

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1) Mohajer-10 drone

- In a significant event attended by senior Iranian officials, the Islamic Republic recently introduced its latest achievement in unmanned aerial technology – the Mohajer-10 drone.

- As reported by state media, this cutting-edge unmanned aerial vehicle boasts an impressive range of 2,000 kilometers (1,240 miles).

2) Bilateral relationship between India and Greece

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a landmark visit to Greece, marking a significant diplomatic milestone as he became the first Indian Prime Minister to set foot in the country in 40 years.
This visit is aimed at fortifying the bilateral relationship between India and Greece, and it comes at the invitation of Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

3) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for exchange of White Shipping Information

- Chief of the Naval Staff and Commandant of Philippine Coast Guard signed the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for exchange of White Shipping Information on 23 August 2023.

- The signing of the SOP between Philippine Coast Guard and Indian Navy would facilitate the operationalization of information exchange on merchant shipping traffic, which will contribute to enhanced maritime safety and security in the region.

NATIONAL NEWS

1) 15th BRICS summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was on a three-day visit to South Africa to attend the 15th BRICS summit, presented special gifts to the organization's leaders including South African president Cyril Ramaphosa, First Lady of South Africa Tshepo Motsepe, and Brazilian president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.
 PM Modi gifts Bidri Surahi, Nagaland Shawl, and Gond Painting to BRICS leaders.



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2) Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, and the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation

In a significant step towards fostering innovation in the field of green hydrogen, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched strategic partnerships between HSBC India and prominent institutions, namely the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, and the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF).
The collaboration, which comes with a substantial grant support totaling ₹15 crore (\$2 million), marks a pivotal moment in advancing projects that prioritize green hydrogen as a strategic alternative fuel.
These initiatives are poised to play a crucial role in building a resilient green-hydrogen economy.

3) National Curriculum Framework for school education

The Education Ministry has recently unveiled an innovative National Curriculum Framework for school education, aimed at providing students with increased curricular flexibility and choices.
The framework also highlights a significant emphasis on the enrichment of Indian languages in the educational system.

STATE NEWS

1) "100 Microsites"

- Under the "100 Microsites" initiative, the National Health Authority (NHA) of India has unveiled the first Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Microsite in the capital city of Mizoram.
- This achievement is poised to transform the healthcare sector by propelling the advantages of digitalization to the forefront.

2) Ethics of AI into the very essence of artificial intelligence systems

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Information Technology, Electronics and Communications (ITE&C) Department of the Government of Telangana have forged a pioneering partnership to infuse the Ethics of AI into the very essence of artificial intelligence systems.







3) Books and represented Persons

- Goa governor PS Sreedharan Pillai released three books at a function held at the Raj Bhavan. His recently authored three new books namely 'Heritage Trees of Goa', 'When Parallel Lines Meet', and 'Ente Priya Kavithakal' ('My Dear Poems' a collection of poems).

- Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant inaugurated the event in Panaji, Goa. West Bengal governor CV Ananda Bose unveiled the book 'Heritage Trees of Goa', while Goa chief minister Pramod Sawant inaugurated the event.

- Goa state minister for tourism Rohan Khaunte and Jnanpith winner Damodar Mauzo released two other books: 'When Parallel Lines Meet' and 'Ente Priya Kavitakal'.

4) Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan -2023

The city of Indore has clinched the top spot in the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan -2023 conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board, in the category of cities with a population exceeding 10 lakhs.
The results of the survey reflect not only the city's dedicated efforts but also highlight the overall progress made by several cities in Madhya Pradesh.

BANKING NEWS

1) HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank

- In a groundbreaking collaboration, HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, has partnered with Marriott Bonvoy, the acclaimed travel program by Marriott International, to unveil the 'Marriott Bonvoy HDFC Bank Credit Card'.

- This pioneering co-branded hotel credit card, the first of its kind in India, operates on the esteemed Diners Club platform, a part of the Discover Global Network, and aspires to set new standards for rewarding travel cards in the country.





BUSINESS NEWS

1) Microfinance Institutions

- After a four-year interval, standalone Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) have reclaimed their dominant position in microlending, surpassing banks.

- This resurgence is attributed to their recovery from pandemic-induced setbacks and strategic efforts, with standalone MFIs now holding a 40% share of microfinance loans in the country.

2) 'Make in India'

- In a significant stride towards environmental responsibility, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL), a prominent state-owned engineering company, has successfully developed the first set of indigenous Selective Catalyst Reactors (SCR) Catalysts.

- These catalysts play a crucial role in mitigating nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from thermal power plants.

- Previously reliant on imports, this achievement underscores the 'Make in India' initiative championed by the government.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Rafael Nadal

- Infosys announces a three-year partnership with global tennis icon Rafael Nadal, appointing him as the brand ambassador and the face of Infosys' Digital Innovation.

- This partnership not only marks a milestone for Nadal but also signifies Infosys' dedication to transforming the tennis landscape through cutting-edge technologies.

SPORTS NEWS

1) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa finished second in FIDE World Cup

- Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa finished second in FIDE World Cup. After three days and four games of intensely nervy chess across two formats, Magnus Carlsen finally managed to win the FIDE World Cup for the first time in his career.





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- Carlsen defeated Praggnanandhaa in the final, but not before the 18-year-old teenage had dragged him through the tie-breaker.

- Carlsen's win was confirmed after the second game of the tiebreaker. The two players had played out one draw each.

2) Asia Cup 2023

- The Asia Cup 2023 is scheduled to be held in Pakistan and Sri Lanka from 30 August to 17 September 2023.

- The tournament will be a 50-over ODI tournament, with all matches played at international standard venues.

- The 2023 Edition will feature two groups, with two teams from each group qualifying for the Super Four stage.

- The top two teams from the Super Four stage will then face off in the final.

OBITUARY NEWS

1) Windham Rotunda, also known as Bray Wyatt, passed away

- Windham Rotunda, also known as Bray Wyatt, passed away at age 36. Rotunda was an American professional wrestler.

- He was best known for his tenure in WWE, where he performed under the ring name Bray Wyatt.



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