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INTERNATIONAL

1) Minsk agreement 1 and 2

The agreements relate to peace seeking settlement signed between Ukraine and Russia and are named after the Belarusian capital where the agreements were first settled. Minsk 1 -Signed in 2014, it was a 12-point ceasefire deal. However, it could not stand. Minsk 2 - was signed in February 2015.

NATIONAL

1) Water Taxi

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal virtually flagged off the Water Taxi for citizens of Mumbai, Maharashtra. The Water Taxi services will commence from the Domestic Cruise Terminal and will also connect nearby locations at Nerul, Belapur, Elephanta island and JNPT.

2) FAITH 2035 vision document

Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH) has released the FAITH 2035 vision document containing goals and an execution path for making Indian tourism preferred and loved by the world by the year 2035. The vision document has been launched commemorating the 75th year of Indian independence.

3) "New India Literacy Programme"

Ministry of Education has approved a new scheme named "New India Literacy Programme" for the period FYs 2022-2027 to cover all the aspects of Adult Education. The scheme aims to align Adult Education will all aspects of National Education Policy 2020 and Budget Announcements 2021-22. The government has now replaced the term "Adult Education" as 'Education for All' in the country.

STATE NEWS

1) Kerala's first Caravan park

Kerala's first Caravan park is all set to come up in Vagamon, a scenic hill station located in the Idukki district. The park, as part of the state governments new Caravan Tourism policy, would be thrown open to travellers.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) 17th Annual Banking Technology Conference and Awards

Karnataka Bank has bagged three awards at the 17th Annual Banking Technology Conference and Awards: 2020-21 Next-Gen Banking, instituted by Indian Banks'

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Association. The bank has won the awards under categories: Best Technology Bank of the Year; Best Fintech Adoption; and Best Use of AI/ML & Data Analytics — all runner-ups.

2) National Payments Corporation of India

National Payments Corporation of India announced that Nepal will be the first foreign country to adopt India's UPI system. It is expected to serve the larger digital public good in Nepal and bolster interoperable real-time person-to-person (P2P) and person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) G Ashok Kumar

G Ashok Kumar has been appointed as India's first national maritime security coordinator by the government. The government of India has taken the decisive move to ensure reliability on security and its objective to strengthen the country's maritime security.

2) Shah Rukh Khan

A23, the gaming application owned by Head Digital Works, an online skill gaming company, has named in Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan as its brand ambassador. Shahrukh Khan will feature in A23's 'Chalo Saath Khele' campaign, along with a first of its kind responsible gaming campaign.

OBITUARY

1) Channaveera Kanavi

Channaveera Kanavi, an iconic poet and writer in the Kannada language, has passed away. He was 93. He was often referred to as 'Samanvaya Kavi' (Poet of Reconciliation). Kanavi received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1981 for his work Jeeva Dhwani (Poetry). He was born on June 18, 1928.

SPORTS

1) 2021 FIFA Club World Cup final

English club, Chelsea has defeated Brazilian club Palmeiras, 2-1, to win the 2021 FIFA Club World Cup final. Chelsea has won the FIFA Club World Cup for the first time. The decisive goal was scored by Kai Havertz with 3 minutes of extra time to go. Kai Havertz' nerveless 117th-minute penalty settled a gruelling Club World Cup final. The final was held at Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi.