semiconductor industry.

#### 5. Lt Gen B.S. Raju became the co-chief of the Indian Army



The Director General of Military Operations of the Indian Army, Lt Gen Baggavalli Somashekar Raju has been appointed as the new co-chief of the Army Staff. He will assume office on May 1, 2022. He was an alumnus of Sainik School Bijapur and National Defense Academy and was commissioned into the Jat Regiment on 15 December 1984. He commanded a battalion during Operation Parakram in the Western Theater and

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Jammu and Kashmir. He has been awarded the Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Yudh Seva Medal.

Before assuming the new role, Lt Gen B.S. Raju was serving as the Director General of Military Operations during the standoff at the Actual Border (LAC) between India and China. If both sides lost many soldiers, then from June 2020, the standoff is closed from both the countries.

## 6. PV Sindhu Won Bronze Medal In Asian Badminton Championships



India's PV in Asia Badminton Championships Sindhu has bagged her second Asian bronze medal. The medal came after her three-game loss to top seed and defending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the semi-finals in Manila. She won her first bronze medal at the 2014 edition of the Asia Badminton Championships in Gimcheon. Sindhu defeated China's Hee Big Xiao 21-9, 13-21 and 21-19 in the quarterfinals to secure a medal in the championship. He won silver in 2016 Rio de Janeiro and bronze in 2020 Tokyo.

## 7. US lists India, Russia and China on its Intellectual Property Protection Priority Watch List



India, China, Russia and four other countries were added to the US' annual 'Priority Watch List' for intellectual property protection and enforcement. Other countries on the United States Trade Representative's list include Argentina, Chile, Indonesia and Venezuela.

### Key Points:

- A total of seven countries from this year's list were included in last year's list.
- US Trade Representative Catherine Tai, in her Special 301 Report on the adequacy and effectiveness of protecting US trading partners and enforcement of intellectual property rights, indicated that these nations will be the focus of particularly intense bilateral engagement in the next year. will do.
- Algeria, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Guatemala, Mexico, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam are included in the list , which requires bilateral attention to address the underlying intellectual property issues.
- The Special 301 Report is an annual assessment of the state of intellectual property protection and enforcement around the world.
- For this year's Special 301 Report, USTR involved over a hundred trading partners.

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- Minister of Railways: **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav**
- Executive Director and Chairman of C-DOT Board: **Rajkumar Upadhyay**
- Additional Member, Telecom and Railway Board: **Aruna Singh**
- Minister of Electronics and Information Technology: **Rajeev Chandrasekhar**
- The country which has been given the host of the 31st South East Asian Games - **Vietnam**
- The country on which America, European Union and Britain have imposed more economic sanctions - **Russia**
- A special logo was unveiled to commemorate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and the country on February 25, 2022- **Belgium**
- Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the nationwide implementation of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), in which a budget allocation of Rs. 1,600 crore has been made for five years.
- The state in which Bank of Maharashtra has launched Project Banksakhi scheme to open an online bank account- **Odisha**
- The World Bank has announced a fund of billions of dollars to UN agencies and NGOs for Afghanistan - **one billion dollars**

- World Wildlife Day is celebrated every year on 3 March