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26th & 27th August

INTERNATIONAL

1) The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund

- The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund has been ratified and launched during the 7th Assembly of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in Vancouver, Canada.
- The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund aims to support the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework's goals by 2030.
- The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was adopted at COP15 (2022), it includes 4 goals and 23 targets for achievement by 2030. It aims to restore ecosystems, conserve areas, prevent species extinction, reduce pollution risks, tackle climate change, and more.

NATIONAL

1) 69th National Film Awards

- The 69th National Film Awards were announced at the National Media Center in New Delhi.
- The Allu Arjun was awarded for the Best Actor for the film Pushpa while the Best Actress Award was presented to Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon for their films Gangubai Kathiawadia and Mimi respectively.
- The Best Feature Film Award was presented to "The Nambi Effect".
- "The Kashmir Files" won the Nargis Dutt Award for Best Film on National Integration.















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2) The 6th edition of the Smart India Hackathon 2023

- The Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell and the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) have unveiled the much-anticipated sixth edition of the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2023.
- Since its establishment in 2017, the initiation of the Smart India Hackathon has marked a significant milestone.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) "The Grand Cross of the Order of Honour"

- The Greek President has awarded the Indian Prime Minister with The Grand Cross of the Order of Honour.
- The Order of Honour, established in 1975, features the head of goddess Athena on its front side, along with the inscription "ONLY THE RIGHTEOUS SHOULD BE HONOURED."

2) Indian Smart Cities award - 2022

- Indore has been named the best Smart City and Madhya Pradesh as the top State for their outstanding performance in the Smart Cities Mission.
- The second and third positions among cities were secured by Surat and Agra
- Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh were ranked second, third, and fourth respectively in the State category of the India Smart Cities Award Contest (ISAC) 2022.
- Chandigarh won the award for the best Union Territory.















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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) High youth unemployment

- India faces the challenge of high youth unemployment alongside economic growth.
- Unemployment is a situation when a person actively searches for a job and is unable to find work. Unemployment indicates the health of the economy.
- According to the latest annual Periodic Labour Force Survey, released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), India's unemployment rate in July 2021-22 to 4.1%.

2) 'Future of Work: State of Work @ AI' report

- Recently, LinkedIn released its first ever global 'Future of Work: State of Work @ AI' report.
- As per the report, Indian professionals are rapidly acquiring AI skills in response to the growing prominence of Artificial Intelligence in the workplace, with the number of AI-skilled individuals increasing 14 times since 2016.

3) "Yousta" Fashion store

- Reliance Retail, has taken a significant step in the fashion retail sector with the introduction of its new brand, Yousta.
- The brand's debut was marked by the opening of its flagship store in Hyderabad's Sarath City Mall.
- Yousta is positioned as a youth-centric fashion retail format.















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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Cinnamon benefits

A study conducted by the ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition has revealed that cinnamon and its active components, cinnamaldehyde and procyanidin B2, when administered orally to rats, exhibited an inhibitory effect on early-stage prostate cancer.

OBITUARY

1) John Warnock

The co-founder of Adobe Systems and a tech industry trailblazer, John Warnock, has passed away at 82. He is renowned for his pivotal role in creating the Portable Document Format (PDF), revolutionizing document sharing.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Women's Equality Day

Every year on August 26th, Women's Equality Day is observed. The day serves as a tribute to the universal suffrage movement, celebrates women's advancements, and reinforces the commitment to gender equality. Theme of 2023: "Embrace Equity".

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'Pitchside: My Life in Indian Cricket'

- The book titled "Pitchside: My Life in Indian Cricket" is authored by Amrit Mathur.
- The author gave insightful first-person accounts of some of Indian Cricket's most memorable moments.















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