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INTERNATIONAL

1) Joint news conference held in Nicosia

- At a joint news conference held in Nicosia, Cyprus, Foreign Minister of Cyprus Ioannis Kasoulides and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar signed three important agreements.
- The two ministers had fruitful conversations during Jaishankar's first official visit to Cyprus about bilateral relations, multilateral cooperation, geopolitical and regional problems, the Indo-Pacific issue, the Middle East, Europe, and India's relationship with the European Union.

2) G20 Summit

- The Group of Twenty, or G20, is an intergovernmental organization made up of the European Union and 19 other nations (EU).
- It strives to address important global economic concerns like international financial stability, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and sustainable development.
- G20 nations catered for 85 percent of world economy, 75 percent of world trade and 66 percent of world population.



NATIONAL

1) 26th edition of the Financial Stability Report

- The 26th edition of the Financial Stability Report was released by the Reserve Bank of India on December 29. The Reserve Bank of India publishes a financial stability report every two years.
- The report reflects the Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council's collective evaluation of the financial system's resilience and vulnerabilities to financial stability.
- 2) Second longest cable-stayed eight-lane Zuari Bridge in Goa























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- Union Minister of Roads Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the country's second longest cable-stayed eight-lane Zuari Bridge in Goa.
- Right-hand side (4-lane corridor) across the Zuari River and approaches from Bambolim to Verna were thrown open for vehicular traffic. Gadkari also launched the PWD Goa App for integrated operations management.
- Through the insurance scheme of the Government of Goa, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has given Rs 2 lakh each to the families of the workers who died during the construction of the bridge.

3) Ford India's manufacturing plant

- Tata Motors to complete the acquisition of Ford India's manufacturing plant at Sanand through its subsidiary on 10th January 2023.
- The company has announced that its arm Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd (TPEML) would acquire Ford India Pvt Ltd Sanand Plant in Gujarat for Rs 725.7 crore.
- The acquisition included the entire land and buildings, the vehicle manufacturing plant along with machinery and equipment and the transfer of all eligible employees of FIPL's vehicle manufacturing operations at Sanand.



4) SpaceX Falcon 9

- The SpaceX Falcon 9 launch vehicle launched into low Earth Orbit the first 54 Starlink Satellites of the new generation, or v2.0 or Gen2.
- The SpaceX Falcon 9 was launched on 28th December 2022, and it took place from the SLC-40 launch pad of the US Air Force Base at Cape Canaveral.
- It is the 60th successful SpaceX mission since the beginning of 2022.

5) Bharat Interface for Money





















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- Indigenously developed payment application BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) celebrated its sixth anniversary.
- BHIM App was launched on 30th December 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. BHIM stands for Bharat Interface for Money. It is a biometric payment systems app using the Aadhar platform and is based on a Unified Payment Interface (UPI) to facilitate e-payment directly through the bank.
- It can be used on all mobile devices whether it's a smartphone or feature phone or a phone without an internet connection. The payments through the BHIM App can be made with just a thumb impression after the bank account is linked with the Aadhar gateway



STATE NEWS

1) SwasthGarbh app

- To create the SwasthGarbh app, the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi worked together.
- Pregnant women can access antenatal care and real-time medical support through the smartphone app. The software may be downloaded for free from the Google Play Store.

2) International Association of Chiefs of Police

- International Association of Chiefs of Police, the US-based international organisation has selected the anti-drug & illicit liquor campaign 'Nijaat' of Chhattisgarh police for 'Leadership in Crime Prevention' award in the institutional category.
- The prestigious IACP 2022 Award has selected the de-addiction drive 'Nijaat', which was executed following the directive by chief minister Bhupesh Baghel to act tough against drug peddlers, and bootleggers and check to smuggling of drugs.
- A successful singular campaign, 'Nijaat' witnessed the striking results to achieve a drug-free society with missionary zeal.





















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3) 'Dhanu Yatra' festival

- The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival, the largest open-air theatre festival began after a gap of two years, in Bargarh at the Odisha.
- The vibrant Dhanu Yatra is associated with the culture of Odisha. The Festival is being held from December 27 to Jan 6, 2023.
- Several artists from 130 cultural troupes from across the country are scheduled to perform during the festival. Around 3,000 artistes of 130 cultural troupes from across the country is participating in the festival. However, Kansa is the central attraction of the Dhanu Yatra.

4) Madurai Bench of Madras High Court

- The Madurai Bench of Madras High Court has prohibited devotees from carrying mobile phones inside temples in Tamil Nadu.
- The Division Bench of Justice R. Mahadevan and J Sathya Narayana Prasad held that the gadgets divert the attention of the devotees from the purpose of visiting the temple.
- The Tamil Nadu Temple Entry Authorization Act 1947, and the Rules empower the trustees or any authority in charge of the temple to make regulations for the maintenance of order and decorum in the temple.



5) IPS officer Laxmi Singh

- The Uttar Pradesh government has appointed IPS officer Laxmi Singh as the new Noida Police chief, making her the first woman officer to head a Police Commissionerate in the state.
- The 2000-batch officer, who replaced Alok Singh in Gautam Buddh Nagar.
- Alok Singh, a 1995-batch IPS officer, has been posted as an additional director general of police at the DGP office in state capital Lucknow.

6) Andhra Pradesh government

























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- The Andhra Pradesh government has introduced a lesson on the contribution of Fatima Sheikh in the textbooks of the eighth class.
- Fatima Sheikh was India's first woman Muslim teacher and one of India's greatest social reformers and educators.
- She was known to have given shelter to Jyothi Rao Phule and Savitribai, the well-known social reformer couple who worked for the education of girl child.

7) 'Nilgiri Tahr Project'

- Tamil Nadu Government has announced the 'Nilgiri Tahr Project', India's first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at restoring the state animal's original habitat and stabilizing its population.
- It will also have a dedicated team chaired by the project director to deal with species conservation. The team will explore the possibility of undertaking captive breeding of the animals for re-introduction in forest patches where it has become locally extinct.

OBITUARY

1) Arata Isozaki, Passes away

- Arata Isozaki, a Pritzker-winning Japanese architect known as a post-modern giant who blended culture and history of the East and the West in his designs, has died.
- He was 91. Isozaki won the Pritzker Architecture Prize, internationally the highest honour in the field, in 2019.
- Arata Isozaki, whose Hybrid Style Forged 'New Paths,' Wins Pritzker Prize.













