

INTERNATIONAL

1) London-based consultancy Henley & Partners

- According to a recent report by London-based consultancy Henley & Partners, New York City has been ranked as the world's wealthiest city in 2023.

- The second and third spots were claimed by Tokyo in Japan and Silicon Valley's Bay Area, respectively. Notably, Mumbai made it to the 21st spot while Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata, and Hyderabad were also mentioned in the report.

NATIONAL

1) 100th edition of the radio programme

- The Ministry of Finance has issued an official notification stating that a new Rs 100 coin will be minted by the Central Government to commemorate the 100th edition of the radio programme, Mann Ki Baat, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- The notification specifies that the One Hundred Rupees denomination coin will only be minted at the Mint and issued under the authority of the Central Government on the occasion of the 100th Episode of Mann Ki Baat.



2) Wing Commander Deepika Misra

- Wing Commander Deepika Misra has made history as the first female Air Force officer to receive a gallantry medal.

- She was awarded the Vayu Seva Medal for gallantry by the President of India on Independence Day in the previous year, and recently received the award from the Air Chief Marshal of the Indian Air Force at an investiture ceremony in New Delhi.

3) Russia remained the biggest supplier of crude oil to India

- From the Official data revealed that Russia remained the biggest supplier of crude oil to India in terms of value in February, even though there was a cap on western prices at \$60 per barrel.





- In the month of February, India imported crude oil worth \$3.35 billion from Russia, with Saudi Arabia coming second at \$2.30 billion and Iraq at \$2.03 billion.

4) State Bank of India

According to the sources, the biggest financial institution in the country, State Bank of India (SBI) is anticipated to begin discussions with investment banks next week regarding a proposed offering.
The size of the offering may be increased based on investor interest. The offering is expected to be arranged by banks from Europe, Japan, and the United States.

STATE NEWS

1) Factories (Amendment) Act 2023

- The passage of the Factories (Amendment) Act 2023 in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, which provides for flexible work hours for employees in factories, is reportedly facing opposition from political parties, including DMK allies.

- The Act's provisions to extend the mandatory working hours from 8 hours to 12 hours have been the main point of contention for the opposition, with concerns raised about worker welfare, safety, and work-life balance.



2) Adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the state

- The government of Uttar Pradesh, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has launched an ambitious plan to promote the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the state.

- As part of this initiative, the government has set a target to convert all vehicles used by government departments into EVs by 2030, in a phased manner.

- The Uttar Pradesh government has issued instructions to all government departments to promote the usage of electric vehicles (EVs) by purchasing them on a nomination basis without tender.

3) Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

- In the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, an agreement was signed between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh to resolve a border dispute that had been ongoing for over 50 years.





- This agreement will lead to the settlement of 123 villages located in areas shared by the two northeastern states.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) A Madhavarao

- A Madhavarao, who currently serves as the Director (Technical) at Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Defence, has been recommended as the next Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the company.

- The recommendation was made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel after conducting interviews with five candidates, including two from Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), and one each from BDL, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force. Madhavarao was chosen from the list of five candidates interviewed by the PESB selection panel.



2) Walt Disney Company-owned Star Sports – Rishabh Pant

- The Walt Disney Company-owned Star Sports has signed cricketer Rishabh Pant as its latest brand ambassador.

- The company said it also has other cricketers as its 'Believe Ambassadors' like Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, KL Rahul, and Shreyas Iyer. Star Sportssaid it only had two ambassadors in 2017. Cricketer Virat Kohli is also part of this association.

- The ambassadors will represent different parts of the country as well as different IPL Teams, the broadcaster said. "The 'Believe Ambassadors' represent different parts of the country as well as different IPL Teams.

3) Virat Kohli

- HSBC India has recently announced Virat Kohli, the former captain of the Indian cricket team, as its brand ambassador.

- The financial services company issued a press release on April 19 to confirm the partnership.

According to the release, the association with Kohli will involve a multi-media campaign that will showcase the benefits of banking with HSBC.





- The campaign will highlight the value proposition of the bank and demonstrate how HSBC can help customers achieve their financial goals.

4) Arun Sinha as the new Chairman of the National Technical Research Organisation

- The appointment of Arun Sinha as the new Chairman of the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) has finally been announced by the government, after a prolonged delay. Sinha, who has served as an advisor in NTRO for two years, belongs to the 1984 batch Kerala cadre.

- The position of NTRO Chairman had been vacant for the past three to four months, and Sinha's appointment comes as a much-needed relief for the organization.

- The government is expected to expedite the process of appointing the heads of the Border Security Force and the Indian Coast Guard, which have also been lying vacant for a while.



5) Rohit Sharma

- JioCinema, a digital streaming platform, has announced India cricket team captain Rohit Sharma as their new brand ambassador.

- As part of this collaboration, Rohit will be working with the JioCinema team to promote their digital-first approach towards sports viewing.

- Together, they will work towards expanding the fan base for sports properties nationwide by introducing a series of initiatives.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Crosscourt"

Jaidip Mukerjea, a renowned tennis player, launched his autobiography titled "Crosscourt" in the presence of prominent Indian tennis players such as Ramesh Krishnan and Somdev Devvarman.
The book chronicles Mukerjea's journey and provides insight into his life as a successful tennis player.
"Crosscourt" is not just about tennis but also covers various aspects of his personal life, including his

triumphs, disappointments, relationships, and behind-the-scenes moments.

- Mukerjea's wife, Sharmin, played a crucial role in encouraging and assisting him in writing the book. According to her, the book is a collection of memories that will captivate readers beyond just the sport of tennis.





IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Creativity and Innovation Day

- World Creativity and Innovation Day is celebrated annually on April 21 to raise awareness about the crucial role that innovation and creativity play in human development.

Creativity is the use of imagination, thinking, and skills to create new ideas, while innovation is the process of using creativity, knowledge, and skills to improve existing ideas or develop new products. This day is focused on achieving Sustainable Development Goals through promoting and celebrating creativity and innovation.

- The history and significance of this day revolve around recognizing the value of creativity and innovation in improving the quality of life, fostering economic growth, and addressing global challenges.

2) Earth Day

- Earth Day is observed on April 22 each year. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the rapidlyrising levels of pollution, climate change, and other circumstances that contribute to damaging the environment and threaten the survival of our planet.

- The theme this year is — 'Invest in our Planet,' with a clear motto of 'everyone accounted for, everyone accountable.'

3) International Mother Earth Day

- International Mother Earth Day was introduced by the United Nations on April 22, 2009, following a resolution proposed by the State of Bolivia and supported by more than 50 member countries.

- The resolution recognizes the Earth and its ecosystems as our home and emphasizes the importance of promoting harmony between humans, other living beings, and the planet.

- The term "Mother Earth" is used to emphasize the interdependence that exists between humans, other living species, and the planet we all inhabit.





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