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INTERNATIONAL

1) United Arab Emirates

- The United Arab Emirates, playing host to COP-28, has made a groundbreaking commitment of US\$30 billion to ALTERRA, a climate initiative by Lunate, the world's largest private climate investment vehicle.
- This privately managed fund aims to mobilize a staggering US\$250 billion globally by 2030, focusing on climate investments to reshape emerging markets and developing economies.

NATIONAL

1) Jal Itihas Utsav' at Shamsi Talab, Jahaz Mahal in Mehrauli, Delhi,

- The National Water Mission, under the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, hosted the 'Jal Itihas Utsav' at Shamsi Talab, Jahaz Mahal in Mehrauli, Delhi, on December 1, 2023.
- the aim of raising public awareness about safeguarding water heritage sites, instilling a sense of ownership among the masses, promoting tourism, and contributing to the restoration of these historical structures.

STATE NEWS

1) National Skill Training Institutes

- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, marked a significant step by laying the foundation stone for the National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI) Plus.
- Constructed on a 7.8-acre campus in Jatni, Bhubaneswar, NSTI Plus aims to accommodate institutions like NIESBUD, NSDC, and SIIC





















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2) Mission Daksh" (Dynamic Approach for Knowledge and Skill).

- The Bihar government launched a new initiative aimed at supporting nearly 25 lakh children facing significant academic challenges in state-run schools, "Mission Daksh" (Dynamic Approach for Knowledge and Skill).
- The initiative focuses on providing specialized Hindi, Mathematics, and English classes to students in classes 3-8 statewide.

BANKING NEWS

1) India and the United Kingdom

- Banking regulators in India and the United Kingdom (UK) they signed a
 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The focus of the MoU is the oversight of
 the Clearing Corporation of India (CCIL), a crucial entity in local transaction
 settlement.
- This development opens the doors for substantial trade in Indian sovereign bonds routed through London lenders, marking a pivotal agreement for the commitment of personal funds and discharge of custodian roles.

2) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of England

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of England (BoE) signed an MoU on collaboration and the exchange of information related to the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL).
- The MoU enables the Bank of England to assess CCIL's application for recognition as a third-country CCP.

Sub-Inspector in Delhi Police and Central Armed	Tier-I	15-Feb-2024	14-Mar-2024	May-Jun, 2024
Police Forces Examination, 2024	(CBE)*	(Thursday)	(Thursday)	
Junior Engineer (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and	Paper-I	29-Feb-2024	29-Mar-2024	May-Jun, 2024
Quantity Surveying & Contracts) Examination, 2024	(CBE)*	(Thursday)	(Friday)	
Combined Higher Secondary (10+2) Level	Tier-I	02-Apr-2024	01-May-2024	Jun-Jul, 2024
Examination, 2024	(CBE)*	(Tuesday)	(Wednesday)	
Multi Tasking (Non- Technical) Staff, and Havaldar	Tier-I	07-May-2024	06-Jun-2024	Jul-Aug, 2024
(CBIC & CBN) Examination-2024	(CBE)*	(Tuesday)	(Thursday)	
Combined Graduate Level Examination, 2024	Tier-I (CBE)*	11-Jun-2024 (Tuesday)	10-Jul-2024 (Wednesday)	Sep-Oct, 2024
Stenographer Grade 'C' & 'D' Examination, 2024	CBE*	16-Jul-2024 (Tuesday)	14-Aug-2024 (Wednesday)	Oct-Nov, 2024
Junior Hindi Translator, Junior Translator and Senior	Paper-I	23-Jul-2024	21-Aug-2024	Oct-Nov, 2024
Hindi Translator Examination, 2024	(CBE)*	(Tuesday)	(Wednesday)	
Constables (GD) in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), NIA, SSF and Rifleman (GD) in Assam Rifles Examination, 2025	CBE*	27-Aug-2024 (Tuesday)	27-Sep-2024 (Friday)	Dec, 2024 - Jan, 2025
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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Narayan Seshadri

Former KPMG managing partner, Narayan Seshadri, is set to assume the role of Chairman at IDRCL, the government-backed bad bank, following the resignation of Diwakar Gupta.

SPORTS NEWS

1) Ruturaj Gaikwad

- Ruturaj Gaikwad, the talented Indian cricketer, has achieved a remarkable milestone in men's T20 cricket.
- In the fourth T20I against Australia at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur, Gaikwad etched his name in the record books by becoming the fastest Indian to amass 4,000 runs in the shortest format of the game.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) India's Goods and Services Tax

- India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections for November 2023 surged by an impressive 15% year-on-year, reaching a total of ₹1.68 lakh crore.
- This marks the sixth instance during the ongoing fiscal year that gross GST collections have surpassed the ₹1.60 lakh crore milestone. Total GST revenue for November 2023: ₹1,67,929 crore

2) Goldman Sachs

- Goldman Sachs has raised India's growth forecast for the calendar year 2023 by 20 basis points, now standing at an impressive 6.7% year-on-year. However, their optimism is cautious as the 2024 forecast remains unchanged at 6.2%.
- Morgan Stanley takes a bullish stance, revising the financial year 2024 growth forecast upwards to 6.9% from the previous 6.4%. While optimism prevails, the forecast for the financial year 2025 remains steady at 6.5%.





















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3) London-based private equity firm Actis Llp

- London-based private equity firm Actis Llp has announced the successful acquisition of Kolkata-based Atha Group's 404MW solar power assets by its portfolio company, BluPine Energy.
- The deal, valued at around ₹2,100 crore, reinforces Actis' commitment to driving India's energy transition and expanding BluPine's renewable energy capabilities.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

- The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, observed annually on December 2nd, It is a day dedicated to remembering and acknowledging the brutal history of slavery and the ongoing impacts of its legacy.
- The day originates from the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others on December 2, 1949. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring struggle against slavery and its modern forms.

2) Border Security Force

The Border Security Force (BSF) celebrated its 59th raising day on 1st December. This significant organization plays a pivotal role in ensuring the security of India's borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

OBITUARY

1) Sandra Day O'Connor has passed away

- Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve as a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, passed away at the age of 93 in Phoenix, Arizona.
- President Ronald Reagan appointed Sandra Day O'Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1981.













