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INTERNATIONAL

1) American foulbrood disease

- US has approved the first-ever vaccine for honey bees which will confer protection from the American foulbrood disease, raising hopes of a new weapon against diseases that routinely ravage colonies that are relied upon for food pollination.
- The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has permitted a conditional license for a vaccine, developed by Dalan Animal Health, a US-based biotech company.
- The vaccine will be supplied on a "limited basis" to commercial beekeepers in the US and is expected to be available this year.



2) 'Winter Heatwave'

- New satellite imagery reveals the effect of Europe's 'winter heatwave' in the thick of the continent's winter skiing season.
- An image posted by the European Union's Copernicus Programme shows a distinct lack of snow surrounding the Swiss town of Altdorf, which is close to skiing resorts.
- In Altdorf, the temperature reached 66.5°F (19.2°C) on New Year's Day and did not fall below 60.9°F (16.1°C) during the night, breaking a previous record set in 1864.
- Warsaw in Poland also hit 66°F (18.9°C), smashing its own January record by over 9°F (5°C).

3) Indian government

- The Indian government has proclaimed that they have identified two lithium mines and one copper mine in Argentina and they are moving forward to acquiring it or taking long term lease.





















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- The government of India said that they had sent a team of geologists to Argentina to assess and find potential lithium deposits in the month of November 2022.
- They have been able to identify a possible source of lithium and copper deposits in the south American country.

NATIONAL

1) 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust'

- Bandhan Bank launched the 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign along with the bank's brand ambassador Sourav Ganguly.
- 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' is an integrated marketing campaign in which the company has emphasized the 'trust' that the brand has been able to earn in a span of seven years as a bank.



3) women peacekeepers to UN Mission in Sudan

- India will deploy a platoon of women peacekeepers to UN Mission in Sudan. This will be India's largest single unit of women Peacekeepers in a UN Mission since it deployed the first-ever all-women contingent in Liberia in 2007.
- The Indian contingent, comprising two officers and 25 Other Ranks, will form part of an Engagement platoon and specialize in Community outreach, though they will be performing extensive security-related tasks as well.
- The deployment in Abyei will also herald India's intent of increasing significantly the number of Indian women in Peacekeeping contingents.























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- The operation has been tasked with monitoring the flashpoint border between north and south and facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid and is authorized to use force in protecting civilians and humanitarian workers in Abyei.

4) Indian Space Research Organization

- Indian Space Research Organization and Microsoft signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to help Indian Space tech start-ups with technology tools, go-to-market support, and mentoring to help them scale and become business ready.
- Through this MoU, the space tech startups identified by ISRO will be onboarded onto the Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub.

5) Asom Baibhav, Asom Sourav, and Asom Gourav categories

- The recipients of the state's top civil honours for 2022–2023 were revealed by the Assam government.
- The Assam government presented awards in the Asom Baibhav, Asom Sourav, and Asom Gourav categories.
- The chief minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, revealed the beneficiaries of the civil awards that will be given out by the state.



6) Octave 2023

- Octave 2023 is a festival being held under the aegis of the South Zone Culture Centre, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu to showcase the indigenous art and culture of Northeast India.
- Octave 2023 was inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi.





















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- The Governor of Tamil Nadu said that the perspective of the nation towards the Northeast has changed with the passage of time and the state have involved in the growth stories of India.
- The Northeast is moving towards development and advancement and is bubbling with capacities and aspirations.

STATE NEWS

1) Palm leaf Manuscript Museum

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated the Palm leaf Manuscript Museum with modern audio-visual technology at the renovated Central Archives, Fort area in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- The Museum, promoted as "World's First Palm-Leaf Manuscript Museum" was set up by the Archives Department in association with the Kerala Museum of History and Heritage at a cost of Rs 3 crore.



2) Ghaziabad-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay

- Ghaziabad-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay section (762 KM) becomes the longest fully automatic block signalling section of Indian Railways.
- In order to increase line capacity to run more trains on existing High Density Routes of Indian Railways, Automatic Block Signalling (ABS) is a cost effective solution.
- Indian Railways has been rolling out Automatic Block signalling on a mission mode. ABS has been commissioned on 268 Rkm during 2022-23.

3) First G-20 meeting will be held in Puducherry on 31st January

- Puducherry Lieutenant governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan said that the first G-20 meeting will be held in Puducherry on 31st January.





















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- The G20 logo for the meeting was released by Lieutenant Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan at a function held at Beach Road Gandhi Tidal.
- Dr. Tamisai thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving all the states the opportunity to host the G-20 meetings. He released stickers, posters and badges and also inaugurated a selfie booth in the presence of Chief Minister Rengasamy.

4) "1st All India Annual State Minister Conference on Water"

- Ministry of Jal Shakti organized the "1st All India Annual State Minister Conference on Water" with the theme of "Water Vision@2027" in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 5th and 6th January 2023.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivaraj Singh Chouhan, and Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat felicitated the occasion.



APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Saiyam Mehra

- The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) its members have elected Saiyam Mehra as Chairman and Rajesh Rokde as Vice Chairman of the industry body for a period of two years (2023-24).
- GJC represents over 6,00,000 industry players comprising manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, distributors, laboratories, gemologists, designers and allied services providers.
- GJC is constantly creating newer and better platforms for the industry and his focus will be on connecting with the maximum number of people creating a synergy for development of the industry.

SPORTS

1) Saurashtra's Jaydev Unadkat

- Saurashtra's Jaydev Unadkat made a slice of Ranji Trophy history, becoming the first bowler to take a hattrick in the opening over.

























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- The left-arm pacer destroyed Delhi by adding two more in the next over in a career-best eight-wicket haul in the Elite Group B match in Rajkot.
- Unadkat's hat-trick victims included opener Dhruv Shorey, Vaibhav Rawal and young Delhi captain Yash Dhull, all of whom departed for duck.
- Unadkat's finishing with career-best figures of 8/39 in his 12 overs. Delhi, who lost 7 wickets for just 10 runs, didn't face ignominy of lowest first-class score of 6 by a team called 'The B's' against England in an official match held in 1810.

2) Pranesh M became India's 79th Grandmaster

- Pranesh M became India's 79th Grandmaster, having completed his three norms prior to this event. IM Pranesh M emerged as the winner of the Rilton Cup, the first tournament of the FIDE Circuit.
- The 16-year-old from India, seeded 22nd, made a clean sweep of the field in Stockholm, winning eight games and finishing a full point ahead of IM Kaan Kucuksari (Sweden) and GM Nikita Meshkovs (Latvia).

3) Australia's Belinda Clark

- Australia's Belinda Clark has become the first female cricketer to have a statue cast in her honour, a bronze sculpture of the trailblazing former captain unveiled outside Sydney Cricket Ground.
- Clark played 15 tests and over 100 limited overs matches between 1991-2005, and became the first cricketer to score a double-hundred in one-day internationals when she made an unbeaten 229 against Denmark in 1997.



4) Largest hockey stadiums

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday inaugurated one of the largest hockey stadiums in India in Rourkela ahead of the Men's Hockey World Cup 2023.
- Built at an estimated cost of ₹261 crore, the stadium, located in Sundargarh district, has been christened as Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium Complex.
- It has been built in 50 acres in a record 15 months-time with a seating capacity of 20,000. The stadium also has practice centres adjacent to it with certified turfs and lighting.





















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- The State has also built a World Cup village, which has 225 rooms to house the players and officials, within nine months.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- 1) Parliamentarian and author, Shashi Tharoor's latest book Ambedkar
- A Life was recently launched at the Kitaab Kolkata event. In this new biography, Tharoor tells Ambedkar's story with great lucidity, insight, and admiration.
- He traces the arc of the great man's life from his birth into a family of Mahars in the Bombay Presidency on 14 April 1891 to his death in Delhi on 6 December 1956.
- He describes the many humiliations and hurdles Ambedkar had to overcome in a society that stigmatized the community he was born into, and the single-minded determination with which he overcame every obstacle he encountered.

2) 'Human Anatomy'

- A Medical book 'Human Anatomy' in Hindi Manav sharir Rachna Vigyan was released by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh Shri Mangubhai Patel at the function which is a very useful book for the Medical students of all courses related to medical education written by Dr AK Dwivedi.
- Dr AK Dwivedi is Homeopathic Doctor of Indore Professor & HOD Physiology SKRP Gujarati Homeopathic Medical College Indore and member of Scientific Advisory Board in the Central Council for Research in Homeopathy, Ministry of AYUSH (Govt. of India).

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Day of War Orphans

- The World Day of War Orphans is observed on January 6 every year with an aim to raise awareness about children orphaned in wars.
- These children are subjected to hardships that are more than just physical neglect after losing their caregivers.
- It is an important event to note that the aftermaths of war are not just harsh on a single part of the society.



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