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INTERNATIONAL

1) Indonesia's New capital

Indonesia will move its capital to mineral-rich East Kalimantan, an Indonesian province on the island of Borneo. The name of the new capital will be Nusantara, which means "archipelago" in Javanese. Jakarta is home to 10 million people and has been facing the growing issue with the overuse of groundwater by home drilling due to large-scale city developments.

NATIONAL

1) 'Statue of Equality'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a 216-foot statue of Ramanujacharya in a sitting position in Hyderabad, to celebrate the 1,000th birth anniversary of the saint. Ramanujacharya was an 11th-century saint and a revolutionary social reformer. The statue will be called as the 'Statue of Equality'.

2) "Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ki Ore" programme

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ki Ore' programme via video conferencing. The national-level program includes 7 year long initiatives dedicated to the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by the Brahma Kumaris.

STATE NEWS

1) Kokborok Day

Kokborok Day, also known as the Tripuri Language Day is annually celebrated across the Indian State of Tripura on 19th January with an aim to develop the Kokborok Language. The day commemorates the initial recognition of Kokborok as the official language in 1979. 19th January 2022 marks the observance of the 44th Kokborok Day.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Investment Trends Monitor Report

Foreign Direct Investment flows to India fell by 26 % in 2021, compared to 2020, as per the UN Conference on Trade and Development's "Investment Trends Monitor" published. In 2020, FDI to India was recorded at USD 64 billion. Low FDI in India was mainly because large cross-border mergers & acquisitions deals recorded in 2020 were not repeated.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) *Pristimantis gretathunbergae*

A new species of rainfrog, discovered in the Panama jungle, has been named after Swedish

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environmental activist Greta Thunberg. The species has been named as *Pristimantis gretathunbergae*, or popularly known as the Greta Thunberg Rainfrog. Recent DNA analysis confirmed that the frog is a new species, according to the scientific journal *Zookeys*.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) “International Association of Working Women Award”

Bollywood actress Sushmita Sen has been conferred with the “International Association of Working Women Award” at the Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (DCSAFF) 2021. The former Miss Universe has been felicitated for outstanding performance by a female actor in a TV series for her show ‘Aarya 2’.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) ‘The Legend of Birsa Munda’

Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra, has released a book titled ‘The Legend of Birsa Munda’, authored by Tuhin A Sinha and co-authored by Ankita Verma. The Book is the story of a lesser-known tribal hero, Birsa Munda, who courageously fought against the oppressive British Raj for the rights of his tribal community.

