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INTERNATIONAL

1) India has paid USD 29.9 million in UN regular budget

India has paid USD 29.9 million in UN regular budget assessments for the year 2022. As of January 21, 2022, 24 Member States have paid their regular budget assessments in full. India is currently a non-permanent member of the 15-nation Security Council and its two-year term will end on December 31, 2022.

NATIONAL

1) TX2 award

Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (Tamil Nadu) has been given the prestigious TX2 award after its tiger numbers doubled to 80 since 2010. Apart from the STR, the Bardia National Park in Nepal has won this year's TX2 award for doubling the population of wild tigers.

2) Government of India officially handed over Air India to the Tata Group

The government of India officially handed over India's flag carrier, Air India to the Tata Group. The total value of the deal is Rs 18,000 crore (US\$2.4 billion). The strategic disinvestment transaction of Air India includes the transfer of a 100 per cent stake of GoI in Air India to Tata Sons.

3) A new method to detect oral cancers

The researchers from the Guru Nanak Institute of Dental Sciences in West Bengal have created a new method to detect oral cancers. The team has created a new imaging device. The device screens the cancerous stage by measuring the blood flow rate in the tissues.

4) "Digital Sansad"

The Lok Sabha secretariat launched a new app titled "Digital Sansad". The digital Sansad app was launched to make it easier for people to follow proceedings in Parliament and their lawmakers.

STATE NEWS

1) India's first innovation centre for graphene

India's first innovation centre for graphene will be set up in Kerala by the Digital University Kerala along with the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology in Thrissur. This will be the first graphene Research and Development (R&D) incubation centre.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Pencilton has recently launched PencilCard

Fintech startup based in India, Pencilton has recently launched PencilCard, a debit card that





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is compliant with National Common Mobility Card standards. It has been launched in partnership with Transcorp. It allows the user to pay for travel, toll duties, retail shopping and withdraw money.

OBITUARY

1) Anil Awachat

Marathi author and social activist Anil Awachat has passed away. Awachat was the founder of a de-addiction center called Mukhtangan Rehabilitation Center in Pune in 1986. He was known for his several Marathi books like “Manasa”, Swatahavishayi, “Gard”, “Karyarat”, “Karyamagna” and “Kutuhalapoti”.

2) Charanjit Singh

Former Hockey mid-fielder Charanjit Singh has passed away, after prolonged age-related illnesses. He was the Captain of the Indian hockey team which won gold in the Tokyo Olympics of 1964.

3) Milena Salvini

Noted Kathakali dancer Milena Salvini of France has passed away. Italian-born Salvini was a regular visitor to India, especially Kerala where she learnt Kathakali, and ran ‘Centre Mandapa’, a school for Indian dance forms, in Paris. The Government of India conferred the Padma Shri award on Salvini in 2019

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) ‘India’s Women Unsung Heroes’

Union Minister of State for Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi has released a pictorial comic book titled ‘India’s Women Unsung Heroes’, as a tribute to the forgotten women freedom fighters of the country. The book has been prepared by the Ministry of Culture.

