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INTERNATIONAL

1) 'Mosi-oa-Tunya'

- Zimbabwe has launched gold coins to be sold to the public in a bid to tame runaway inflation.
- The coin is called 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' which refers to Victoria Falls in the local Tonga language.
- The coins will have liquid asset status so that they could be easily converted to cash and locally and internationally tradable.

2) Earth's Shortest day

- The Earth has set up a new record of completing a full spin in 1.59 milliseconds and completing a full rotation in less than 24 hours on 29th July 2022.
- Earth has increased the speed of its rotations recently. Earlier in 2020, on 19 July Earth recorded it as the shortest day of all time that year.
- Earth completed its rotations in 1.47 milliseconds which is lesser than the standard 24 hours.

NATIONAL

1) 'AL NAJAH-IV'

- The 4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' begins in Rajasthan at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.
- The exercise takes place between contingents of the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman from August 01 to 13, 2022.
- The Indian Army will be represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion at the AL NAJAH-IV.

2) Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Awards

- Union Agriculture Minister for the Government of India, Narendra Singh Tomar gave out Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Awards in New Delhi.
- The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund was introduced two years ago as part of the expansive Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package.
- For investments in the development of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets, it offers a medium-long term credit facility.





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3) “Ex VINBAX 2022”

- The 3rd edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise “Ex VINBAX 2022” is conducted at Chandimandir, Haryana from August 1 to 20, 2022.
- The theme of Ex VINBAX 2022 is the “Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations”.

4) 'Responsible AI for Youth 2022' program

- National E-Governance Division of Ministry of Electronics & IT in collaboration with Intel India launched 'Responsible AI for Youth 2022' program.
- The Program is aimed at enabling school students with Artificial intelligence (AI) skills in an inclusive manner through exclusive hands-on learning and mentorship opportunities.

STATE NEWS

1) “President’s Colours” for the Tamil Nadu Police

- Chief Minister M.K. Stalin received the renowned “President’s Colours” for the Tamil Nadu Police from Vice-President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu.
- One of the very few law enforcement agencies in the nation to be awarded the coveted “President’s Colours” is the Tamil Nadu Police.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Sanjay Arora

- Sanjay Arora, a Tamil Nadu-cadre IPS officer who oversaw the paramilitary ITBP, will assume control of the Delhi Police as Delhi Police commissioner.
- He is scheduled to retire in 2025. Sanjay Arora was named commissioner of the Delhi Police, replacing the previous Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Bloomberg Billionaires Index

- Savitri Jindal, the Chairperson Emeritus of OP Jindal Group, has surpassed China’s Yang Huiyan to become Asia’s richest woman, as per the real-time Bloomberg Billionaires Index.





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- The 72-year-old Savitri Jindal who also holds the position of the richest woman in India has a total fortune of \$11.3 billion.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Breastfeeding Week

- World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year to emphasize regular breastfeeding for babies. This year breastfeeding week commences on August 1 while it concludes on August 7.
- Theme of 2022: 'Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support.'

SPORTS

1) Hungarian Grand Prix 2022

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the Formula One (F1) 2022 Hungarian Grand Prix 2022.
- This is his overall 28th race win and the 10th win of the 2022 season. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) stood second and George Russell (Mercedes – Britain) came third.

2) European Championship

- The European Championship final saw England defeat Germany 2-1 to claim its first significant women's soccer championship.
- After Germany failed to successfully clear a corner, Chloe Kelly scored the game-winning goal on a rebound in the second period of extra time.
- The match took place in Wembley Stadium, London.

3) "Games Wide Open" Slogan

- 2024 Paris Olympics unveiled "Games Wide Open" as their official slogan.
- The slogan was released alongside a video promising the Olympics and Paralympics would be "faster", "higher" and "stronger" – as well as "more inclusive, more brotherly, more beautiful."

