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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### 1) 5th Asean-India Business Summit5th Asean-India Business Summit

- The 5th Asean-India Business Summit took place on 6 March 2023 in Kuala Lumpur. Speakers and participants from Asean and India convened to discuss how business linkages, connectivity and supply chain resilience can be enhanced through deeper ASEAN-India cooperation.
- The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology addresses the 5th ASEAN-India Business summit.



#### 2) South-South Cooperation

- A Ministerial Meeting on South-South Cooperation has been held during LDC5 with an aim to explore concrete, innovative and actionable solutions in support of the deliverables of the DPoA through multistakeholder participation of the global South and traditional development partners.

#### 3) Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani

- Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani has appointed Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani as the country's new prime minister.
- The decision to appoint Sheikh Mohammed, who was the deputy prime minister, came after the amir accepted the resignation of former Prime Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani.
- Sheikh Khalid was appointed as Qatar's prime minister and minister of interior in January 2020.

#### **NATIONAL**

# 1) 'Swachhotsav'

- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched 'Swachhotsay', a three-week women-led swachhata campaign under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).
- Series of events and activities will be organized across cities to celebrate women from all walks of life.

















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## 2) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company

- Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company (Kotak Mutual Fund) has launched a digital campaign called 'DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality', which calls for digital inclusion of all with the hashtag #IncludeAll.

#### **STATE NEWS**

# 1) Conrad Kongkal Sangma

- Conrad Kongkal Sangma was sworn in as the Meghalaya chief minister for the second successive term in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Governor Phagu Chauhan administered the oath of office to Sangma, along with his two deputies Prestone Tynsong and Sniawbhaland Dhar, and nine other ministers.
- Sangma won from the South Tura constituency with a margin of 5,016 against Bharatiya Janata Party's Bernard N Marak, as per the data shared by the Election Commission of India on March 2.



# 2) Manik Saha took oath as 13th chief minister

- Manik Saha took oath as 13th chief minister for the second time as Tripura Chief Minister after the BJP clinched a victory in the February 16 Assembly polls.
- Eight other ministers were sworn. Governor Satyadeo Narayan Arya administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Saha and eight more MLAs as Ministers in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a marathon meeting with TIPRA Motha chief Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma and 13 MLAs of his party.
- Four of the new ministers have been retained from the previous government. The possible strength of the Council of Ministers in the 60-member House is 12.

## 3) 23rd Commonwealth Law Conference

- The 23rd Commonwealth Law Conference was inaugurated by Goa Governor P.S. Sreedharan Pillai. The five-day conference, which is being held from March 5-9, 2023, was also attended by Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju and Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant.
- -The Conference has 500 delegates from 52 countries in attendance.















## 4) Attukal Bhagavathy temple

- Thousands of women devotees gathered at the Attukal Bhagavathy temple on March 7 for Attukal Pongala, the ninth day of the annual 10-day women-centric festival.
- 300 priests have been appointed for the sanctification ceremony at 2.30 pm and the city of Thiruvananthapuram is in a very festive mood.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

## 1) 'Hand Ambassador'

- Savlon revealed the God of Cricket, Sachin Tendulkar as its world's first 'Hand Ambassador' for its Swasth India Mission.
- The campaign features a series of films featuring Sachin Tendulkar's Hand as their chief protagonist bringing the importance of hand hygiene to everyone's notice.



## 2) Group Captain Shaliza Dhami

- In the first command appointment for a woman officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF), Group Captain Shaliza Dhami has been selected to take over the command of a frontline combat unit in the Western sector.
- For the first time ever in the IAF's history, a woman officer has been given command of a frontline combat unit – in this case, a missile squadron in the Western sector.
- The IAF's move comes just two months after Captain Shiva Chauhan of the Indian Army's Fire and Fury Corps became the first woman officer to be operationally deployed at the world's highest battlefield in Siachen.

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### 1) Dr L. Murugan

- Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr L. Murugan presented the 8th National Photography awards in New Delhi.























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- A total of thirteen awards were presented during the ceremony today including 6 each in the Professional and Amateur category.
- The theme for the Professional category was "Life and Water", while in the Amateur category the theme was "Cultural Heritage of India".

# 2) Sir David Alan Chipperfield

- Civic architect, urban planner and activist, Sir David Alan Chipperfield has been selected as the 2023 Laureate of The Pritzker Architecture Prize, the award that is regarded internationally as architecture's highest honor.
- Chipperfield's storied career spans more than 40 years and includes 100-plus projects, ranging from civic, cultural, and academic buildings to residences and urban masterplanning throughout Asia, Europe, and North America.
- His built works, spanning over four decades, are expansive in typology and geography, including over one hundred works ranging from civic, cultural and academic buildings to residences and urban masterplanning throughout Asia, Europe and North America.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### 1) No Smoking Day

- Every year on the second Wednesday of March, No Smoking Day is observed. It falls on March 8 this year. Even though we all know that smoking is bad for our health, quitting the habit appears to be a difficult task.
- This year's theme is: "Stopping smoking improves your brain health". The day is celebrated to help those who wish to quit smoking as well as to raise awareness about the implications of smoking on an individual's health.

## **OBITUARY**

# 1) Satish Kaushik has passed away

- Veteran actor-writer-director Satish Kaushik has passed away at the age of 67. He was born on April 13, 1965, in Haryana, Kaushik was an alumnus of the NSD and the FTII, and started his film career in the early 1980s.
- He was an Indian actor, comedian, screenwriter, director and producer. He acted in theatres before finding his break in Bollywood.













