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NATIONAL

Ministry Of Jal Shakti Organises 'Jal Itihas Utsav' In 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 'Jal Itihas Utsav' marked the culmination of the "Water Heritage Fortnight".
- The theme was "Source Sustainability for Drinking Water."

About Delhi:

Lieutenant Governor: Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena

Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal

Bihar Launches 'Mission Daksh' To Aid 25 Lakh Academically Weak Students

- "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.

About Bihar:

Capital: Patna

Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar

Governor: Rajendra Arlekar

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Lays Foundation Stone for NSTI Plus

- 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.
- The initiative aims to enhance the skills of Odisha's youth through demand-driven and high-quality vocational education.

India Navy appointed first woman commanding officer in naval ship

- The Indian Navy has achieved a historic milestone by appointing its first woman commanding officer for a naval ship.

OBITUARY

Sandra Day O'Connor, First Woman on the Supreme Court, Passes Away at 93

- 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.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Sheshadri Appointed IDRCL Chair, Incumbent Gupta to Head NARCL

- Former KPMG managing partner, Narayan Seshadri, is set to assume the role of Chairman at IDRCL.

- Gupta, in turn, is expected to take over as Chairman of NARCL.

IMPORTANT DAYS

59th Raising Day of Border Security Force (BSF)

- Border Security Force (BSF) celebrated its 59th raising day on 1st December.
- Established in the aftermath of the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965, the BSF's motto, "जीवन पर्यन्त कर्तव्य" (Duty Unto Death).

About BSF:

Founded: 1 December 1965

Headquarters: New Delhi, India

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

PM Modi proposes to host COP33 in India in 2028

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended India's commitment to climate action by proposing to host the UN climate meet (COP33) in 2028.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

Cabinet Approves Terms for 16th Finance Commission

- In a press briefing on Wednesday, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur revealed that Cabinet greenlit the terms of reference for the Sixteenth Finance Commission (SFC).
- The Fifteenth Finance Commission (FFC), chaired by N K Singh, for instance, delved into the impact of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- The Finance Commission, established under Article 280 of the Indian Constitution by the Indian President in 1951.

RBI inks pact with Bank of England on bond clearing settlement

- Banking regulators in India and the United Kingdom (UK) achieved a significant milestone as they signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

About RBI:

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Founder: British Raj

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

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Amplifi 2.0: Urban Affairs Ministry's Data Initiative for Indian cities

- Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in India has embarked on a groundbreaking initiative to centralize and streamline raw data from cities across the country.
- Launched as the Amplifi 2.0 (Assessment and Monitoring Platform for Liveable, Inclusive and Future-ready urban India).

India Bolsters Naval Strength with \$5 Billion Aircraft Carrier to Counter China

- A \$5 billion aircraft carrier, signaling its strategic response to China's expanding naval influence in the Indian Ocean region.
- The Defense Acquisition Council, headed by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh.

About China:

Capital: Beijing

President: Xi Jinping

Three Anti-Submarine Warfare Ships for Indian Navy Launched at Cochin Shipyard

- The first three ships in a series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) shallow water crafts commissioned by the Indian Navy. The vessels, names INS Mahe, INS Malva and INS Mangrol.

About Kerala:

Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan

Founded: 1 November 1956

Governor: Arif Mohammed Khan

Capital: Thiruvananthapuram

PM Inaugurates 10,000th Jan Aushadhi Kendra at AIIMS Deoghar

- The Prime Minister, along the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, inaugurated the 10,000th Jan Aushadhi Kendra at AIIMS, Deoghar (Jharkhand).

About Jharkhand:

Founded: 15 November 2000

Chief Minister: Hemant Soren

Capital: Ranchi

SPORTS

West Indies Shane Dowrich Announces International Retirement

- Shane Dowrich, the seasoned wicketkeeper-batsman, has announced his retirement from international cricket and subsequently withdrawn from the West Indies squad set to face England in the upcoming ODI.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Nagaland Celebrates its 61st Statehood Day

- Nagaland celebrating its 61st Statehood Day on December 1, 2023. This marks a significant milestone in the historical journey of the Nagas, who became the 16th state of the Union of India on December 1, 1963.
- The day's festivities will commence with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio.
- Nagaland Governor La Ganesan has extended warm greetings to the people on this auspicious occasion.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Top French civilian honour for ISRO scientist VR Lalithambika

- Former Director of the Human Spaceflight Programme at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), was honored with the prestigious 'Légion d'Honneur.'

- The award was conferred upon her by Thierry Mathou, the Ambassador of France to India, in a ceremony held in Bengaluru.

About ISRO:

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Founder: Vikram Sarabhai

Founded: 15 August 1969

NTPC Bongaigaon Secures Double Victory at Greentech Environment Award 2023

- At a ceremony held at Sonmarg, Jammu and Kashmir, NTPC Bongaigaon was honored with two distinct awards.
- The first trophy was bestowed upon the power station in the Environment Protection Category at the 22nd Annual Greentech Environment Award 2023.
- The second accolade came in the Rural Development Category at the 10th Annual Greentech CSR India Awards.

About NTPC:

Founded: 7 November 1975

Headquarters: New Delhi

Owner: Ministry of Power, Government of India

CEO: Gurdeep Singh (28 Jan 2016–)

Founder: Government of India

Formerly: National Thermal Power Corporation

Suganthy Sundararaj Honored With PRSI National Award for Healthcare Contributions

- Suganthy Sundararaj, Regional Head of PR at Apollo Hospitals, was honored with the PRSI National Award for outstanding contributions to the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI).
- This year's festival theme, 'G20: Showcasing Indian Values and The Emerging India to the World: Opportunities for Public Relations.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

RBI Fines Bank of America, N.A., HDFC Bank

- The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs. 10,000 on Bank of America, N.A. for violating the reporting requirements under the liberalized Remittances Scheme of FEMA 1999.

About RBI:

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Founder: British Raj

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

About HDFC:

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan (27 Oct 2020–)

Founded: August 1994, Mumbai

Headquarters: Mumbai

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INTERNATIONAL

Nepal Becomes First South Asian Nation to Register Same-Sex Marriage

- Nepal, adopted in 2015, took a bold step by explicitly prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- Nepal became the first South Asian country to formally register a case of same-sex marriage.
- Pushpa Kamal Dahal is the current Prime Minister of Nepal.

NATIONAL

Government Extends PMGKAY Scheme for 5 More Years, to Cost 11.8 Lakh Crore

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has announced a five-year extension of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme.
- This initiative aims to provide 5 kilograms of free foodgrains per month to 81.35 crore poor citizens, incurring a cost of approximately ₹11.80 lakh crore for the exchequer.

Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates 'Classic Imperial' Luxury Cruise in Kerala

- Nitin Gadkari virtually marked the inauguration of 'Classic Imperial,' a luxury cruise vessel, in Kochi.
- The vessel, touted as the largest of its kind built in Kerala, can accommodate 150 people at a time.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Launched in SWGH

- Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in South West Garo Hills, orchestrated by the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) at MFC, Ampati.

Union WCD Minister Launches 'Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children'

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Minority Affairs, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, recently launched the Anganwadi Protocol Divyang Children in a national outreach program at Vigyan Bhawan on November 28, 2023.

Railways to Upgrade 'Kavach' To LTE: Ashwini Vaishnaw

- Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the Ministry of Railways' plans to upgrade its indigenous anti-collision system, Kavach, to 4G/5G (LTE-based) technology.
- Former railway board chairman and CEO: Anil Kumar Lahoti
- New Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Railways: Smt. Jaya Varma Sinha.

MAHASAGAR, Indian Navy's Initiative between Maritime Heads

- On November 29, 2023, the Indian Navy marked a significant milestone with the inaugural edition of MAHASAGR.
- Chief of the Naval Staff is Adm R Hari Kumar.

OBITURY

Henry Kissinger, Nobel Peace Prize winner, passed away

- Henry Kissinger, a towering figure in American foreign policy, passed away on November 29, 2023.
- He served as the United States Secretary of State under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.
- Henry Kissinger was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973 for his role in the Paris Peace Accords.
- He was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare 2023: 30 November

- Every year on November 30, the world solemnly observes the Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare.
- In 2005, the United Nations officially declared November 30 as the Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare.
- This day, designated by the United Nations.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Abdullahi Mire Wins 2023 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award

- The UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award was established in 1954.
- Abdullahi Mire, a Somali refugee, has been named the 2023 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award Global Laureate.
- In addition to the Global Laureate, four regional winners have also been named for the 2023 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award:
 1. Americas: Elizabeth Moreno Barco from Colombia
 2. Middle East & North Africa: Asia Al-Mashreqi from Yemen
 3. Asia-Pacific: Abdullah Habib, Sahat Zia Hero, Salim Khan, and Shahida Win from Myanmar
 4. Europe: Lena Grochowska and Władysław Grochowski from Poland

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India, US to Launch Joint Microwave Satellite for Earth Observation

- India and the United States joint launch of the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite.
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, in a recent meeting with a high-level NASA delegation led by Administrator Mr. Bill Nelson.

About NASA:

Founder: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Founded: 29 July 1958, United States

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

About ISRO:

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Founder: Vikram Sarabhai

Founded: 15 August 1969

India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise Culminates at Southern Command in Pune

- The Mitrashakti 2023 joint military exercise, a collaborative effort between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army, concluded at Pune's southern command foreign training node.

About Sri Lanka:

Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Prime Minister: Dinesh Gunawardena

President: Ranil Wickremesinghe

NATIONAL

Bengaluru to Get India's Largest Circular Railway, Spanning 287 kilometers

- Bengaluru, the bustling IT hub of India, is poised to witness a groundbreaking development in its transportation infrastructure with the announcement of a 287-km circular railway.
- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw disclosed this ambitious project.

About Karnataka:

Founded: 1 November 1956

Chief Minister: Siddaramaiah

Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot

Capital: Bengaluru (Executive Branch)

Rajnath Singh Unveils Crest of India Guided Missile Destroyer 'INS Imphal'

- The crest of Yard 12706 (Imphal), Indian Navy's third stealth guided missile destroyer, was unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in a momentous ceremony held in New Delhi.
- Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh, marking a historic moment in the country's naval history.
- Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.

Amritsar to Host Military Literature Festival Next Year

- The Military Literature Festival is set to return for its second district-level edition in Amritsar.
- Organized by the Military Literature Festival Association and chaired by Lt-Gen TS Shergill (retd.)
- Punjab state of government, as highlighted by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann during last year's festival in Chandigarh.

Odisha CM Launches 'AMA Bank' for Gram Panchayat Banking

- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the "AMA Bank" scheme aimed at providing banking services through CSP Plus banking outlets in all unbanked Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Odisha.
- Odisha as the pioneer state in India.

All 41 Workers Evacuated in Uttarakhand Tunnel After 17 days

- All 41 workers were successfully rescued from the collapsed Silkyara-Barkot tunnel in Uttarakhand, India.
- The 4.5 km-tunnel is part of the Centre's ambitious Char Dham project .

About Uttarakhand:

Capital: Dehradun (Winter)

Chief Minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor: Gurmit Singh

Founded: 9 November 2000

SPORTS

Rahul Dravid to Continue as India's Head Coach

- Rahul Dravid has accepted the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) offer to extend his term as India's head coach, ensuring his continued leadership of the national team until at least the 2024 T20 World Cup in June.

About BCCI:

President: Roger Binny

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: December 1928

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 2023: 29th November

- Since 1978, November 29th has held a significant place on the global calendar as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.
- Originating from a call by the United Nations General Assembly.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

IFFI 2023: 'Endless Borders' Wins Golden Peacock

- The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa ended on November 28 with an award ceremony.
- The nine-day festival concluded at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Panaji, Goa.
- For the prestigious Golden Peacock, a total of 15 films comprising 12 international and 3 Indian films competed.
- 'Endless Borders' took home the award. Iranian actor Pouria Rahimi Sam bagged the Best Actor award for his role in 'Endless Borders'.

About Goa:

Founded: 30 May 1987

Chief Minister: Pramod Sawant

Capital: Panaji (Executive Branch)

Governor: P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

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INTERNATIONAL

Angkor Wat Becomes the 8th wonder of the world

- Angkor Wat, located in the heart of Cambodia, has recently earned the prestigious title of the 8th wonder of the world, surpassing Italy's Pompeii.

- This UNESCO World Heritage Site is not only the largest religious structure in the world but also a testament to architectural brilliance and cultural significance.
- It spans approximately 500 acres and serves as the largest religious monument in the world.
- Originally constructed in the 12th century by King Suryavarman II, the temple was dedicated to the Hindu deity Vishnu.

Indian-Origin Ex-MP Dave Sharma wins Australian Senate Seat

- Dave Sharma, winning the New South Wales Liberal Senate race.
- Sharma served as Australia's ambassador to Israel from 2013 to 2017.

NATIONAL

Center Renames Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers to Ayushman Arogya Mandir

- The Union Government has recently made a significant decision to rebrand the existing Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir' with the tagline 'Arogyam Parmam Dhanam.'

SPORTS

Italy defeat Australia to win Davis Cup for first time since 1976

- Italy defeated Australia 2-0 to become Davis Cup champions for the first time since 1976.
- The United States is the most successful nation in Davis Cup history, having won the title a record 32 times. Australia is second with 28 titles, and Great Britain and France are tied for third with 10 titles each.

Vidya Pillai Clinches 6-Red Snooker World Title

- Vidya Pillai secured the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Championship title in Doha, Qatar.

OBITUARY

C.K. Gopinathan, a Director on the Board of Dhanlaxmi Bank Passed Away

- Kerala-based Dhanlaxmi Bank mourned the sudden demise of Mr. C.K. Gopinathan, a director on the bank's board and a significant shareholder.
- Appointed to the board of Dhanlaxmi Bank in August 2016

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

HDFC Bank appoints former NABARD chairman Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as director

- HDFC Bank's Board of Directors has greenlit the nomination of Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as the Additional Independent Director.
- The tenure for this position is set for three years, commencing from January 25, 2024.

Col Sunita BS Appointed First Female Commanding Officer at Armed Forces Transfusion Centre

- Colonel Sunita BS, an officer in the Army Medical Corps, etched her name in history by becoming the first woman to assume the role of Commanding Officer at the Armed Forces Transfusion Centre (AFTC) in Delhi Cantt.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Ministry Of Power Honored With Medal for Excellence at IITF 2023

- The Ministry of Power, Government of India, has been recognized and honored with the Special Appreciation Medal for Excellence in Display at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2023.
- The prestigious award was bestowed upon the Ministry for its outstanding contribution to the 42nd edition of the IITF, held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, from November 14 to 27, 2023.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

IndiGo Unveils AI-Powered Chat Assistant “6Eskai” After Air India

- IndiGo, India’s largest airline, announced on Monday the launch of its Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered chat assistant named “6Eskai.”
- Pieter Elbers currently serving as the CEO of IndiGo.

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INTERNATIONAL

Reassessing India’s Bilateral FTAs: A Closer Look at Singapore

- Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) has recommended review of India’s bilateral free trade agreements (FTAs).
- Singapore, a member of the 10-nation ASEAN bloc, has been in a free trade agreement with India since 2010.
- India and Singapore entered into a comprehensive FTA in 2005.
- India and Thailand established a limited free trade pact in 2006, known as the early harvest scheme (EHS).

About Singapore:

Capital: Singapore

President: Tharman Shanmugaratnam

About Thailand:

Capital: Bangkok

King: Maha Vajiralongkorn

Currency: Thai Baht

Prime minister: Srettha Thavisin

Robert Shetkintong Appointed as the Next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mozambique

- Robert Shetkintong, the current Ambassador of India to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, has been designated as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mozambique.

About Mozambique:

Capital: Maputo

Currency: Mozambican metical

Official language: Portuguese

President: Filipe Jacinto Nyusi

NATIONAL

Madhya Pradesh: India's Largest Tiger Reserve to be Set Up in Damoh

- Damoh district in Madhya Pradesh is poised to become the home of the country's largest tiger reserve.
- The central government has greenlit the merger of Noradehi Sanctuary with the Durgavati Sanctuary in Damoh.

About Madhya Pradesh:

Founded: 1 November 1956

Governor: Mangubhai C. Patel

Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Capital: Bhopal (Executive Branch)

CSJMU in Kanpur gets A++ Grading by NAAC

- Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj University (CSMUJ) in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, has achieved a significant milestone by securing the highest grading, A++, from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).
- The university's leadership, guided by Chancellor Anandiben Patel and Vice Chancellor Professor Vinay Kumar Pathak.
- CSJMU, established in 1966 with affiliations to 617 colleges.

About Uttar Pradesh:

Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath

Capital: Lucknow (Executive Branch)

Governor: Anandiben Patel

SPORTS

Shubman Gill Takes the Helm as Gujarat Titans Captain for IPL 2024

- Gujarat Titans have named Shubman Gill as the captain for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 season.

About Gujarat Titans

Director of Cricket for Gujarat Titans: Vikram Solanki

Founded: 25 October 2021

Owner: CVC Capital Partners

Anish Bhanwala Becomes First Indian Shooter to Win a medal(Bronze) in 25m Rapid Fire at ISSF World Cup Final

- He became the first Indian shooter to clinch a medal in the men's 25m Rapid Fire event at the ISSF World Cup Final.
- ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Cup held in Doha, Qatar.

About ISSF:

President: Vladimir Lisin

Headquarters: Munich, Germany

Founded: 1907; 116 years ago

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Indian Coast Guard and Navy to acquire 15 C-295 Aircraft for Maritime Surveillance

- The Indian Coast Guard and Navy are set to acquire 15 C-295 transport aircraft.
- Indian Coast Guard Chief Director General Rakesh Pal emphasized plans to acquire long-range maritime surveillance aircraft.
- Indian Air Force recently inducted the first C-295 transport aircraft manufactured in Spain.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Guru Nanak Jayanti 2023: November 27

- Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurmurb, holds immense significance in the Sikh community as it marks the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the revered founder of the Sikh religion.
- Guru Nanak Dev was born in 1469 in the village of Rai Bhoi di Talwandi, now known as Nankana Sahib, near Lahore, Pakistan.

National Cadet Corps celebrates 75th Anniversary day

- The National Cadet Corps (NCC), the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces, is set to celebrate its 75th anniversary on November 27, 2023.
- Its headquarters in New Delhi, India.
- NCC Day is observed annually to commemorate the core values encapsulated in the NCC motto, "Unity and Discipline."

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

REC Receives 'Best Employer in Diversity & Inclusion' award by Assocham

- REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power, achieved a significant milestone by receiving the "Best Employer for Policies in Diversity & Inclusion" Award at the 4th Diversity & Inclusion Excellence Awards and Conclave organized by Assocham.
- Established in 1969, REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power, specializes in providing long-term loans.
- Chairman and Managing Director of REC is Vivek Kumar Dewangan.

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INTERNATIONAL

Malaysia Opens Visa-free Travel for Indian Visitors and Chinese Citizens

- Malaysia has joined Thailand and Sri Lanka to offer 30 days of visa-free travel to visitors from India, starting from December 1.
- Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim also announced a similar provision for Chinese citizens.

NATIONAL

President Droupadi Murmu Unveils Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Statue at Supreme Court

- On the auspicious occasion of Constitution Day, President Droupadi Murmu revealed a statue of Dr B R Ambedkar within the Supreme Court premises.

- Chief Justice of India, D Y Chandrachud, and Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal paid their respects to Dr B R Ambedkar by folding their hands and presenting flowers to the impressive over 7-feet tall sculpture.
- As 2015, November 26 has been dedicated to Constitution Day.

Hardeep Puri Inaugurates Second Floating CNG Station in Varanasi

- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, inaugurated the city's second floating Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Mobile Refueling Unit (MRU) station at Ravidas Ghat. Developed by GAIL (India) Limited.

Mumbai Street to be named in Memory of Actor Vikram Gokhale

- As the first death anniversary of the legendary figure approaches, a street in Andheri West, Mumbai, is set to be named in his honor.
- Gokhale was conferred with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2011) & National Award (2012).

India Unveils Biogas Blending Plan to Reduce Natural Gas Imports and Achieve Net Zero Emissions

- Indian government has announced a phased introduction of blending compressed biogas with natural gas.
- India's commitment to achieving net zero emissions by 2070.
- Commencing in April 2025, the government will initiate the mandatory blending of compressed biogas with natural gas at a rate of 1%.

SPORTS

Anurag Singh Thakur launched Khelo India Para Games 2023 logo and Mascot Ujjwala

- Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, unveiled the logo and mascot for the first-ever Khelo India Para Games 2023 in New Delhi.
- The official mascot, 'Ujjwala,' a sparrow, was revealed during the ceremony.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Milk Day 2023: 26 November

- As it pays homage to the visionary Dr. Verghese Kurien, the driving force behind the White Revolution.
- In the early 1970s, the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) launched Operation Flood.
- Unlike many observances, National Milk Day 2023 does not adhere to a specific theme.

Indian Constitution Day 2023: 26 November

- On November 26, Indian observes Constitution Day, also known as 'Samvidhan Divas.'
- This day is dedicated to legacy of B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the constitution.
- This day marks the historic adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly in 1949, with its official implementation taking place on January 26, 1950.

World Sustainable Transport Day 2023: 26 November

- World Sustainable Transport Day 2023 focuses on the theme "Sustainable transport, sustainable development".

- World Sustainable Transport Day (WSTD) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution A/RES/77/286, adopted on May 31, 2023.

Uttar Pradesh Declares November 25 as “no non-veg day”

- Uttar Pradesh government declared November 25 as “no non-veg day” in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Sadhu TL Vaswani.

