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INTERNATIONAL

1) 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's rule

The United Kingdom has marked the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's rule, the queen looked to the future of the monarchy. She surpassed Louis XIV of France as the longest-reigning monarch of a sovereign state. She became the longest-lived British monarch on 21 December 2007. On 6 February 1952, Elizabeth became queen after the death of her father King George VI.

NATIONAL

1) "Operation AAHT"

Indian Railway Protection Force has launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking. As part of "Operation AAHT", special teams will be deployed on all long-distance trains/routes with a focus on rescuing victims, particularly women and children, from the clutches of traffickers.

2) DNA vaccine against COVID-19

India has become the first country in the world to administer a DNA vaccine against COVID-19. The ZyCoV-D which is the World's first plasmid DNA vaccine has been produced by Ahmedabad-based vaccine manufacturer Zydus Cadila and it was administered for the first time in Patna. It is a Painless and Needleless vaccine given at intervals of 28 days and 56 days.

3) Intensified Mission Indradhanush

Union Health Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya, launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 4.0. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Mission Indradhanush in December 2014, with the aim of increasing full immunisation coverage. It was launched for covering partially and unvaccinated children and pregnant women, in pockets of high-risk, hard-to-reach and low immunisation coverage areas.

4) Powerthon-2022

Powerthon-2022 is a hackathon competition under RDSS. It will be organised to find technology driven solutions for solving complex problems in power distribution. It seeks to ensure quality and reliable power supply. Under the programme, ideas and concepts will be rewarded with licence. The development of prototypes will also be fostered.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair

Scientist and launch vehicle specialist, Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair took charge as the director of





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Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). VSSC is a key space research centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) and specialises in rocket and space vehicles for satellite programs.

2) S. R. Narasimhan

S. R. Narasimhan, Director (System Operation) has assumed the additional charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO) w.e.f. 1st February 2022 at New Delhi. He has a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master in Business Administration (MBA) in Finance.

3) Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit

The Ministry of Education has appointed Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit as the new Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). She is the first women Vice-Chancellor of JNU. The 59-year-old Pandit has been appointed for a period of five years. Pandit replaces M Jagadesh Kumar.

OBITUARY

1) R Rajamohan

The Ministry of Education has appointed Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit as the new Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). She is the first women Vice-Chancellor of JNU. The 59-year-old Pandit has been appointed for a period of five years. Pandit replaces M Jagadesh Kumar.

SPORTS

1) Africa Cup of Nations championship

Senegal has defeated Egypt in the Africa Cup of Nations championship winning the continental championship for the first time on penalty kicks at Olembe Stadium in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Sadio Mane scored the winning spot-kick as Senegal claimed a first-ever Africa Cup of Nations title with a 4-2 penalty shootout victory over seven-time winners Egypt

