

Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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1. India explains why it abstained in UN vote on Israel-Hamas conflict

- India is concerned over the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Gaza but at the same time strongly considers that there can be no equivocation on terror, sources said on Saturday explaining New Delhi's decision to abstain on a UN General Assembly .
- The resolution did not include any explicit condemnation of the October 7 terrorist attacks by Hamas, they said, adding India abstained in the vote in absence of all elements of its approach not being covered in the final text of the resolution.



2. Donald Trump promises to revive Muslim ban, gets slammed by White House

- Former US President Donald Trump has vowed to revive a controversial travel ban on people from some Muslim-majority countries if he is elected to a second White House term.
- "On day one, I will restore our travel ban. We had a travel ban because we didn't want people coming into our country who really love the idea of blowing our country up." He said the travel ban imposed during his administration was an amazing success.



3. Russia accuses Ukraine of damaging a nuclear waste warehouse as the battle for Avdiivka grinds on

- Russia accused Ukraine on October 28 of damaging a nuclear waste storage facility in a drone strike on the Kursk nuclear power plant while fighting raged on for the control of the key eastern city of Avdiivka, where Russians apparently suffered heavy losses.
- Russia's Defence Ministry said that the country's air defences shot down six Ukrainian drones in the early hours of Saturday, including four in the western Oryol region, and two more over the Tula region, south of Moscow.



Foot Note:

About Russia:

President: Vladimir Putin

Capital: Moscow

Prime Minister: Mikhail Mishustin

4. Nationwide platform 'Mera Yuva Bharat' to be launched on Sardar Patel's birth anniversary

- MYBharat will provide an opportunity to the youth of India to play an active role in various nation building events. This is a unique effort of integrating the youth power of India in building a developed India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that a nationwide 'Mera Yuva Bharat' platform will be launched on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary on October 31 to give the youth an opportunity to play an active role in various nation.



5. BSP MP supports demand for West U.P. Statehood

- Several BJP leaders in west UP dismiss the Union Minister and Muzaffarnagar MP's demand as just 'an attempt in his personal capacity to appease Jat voters' ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha polls
- Union Minister of State Sanjeev Balyan, the BJP's Muzaffarnagar MP, has created a stir in Uttar Pradesh politics by calling for the state's division to enable the creation of west UP as a separate state with Meerut as its capital.



Foot Note:

About UP:

Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath

Governor: Anandiben Patel

6. Anant Nath elected president of Editors Guild of India

- At its annual general meeting, the editors guild also elected Ruben Banerjee, former editor-in-chief of Outlook, and K V Prasad, former senior associate editor of The Tribune, as its general secretary and treasurer, respectively.
- Prasad succeeds Shriram Pawar, editor of the Sakal Media Group, as the treasurer. The announcement was made by a three-member election committee comprising Rajdeep Sardesai, Vijay Naik and Kumkum Chadha.



7. PNB Housing Finance looks to reduce cost of fund, maintain NIM at 3.95%

- PNB Housing Finance, a mortgage lender backed by General Atlantic Singapore, is eyeing to maintain net interest margin at a little below 4% and while putting a curb on the rising cost of funds. The lender is now eligible to access refinance from the National Housing Bank at a lower-than-market rate following the improvement in asset quality while an expected rating upgrade would help it borrow funds from the market at a lower rate.



Foot Note:

About PNB:

Founded: 19 May 1894

Founder: Dyal Singh Majithia

Headquarters: Dwarka, Delhi

8. Netherlands beat Bangladesh, Australia win against New Zealand in a thriller

- The Men's 2023 ODI World Cup is now building towards the final on November 19. Each morning we will round up the latest action and news from the event and bring you the insights from our reporters on the ground.
- In the foothills of the highest peaks in the world, Dharamsala hosted the highest-scoring World Cup game of all-time as Australia held off New Zealand in a 771-run thriller that reached giddy heights and



featured records galore.

9. India up against England in bid to extend their unbeaten run in ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

- After a week-long gap, the most in-form team of the World Cup, India, is back on its quest for a place in the semifinal when they take on England at Lucknow's Ekana Stadium. On one hand, where the Men in Blue are appearing more formidable with every passing game, Jos Buttler's England are on the verge of exiting the World Cup.
- With four defeats in five games, their campaign is dangling by a thread. While a defeat will certainly not do them any favours, a win may just delay what seems to be the inevitable as England go searching for a tiny ray of hope that may just bring their World Cup campaign back on track.



Foot Note:

About England :

Capital: London

Prime Minister: Rishi Sunak

10. Filmmaker lal Joes's mother lily Passes away

- Lilly Jose, the mother of renowned film director Lal Jose, passed away at the age of 83. She had worked as a Hindi teacher at LSN Government Higher Secondary School.
- The funeral proceedings will take place on Monday at St. Joseph's Church in Thottakkara, starting at 3 PM. Lal Jose is the eldest son of Lilly and her husband, Jose.



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