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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Arrow-3

Israel has completed a successful flight test of the Arrow-3 which is designed to intercept ballistic missiles outside of the earth's atmosphere. It was developed in a joint project between the Defense Ministry's Missile Defense Organization and the American Missile Defence Agency.

## NATIONAL

### 1) "Open Data Week"

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announced the initiation of the "Open Data Week" to encourage adoption of open data and promote innovation across India's urban ecosystem. The Open Data Week will be conducted during the third week of January from 17th January 2022 to 21st January 2022.

### 2) Toronto Waterfront Marathon

TCS has partnered with Canada Running Series to become the new title sponsor and official technology consulting partner of the Toronto Waterfront Marathon and Virtual Race through November 2026. Tata Consultancy Services and Canada Running Series aim to modernize marathon running in Canada through a new official race app.

### 3) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited

The Union Cabinet approved infusion of 1500 crore rupees in Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited. It will help generate 10,200 jobs a year and reduce carbon emissions equivalent to approximately 7.49 million tonnes per year.

### 4) Operation Sard Hawa

The Border Security Force, BSF launches Operation Sard Hawa. Under the operation, the BSF increases the surveillance in the Pakistan border. It is usually launched in the Rajasthan border, especially in the Jaisalmer region. It is a regular annual exercise.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) Saaṛthi

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched Saaṛthi, a mobile app on investor education. The new app aims to empower investors with accurate knowledge about the securities market. The app will cater largely to individual investors, who have recently entered the markets and carry out trading via their mobile phones.



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## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) General Manoj Pande

The Government approved the proposal for appointment of Eastern Army Commander Lieutenant General Manoj Pande as the next Vice Chief of Army Staff. General Pande was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers in December 1982. He was Director-General at Army Headquarters dealing with subjects of discipline, ceremonial and welfare.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia

Professional mountaineer, and Padma Shri recipient Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia passed away. He has written over 13 books including his autobiography "Higher Than Everest". Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia was the recipient of Arjuna Award-1965 Padma Shri-1965 Padma Bhushan-2002 and Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award for lifetime achievement in 2009.

## SPORTS

### 1) Sania Mirza

Sania Mirza, the most successful woman in Indian tennis history, has decided that she is bidding adieu to the sports at the end of 2022. Sania has six Grand Slam titles in women's doubles and mixed doubles to her name. Her last headline-grabbing win came with Chinese partner Shuai Zhang in women's doubles at the Ostrava Open in 2021.