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INTERNATIONAL

1) South Africa has launched its first satellite constellation

South Africa has launched its first satellite constellation developed entirely in the continent of Africa. Three locally produced nanosatellites, which made up the country's first Maritime Domain Awareness Satellite constellation, were launched from Cape Canaveral in the United States.

2) The first black woman ever featured on the US 25-cent coin

The US Treasury has minted coins featuring poet Maya Angelou – the first black woman ever featured on the US 25-cent coin known as a quarter. Angelou, a poet and activist, was the first black woman to write and perform a poem at a presidential inauguration.

3) “Inequality Kills” report

According to Oxfam India, “Inequality Kills” report, the wealth of India's richest families reached to a record high in 2021. In the report, India was described as a ‘very unequal,’ country, as the top 10 people in India holds 57 per cent of the wealth.

4) “Davos Agenda 2022”

Narendra Modi has addressed the World Economic Forum's Davos Agenda Summit 2022, through video-conferencing. The “Davos Agenda 2022” summit is being held digitally, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The theme of the event is “The State of the World.”

NATIONAL

1) Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021 – 2022

Minister of State for Education, Subhas Sarkar has launched the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021 – 2022 virtually. The Puraskar recognises, inspires and awards schools that have undertaken exemplary work in the field of water, sanitation and hygiene while also providing a benchmark and a roadmap for schools to make further improvements in future.

2) Commemorative postal stamp

The government of India has released a commemorative postal stamp on the Covid-19 vaccination to mark the first anniversary of the country's national immunization programme against the virus. The commemorative stamp design features a healthcare worker inoculating a senior citizen with COVID-19 vaccine, along with an image of ‘COVAXIN’ vial.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Mrs World 2022 pageant

India's Navdeep Kaur has won the award for the Best National Costume at the prestigious



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Mrs World 2022 pageant in Nevada, Las Vegas. She is the winner of Mrs India World 2021, was representing the country at Mrs World 2022.

2) Mrs World 2022

Shaylyn Ford was crowned as the winner of Mrs World 2022. She was crowned by the outgoing queen Kate Schneider from Ireland. Mrs Jordan Jaclyn Stapp & Mrs UAE Debanjali Kamstra were the runner up. Shaylyn Ford represented America in the pageant and battled out 57 other contestants from across the globe to claim the title.

3) International Folk Art Festival

Sumit Bhale of Maharashtra has won a gold medal at the International Folk Art Festival in Dubai. With his splendid performance, Maharashtra's splendour has been widely appreciated at the international platform.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Narendra Kumar Goenka

Narendra Kumar Goenka has been appointed as the new chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, AEPC. Former chairman Padma Dr A Sakthivel handed over the charge to him. Mr. Goenka has been associated with the Council for more than two decades.

SPORTS

1) 9th women National Ice Hockey Championship-2022

The 9th women National Ice Hockey Championship-2022 was inaugurated at Ice Skating Rink, Kaza in Himachal Pradesh. For the first time in the state, Ice Hockey competition & development camp is being organized at the national level.

