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1. Gujarat launches scheme to attract Rs 12.5 trillion investments Source: Financial Express (Link)

With an eye on the forthcoming Assembly elections in Gujarat, chief minister Bhupendra Patel today rolled out an ambitious scheme of attracting investment of Rs 12.50 trillion and employment generation for at least 15 lakh people in the next five years under Aatmanirbhar Gujarat Schemes for Assistance to Industries. The schemes announced by Gujarat CM in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative are based on two themes – Greening the manufacturing process as well as contributing to the global supply chain. 'The Aatmanirbhar Gujarat Schemes for Assistance to Industries' is aimed at encouraging budding entrepreneurs to fulfil their entrepreneurship ambitions not only by derisking their investments through incentives but also by encouraging youth to innovate and become job creators, said Patel.

2. Thai Translucia joins Sunovatech India for metaverse ecosystem worth \$3 bn Source: Business Standard (Link)

Translucia, a subsidiary of T&B Media Global (Thailand) on 5 October partnered with immersive and Extended reality company Sunovatech India, along with other global partners, to build a metaverse ecosystem worth \$3 billion. Specializing in 3D modeling and rendering design, Sunovatech will act as a production hub for building 3D assets, environments and modules of the metaverse. "Sunovatech contribution is critical as the talent from India will bring in quality, speed of production, cost efficiency, and commitment," said Dr. Jwanwat Ahriyavraromp, Founder and CEO of T&B Media Global and Founder of Translucia.

3. Centre aiming to replace petrol, diesel-powered fleet with EVs soon: Report Source: Business Standard (Link)

The increasing need for cost savings and growing awareness among residential consumers, along with a strong push by the Central government, is helping accelerate the pace of rooftop solar installations in India's residential segment, a new report by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and JMK Research & Analytics said on Thursday. Gujarat, Haryana and Maharashtra are the three most attractive states for residential rooftop solar installations. "This shows that the potential for rooftop solar installations in residential spaces is huge in India. We expect the growth of residential rooftop solar installations to accelerate in the near term across India because of the strong policy push

and resurgent market demand," says the report's co-author Vibhuti Garg, Director, South Asia, IEEFA.

4. PM lauds collective commitment of all Indians to strengthen Nari Shakti Source: Business Standard (Link)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded the collective commitments of 130 crore Indians to strengthen Nari Shakti, stated Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on 5 October. Quoting a tweet by Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Irani on India registering a decline in female infant mortality rate, the Prime Minister tweeted, "This is a great sign, reflective of the collective commitment of 130 crore Indians to strengthen our Nari Shakti." Earlier on Wednesday, citing a media report, Smriti Irani tweeted, "India registers a decline in the female infant mortality rate." "Efforts towards Beti Bachao Beti Padhao through an integrated approach encompassing advocacy, healthcare and education are breaking the gender bias and resulting in improved numbers across all parameters," Irani added.

5. NITI set to roll out pilot for livestock telemedicine Source: The Economic Times (Link)

The NITI Aayog will soon launch a pilot project to provide telemedicine services for livestock health and safety in the wake of growing concerns over outbreak of lumpy skin disease (LSD) leading to death of cattle in several states. Under the pilot, to be launched in Gujarat and Uttarakhand, services such as real-time consultation on vaccination, artificial insemination, medicine, health education and livestock insurance will be provided through telemedicine.