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NATIONAL

1) Dogri version of the Indian Constitution

- On April 10, 2023, India released the first edition of the Dogri version of the Indian Constitution. The release of this version is a significant step towards promoting linguistic diversity and preserving the cultural heritage of the country.
- Dogri is a language spoken in the northern Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir and is one of the 22 official languages recognized by the Indian Constitution.

2) Aam Aadmi Party

- In a significant development, the Election Commission has granted national party status to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).
- The party's recognition as a national party is based on its electoral performance in four states- Delhi, Goa, Punjab, and Gujarat.
- With this recognition, the AAP joins the list of national parties in India such as the Bharatiya Janata Party, Congress, Bahujan Samaj Party, and Communist Party of India (Marxist). The recognition also means that the party can contest elections in all states and union territories of India.



3) Vibrant Village program

- On April 7, 2023, India's Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Vibrant Village program at Kibithu, a border village in Arunachal Pradesh.
- This program aims to bring about the overall development of rural areas and transform them into self-sufficient and prosperous communities. Kibithu is a remote village located at an altitude of 9,000 feet above sea level, near the India-China border.
- It is the easternmost village of India and is considered as the gateway to the Land of the Rising Sun, Arunachal Pradesh. This village lacks basic amenities such as electricity, healthcare facilities, and proper roads, which makes it difficult for the residents to access the necessary services.















4) State Bank of India

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has revealed plans to introduce new variants of current accounts and savings accounts in the fiscal year 2023-24, as it seeks to reduce the gap between deposit growth and credit growth.
- The bank intends to launch two new variants of current accounts, one with a balance of ₹50,000 and another with a balance of ₹50 lakh. It also plans to introduce a new savings account called "Parivar" (family) account.

5) National Securities Depository

- Data provided by the National Securities Depository indicates that in the fiscal year 2022-23, overseas capital flows into Indian capital markets originating from Mauritius experienced the sharpest decline, while Norway and Singapore gained popularity.
- The assets under custody (AUC) from Mauritius decreased by almost 42% to Rs 6.66 trillion by the end of March 2023, down from Rs 10.88 trillion the previous year.
- Experts suggest that the renegotiation of the India-Mauritius tax treaty and increased scrutiny of capital flows have reduced the island nation's appeal as a preferred destination for foreign investment into India.



6) Indian diaspora community in France

- In a recent address to the Indian diaspora community in France, Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced that India is set to become the third-largest economy in the world by 2027.
- Currently the fifth-largest economy, India has been experiencing an average annual growth rate of around 7% over the last decade, driven by factors such as a growing middle class and a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Goyal cited the country's export performance, which reached USD 750 billion in the 75th year of independence, as evidence of India's upward trajectory.























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7) Indian Folk Arts and Culture

- The Ministry of Culture in India is dedicated to promoting Indian Folk Arts and Culture abroad through various initiatives.
- The Global Engagement Scheme is one such initiative that organizes Festivals of India in other countries to showcase the country's rich culture, including folk art, exhibitions, dance, music, theatre, film, food festivals, and yoga events.
- This scheme also highlights the diverse culture of North-East India to the world. The ministry provides grant-in-aid to Indo-Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies to organize programs and activities that promote the country's culture across the world.





STATE NEWS

1) State Energy Efficiency Index

- The State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) for 2021-22 indicates that Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, and Telangana are the top-performing states, with a score of over 60 points on various parameters used to evaluate state-level energy efficiency initiatives.
- Union Power Minister R K Singh launched the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22 report.

2) The most exceptional public transport system

- Berlin in Germany has been named the city with the most exceptional public transport system globally, according to a survey conducted by Time Out, a London-based media outlet that specializes in the hospitality industry and identifies itself as a global brand committed to urban life.
- Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, came in second place. Mumbai, the top-ranked Indian city, secured the 19th spot in the rankings.
- Meanwhile, Mumbai boasts a grand suburban railway network that is a boon for the metropolitan region with a population of about 12.5 million. "81 percent of locals say it's easy to cross Mumbai by public transport, and the system certainly keeps the metropolis moving, with millions using the city's buses, rickshaws, metro and taxis on a daily basis.















3) Navodaya Vidyalaya site at Gali

- Manoj Sinha, the lieutenant governor, has opened a Tulip Garden in the Jammu region at Sanasar's Ramban Hill Resort.
- The garden spans five acres (40 Kanals) and is part of a ₹6.91 crore initiative. It is an expansion of the existing Tulip Garden, which was established on four kanals of land two years ago. The new garden is situated between the proposed golf course and the current lake.
- A garden that covers an area of 40 Kanals and contains 2.75 lakh tulip bulbs of 25 various types has been established in the Ramban region. The garden is located amidst verdant green forests, and it is anticipated to stimulate tourism and commercial activities.
- Additionally, it was announced that a 2.5 km narrow road connecting Sanasar to the proposed Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya site at Gali, which is situated beyond Sanasar, will be constructed shortly. This road will eventually link to Nashri.



APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-Bombay)

- The Unique Identification Authority of India has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-Bombay) to develop a touchless biometric capture system that is easy to use and accessible from anywhere.
- The collaboration involves joint research between the two organizations to create a mobile fingerprint capture system and a liveness model that is integrated with the capture system.

SPORTS

1) Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh,

- In the World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania event, Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh, who is a teenager, pulled off a major upset by defeating former world rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the final.
- Gukesh emerged as the winner in a thrilling summit clash that was full of ups and downs. The first game of the match ended in a draw after Gukesh employed a perpetual check strategy.























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- However, he managed to win the following game, securing the championship. Both Gukesh and Abdusattorov have qualified for Armageddon's Grand Finale in September.

2) David Warner

- During a match against Rajasthan Royals at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati, Delhi Capitals' captain David Warner became the fastest batsman to reach 6000 runs in the Indian Premier League (IPL).
- He is now the third player to achieve this feat after Virat Kohli from Royal Challengers Bangalore and Shikhar Dhawan, captain of Punjab Kings.
- It took Warner 165 innings to reach this milestone, while Kohli and Dhawan achieved it in 188 and 199 innings respectively.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1) National Safe Motherhood Day

- On April 11 every year, National Safe Motherhood Day is observed with the objective of promoting the well-being and safety of mothers and expectant mothers by increasing awareness of proper healthcare.
- This initiative, launched by the Indian government, aims to decrease the number of maternal and neonatal deaths.
- In the past, India was recognized as one of the most perilous countries to give birth, responsible for 15% of all maternal fatalities worldwide

OBITUARY

1) Jalabala Vaidya

- Jalabala Vaidya, a renowned theatre artist and co-founder of Delhi's Akshara Theatre, passed away at the age of 86.
- Born in London to Indian author and freedom fighter Suresh Vaidya and English classical singer Madge Franckeiss, Jalabala Vaidya began her career as a journalist and contributed to various national newspapers and magazines in Delhi.
- Jalabala Vaidya, who recently passed away, was a recipient of several prestigious awards including the Varisht Samman by the Delhi government, the Tagore Award by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the Delhi Natya Sangh Award, the Andhra Pradesh Natya Akademi Honor, and Honorary Citizenship of the City of Baltimore, USA.















2) Jyotirao Phule Jayanti

- Jyotirao Phule Jayanti is an annual observance in India, celebrated on April 11th every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Jyotirao Phule.
- Jyotirao Phule was a prominent social reformer, philosopher, and writer who played a crucial role in women's education and the upliftment of the oppressed castes in India during the British rule. He was born on April 11, 1827, in Maharashtra, and his contributions to the Indian society and culture are celebrated on this day.
- Jyotirao Phule founded the Satyashodhak Samaj, which advocated for the education of women and the lower castes and fought against the oppressive caste system prevalent in India. On Jyotirao Phule Jayanti, various events and programs are organized across India to celebrate his life and achievements, including seminars, cultural programs, and speeches on his life and legacy.













