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INTERNATIONAL

1) Drones to operate in civilian airspace

Israel becomes the World's first country to allow drones to operate in civilian airspace. The Ministry of Transport and Road Safety of Israel announced the certification for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to operate in civilian airspace.

NATIONAL

1) Community Innovator Fellowship

Atal Innovation Mission, National Institution for Transforming India Aayog in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme, India launched the Community Innovator Fellowship marking the 'International Day of Women & Girls in Science'. Its aim is to provide necessary infrastructure and knowledge building for the young community innovators in their entrepreneurial journey.

2) "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise"

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar Launches Central Sector scheme "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" at New Delhi. Its objective is to provide welfare and rehabilitation to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging.

3) India and Australia signed a MoU on Tourism cooperation

India and Australia signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Tourism cooperation in the field of Tourism to enhance cooperation and encourage expansion of bilateral relations in tourism. Through the MoU, information and data related to tourism will be exchanged between both nations.

4) Souvenir coin on "Panchatantra"

The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the first colour souvenir coin on 'Panchatantra' on the occasion of 17th foundation day of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited. The Panchatantra, authored by Vishnu Sharma during 200 BC. It is an ancient Indian collection of interrelated animal fables in Sanskrit verse and prose.

5) Zero-diesel use in agriculture

Union Power Minister R K Singh said that India will achieve the target of zero-diesel use in agriculture and replace fossil fuel with renewable energy by 2024. Its objective is to ensure the state's participation in fulfilling India's climate commitments and each State and Union Territories (UT) can be assigned energy saving targets.





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OBITUARY

1) Rahul Bajaj

Padma Bhushan Rahul Bajaj, Indian Industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Group has passed away in Pune, Maharashtra. He was born on 10th June 1938 in Calcutta, Bengal Presidency, British India. Rahul Bajaj took charge as the Chief Executive Officer of Bajaj Auto in 1968 and was later appointed as Managing Director in 1972.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

A special parliamentary assembly re-elected German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier for a second term of five years. Steinmeier was endorsed for head of the state, ahead of the elections, by most mainstream political parties.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Indian National Women's Day

Indian National Women's Day is observed every year on 13 February to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu. This year Nation celebrates its 143rd Birth Anniversary. She was born on February 13, 1879. She was famous for her nickname 'Nightingale of India' or 'Bharat Kokila' because of her poems.

2) Darwin Day

Darwin Day is annually observed across the globe on February 12th to commemorate the birth anniversary of the 19th-century British naturalist, Charles Darwin, who is well known for his work "The Theory of Natural Selection". Natural selection explains how the genetic traits of a species may change over time.

