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INTERNATIONAL

1) Druk Green Power Corporation

- India-assisted 720 Megawatts Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project has been recently handed to Druk Green Power Corporation in Bhutan.
- With this project, India and Bhutan have successfully completed four mega hydroelectric power projects.
- The commissioning of the project has increased Bhutan's Electrical Power Generation Capacity by 44 per cent

2) Benjamin Netanyahu

- Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn-in as Israel's prime minister for a sixth time, leading the Jewish state's most right-wing government to date.
- Netanyahu, 73, already Israel's longest-serving Prime Minister, has the support of 63 lawmakers in the 120-member Knesset (Israeli parliament).
- In the house, 54 lawmakers voted against his government



3) Kamala Harris

- Vice President Kamala Harris has named Indian American Rajeev Badyal to a key national space advisory group, which is tasked to maintain a robust and responsible US space enterprise and preserve space for current and future generations. Badyal, vice-president of Project Kuiper of Amazon, is among the 30 space experts named by Harris to the National Space Council's Users Advisory Group (UAG). Previously he was the vice president of satellites at SpaceX. He has a Masters in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Oregon State University. Harris had named US Air Force Rtd General Lester Lyles as chair of the UAG.













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NATIONAL

1) -D Printed House Dwelling Unit

- The Indian Army inaugurated its first 3-D Printed House Dwelling Unit (with Ground plus One configuration) for soldiers at Ahmedabad Cantt.
- The dwelling unit has been constructed by the Military Engineering Services (MES) in collaboration with MiCoB Pvt Ltd incorporating the latest 3D Rapid Construction Technology.
- Construction work of the dwelling unit measuring 71 sqm with garage space was completed in just 12 weeks by utilising the 3D printed foundation, walls and slabs.
- The disaster-resilient structures comply with Zone-3 earthquake specifications and green building norms.



2) Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India published a web publication on the activities of the Indian banking sector called Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India.
- '2021-22' The publication includes details of priority sector advances for scheduled commercial banks, except regional rural banks, together with entity-specific information on the main categories of liabilities and assets, along with their maturity profile, income, and expenses.

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4) "Stay Safe Online" campaign

- As part of India's G20 presidency, the Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched the "Stay Safe Online" campaign and the "G20 Digital Innovation Alliance" (G20-DIA).
- MeitY, the Nodal Ministry for the G20 Digital Economy Working Group, has represented India in numerous working groups and Ministerial sessions during previous presidencies.
- During India's G20 presidency, MeitY will focus on three priority areas, namely Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), Cyber Security, and Digital Skill Development, together with the Stay Safe Online campaign and DIA programme under the DEWG.
- MeitY aims to carry forward the vision of the digital transformation of the global digital economy for public service delivery through innovation and a future-ready digitally skilled workforce in a secure cyber environment.



5) 'Prahari' Mobile app

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the 'Prahari' Mobile app and Manual of Border Security Force (BSF) in New Delhi.
- The Prahari App will enable jawans to access personal information and information related to accommodation, Ayushmann-CAPF, and leaves on their mobile.
- The App will also provide access to GPF, Bio Data, or grievance redressal on the 'Centralized Public Grievances Redress and Monitoring System' or Information on various welfare schemes. The app also connects the Jawans with the portal of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

STATE NEWS

1) Lokayukta Bill 2022

- Maharashtra assembly has passed the Lokayukta Bill 2022, which brings the chief minister and council of ministers under the ambit of the anti-corruption ombudsman.













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- The bill was passed without discussion as the opposition had staged a walkout over the alleged scam in the Teachers Entrance Test.
- Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis termed the bill a historic legislation. Cabinet Minister Deepak Kesarkar introduced the Bill which has a provision to bring the Chief Minister and the cabinet under the purview of the anti-corruption ombudsman.

2) 'Bijli Utsav'

- REC Limited, a Maharatna Company under the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India organized 'Bijli Utsav' in Anandapur Gaon of Baksa district and adjoining villages in Assam.
- The event witnessed speaker sessions by dignitaries and esteemed guests highlighting the consumer rights of electricity, benefits of electricity and the challenges faced during electrification in remote areas and how the quality of life improves with access to power.
- Beneficiaries from the villages were also invited on stage to share their experience and views on how electricity has transformed their lives.



APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Praveen Kumar Srivastava

- Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).
- He appointment comes after Suresh N. Patel completed his term as the chief of the anti-corruption watchdog Central Vigilance Commission on December 24.
- The commission is headed by a CVC and can have a maximum of two Vigilance Commissioners. Besides Mr. Srivastava, former Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief Arvind Kumar is the other Vigilance Commissioner.
- The tenure of a CVC and vigilance commissioner is of four years or till the incumbent attains the age of 65 years.























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OBITUARY

1) Edson Arantes do Nascimento, famously called Pelé, has passed away

- Brazilian football legend Edson Arantes do Nascimento, famously called Pelé, has passed away aged 82. He is considered by many as one of the greatest footballers of all time.
- He was instrumental in Brazil's three World Cup victories in 1958, 1962, and 1970. He is still the top scorer for Brazil national team with 77 goals in 92 games.
- He retired from Santos in 1974 but a year later made a surprise comeback by signing a lucrative deal to join the New York Cosmos in the then nascent North American Soccer League.

2) (Hiraben Modi), mother of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, passed away

- Heeraben Modi (Hiraben Modi), mother of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, passed away early on Friday (30 December 2023) in an Ahmedabad hospital. Heeraben was 99.
- The news of her passing was announced in a bulletin from the UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre, where she was taken on Wednesday when her condition began to deteriorate.





















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