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NATIONAL NEWS

- **The Centre has proposed light urban rail transit system - 'Metrolite' - in small cities and towns having lower projection of ridership**, with each train having three coaches and a restricted speed of 25 kmph.
 - According to the ministry, the 'Metrolite', which can be developed at a lower cost in comparison with existing metro system
- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a Rs 1,925 crore project for upgradation of power generation and distribution in Tripura**, Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma said on Wednesday.
 - The amount was recently sanctioned to the Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL)
- **India is all set to launch first ever space war exercise in months after success of Mission Shakti**. Joint Space Doctrine can also be launched after space war exercise.
 - This exercise will help India to prepare for future space wars. The entire program has been prepared according to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- On July 24, 2019, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal launched the 12th Edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) for the year 2019 in New Delhi.
 - **The theme of the 2019 GII is “Creating Healthy Lives – The Future of Medical Innovation”.**
- **The Kerala government will set up the country’s first space tech park at Thiruvananthapuram’s Knowledge City**. The move is aimed at making the city a manufacturing hub for space-related technology.
 - A space museum named after former President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam will also be a part of the infrastructure.

- **Minister of State of Culture and Tourism has informed the Lok Sabha about JATAN which is a Virtual Museum software.** The objective of the software is to make digital imprint of all objects preserved in museums.
 - The portal works through the website wherein all the digitised data on museums have been up-loaded for online viewing.

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- **After Chandrayaan-2, the ISRO has planned the launch of its solar mission, Aditya-L1, in the first half of 2020 to study the Sun's corona, according to the space agency.**
 - Aditya-L1 is meant to observe the corona, which are the outer layers of the Sun, extending to thousands of kilometres.

APPOINTMENTS

Priti Patel, an ardent Brexiteer who was among the most vocal critics of Theresa May's Brexit strategy, on Wednesday took charge as Britain's first Indian-origin Home Secretary in the newly-unveiled Boris Johnson Cabinet.