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SUPERSONIC MISSILE ASSISTED RELEASE OF TORPEDO (SMART)



Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) has been successfully flight tested from Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha.

About:

SMART is a missile assisted release of lightweight Anti-Submarine Torpedo System for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW)

operations far beyond Torpedo range.

- This launch and demonstration is significant in establishing Anti-Submarine warfare capabilities.
- A number of DRDO laboratories including DRDL, RCI Hyderabad, ADRDE Agra, NSTL Visakhapatnam have developed the technologies required for SMART.

EDUCATION FOR DEAF CHILDREN



A historic MoU will be signed on October 6, 2020 between Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (ISLRTC) and NCERT to make education materials accessible for Deaf children in their preferred format of communication.

About:

As part of this MoU, educational print materials including NCERT Textbooks, Teachers Handbook and other Supplementary materials and resources of Class I-XII of all subjects of both Hindi and English Medium will be converted into Indian Sign Language in Digital format.

- The signing of this MoU is seen as a historic step as availability of NCERT textbooks in Indian Sign Language will ensure that Deaf children can also now access educational resources in Indian Sign Language. This will also ensure educational standardization of Indian Sign Language as mandated in the New Education Policy, 2020.

QUAD COUNTRIES



Foreign ministers of all four Quad countries – India, US, Japan, Australia – will meet in the Japanese capital Tokyo on October 6, 2020.

About:

Foreign Ministers will discuss the post-COVID-19 international order and the need for a coordinated response to the various challenges emerging from the pandemic.

- Four ministers will also discuss regional issues and collectively affirm the importance of maintaining a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.
- This is the second such Quad foreign ministers meet. In 2019, all the foreign ministers of Quad countries met on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly.
- It takes place even as India and the US are getting ready for 2+2 foreign and defence ministers meeting that will take place later this month.

CZA-PRANI MITRA AWARDS



Union Minister of Environment gave away the CZA-Prani Mitra awards to encourage the zoo officers and staff towards working for captive animal management and welfare.

About:

The awards were given in four categories viz. the Outstanding Director / Curator, Outstanding Veterinarian, Outstanding Biologist /Educationist, Outstanding Biologist /Educationist and Outstanding Animal keeper.

- Central Zoo Authority (CZA) was established to oversee the functioning of Indian zoos and complement the wildlife conservation strategies through ex-situ measures. It recognizes around 160 zoo and rescue centers that enforce global standards in animal housing and welfare.
- Over 567 captive animal species (with 114 species under endangered category) with overall 56481 individual animals are currently housed in Indian zoos.