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NATIONAL

1) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) in India has recently cracked down on over 150 websites and YouTube-based news channels since May 2021.
- These actions were taken in response to the production of content deemed "anti-India" and in violation of Section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act.
- The Ministry aims to combat misinformation and safeguard India's sovereignty and integrity.

2) Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary Constituency stands

- Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary Constituency stands out as one of the most developed constituencies among the 550 Parliamentary Constituencies in India.
- With its remarkable progress and comprehensive growth, the constituency serves as a shining example of development.

3) "Ex Ekuverin"

- The 12th edition of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force has commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- This bilateral annual exercise, which bears the meaning of "Friends" in the Maldivian language, aims to enhance interoperability in Counter Insurgency/Counter Terrorism Operations under the UN mandate.
- Additionally, it provides an opportunity for both forces to carry out joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations.

STATE NEWS

1) Asian Development Bank

- The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a \$130 million loan agreement to support initiatives aimed at increasing agricultural productivity, improving irrigation access, and promoting horticulture agribusinesses in Himachal Pradesh.















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- The project aims to enhance farmers' income and resilience to climate change in seven districts of the state.

2) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is set to upgrade its membership status with the International Social Security Association (ISSA) from associate member to affiliate member.
- This will enable the EPFO to gain access to professional guidelines, expert knowledge, services, and support for its pension subscribers.

BANKING NEWS

1) MyGovIndia

- India has emerged as the global leader in digital payments for the year 2022, surpassing other nations in terms of both value and volume of transactions.
- The data from the government's citizen engagement platform, MyGovIndia, reveals India's dominant position in the digital payment landscape, showcasing the country's robust payment ecosystem and widespread adoption of digital modes.

ECONOMY

1) Moody's Investors Service

- Moody's Investors Service has forecasted a growth rate of 6-6.3% for India's GDP in the June quarter. While this estimate is lower than the Reserve Bank of India's projection of 8% for the first quarter, Moody's remains cautious about fiscal slippage due to weaker-than-expected government revenues.
- Despite these concerns, Moody's acknowledges India's credit strengths, including a stable domestic financing base for government debt and a sound external position.

2) Central government had provided the state governments

- The Ministry of Finance announced that the Central government had provided the state governments with the third instalment of tax devolution worth a total of ₹1,18,280 crore.
- Andhra Pradesh received ₹4,787 crore, while Arunachal Pradesh was given ₹2,078 crore. Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Gujarat received ₹3,700 crore, ₹11,897 crore, ₹4,030 crore, and ₹4,114 crore, respectively.















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3) India's retail inflation

- India's retail inflation has decreased to a 25-month low of 4.25% in May due to falling food prices, which is in line with the predictions of economists.
- This brings the consumer price index-based (CPI) inflation closer to the Reserve Bank of India's medium-term target of 4%.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 'When Climate Change Turns Violent has won a special prize in the 'Health for All'

- A documentary titled 'When Climate Change Turns Violent has won a special prize in the 'Health for All' category at the 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival held at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva.
- The documentary has been directed by Vandita Saharia of Rajasthan. She was the only Indian among the winners.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Albinism Awareness Day

- International Albinism Awareness Day is observed annually on 13th June to create awareness about a genetic skin condition called Albinism, and promote the rights and regulations of Albinism on a global level.
- The day is recognized to put an end to the misconceptions and stereotypes related to this condition, and also encourage the inclusion of people suffering from Albinism in all aspects of society without any discrimination.
- This year's theme, "Inclusion is Strength," builds on last year's theme of "United in making our voice heard."













