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INTERNATIONAL

1) A new HIV variant

The researchers of Netherlands have discovered a new HIV variant. It has been named as VB variant. The variant causes 3.5 times to 5.5 times higher levels of infection. The recovery of immune system in VB variant is same as that of the other HIV variants. The variant was first identified under the Beehive project. The project monitors HIV samples collected from Uganda and Europe.

NATIONAL

1) Atharva – The Origin

Virzu Studios in association with MIDAS Deals Pvt Ltd has released the motion poster of its upcoming graphic novel, Atharva – The Origin. Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been portrayed as the superhero Atharva in this graphic novel.

2) Uttar Pradesh has been picked as the best tableau of Republic Day parade

The tableau of Uttar Pradesh has been picked as the best tableau among the 12 States/UTs which participated in the Republic Day parade on January 26, 2022. The theme of the tableau of Uttar Pradesh was 'One District One Product and Kashi Vishwanath Dham'. The second place went to Karnataka for its tableau based on 'cradle of traditional handicrafts'.

STATE NEWS

1) Paray Shikshalaya

Paray Shikshalaya is open room classroom, to be launched by the West Bengal Government. The scheme is launched for the pre-primary and primary students. Under it, elementary education will be provided to students of class 1 to class 5. The classes will be conducted on ground. The students will be encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Jens Stoltenberg

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) chief, Jens Stoltenberg will take over as Norway's central bank Governor at the end of the year. Norway's central bank determines monetary policy but also manages the country's enormous sovereign wealth fund, the biggest in the world.

2) Rahul Bhatia

Indian airline, IndiGo has appointed its co-founder and promoter Rahul Bhatia as the Managing Director (MD) of the company with immediate effect. He is the first-ever MD of



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Indigo, because before this the company never had a managing director. Ronojoy Dutta is the CEO of the Indigo.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Unemployment rate in India

The unemployment rate in India in January 2022 fell sharply to 6.57%, according to the data from the economic think-tank, the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy. This is the lowest rate witnessed since March 2021. In December 2021, the unemployment rate rose to a four-month high of 7.91%, compared to 6.97% in November. Telangana recorded the lowest unemployment rate in January at 0.7%.

3) M Jagadesh Kumar

The government of India has appointed JNU Vice-Chancellor, M Jagadesh Kumar as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission. He has been appointed for a period of five years or till he attains the age of 65 years, whichever is the earliest. The post of the UGC Chairman was vacant since December 07, 2021, after Prof D P Singh resigned upon attaining 65 years of age.

OBITUARY

1) Ramesh Deo

Film personality Ramesh Deo, known for playing a diverse range of roles, in Marathi and Hindi movies, passed away due to a heart attack. He acted in over 450 Hindi and Marathi feature films. In January 2013, the 'Nivdung' actor received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 11th Pune International Film Festival.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra'

A short biography of Indian athlete Neeraj Chopra has titled 'Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra' authored by sports author Navdeep Singh Gill has been released. The book has 72 pages and covers the life history and achievements of Neeraj Chopra right from his childhood to the Tokyo Olympics.

