

# 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

## 1) Trade Agreement

India, Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement comes into force from 29 December. India and Australia signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) on the 2nd of April 2022.
 ECTA is the first trade agreement of India with a developed country after more than a decade.

- The agreement encompasses cooperation across the entire gamut of bilateral economic and commercial relations between the two friendly countries.

#### 2) First metro rail in Dhaka

- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first metro rail in Dhaka.
- The metro train was flagged off in Dhaka for the first journey between Diabari and Agargaon station.
- The metro rail is part of the Bangladesh project of Mass Rapid Transit to be completed by 2030.



#### NATIONAL

#### 1) The second largest seaport in Bangladesh

- An Indian firm has bagged a contract for providing consultancy for a capacity building project at Mongla port, the second largest seaport in Bangladesh, which will boost sub-regional connectivity in South Asia.

 The contract was signed between Mongla Port Authority and EGIS India Consulting Engineers Pvt Ltd.
 The total project cost under Government of India concessional Line of Credit is USD 530 million of which PMC contract awarded to EGIS India Consulting Engineers Ltd. is for USD 9.60 million.





# 2) 'Development of Pilgrimage Facilities"

- Smt. Droupadi Murmu has laid the foundation stone of the project 'Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Bhadrachalam Group of Temples' at Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamivari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam in Telangana.

- The President of India laid the foundation stone for another project called 'Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Infrastructure of UNESCO World Heritage Site at Rudreshwara Temple in Telangana.

- These projects have been approved under the PRASAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.



# 3) "Development of Srisailam Temple in the State of Andhra Pradesh"

- President Murmu inaugurated the project "Development of Srisailam Temple in the State of Andhra Pradesh" at Srisailam Temple Complex, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

- The project has been sanctioned and executed under PRASHAD scheme viz. National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive of the Ministry of Tourism.

#### 4) Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India stated in its annual report on trend and progress of banking in India that the health of Indian banks continued to improve in 2021–2022 with their balance sheet rising at double digits after a gap of seven years and their asset quality and capital position improving.

#### **STATE NEWS**

#### 1) "iNCOVACC"

- Bharat Biotech's "iNCOVACC" is the world's first Intranasal vaccine for COVID to receive approval for the primary 2-dose schedule, and as a heterologous booster dose.





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- Bharat Biotech International (BBIL) announced that iNCOVACC (BBV154), is scheduled to be introduced in the country as a booster dose shortly.

- iNCOVACC is now available on CoWin, and priced at Rs 800+GST for private markets and priced at Rs 325+GST for supplies to Govt of India and State Governments.

# 2) 'Spice Coast'

The 'Spice Coast' in the far north of Kerala, better known as North Malabar, bask in myriad colours and the pomp and splendour of the cultural extravaganza titled 'Bekal International Beach Festival'.
Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated the 10-day first international beach festival, that captures the wholeness and the essence of the district's cultural and artistic uniqueness and displays the rich cultural diversity and grandeur of the country, at the majestic Bekal Beach Park.



# 3) World Class Kayaking Canoeing Academy

World Class Kayaking Canoeing Academy to be set up at Tehri in Uttarakhand. The Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy R.K.Singh announced the World Class Kayaking Canoeing Academy.
Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami also inaugurated the National Championship "Tehri Water Sports Cup" at Tehri Lake.

# 4) 'E-Sushrut'

- The Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brijesh Pathak and Minister of State for Medical Education Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh inaugurated the 'E-Sushrut' Hospital Management Information System (HMIS )in 22 state medical colleges.

- The initiative was launched by the state medical education department in collaboration with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).





## **SPORTS**

#### 1) Farhaan Behardien

- South African batter Farhaan Behardien has announced retirement, concluding an 18-year international cricketing career.

- The 39-year old has represented the Proteas in 59 ODIs and has 1074 runs and 14 wickets under his belt. Behardien also has 38 T20I caps for South Africa and has amassed 518 runs at an average of 32.37.

- He also led the Proteas in the three-match T20I series against Sri Lanka in January 2017.

- His last international game came way back in 2018, in South Africa's 21-run win over Australia in a T20I at the Carrara stadium. The batter remained not out for three off two deliveries



#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### 1) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

- On the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister of the country Atal Bihari Vajpayee, many personalities who played an important role in various fields were honored, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi during 9th Atal Samman Samaroh.

- Prabhu Chandra Mishra has been awarded Atal Samman Award for his excellence in field of science & research.

- His area of work is Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine in infertility especially when IVF also fails. The diseases like premature ovarian failure, thin endometrium, Asherman syndrome Etc have shown satisfactory results with body's own cells.

- PRP & bone marrow-derived StemCells Research have shown promising hope for these patients/ couples who are struggling for their own child's.

# 2) Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards





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- The Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards, also known as gave significant recognition to the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

- The best programme awards went to the IIT Madras courses, BS Data Science and NPTEL in partnership with IISc Bangalore.

- The institute has been awarded and its BS in Data Science and Applications is awarded the silver in the best online programme category.

- While, the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning, a joint initiative of IITs and IISc, run by IIT Madras, won the gold in the lifelong learning category.





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