

28th November

INTERNATIONAL

1) UK Health Security Agency

- The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) disclosed the first human case of H1N2, or the pig virus, discovered through routine national flu surveillance.
- The affected individual experienced mild illness and fully recovered, raising questions about potential pig-to-human transmission.

2) Dave Sharma, the trailblazing Indian-origin politician

- Dave Sharma, the trailblazing Indian-origin politician, has secured a significant political comeback by winning the New South Wales Liberal Senate race.
- This victory marks a pivotal moment in Sharma's political career, as he replaces the retired former foreign minister, Marise Payne. Sharma, who initially made history in 2019 as the first Indian-origin lawmaker in Australian Parliament, brings a wealth of diplomatic and foreign policy expertise to the Senate.

NATIONAL

1) Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres

- The Union Government has recently made a significant decision to rebrand the existing Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir' with the tagline 'Arogyam Parmam Dhanam.'
- This move, communicated through a letter to all States and Union Territories by the Union Health Ministry, aims to enhance the identity and outreach of these primary healthcare facilities.
- The rebranding process is expected to be completed nationwide by the end of 2023.





3) New Zealand's

- New Zealand's recently elected government has decided to abandon its groundbreaking law aimed at banning smoking for future generations.
- The move is driven by the government's intention to finance tax cuts, but public health officials are expressing concerns about the potential consequences, foreseeing thousands of lives at risk, especially within Māori communities.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a two-year extension of the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) scheme until December 31, 2025.
- This move is aimed at promoting digital transactions at the grassroots level and includes an expansion of beneficiaries under the scheme.

2) S&P Global Ratings

- S&P Global Ratings has upgraded its GDP growth projection for India in the financial year 2024 to 6.4%, up from the previous estimate of 6%.
- This upward revision is attributed to the resilience of domestic economic forces, effectively counterbalancing challenges posed by elevated food inflation and weakened export performance.

3) Securities and Exchange Board of India

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has unveiled an ambitious plan to revolutionize the settlement process in the country's financial markets.
- SEBI Chief Madhabi Puri revealed that the regulatory body is actively working on a roadmap to implement same-day settlement of trades by March 2024.





4) IndiGo, India's largest airline

- IndiGo, India's largest airline, announced on Monday the launch of its Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered chat assistant named "6Eskai."
- This innovative tool is designed to cater to customer inquiries in a diverse range of languages, marking a significant step forward in enhancing customer service in the aviation industry.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Rajat Kumar Jain

- Mumbai-based Fino Payments Bank has recently received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the appointment of Rajat Kumar Jain as Part-time Chairman.
- The approval is effective from November 24, 2023, until November 01, 2025, signifying a crucial development for the bank.

2) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

- HDFC Bank's Board of Directors has greenlit the nomination of Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as the Additional Independent Director.
- The tenure for this position is set for three years, commencing from January 25, 2024.

3) Colonel Sunita BS

- Colonel Sunita BS, an officer in the Army Medical Corps, etched her name in history by becoming the first woman to assume the role of Commanding Officer at the Armed Forces Transfusion Centre (AFTC) in Delhi Cantt.
- Col Sunita's journey is marked by significant achievements and a commitment to providing top-notch medical support, culminating in her groundbreaking leadership role at AFTC.



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SPORTS NEWS

1) Seasoned cueist Vidya Pillai

- Seasoned cueist Vidya Pillai she secured the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Championship title in Doha, Qatar, just days before her 46th birthday.
- The Bengalurean showcased a stellar performance, dominating her opponents throughout the championship, with a standout victory of 4-1 against compatriot Anupama Ramachandran in the title clash.

2) Ultimate Kho Kho

- Ultimate Kho Kho (UKK) is all set to enthrall audiences with its grand second edition, scheduled to commence on December 24, 2023 and conclude on January 13, 2024.
- The Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha, will play host to this highoctane sporting event, promising excitement and entertainment to the millions of fans eagerly anticipating its return.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2023

- The Ministry of Power, Government of India, has been recognized and honored with the Special Appreciation Medal for Excellence in Display at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2023.
- The prestigious award was bestowed upon the Ministry for its outstanding contribution to the 42nd edition of the IITF, held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, from November 14 to 27, 2023.

OBITUARY

1) C.K. Gopinathan, A Director On The Board Of Dhanlaxmi Bank Passed Away

• The banking community and shareholders of Kerala-based Dhanlaxmi Bank mourned the sudden demise of Mr. C.K. Gopinathan, a director on the bank's board and a significant shareholder.



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