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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Solar aviation fuel

Swiss International Air Lines AG and its parent company, Lufthansa Group have partnered with Switzerland based solar fuels start-up, Synhelion SA to use its solar aviation fuel. Swiss International Airlines will become the first airline to use solar aviation fuel ("sun-to-liquid" fuel) to help power its flights. SWISS will become the first customer of solar kerosene in 2023.

### 2) Medicinal Marijuana

Costa Rica has legalised the use of medicinal marijuana and also the cultivation and industrial production of hemp. Medical marijuana uses marijuana plant or its active chemical (Cannabinoids) to treat diseases or conditions like glaucoma; mental health conditions like schizophrenia and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) etc.

## NATIONAL

### 1) National Mission for Clean Ganga

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has been awarded the 'Special Jury Award' at the 7th India Industry Water Conclave and the 9th edition of the FICCI Water Awards. NMCG has been awarded for its effort in reviving River Ganga and bringing about a paradigm shift in water management.

### 2) Project ARYA (Attracting and retaining youth in agriculture)

Project ARYA, initiated by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, is the recognition of the importance of rural youth in agricultural development of the country. Its objective includes attracting and empowering the Youth in Rural Areas to take up various Agriculture, allied and service sector enterprises for sustainable income.

### 3) Shirui Lily Festival

Shirui Lily Festival is an annual five-day State festival organised by the Department of Tourism of Manipur. Its aim is to spread awareness about the endangered state flower 'Shirui Lily'. It is a unique species of ground lily that is found only in the Shirui Hills of Manipur.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) UPI transactions

According to the data from the National Payments Corporation of India, India's cashless retail transactions on the UPI platform were Rs 8.27 lakh crore in February, a little decrease from the previous month's total (NPCI).



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## 2) “Vida”

Hero MotoCorp has unveiled a new brand “Vida”, (Vida means life) for its emerging mobility solutions and upcoming electric vehicles. Vida brand has been unveiled by Dr Pawan Munjal, Chairman and CEO of Hero MotoCorp, on March 3, 2022, in Dubai.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Obesity Day

World Obesity Day is observed every year on March 04. It is observed to spread awareness about obesity and encourage action towards its elimination. The theme of World Obesity Day 2022 is ‘Everybody Needs to Act’.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Vidya Balan

Bharti AXA Life Insurance has appointed National Award-winning actress VidyaBalan as its Brand Ambassador. She as the brand ambassador will help in promoting the #DoTheSmartThing champion of Bharti AXA Life Insurance.

### 2) Sanjiv Kapoor

Sanjiv Kapoor has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jet Airways. Prior to this, Kapoor was the president of Oberoi Hotels and has also worked as a chief operating officer at SpiceJet and chief strategy and commercial officer at Vistara.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Shane Warne

Legendary Australia spinner, Shane Warne has passed away at the age of 52. Shane Warne, one of the greatest-ever cricketers to have played the sport, picked up 708 wickets in 145 Tests. His career spanned over 15 years from 1992 to 2007. He was also a World Cup winner with Australia in 1999.

## SPORTS

### 1) ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2022

The ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2022 has kicked off on March 04, 2022, in New Zealand. This is the 12 edition of the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup. The opening match of the ICC Women’s World Cup 2022 was held at the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui between West Indies and New Zealand

