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NATIONAL

1) Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal

The Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has set up an online Raksha Pension Shikayat Nivaran Portal to resolve pension-related grievances of ex-servicemen (ESM) and their dependents. The portal will allow them to lodge grievances directly with the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare.

2) Artificial Intelligence driven water purification

Union Minister of State Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh has launched Artificial Intelligence driven Start-Up by Indian Institute Technology alumni for water purification through innovative technology with financial support from Technology Development Board. The facility aims to provide clean drinking water at a price much lesser than the market price.

3) World's largest national flag, made of Khadi fabric

The world's largest national flag, made of Khadi fabric was put to display to celebrate the "Army Day". It was displayed at Longewala, along the India – Pakistan Border in Jaisalmer. Longewala was the centre stage of the historic battle of 1971 between India and Pakistan.

4) PASSEX exercises

Indian Navy and Russian Navy undertook PASSEX exercises at the port of Cochin, in the Arabian Sea. The Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided-missile destroyer, INS Kochi, took part in the exercise.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) YES Asset Management has been rechristened as WhiteOak Capital Asset Management

The name of YES Asset Management has been rechristened as WhiteOak Capital Asset Management and therefore the name of YES Mutual Fund has been changed to WhiteOak Capital Mutual Fund. The change in the names are effective from January 12, 2022. White Oak got the license to run a mutual fund.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Shersingh B Khyalia

The Board of Directors of Adani Power Limited, approved the appointment of Shersingh B Khyalia as the Chief Executive Officer of Adani Powers with effect from 11th January 2022. He is a Chartered Accountant, who has served as the Managing Director in Gujarat Power Corporation.





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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) 'National Start-up Day'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared to mark 16th January as 'National Start-up Day'. The startups, categorised under six groups, gave presentations to the Prime Minister on six themes – 'growing from roots', 'nudging the DNA', 'from local to global', 'technology of future', 'building champions in manufacturing' and 'sustainable development'.

SPORTS

1) Savita Punia

Goalkeeper Savita Punia will lead India at the upcoming women's Asia Cup in Muscat as Hockey India named a strong 18-member squad for the event, including 16 players that featured at the Tokyo Olympics.

2) Tasnim Mir

Tasnim Mir became the first Indian to grab World no 1 in Under-19 Girls Singles category with 10,810 points in the latest Badminton World Federation Junior rankings. She is followed by Mariia Golubeva from Russia and Lucia Rodriguez from Spain.

3) Clive Lloyd receives Knighthood

Former West Indies Captain Clive Lloyd received Knighthood from Prince William, for his services towards the game of cricket. England's world cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan was awarded with CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) by Prince William for his services towards the game of cricket.

OBITUARY

1) Pandit Birju Maharaj

Legendary Kathak dancer, Pandit Birju Maharaj has passed away at the age of 83. A recipient of the country's second-highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan, he was fondly called Pandit-ji or Maharaj-ji by his disciples. Birju Maharaj was a descendant of the Maharaj family of Kathak dancers