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INTERNATIONAL

1) 'Infinity Bridge'

'Infinity Bridge' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates has been formally opened to traffic for the first time. Its design resembles a mathematical sign for infinity (∞). It represents the limitless, infinite goals of Dubai. It consists of six lanes in each direction and a combined 3-metre track for pedestrians and cyclists.

NATIONAL

1) Maritime Partnership Exercise

A Maritime Partnership Exercise was held between the Indian Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force in the Bay of Bengal in a non-contact mode amid COVID-19. The Indian side was represented by Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and INS Kadmatt while JMSDF Ships "Uraga" and "Hirado" participated from the Japanese side.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) 'ClickPay'

MobiKwik, and Buy Now Pay Later Fintech companies launched 'ClickPay' for its customers, in collaboration with NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd.. This feature enables MobiKwik customers to pay recurring online bills with ease by eliminating the need to remember individual bill details and due dates.

2) UPI AUTOPAY

National Payments Corporation of India and Reliance Jio have announced that UPI AUTOPAY has now been introduced for the telecom industry with Jio. Jio's integration with UPI AUTOPAY has made it the first player in the telecom industry to go live with the unique e-mandate feature that was launched by NPCI.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Roberta Metsola

Roberta Metsola, was elected president of the European Union's parliament. She is only the third woman elected to the post. she is the European Parliament's youngest president.

OBITUARY

1) Saoli Mitra

Bengali theatre personality Saoli Mitra has passed away. She had acted in Ritwik Ghatak's avant garde film Jukti Takko aar Gappo in 1974. She also wrote, directed and acted in the hugely popular Katha Amritsamman (Words that are like Nectar) another adaptation of the Mahabharata.





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2) Prof M K Prasad

Environmentalist & 'Save Silent Valley' campaigner Prof M K Prasad passed away recently. He was a prominent figure in the historic grassroots level movement to save the evergreen tropical rain forests in Kerala's Silent Valley from destruction. He had also led the popular science movement, 'Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishath'.

3) Narayan Debnath

Legendary Bengali comics artist, writer and illustrator, Narayan Debnath, has passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 97. The celebrated cartoonist was the creator of popular Bengali comic strips like Handa Bhonda (1962), Bantul the Great (1965) and Nonte Phonte (1969).

SPORTS

1) AFC Women's football Asian Cup India 2022

India is all set to host AFC Women's football Asian Cup India 2022 from 20th January 2022 in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, and Pune. AFC Women's Asian Cup India will also be the final stage of Asian qualification for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) National Disaster Response Force

National Disaster Response Force celebrates its Raising Day every year on January 19th. In 2022, the NDRF is observing its 17th Raising Day. NDRF is an Indian specialized force under the National Disaster Management Authority, constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist"

A new biography titled "Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist" authored by Chandrachur Ghose will be released in February 2022. The book contains the thoughts and opinions of Subhas Chandra Bose about the development of independent India, communalism, geopolitics and political ideology.