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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

1) Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)

- The Centre and the World Bank have signed two complementary loans of \$500 million each to support and enhance the country's health sector development.

- Through this combined financing of \$1 billion, the World Bank will support India's flagship Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), launched in October 2021.

#### 2) 'High Seas Treaty'

- The United Nations(UN) inked the first 'High Seas Treaty' in a bid to protect the ocean bodies of the world that lie outside the national boundaries and form almost two-thirds of the world's oceans.

- The treaty is an outcome of a decade of talks on this environmental concern. The previous negotiations failed to conclude due to disagreements on funding and fishing rights.

- The last international agreement on ocean protection was signed 40 years ago in 1982 – the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.



#### NATIONAL

#### 1) "Har Payment Digital"

- While digital payments have skyrocketed during the past few years, a significant portion of the population still does not use digital payments for day-to-day transactions.

- In order to bridge this gap, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das launched a mission — "Har Payment Digital" – with the aim of making every citizen in the country a user of digital payments as part of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2023.

#### 2) INS Trikand





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The Indian warship INS Trikand has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces, a 34-nation naval group.
INS Trikand hosted Rear Adm Jean Michel Martinet of the French Navy, who is also the Vice Commander of IMX23 & Commander Task Force (East).

- INS Trikand crew also interacted with the planning team & ships from friendly Navies participating in the Exercise. The Captain of INS Trikand also called on Ambassador of India to Qatar, Piyush Srivastava.

# 3) FinEMPOWER,

- FinEMPOWER, a new initiative from BSE and UN Women India, was introduced at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

- In order to empower women towards financial security, BSE and UN Women have collaborated on a yearlong capacity-building programme.

## 4) FRINJEX-23

- On March 7 and 8, 2023, the Indian Army and the French Army will hold their first joint military exercise, FRINJEX-23, at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

- The two armies are participating in this format for the first time, with each contingent consisting of a Company Group from the French 6th Light Armoured Brigade and Indian Army personnel stationed in Thiruvananthapuram.



# 5) Domestic information technology

- Domestic information technology (IT) services firm, HCL Technologies, announced a partnership with Azure Quantum, Microsoft's quantum cloud computing service.

- Through this partnership, HCLTech will offer cloud-based quantum computing services to businesses using Microsoft's platform as a technology stack.

# 6) Yuva Utsava-India@2047





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- Yuva Utsava-India@2047 launched by Anurag Singh Thakur, the Union Minister for Youth Affairs, Sports, Information, and Broadcasting, from IIT Ropar in Punjab.

- On this occasion, Shri Anurag Thakur also unveiled the Yuva Utsava Dashboard. To recognise the influence of youth, Yuva Utsava will be held in 150 Districts nationwide by March 31st, 2023.

## **STATE NEWS**

## 1) 'Go Green, Go Organic'

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and four Sikkim ministers released a unique cover of the Department of Posts, 'Go Green, Go Organic' for Sikkim.

- The union minister thanked Department of Posts for this release and congratulated Sikkim State for its achievements of becoming the first state of the world to get recognized as an Organic state by the World Book of Records (London).

## 2) All India Women's Folk Art Conference

- On March 8, 2023, in conjunction with Sangeet Natak Akademi, Government of India, and P. L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Academy, Government of Maharashtra, an All India Women's Folk Art Conference will be held in Ravindra Natya Mandir in Prabhadevi, Mumbai on the occasion of International Women's Day.



#### 3) Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana

Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced the launch of Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana in the state at the end of Women Empowerment and Safety Week.
Women in remote villages of the state are giving impetus to the rural economy through self-help groups. Through their skill potential, women are providing strength to the economy of their families.





- The Chief Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, many efforts have been made to empower the mother power.

- Under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, steps such as linking 23 crore women to banks through Jan Dhan accounts have been taken across India. From financial inclusion to social security, quality health care to housing, education to entrepreneurship, several steps have been taken in recent years to keep women at the forefront of India's development journey, the Uttarakhand chief minister said, adding that these initiatives will only gain momentum in the coming years.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS**

#### 1) S.S. Dubey took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts

- S.S. Dubey took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts. He is the 28th officer to hold the position of CGA.

- Prior to that, Dubey has served as Chief Controller of Accounts in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion etc.and as Controller/Deputy Controller of Accounts in Ministry of Environment & Forest, Ministry of External Affairs, Department of Revenue, Department of Supply etc. and was in-charge of budgeting, accounting, payment, internal audit etc. He also served as Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer in Bank Note Press, Dewas.



#### 2) Tejal Mehta

- Tejal Mehta, an Indian-American woman judge who promised to make a real impact to the community and treat people with compassion, has taken oath as the first Justice of a district court in the US state of Massachusetts.

- Mehta will serve as the first Justice of the Ayer District Court. She has served as an Associate Justice with the same court and was unanimously selected and sworn in by Judge Stacey Fortes, Chief Justice of the District Court.

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Airport Council International (ACI)'s annual service quality award

- Delhi airport has been ranked among the cleanest airports in Asia-Pacific as a part of the Airport Council International (ACI)'s annual service quality award.





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- The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), operated by DIAL, has bagged the award for Airport Service Quality (ASQ) best airport for 2022 in the category of over 40 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA).

# 2) 'BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year'

- Tokyo Olympic Games silver-medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu has bagged the 2022 'BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year' award after a public vote.

- The 28-year-old weightlifter from Manipur became the first athlete to win the award twice in a row after bagging it in 2021 as well.

- BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year Award was launched in 2019 to celebrate sportswomen in India who have made their mark on the world stage.

# 3) Central Board Of Irrigation And Power (CBIP) Award 2022

- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has been awarded the Central Board Of Irrigation And Power (CBIP) Award 2022 for 'Best Contribution in Solar Energy'.

- The award was received by Dr. Nalin Shinghal, CMD, BHEL, along with Ms. Renuka Gera, Director (IS&P), BHEL from Sh. R.K. Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, on CBIP Day. CBIP awards are conferred for outstanding contribution to the development of water, power and renewable energy sectors.

# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1) 5th Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2023

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India, the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana and States and Union Territories is celebrating 5th Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2023 under (PMBJP).

- Department of Pharmaceuticals has planned various events in different cities starting from 1st of March 2023 to 7th March 2023 which will focus on awareness about the Jan Aushadhi Scheme.

- The 5th Jan Aushadhi Diwas is organized across India based on the theme "Jan Aushadhi – Sasti bhi Acchi bhi".



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