

5th and 6th March 2023

NATIONAL

1) India's per capita income in nominal terms

- India's per capita income in nominal terms doubled to Rs 1,72,000 since 2014-15 when the Narendra Modi-led NDA came to power but uneven income distribution remains a challenge.

- As per the National Statistical Office (NSO), the annual per capita (net national income) at current prices is estimated at Rs 1,72,000 in 2022-23, up from Rs 86,647 in 2014-15, suggesting an increase of about 99 per cent.

2) ' PM CARES for Children '

- An ILO-UNICEF report on Social Protection for Children said 31 Indian states have implemented the national ' PM CARES for Children ' scheme launched during the pandemic with 10,793 full orphans (children who have lost both parents) and 151,322 half-orphans (children who have lost one parent) due to the pandemic taking the benefit of the scheme.

3) Researchers trying to uncover the secrets of Earth's geology

- Researchers trying to uncover the secrets of Earth's geology have revealed the fifth layer of the planet. Seismic waves generated by earthquakes have revealed new insights about the deepest parts of Earth's inner core.

- The fifth layer is made of iron and nickel, the same materials that comprise the rest of the inner core.



4) National Anti-Doping Agency

- The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) under the Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry; and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) signed an MoU to strengthen value-based sports education amongst school children and teachers.





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STATE NEWS

1) National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX) in Pithampur

- The world's first 200-metre-long bamboo crash barrier has been installed on a highway connecting Chandrapur and Yavatmal districts in Maharashtra.

- Named 'Bahu Balli', the bamboo crash barrier underwent "rigorous testing" at various government-run institutions like the National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX) in Pithampur, Indore.

- This was rated as Class 1 during the Fire Rating Test conducted at the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) in Roorkee and it has also been accredited by the Indian Road Congress, According to Nitin Gadkariled Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Pankaj Gupta

- Pramerica Life Insurance Limited has appointed Pankaj Gupta as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

- The appointment has been approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and the Board of Pramerica Life Insurance. Pankaj Gupta succeeds Kalpana Sampat, who was the previous MD & CEO.



SPORTS

1) Santosh Trophy national football championship

- Karnataka ended their 54-year wait to win the Santosh Trophy national football championship, beating Meghalaya 3-2 in a pulsating final at the King Fahd International Stadium in the Saudi Arabia capital. Services beat Punjab 2-0 in the playoff to finish third.

- PP Shafeel and Christopher Kamei scored in either half. Services, winners of five of the last 10 editions, took the lead in the seventh minute through a strike from distance by Shafeel before Kamei converted a left-footed attempt from outside the box.





- Karnataka (Sunil Kumar 2', Bekley Oram 19', Robin Yadav 42') 3 – 2 Meghalaya (Brolington Warlarpih 19', Sheen Stevenson Sphktung 60').

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Vinod Kumar Shukla

- Vinod Kumar Shukla has won the PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature for lifetime achievement in literature, one of the most coveted literary prizes worldwide, after decades of composing acclaimed novels like Naukar Ki Kameez (1979) and poetry collections like Sab Kuch Hona Bacha Rahega (1992). The award is conferred annually by PEN America.

2) "Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023"

- The "Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023", organized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti to honour the women champions of rural water and sanitation sector, was graced by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness

- Observed on 5 March, the International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness plays a role in deepening the global public's understanding about how disarmament efforts contribute to enhancing peace and security, preventing and ending armed conflicts, and curbing human suffering caused by weapons.

- The International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness seeks to promote better awareness and understanding of disarmament issues among the public, especially young people.





OBITUARY

1) Sasthipada Chattopadhyay has passed away

- Renowned Bengali novelist and short story writer Sasthipada Chattopadhyay has passed away. The creator of the famous 'Pandav Goenda' (five detectives) series was 82.

- Sasthipada Chattopadhyay on March 9, 1941, at Khurut in Howrah district, Chattopadhyay published his first literary work 'Kamakhya Bhraman' (visit to Kamakhya) in 'Dainik Basumati' in 1961.





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