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### **INTERNATIONAL**

### 1) Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) recently released its annual Yearbook, providing valuable insights into the state of global nuclear arsenals.
- This article highlights SIPRI's key findings, focusing on China's nuclear expansion, India and Pakistan's growing arsenals, and general trends observed across the globe.

## 2) India and the United Arab Emirates

- India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have set an ambitious target to increase their non-oil bilateral trade from the current USD 48 billion to USD 100 billion by 2030.
- The decision was reached during the first meeting of the Joint Committee of India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- Both countries aim to double their non-petroleum trade in the next seven years, emphasizing the need to enhance trade cooperation beyond the oil sector.

#### **NATIONAL**

# 1) Cyclone Biparjoy Live Location

- The cyclone's current position is approximately 1161 kilometers southeast of Masirah Island. Recent observations show that it has started moving in a northeasterly direction at a speed of 7 kilometers per hour. It is anticipated that the cyclone will reach its maximum intensity with winds reaching around 185 kilometers per hour.
- As a precautionary measure, warnings have been issued to people residing in coastal areas. The authorities have captured a three-dimensional image of the cyclone's location, and personnel are actively engaged in monitoring and managing the situation.
- Cyclone Biparjoy is classified as a tropical cyclone, characterized by anticipated wind speeds ranging from 125-135 kmph, with gusts potentially reaching 150 kmph upon landfall. The National Disaster Management Authority categorizes cyclones into two main types: extratropical cyclones and tropical cyclones.















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# 2) Disaster management ministers from states and union territories

- Union home minister Amit Shah conducted a meeting with disaster management ministers from states and union territories to discuss disaster risk reduction and strengthen the country's disaster management system.
- While presiding over the meeting, Shah announced three major schemes valued at over ₹8,000 crore to improve disaster management efforts across the country.

### 3) 'Sanshodhak' meaning 'Researcher'

- The fourth ship of the Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project, named 'Sanshodhak' meaning 'Researcher', was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai by L and T/ GRSE for the Indian Navy.

### 4) Community Spirit Index

- In the recent ranking by the Community Spirit Index, 53 cities from different countries have been given ranks based on how friendly and unfriendly their residents are. For this purpose, 6 metrics have been considered.
- Toronto and Sydney are named the world's top friendliest countries in the index while India's capital New Delhi and Mumbai are among the most unfriendly cities in the world.
- New York, Dublin, Copenhagen, Montreal and Manchester are also among the world's top friendliest countries.
- India's financial capital Mumbai is ranked the second most unfriendliest city in the world by Preply which prepared the Community Spirit Index.

### 5) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

- The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has successfully certified 98 trainers who participated in the cluster-based Training of Trainers (ToT) project.
- This initiative was carried out in collaboration with the Automotive Sector Development Council (ASDC), GIZ-IGVET, and the Maharashtra State Skill Development Mission (MSSDS).
- The project, developed as part of the National component of Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP), aimed to enhance the skills of trainers in various trades such as Advanced Welding, CNC operations, Robotics, Quality Control, and Advanced Automotive Technology.















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# 6) Production Linked Incentive

- The implementation of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes in the country has led to significant positive outcomes such as increased production, employment generation, economic growth, and exports.

#### **STATE NEWS**

# 1) Geological Survey of India Training Institute

- The Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI), operating under the Ministry of Mines, has received accreditation from the National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (NABET).
- This recognition is a testament to the institute's commendable services and the high standards it upholds in the realm of earth science training.
- The evaluation was conducted by a team comprising members from the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), NABET, and the Quality Control of India.
- They thoroughly inspected the institute's various levels of standard operating procedures and methodologies. Subsequently, GSITI was granted the Certificate of Accreditation with the distinguished grading of "Athi Uttam."

#### 2) Rohini RH-300 Mk-II

- The successful launch of the Rohini RH-300 Mk-II sounding rocket from Svalbard, Norway, on November 20, 1997, marked a significant milestone in the collaboration between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Norway's space agency.
- This mission not only established a new rocket launching range in Norway but also laid the foundation for future cooperation and knowledge exchange in the field of space exploration.
- As recent discussions between Indian and Norwegian officials reignite the resolve to deepen space sector ties, it is fitting to recall the challenges and achievements of this groundbreaking mission that took place 26 years ago at Ny-Alesund, Svalbard.

# 3) pension of Rs 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state.
- Besides the monthly pension, the chief minister has also announced a free travel facility in the 'Volvo bus' service of the state government for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardees from Haryana.
- -The government has formulated various welfare policies to make life easier for the people of the state.

#### **BANKING NEWS**

1) Reserve Bank of India













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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken a significant step towards strengthening its presence in North East India by opening a sub-office in Kohima, the capital of Nagaland.
- With this move, RBI aims to expand its reach in the region and better serve the financial needs of the people.
- Additionally, the central bank has announced its intention to establish an office in Itanagar, further demonstrating its commitment to enhancing its operations in the North East.

### 2) Equitas Holdings Ltd

- Equitas Holdings Ltd, a prominent non-banking financial company (NBFC) in India, has voluntarily surrendered its NBFC licence to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). As a result, the RBI has cancelled Equitas Holdings' registration.
- The decision was made under the powers granted to the central bank by Section 45-IA (6) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- This article explores the implications of Equitas Holdings' decision and its potential impact on the financial industry.

#### 3) Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that it currently has no plans to introduce separate regulations for social media influencers in the financial markets, stating that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) already has measures in place to address the issue.

### 4) Forbes' latest Global 2000 list

- Forbes' latest Global 2000 list has ranked Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Limited as the highest-ranking Indian company, climbing from the 53rd to the 45th spot this year.

### 5) 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana'

- The new initiative of celebrating the 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' as the 'God Bharai' ceremony in Dausa, Rajasthan has received praise from the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS**

# 1) Printer company Epson India

- Printer company Epson India has signed actor Rashmika Mandanna as its brand ambassador. The actress will collaborate with the company to promote its products in a multi-media campaign for its 'EcoTank' printers this month.
- In collaborating with the actress known for her performances across Kannada, Telugu, Hindi and Tamil cinema, the company said in a statement that it hopes to leverage her popularity to reach a wider audience across the country, particularly the younger generation.















# **SPORTS**

# 1) World Test Champions

- Australia clinched the title of World Test Champions in a commanding fashion, securing a resounding 209run victory over India in the thrilling WTC Final at The Oval.
- Travis Head and Steve Smith's remarkable centuries in the first innings laid the foundation for Australia's early control of the Test.

Despite India's valiant response, the match extended to a fifth day, but they fell short of an extraordinary record chase, ultimately being bowled out for 234.

- Australia scripted history on Sunday, June 11 as they became the first men's team in world cricket to win an International Cricket Council (ICC) world title in all three formats.

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### 1) Actor-author Paterson Joseph

- Actor-author Paterson Joseph has won the RSL Christopher Bland Prize 2023 for his debut novel 'The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho'
- This is the 5th year of this award.

# 2) Lalitha Natarajan has won US Department of Labor's 2023 Iqbal Masih Award

- Chennai-based lawyer and activist Lalitha Natarajan has won US Department of Labor's 2023 Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labour. Natarajan was presented the award by Consul General Judith Ravin at a ceremony in the US Consulate General in Chennai on May 30.
- As a leader in the fight to end exploitative child labor in southern India, Natarajan identifies child victims of trafficking, specifically bonded labor, assisting in their reintegration into society, the US consulate in Chennai.
- In her role as a member of the Child Welfare Committee (North Zone), under the Department of Social Defence, Tamil Nadu, Natarajan ensures victims receive compensation under the Child Labor Act and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.
- Besides working on child labour issues, Lalitha also provides legal and counseling support to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1) World Blood Donor Day

- World Blood Donor Day is observed annually on June 14 to express gratitude towards selfless voluntary blood donors and celebrate the essence of life and humanity.















- This occasion serves as a significant platform to appreciate and acknowledge voluntary blood donors worldwide for their generous contribution of blood, while also emphasizing the importance of ensuring universal access to safe blood transfusion.

#### **OBITUARY**

# 1) Cormac McCarthy has passed away

- Cormac McCarthy, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of such acclaimed novels as "The Road" and "No Country for Old Men," passed away.
- McCarthy was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1933. He began writing fiction in the early 1960s, and his first novel, "The Orchard Keeper," was published in 1965.
- He went on to publish more than 20 novels, including "Blood Meridian," "All the Pretty Horses," and "Suttree."











