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INTERNATIONAL

1) Shidao Bay nuclear power plant

- China has achieved its quest to shift away from traditional coal-fired power plants and decrease its reliance on foreign technologies.
- Shidao Bay nuclear power plant in eastern Shandong commenced commercial operations, heralding the era of next-generation gas-cooled nuclear reactors.

2) Donald Tusk returned as Poland's Prime Minister

- December 11, former EU leader Donald Tusk returned as Poland's Prime Minister after nearly a decade, shift from eight years of stormy national conservative rule.
- Tusk's leadership is expected to usher in a new-pro-European era, with promises to restore democratic standards and improve ties with European allies.

3) United Nations has officially ended its decade-long peacekeeping mission

- The United Nations has officially ended its decade-long peacekeeping mission in Mali after 10 years, responding to the government's claim that the force was inadequate in addressing the escalating threat of violent extremism.
- This move marks the conclusion of the deadliest peacekeeping mission globally, with over 300 personnel casualties.

NATIONAL

1) PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme

- The PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, launched during the COVID-19 outbreak, has emerged as a crucial initiative in supporting urban street vendors.
- The scheme, designed as a micro-credit program, has disbursed an impressive total of Rs 9,790 crore in loans to beneficiaries, as disclosed by the government in the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

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2) Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative, NAMO Drone Didi

- Women's empowerment is crucial for building a strong and developed nation, especially when women thrive economically, contributing to rural prosperity.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative, NAMO Drone Didi, announced on November 30, aims to empower 15,000 women Self Help Groups (SHGs) by providing drones for agricultural purposes.

STATE NEWS

1) Bhajan Lal Sharma

- Bhajan Lal Sharma, a prominent figure in Rajasthan's political landscape, is set to become the state's next Chief Minister.
- At 56 years old, he brings a wealth of political experience and accomplishments to the position. This article delves into his background, political journey, recent electoral victory, and key details about the upcoming leadership in Rajasthan.

2) Bharatiya Janata Party

- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has officially announced Mohan Yadav as the chief minister-elect for Madhya Pradesh, solidifying its victory in the November 17 polls.
- The decision came after BJP observers held discussions with the newly elected MLAs in the state.

BANKING NEWS

1) Nari Shakti Savings Account

- Bank of India has recently introduced the Nari Shakti Savings Account.
- This exclusive savings bank product is designed to cater specifically to women aged 18 and above who possess an independent source of income, marking a progressive step in fostering economic independence for women.

















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SPORTS NEWS

1) Asad Shafiq

- Pakistan's cricket fraternity bids farewell to one stalwarts as Asad Shafiq, the middleorder batter, announces his retirement from all forms of the game at the age of 37.
- Shafiq, who made his international debut in 2010, leaves behind a legacy of resilience and reliability, particularly in Test cricket.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) "Order of Merit of the Italian Republic"

- Kabir Bedi was awarded the "Order of Merit of the Italian Republic" (Merito della Repubblica Italiana), the country's highest honour awarded to civilians, at a private ceremony held in Mumbai.
- This award, the most prestigious Italian honorific one, ultimately recognizes his unconditional feeling and passionate dedication to Italy.

2) Karmaveer Chakra Medal and Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship by ICONGO

In a momentous ceremony on Nov 27, 2023, in New Delhi, Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar was honored with the Karmaveer Chakra Medal and Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship by ICONGO in collaboration with the United Nations, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to R&D in Physical & Bio-Science and Microbiological Studies.

3) 33rd Vyas Samman, 2023

The literary world is set to celebrate as the 33rd Vyas Samman, 2023, is announced to honor the accomplished Hindi writer Pushpa Bharati for her 2016 memoir, "Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein."

This prestigious award is bestowed by the KK Birla Foundation, recognizing

outstanding contributions to Hindi literature.















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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) The International Day of Neutrality

- The International Day of Neutrality, observed annually on December 12, holds paramount significance in promoting global peace, sovereignty, and the resolution of conflicts through diplomatic means.
- Recognized by the United Nations, this day sheds light on the importance of countries adopting a neutral stance in international affairs to maintain impartiality and contribute to global security.

2) Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day

- Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day, observed annually on December 12, serves as a global reminder of the essential need for a healthcare system that provides equitable and comprehensive health care with financial protection for all.
- Established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2012, the day emphasizes the importance of progressing towards universal health coverage as a vital international development priority.

OBITUARY

1) Dr. Gao Yaojie, a trailblazing Chinese doctor and activist, passed away

- Dr. Gao Yaojie, a trailblazing Chinese doctor and activist, passed away at the age of 95 in her home in the United States. She was known for her fearless exposure of the AIDS virus epidemic in rural China during the 1990s.
- Columbia University professor Andrew J. Nathan, who had legal power of attorney for Gao, confirmed her passing.

















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