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<p>RIMPAC-2024</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting took place between Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) of India, and Vice Admiral John FG Wade, Commander of the US Third Fleet. • This meeting was part of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2024 exercise, which is recognized as the world's largest naval exercise. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIMPAC 2024, the world's largest naval exercise, aims to enhance interoperability and build trust among participating navies. • The exercise focuses on improving defense coordination between the Indian Navy and the US Navy, and fostering stronger relationships with other allied naval forces. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty-nine nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, more than 150 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC in and around the Hawaiian Islands. • RIMPAC is held biennially during June and July of even-numbered years from Honolulu, Hawaii, with the exception of 2020 where it was held in August. • It is hosted and administered by the United States Navy's Indo-Pacific Command, headquartered at Pearl Harbor • The world's largest fleet command, the U.S. Pacific Fleet encompasses 100 million square miles, nearly half the Earth's surface, from Antarctica to the Arctic circle and from the West Coast of the United States into the Indian Ocean.
<p>TTD Additional Executive Officer</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary assumed the role of Additional Executive Officer of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) on Saturday, July 27, 2024. <p>Focus on Transparency and Feedback:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chowdary emphasized the importance of establishing an effective feedback mechanism to address pilgrims' grievances. • He highlighted the need for transparent administration to improve the overall experience for visitors.
Aerospace Park Project	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Aerospace Park, initiated by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), is currently undergoing its first phase. This phase involves a cost of Rs 385 crore and covers over 65 acres. • The second phase is scheduled to commence in 2025 and aims for completion by early 2026. The entire project will span nearly 1,000 acres. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Aerospace Park is situated in Palasamudram, Sri Sathya Sai district. • Economic Impact: The Aerospace Park is anticipated to significantly boost the industrial township of Palasamudram, enhancing its infrastructure and economic development.
Hyderabad-Bengaluru Expressway	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central government has approved the expansion of the Bengaluru-Hyderabad highway from four lanes to twelve lanes. • This development was announced by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the Union budget presentation. • The highway, known as NH-44, is expected to cost around ₹20,000 crore. <p>Impact on Regional Growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Boost: The expanded highway is anticipated to significantly enhance regional economic growth by improving connectivity and infrastructure. • Investment and Employment: Improved infrastructure is likely to attract more investments, promote tourism, and create job opportunities in the affected areas, particularly in Anantapur and Kurnool districts. • IT Sector Benefits: IT professionals, like John Richard from Hyderabad, believe that the new expressway will make it easier for IT companies to establish themselves in these cities due to reduced operational costs and better connectivity.



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Related Infrastructure Projects:

- **Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway:** This 262-km expressway, nearing completion, will reduce travel time by 3 hours and cut the distance between the cities by 80 km. Built at a cost of ₹18,000 crore, it will pass through Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.
- **Overall Connectivity:** Together with the Hyderabad-Bengaluru expressway, these projects will enhance connectivity between major cities in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Bengaluru, and Chennai.



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