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NATIONAL

1) NIPER Research Portal

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya launched National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Research Portal in New Delhi. The portal will help the MSME sector by connecting with industries to develop a model to fulfil their requirements.

STATE NEWS

1) Delhi Govt launches one-stop e-vehicle website

The Delhi government launched a dedicated one-stop website, "ev.delhi.gov.in" for the promotion and adoption of electric vehicles (EVs). The main features of website – ev.delhi.gov.in – designed keeping in mind both buyers and manufacturers, include a 'charging stations explorer', 'EV calculator', 'EV search' and 'EV dashboard'.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Formosa bonds

The State Bank of India listed its 1st USD 300 million Formosa bonds on India International Exchange IFSC. SBI became the first Indian entity to raise money through Formosa Bond. Formosa bonds is a bond issued in Taiwan and listed on the Taipei Exchange.

2) #SheMeansBusiness programme

Meta (formerly Facebook) has joined hands with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) to support five lakh women-led small businesses across India under its #SheMeansBusiness programme. This announcement was made during the Meta's 1st National Women Entrepreneurship Summit 2022.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Ganoderma keralense and G. pseudoapplanatum

Researchers from Kerala have identified two new species of fungi from the genus Ganoderma that are associated with coconut stem rot disease, an irrecoverable disease for plants. The scientists have genotyped two two fungi species, named Ganoderma keralense and G. pseudoapplanatum and identified genetic biomarkers.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Dr V Anantha Nageswaran

The Union government appointed Dr V Anantha Nageswaran as the Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) for the Ministry of Finance. He will succeed K V Subramanian, who left the office of CEA vacant in December 2021 after completing his 3 year term.





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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Prime Minister's Banner

Prime Minister Narendra Modi honoured the Maharashtra Directorate of the National Cadet Corps with the Prime Minister's Banner at the Republic Day Camp. Senior Under Officer Siddhesh Jadhav was the banner bearer and Cadet Captain Nikita Khot was the trophy bearer.

SPORTS

1) 2021 ICC Awards

The International Cricket Council announced the winners of the 2021 ICC Awards. Pakistan's Shaheen Shah Afridi has been awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2021. The Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy is named after Sir Garfield Sobers, former captain of West Indies.

2) Women's Asia Cup Muscat 2022

Indian National Women's Hockey Team captained by Rani Rampal has won the bronze medal in the Women's Asia Cup Muscat 2022 defeating China in the bronze match held on 28th January 2022. India lost to South Korea in the semi-final.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "The \$10 Trillion Dream"

A new book titled "The \$10 Trillion Dream" authored by former finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg is set to be launched in February 2022. This is his debut book, which will be published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Martyr's Day

Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas is observed every year on January 30 in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi. Martyrs' Day is also observed in India on March 23 to pay respect to Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar, who was hanged death on this day in 1931.'

2) World Leprosy Day

World Leprosy Day is observed globally on the last Sunday of January every year. In 2022, the Day falls on January 30, 2022. The day is celebrated to raise global awareness of this deadly ancient disease and call attention to the fact that it can be prevented, treated and cured. This year theme of World Leprosy Day 2022 is "United for Dignity".

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