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NATIONAL

1) 9th edition of the North East Festival

The 9th edition of the North East Festival concluded in Guwahati, Assam. The main purpose of this festival is to promote and highlight the commercial and tourism potential of the North East region. The festival was organised in the format of a carnival with live music and dance performances/

2) India Skills 2021 national competition

India Skills 2021 national competition concluded with more than 200 participants who were felicitated by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. These sectors include car paint, patisserie and confectionery, welding, additive manufacturing, cyber security, floristry, among others.

3) "Mission Amanat"

The Railway Protection Force of the Western Railways zone of Indian Railways has launched a new initiative called "Mission Amanat" to make it easier for railway passengers to get back their lost luggage. Under Mission Amanat, the details of lost luggage and belongings along with photos will be uploaded on the official website.

4) DRDO successfully tested sea-to-sea variant of the BrahMos

Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully test-fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile for the Indian Navy. This advanced sea to sea variant of BrahMos Supersonic Cruise missile was launched from INS Visakhapatnam, a stealth guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy.

STATE NEWS

1) Water Metro Project

Kochi has become India's first city to have a Water Metro Project after the launch of its first boat in December 2021, namely 'Muziris,' among the 23 battery-powered electric boats being manufactured by Cochin Shipyard Limited. The boats will be called Water Metros.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) RBI has set up a separate internal department for fintech

Reserve Bank of India has set up a separate internal department for fintech (Financial technology). Ajay Kumar Choudhary, who was recently promoted as the Executive Director of RBI was appointed as head of the department.





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas

Economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas has been named as the next chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He will succeed Gita Gopinath, the first woman to serve as the Fund's chief economist.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Dr Ambedkar Award 2022

Actress, Harshaali Malhotra has been awarded the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022. She received the award from Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, Governor of Maharashtra, for her commendable performance in the movie and contribution in the field of Indian Cinema.

SPORTS

1) ICC Player of the Month award for December

India-born New Zealand cricketer Ajaz Patel has won the ICC Player of the Month award for December following his stupendous 10-wicket haul against India, in the second Test in Mumbai.

OBITUARY

1) Chandrashekhar Patil

Prominent Kannada writer Chandrashekhar Patil, popularly known as "Champa", passed away at the age of 82. He was a Kannada language activist, a poet and a playwright and also served as President of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Chairman of the Kannada Development Authority.

2) David Sassoli

European Parliament President, David Sassoli has passed away due to health issues. He had served as the President of the European Parliament from July 2019 until his death in January 2022. He was first elected as a member of the European Parliament (MEP) in 2009.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) National Youth Day

National Youth Day is celebrated on 12 January annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The theme for National Youth Day 2022 is "It's all in the mind."