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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Internet Exchange of India

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched **three new initiatives** of **National Internet Exchange of India**.
- They were **NIXI Academy, IP Guru** and **NIXI-IP-INDEX**. IP stands for **Internet Protocol**. It sets rules on data delivery over the public network.

Pressure Swing Adsorption Plants

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare sanctioned **162 Pressure Swing Adsorption Plants** to **increase oxygen capacity** in the country.
- The new plants will **reduce the burden** on the **National grid** for its supply of **medical oxygen**.

"Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment"

- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** and **German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety** signed an agreement titled **"Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment"** on **Technical cooperation** over a virtual event in **New Delhi**.

Military Exercise - 'Khanjar'

- The **8th Edition** of **India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Force Military Exercise, 'Khanjar'** was inaugurated.
- The exercise is taking place in **Bishkek**, Capital of **Kyrgyzstan**. **'Khanjar' exercise** has been held annually between the two countries since 2011.

'Army Chiefs' Conclave'

- Indian Army Chief General M M Naravane** attended the **Army Chiefs' Conclave** during his visit to **Bangladesh**.
- The Conclave was held on the sidelines of **Multinational Military Exercise 'Shantir Ogroshena 2021'**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Climate change cooperation

- The two **biggest polluters** of the world **China and US** have agreed to work together in **tackling climate change issues**.
- They issued a joint statement that they will **work together to uphold Paris Agreement**. The announcement comes days before the **Earth Day Leaders Summit**.

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Israel and Greece - defence procurement deal

- **Israel and Greece** have signed their **biggest ever defence procurement deal**. The agreement amounted to **1.65 billion USD**.
- It will strengthen **economic and political ties** between the countries. Also, the countries launched a **joint exercise**.

"Ecocide" Bill

- The **French National Assembly** approved the bill that makes **"Ecocide" an offence**. The law mainly punishes those who **endanger the environment** or **commit a general crime of pollution**.
- Such persons will be punished with three years in prison and a fine of 300,000 Euros.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

LIC Partners with Paytm for handling e-payments

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India** has appointed **Paytm** to carry out its **digital transactions**.
- The partnership aims to hope with the **increasing demand of digital payment**. It's objective is to provide an easy payment process in payment channels to the customers of LIC.

'Amazon Smbhav Summit'

- **Amazon India** has organized the **second edition** of its **annual summit** called **'Amazon Smbhav Summit'**.
- In which Amazon has launched a **\$250million Amazon Smbhav Venture Fund** to support the digitization of **small and medium businesses Agriculture, and Healthcare** in India.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

National Climate Vulnerability Report

- The **Department of Science and Technology** launched the **National Climate Vulnerability Report**. The report has developed state level **"vulnerability indices"** over **0.42 to 0.67**.
- Jharkhand received the highest **Vulnerable Index of 0.67**. Maharashtra received the lowest **Vulnerability Index of 0.42**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Luna 25

- The **Roscosmos** is to launch **Luna 25** by **October 2021**. The **Roscosmos** is the **State Space Corporation of Russia** that is responsible for space flights, aerospace research and cosmonautics programmes.
- The primary objective of **Luna 25** is to prove **landing technology**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"Wanderers, Kings, Merchants"

- **Peggy Mohan** has authored a new book titled **"Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages"**.
- The book explores the **impacts of migration on Indians and Indian languages** from ancient times through the early history of South Asia.

"The Cursed Inheritance"

- **Sutapa Basu**, has authored a new mystery novel titled **"The Cursed Inheritance"**.
- The book contributes toward the **importance of the conservation of heritage** through the stories. The book is published by **Readomania Publishing**.

SPORTS

2021 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix

- **Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen** (Netherlands) won the **2021 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix** held in **Imola, Italy**.
- **Mercedes Driver Lewis Hamilton** (Britain) finished in **Second Place** while **Mclaren's Lando Norris** finished **Third Place**.

OBITUARY

Bhumidhar Barman

- The **former Chief Minister of Assam Bhumidhar Barman** passed away in **Guwahati, Assam** due to prolonged illness.
- He was 91. His first term was between April 22, 1996 to May 14, 1996 and second term was during 2010.