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INTERNATIONAL

1) Nord stream 2

Germany has suspended the certification process of Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia. Nord Stream 2 is 1,230-kilometer-long natural gas pipeline run from Ust-Luga in Russia to Greifswald in Germany through the Baltic Sea, and will carry 55 billion cubic metres of gas per year. It is designed to double Russia's gas exports to Germany.

NATIONAL

1) Sea Cucumbers

Sea cucumber related seizures increased in 2019 and 2020. Sea cucumbers are being harvested in India and Sri Lanka owing to high demand from East Asia. These are part of animal group called echinoderms (marine invertebrates) that live on the seafloor. In India is treated as an endangered species listed under schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.

2) Angadias

It is a century-old parallel banking system in the country where traders send cash generally from one state to another through a person called Angadia that stands for courier. It is used largely in jewellery business. They have recently been under attack by robbers owing to the large quantities of cash they carry.

3) "Nikarshan Sadan"

Sarbananda Sonowal who is India's union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH has inaugurated "Nikarshan Sadan" – The Dredging Museum at DCI campus in Vishakhapatnam. This museum displays models of different types of dredgers, vintage photos & historical milestones from the Eastern Port City of Vizag.

4) KISAN mobile application

The Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee has organized a regional farmers' awareness programme as part of the 'Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa' (GKMS) project and launched KISAN mobile application for the farmers. The app will provide agro-meteorological services to the farmers.

STATE NEWS

1) Deocha Pachami coal block

West Bengal government has revised the compensation package for those losing their land for Deocha Pachami coal project. It is located in the south-western part of Birbhum Coalfield in West Bengal. It is Asia's largest coal reserve and world's second-largest (India's largest) coal mine.





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2) Karakattam dance

Kerala Nattukala Kshema Saba has demanded that Karakattam (known as Kumbakkali in certain parts) be recognised as agricultural art form of Kerala. Karakattam is an ancient folk dance of Tamil Nad performed in praise of the rain goddess Mariamman. It's performed in different parts of Kerala as well.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Financial Stability and Development Council

25th meeting of FSDC was held under the chairpersonship of Finance Minister. FSDC was set up in 2010, its objective is to establish consultation with financial market regulators, to strengthen and institutionalize the mechanism for maintaining financial stability, enhance inter-regulatory coordination and promote financial sector development.

2) Industrial Outlook Survey

96th round of the Industrial Outlook Survey of the Manufacturing Sector for Q3 2021-22 released. It was Conducted by RBI. It Assesses business sentiments relating to demand conditions and financial situation in terms of finance availability and the prevailing price situation in the economy.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Ramanujan Prize

For the year 2021, the award has been facilitated upon Professor Neena Gupta, for her outstanding work in affine algebraic geometry and commutative algebra. Prize carries a \$15,000 cash award to support the research of the recipient.

OBITUARY

1) KPAC Lalitha

Veteran Malayalam film and stage actress, KPAC Lalitha has passed away at 74. In a career spanning five decades, she starred in over 550 films in Malayalam and Tamil. Born as Maheswari Amma in Kayamkulam of Alappuzha, the actress had joined K.P.A.C (Kerala People's Arts Club), a prominent drama troop in Kerala.

