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NATIONAL NEWS

1. Bathukamma a floral festival begins across Telangana state

- In Telangana, Bathukamma, the state floral festival has begun with women in large numbers participating in the festivities across the state. Yesterday marked the beginning of the nine-day official festival of the state.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has greeted everyone, particularly the Nari Shakti of Telangana on the auspicious occasion of Bathukamma. In a tweet, Mr. Modi hoped that this festival will deepen our connect with nature and interest in flowers.

During the nine-day annual festival, women and girls sing and dance around specially arranged flowers. At the end of the festival, the floral arrangements will be immersed in local ponds.

2. UP CM inaugurates Lata Mangeshkar Chowk in Ayodhya on her 93rd birth anniversary in honour of legendary singer

- The inauguration of the Lata Mangeshkar Chowk in Ayodhya is a ‘fitting tribute to one of the greatest Indian icons’
- Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Lata Mangeshkar Chowk in Ayodhya on Wednesday on the occasion of the 93rd birth anniversary of the late singer and Bharat Ratna awardee
- Union cultural minister, G Kishan Reddy, and state tourism and culture minister, Jaiveer Singh, were also present in the inauguration event.

3. 36th National Games to be declared open by Prime Minister at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 36th National Games at a grand Opening Ceremony to be held at the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad.
- Mr. Modi will also address athletes from across the country taking part in the National Games. Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur and other dignitaries will attend the opening ceremony.
- National Games are being held in the state of Gujarat for the very first time. It will begin and will continue till 12th October.

4. Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23

- The Govt has launched a Scheme Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23.
- Aim: Provide financial aid to the States Govts in the form of 50-year interest free loan for capital investment projects.

- Under the Part-V of scheme, Rs 3000 Crore is earmarked and will be available to States for capital projects on OFC network.
- Dept of Expenditure has approved 50 Cr, 84 Cr, 65 Cr and 156 Cr to Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Haryana and Karnataka respectively.

5.Govt launches Indian Sign Language mobile app 'Sign Learn'

- The government of India has launched an Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary mobile application named 'Sign Learn' which contains 10,000 words.
- The app was launched by Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Pratima Bhoumik.
- This mobile app is based on the Indian sign language dictionary of the Indian Sign Language Research And Training Centre (ISLRTC).
- All the words in the ISL dictionary can be searched through Hindi or English medium.

6.Supreme Court introduces FASTER system in India

- The Supreme Court introduced the FASTER system on 23 September 2021. It is an electronic system that stands for Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records.
- The Supreme Court introduced a FASTER system for transferring e-authenticated copies from courts to prisons so that there are no delays in releasing prisoners after they have been granted bail.
- After the implementation of the FASTER system, the duty officers at prisons would receive e-authenticated copies of bail orders, stay orders, interim orders, and proceedings through secured electronic communication, from the courts.
- During the hearing, Chief Justice NV Ramana emphasized the use of Information and Communication Technology tools in court proceedings.

INTERNATIONAL

1.Giorgia Meloni elected as First woman PM of Italy

- Giorgia Meloni will likely become Italy's first woman prime minister.
- Meloni grew up in a working-class area of Rome. Giorgia Meloni won her first local election at age 21 and, in 2008, became the youngest-ever minister in Italy at age 31.
- She was a member of a conservative group created by former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi before she left it and co-founded Brothers of Italy in 2012.
- Meloni compares Brothers of Italy to the Conservative Party in Britain and the Republican Party in the U.S. The Italian press has compared Meloni to Margaret Thatcher, who was the first woman prime minister of Britain.

- Meloni supports supplying Ukraine with weapons to defend against Russia's invasion. On migration, she said she wants a naval blockade to stop migrant boats from leaving North Africa. She has said she might place same-sex marriage under review. Meloni says women have to get to the top by merit, and she is against rules that would say how many women should be in parliament

2.Meta shuts down Russia, China-based influence campaigns

- The Parent Company of Facebook, Meta took down two separate covert influence networks operating from China and Russia.
- The company publicly detailed the takedown, as it remains on high alert for foreign interference in the US midterm elections.
- The network from China was small and barely received any attention, however, it did include some accounts that posed as the Americans on both sides of the political spectrum.
- The Russian Campaign, on the other hand, was vast as it pushed the pro-Kremlin narrative about the war in Ukraine.
- The operation included website that were designed to mimic real western news outlets, including The Guardian. The Russian campaign also registered fake sites designed to look like The daily mail and the German outlets.

3.ADB to Devote \$14 billion to Help Ease Food Crisis in Asia-Pacific

- The Asian Development Bank on 27 September will devote at least \$14 billion through 2025 to help ease a worsening food crisis in the Asia-Pacific.
- It plans a comprehensive program of support to help the 1.1 billion people in the region who lack healthy diets due to poverty and soaring food prices. The Manila, Philippines-based ADB made the announcement during its annual meeting.
- Food insecurity threatens to undo decades of progress and has worsened with the strife in Ukraine, a key supplier of grain, oil. and fertilizer to many countries in the region.

4.India ranks 40th in Global Innovation Index of WIPO

- India has reached the 40th rank in the Global Innovation Index of the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- This is a great leap of 41 places in 7 years. India was at 81 positions in 2015 and 40th in 2022.
- India has also maintained 1st rank in ICT services exports over the years. The last time when the GII ranking was done, India stood in the 45th position. The country has come a long way and there are even more heights to scale.
- The Global Innovation Index is an annual ranking of countries by their capacity for, and success in, innovation. It was started in 2007 by INSEAD and World Business, a British magazine.

5.Current account deficit widens to 2.8% of GDP in Quarter one of FY23

- As per the data released by the Reserve Bank on India's Balance of Payments during the First Quarter (April-June) of 2022-23, the current account balance recorded a deficit of USD 23.9 billion (2.8 per cent of GDP) in the first quarter, up from USD 13.4 billion (1.5 per cent of GDP) in January-March period of the last fiscal.
- India's current account deficit, a key indicator of the balance of payment position, widened to 2.8 per cent of GDP at USD 23.9 billion in the first quarter of the current financial year, mainly on account of a higher trade deficit.

NEW APOINTEMENTS AND PERSON IN NEWS

1. Dilip Asbe re-appointed as MD and CEO of NPCI for five years

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has approved the re-appointment of Dilip Asbe as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a period of five years with effect from January 8, 2023.
- He took charge as MD & CEO of NPCI in January 2018.
- Prior to this, he was the chief operating officer of NPCI for 5 years.
- NPCI was founded in 2008.
- It is an umbrella organisation which operates the country's retail payment and settlement systems.



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2. Cabinet approves 4% increase in DA for Central Government employees

- The Union Cabinet on September 28 approved 4% additional instalment of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief to Central Government employees and pensioners with effect from July 1, 2022.
- The Central Government employees and pensioners will become entitled to higher amount of Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) respectively, with effect from July 1, 2022, said I&B Minister Anurag Thakur at a press briefing in New Delhi.
- The additional financial implications on account of the increase of DA to employees are estimated at ₹6,591.36 crore per annum, and ₹4,394.24 crore in the financial year 2022-23 (8 months from July, 2022 to February, 2023).

3. TerraPay, NPCI International tie-up to enable cross-border transactions

- TerraPay has partnered with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), the international arm of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Reason: To allow Indian customers and merchants with an active UPI ID to make and accept cross-border payments.
- Both organisations are intend to fortify UPI payments & QR solutions to extract their maximum potential.
- The partnership will further increase the use of UPI and QR for cross-border merchant payments.

4. RailTel Corp appoints Sanjai Kumar as its MD & chairman

- Sanjai Kumar has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of RailTel.
- He was currently working as director of networking, planning & marketing at the company.
- He is an officer of the Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE1).
- RailTel is a "Mini Ratna (Category-I)" Central Public Sector Enterprise is an information and communications technology (ICT) provider.
- As on 30 June 2022, the Government of India holds 72.84% stake in the company.

5.Nirmala Sitharaman to launch e-learning platform Bharat Vidya

- Nirmala Sitaraman to launch the Bharat Vidya, an online platform for Oriental and South Asian Studies.
- This platform is designed and developed by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI).
- This is a first-of-its-kind online platform that offer both free and paid courses covering various aspects of Indology about art, architecture, philosophy, language, and science.
- BORI will collaborate with Indian and Foreign universities for awarding credits for its courses.

6.Vitamin Angels India partners with UNICEF for Poshan Maah 2022

- Vitamin Angels India has partnered with the UNICEF India for Poshan Maah 2022.
- Aim: To implement a comprehensive, unified outreach and awareness programme to enhance nutritional content, delivery, outreach, and immunity to disease and undernutrition.
- This partnership also includes the launch of the Poshan Innovation Platform (PIP) in January 2023.
- A phase-wise approach will be followed to assemble the PIP between September 2022 and December 2026.

7. Indian govt appoints Bandaru Wilsonbabu as Indian Ambassador to Madagascar

- Indian govt appoints Bandaru Wilsonbabu as Indian Ambassador to Madagascar IFS officer.
- He is presently serving as the joint secretary in the ministry of external affairs.
- He will be replacing ambassador Abhay Kumar.
- He has also served as the joint Secretary in the Eurasia division.

8. Rajendra Kumar Senior IAS officer appointed as ESIC Director General

- Rajendra Kumar has been appointed the DG of ESIC, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry. Employees' State Insurance Corporation is one of the two main statutory social security bodies under the ownership of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, the other being the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation.
- Kumar, a 1992-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of Tamil nadu cadre, is currently an additional secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

9. Dr Rajiv Bahl appointed as Director General ICMR

- The Central government has appointed Dr Rajiv Bahl as a Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) cum- Secretary Department of Health Research (DHR) for three years.
- Presently, He is serving as a head of the research on maternal, newborn child and adolescent health cum-newborn unit at WHO, Geneva. He has replaced Dr Balram Bhargav, whose tenure has been ended in July 2022. ICMR Headquarters: New Delhi

10. Vinayak Godse to be new CEO of Data Security Council of India

- Data Security Council of India (DSCI) has elevated Senior Vice President Vinayak Godse to the position of CEO. Godse will take over the charge from Rama Vedashree, who has led DSCI for the past six years.
- A selection committee of the DSCI Board led by previous DSCI Chairman Dr N Balakrishnan, current Chairman Rajendra S Pawar, NASSCOM President, and other board members made the choice.
- Godse has been with DSCI since its founding and has over 27 years of expertise in information security, IT transformation, intelligent networking, and telecommunications infrastructure. During his 14-year stint at DSCI, he was in charge of the National Centre of Excellence for Cybersecurity Technology and Entrepreneurship, a joint venture of DSCI and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Before working with DSCI, he worked with the Global Consulting Practice of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) in Information Risk Management and also

worked as a Telecom Engineer at Bharat Sanchar Nigam limited. He started his career as a lecturer in Electronics Engineering.

11.Ministry of Rural Development Launches the JALDOOT App

- MoS for Rural Development and Steel Faggan Singh Kulaste on 27 September launched the “JALDOOT App and JALDOOT App e-brochure” at a function in New Delhi in the presence of Union Minister Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti and MoS Panchayati Raj Kapil Moreswar Patil.
- The App will enable Gram Rojgar Sahyak to measure the water level of well twice a year pre-monsoon and post-monsoon.
- The newly launched app, the state government/UTs and gram panchayats should involve themselves towards systematically collecting ground water level data and assimilation of the same in the central digital database for analysis.

12.MoCI Extends Foreign Trade Policy by 6 Months till March 2023

- MoCI Extends Foreign Trade Policy by 6 Months till March 2023 – The government decided to extend the existing Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20) by another six months till March 2023 after getting requests from Export Promotion Councils and leading exporters that the current Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20), which had been extended from time to time, should be extended.
- The current Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 will remain valid till September 30, 2022, after getting an extension for a further period of six months till March 2023.
- Different quarters, including industry associations and export promotion councils, were demanding to extend the existing policy and not bring a new policy at this time.

13.PM Narendra Modi launches Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission to provide a digital health ID to people which will contain their health records. The pilot project of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission had been announced by the prime minister from the ramparts of the Red Fort on August 15, 2020.
- The key components of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission include a health ID for every citizen that will also work as their health account, to which personal health records can be linked and viewed with the help of a mobile application, a Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR) and Healthcare Facilities Registries (HFR) that will act as a repository of all healthcare providers across both modern and traditional systems of medicine.

14.Government extends PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana Scheme

- Union Cabinet has extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana scheme for another three months from October to December 2022.

- The Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said that 44 thousand 762 crore rupees will be spent over the next three months.
- The Government of India has spent approximately Rs. 3 lakh 45 thousand crores under the scheme.
- Under the PMGKAY scheme, the government provides free ration to the poor. The scheme was launched in March 2020 to provide free 5 kg foodgrains per person per month to about 80 crore beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) to reduce their hardship during the lockdown period.

15. Britannia Industries appoints Rajneet Kohli as new CEO and Varun Berry is the new MD

- FMCG giant Britannia Industries has named Rajneet Kohli as its chief executive officer.
- Kohli was heading over 1450 Domino's restaurants in India before this announcement. He has over 24 years of experience in food and retail industry. He worked at Asian Paints for 6 years, at Coca-Cola for 14 years and more than 3 years at Jubilant FoodWorks.
- Moreover, he has also been instrumental in leading several transformational changes, with a deep background in technology.
- With a revenue of Rs 14,000 crore, Britannia Industries produces India's favorite brands like Good Day, Tiger, NutriChoice, Milk Bikis, Marie Gold, Little Hearts, and others and is present in more than 80 countries across North America, Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia, and GCC.



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16. Government appoints Lt General Anil Chauhan (Retired) as Chief of Defence Staff

- The government appointed Lt-General Anil Chauhan, a known China expert who retired as the Eastern Army Command chief in May last year, as the country's next chief of defence staff (CDS).
- Born on May 18, 1961, in Uttarakhand, Chauhan was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles in 1981. He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy. His predecessor, Rawat, was also from 11 Gorkhas.
- Lt-Gen Chauhan (61), currently the military advisor to national security advisor .
- This is the first time a retired three star officer will return to active service .

17.Senior Advocate R Venkataramani named as new Attorney General of India

- The Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice on 28 September announced the appointment of senior advocate R Venkataramani appointed as the new Attorney General for India for a period of three years.
- After Mukul Rohatgi declined the offer on 25 September, Senior advocate R Venkataramani has been appointed as the new Attorney General for India.
- Venkataramani was succeeded by Venugopal, who was appointed to the post in July 2017. Venugopal was reappointed as the top law officer of the country for three months on June 29. He had been unwilling to continue in the post due to "personal reasons". However, he acceded to a request from the government for continuing till September 30.

18.Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022

- Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated and addressed the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 .
- The theme of FICCI Global Skills summit is “Education to Employability - Making It Happen.”
- The Summit would look through the NEP lens and focus on how India can become the “Skill Capital of the World,” using the UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) as an underlying theme.

BANKING

1.UCO Bank becomes first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee trade

- UCO Bank has received the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI’s) approval to open a special vostro account with Gazprombank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees.
- This is the first bank to receive RBI's approval after the RBI’s decision to allow Indian banks to settle trade in Indian currency in July.
- Gazprombank of Russia was set up by world’s largest gas producer and exporter Gazprom.
- Aim: To provide banking services for gas industry enterprises

2.Sebi permits REITs, InvITs to issue commercial papers

- SEBI has allowed emerging investment vehicles, Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) and Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT), to issue commercial papers.
- Reason: In August 2022, RBI has indicated that InvIT and REIT having net worth of at least Rs 100 crore are eligible to issue commercial paper.

- Condition: They need to abide by the guidelines prescribed by RBI for issuances of commercial papers and follow the conditions of listing norms prescribed by Sebi.

3. World Bank approves USD 350 million loan to Gujarat for health services

- The World Bank has approved a USD 350 million (Approx ₹2,832 crore) loan to Gujarat for "Systems Reform Endeavours For Transformed Health Achievement In Gujarat (SRESTHA-G)".
- Reason: For augmenting health services with primary focus on adolescent girls and disease surveillance in the state.
- Funded by: International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- Maturity: 18 years (including a grace period of 5.5 years)

4. Union Bank of India inaugurated ethical hacking lab in Hyderabad

- Union Bank of India opens ethical hacking lab: Union Bank of India has inaugurated 'Ethical Hacking Lab' at the Cyber security Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in Hyderabad.
- The aim of this unique initiative is to build cyber defence mechanism to safeguard the Bank's Information Systems, Digital Assets, Channels etc.
- The Ethical Hacking Lab was inaugurated by Ms. A. Manimekhalai, MD & CEO, Union
- Bank of India in presence of Executive Directors Shri Nitesh Ranjan, Shri Rajneesh
- Karnatak, and Shri Nidhu Saxena.

5. Current account deficit widens to 2.8% of GDP in Quarter one of FY23

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- India's current account deficit, a key indicator of the balance of payment position, widened to 2.8 per cent of GDP at USD 23.9 billion in the first quarter of the current financial year, mainly on account of a higher trade deficit.

6. RBI projects 7% GDP growth for FY23, Inflation remain 6.7%

- The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on 30 September hiked the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 5.90 per cent with immediate effect, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announced.
- This is the fourth rate hike by the central bank in this financial year. Prior to this, the RBI had raised the repo rate – by 40 bps in an off-cycle meeting in May and 50 bps in June and August.

- The market experts expected the MPC to raise the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) in this meeting to tame the raging inflation and a falling rupee which hit an all-time low earlier this week following a strengthening of the dollar.

7. Airtel Payments Bank rolling out 1.5 lakh micro ATMs this fiscal

- Airtel Payments Bank has started rolling out 1.5 lakh micro ATMs in a phased manner across tier 2 cities and semi-urban regions to facilitate cash withdrawal for its customers.
- The Bank will gradually expand its service to cover more banking points in a phased manner.
- Micro ATMs will be rolled out in a phased manner. Initially, the bank will place 1,50,000 units in Tier II cities and semi-urban regions. These regions typically have a high demand for cash withdrawal services but limited access to ATMs.
- The bank will leverage its strong network of over 5 lakh banking points across India to give users access to easy cash withdrawals through this initiative, it added.
- The company has plans to finish the rollout of 1.5 lakh micro ATMs by the end of the current fiscal.

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SCIENCE TECH & DEFENCE

1. India to receive its first 100% ethanol and electric car

- India will receive its first flex-fuel vehicle that run on ethanol blended petrol and battery in October 2022.
- The Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) will be imported from Brazil to use as a pilot.
- Aim: To assess its performance in terms of reduced carbon emissions.
- The road transport ministry has notified the guidelines regarding FFV and FFV-SHEV.
- The automobile manufacturers are advised to manufacture vehicles complying with BS- 6 standards.

2. Israeli Navy test fires Gabriel V anti-ship missile from Sa'ar 6 Corvette

- The Israeli Navy has completed a complex test of the Gabriel V anti-ship missile system.
- This was the first anti-ship missile test from the new Sa'ar 6 corvette of the Israeli Navy.
- The missile was manufactured by Israel Aerospace Industries, IAI.
- Range: over 200 km
- Seeker: Active radar seeker with advanced anti-jam features, all-weather capability, wide search range, and good discrimination resolution
- Length: 5.5 m; Weight: 1250 kg

3.ISRO develops microprocessor-controlled smart limbs

- ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre has developed an intelligent artificial limb, under an MoU with National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan). Weight: 1.6 kg It has enabled an amputee to walk about 100 metres in the corridor with minimum support.
- It is a microprocessor-controlled knees (MPKs) that offers extended capabilities for the amputee.

4.Indian Railways installed RTIS system developed by ISRO

- Developed in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Real Time Train Information System (RTIS) is being installed on the trains for automatic acquisition of its “movement timing at the stations, including that of arrival and departure or run-through”, the Ministry of Railways said.
- “They get automatically plotted on the control chart of those trains in the Control Office Application (COA) system,” the Ministry added.
- According to the Ministry, RTIS gives mid-section updates with a periodicity of 30 seconds. The Train Control can track the location and speed of RTIS enabled trains more closely, without any manual intervention. The RTIS uses information from GSAT satellites that have GAGAN payloads for tracking the movement of trains and sends the information down to the Central Location Server (CLS) of Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS). 7 SC appoints former Judge L Nageswara Rao for amending IOA's Constitution

5.President Murmu inaugurates Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility at HAL

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) integrated cryogenic engine manufacturing facility was inaugurated in Bengaluru by Indian President Smt. Droupadi Murmu. On this occasion, President Droupadi Murmu virtually lay the cornerstone for the South Zone Zonal Institute of Virology.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and ISRO work jointly to advance and defend strategic interests. Both organisations have been instrumental in the creation of numerous pieces of technology and initiatives that have bolstered the

security and progress of our nation. With its state-of-the-art facilities for producing defense-related equipment, HAL has proven to be a priceless asset for our nation.

6.Tata Motors Launches Its First Electric Hatch Tiago.ev With Segment-First Premium Features

- Tata Motors launched its first-ever EV offering in the hatch segment – The Tiago.ev, at an attractive introductory price of INR 8.49 Lakh (All India – Ex-Showroom).
- Available in 5 colours – Teal Blue, Daytona Grey, Pristine White, Midnight Plum and Tropical Mist, the Tiago.ev will come in two battery and charging options including a 24kWh battery pack and a 19.2kWh battery pack.
- Tiago.ev is based on the Ziptron technology – Tata Motors’ in-house developed globally competitive high voltage architecture designed for unique Indian driving and weather conditions. True to Ziptrons’ 5 key pillars, the Tiago.ev stands strong on Performance, Technology, Reliability, Charging and Comfort. The Ziptron EV architecture is driven and proven over 500 million km across diverse and challenging Indian terrains making it apt for an exhilarating EV experience.

BOOKS & AWARDS

1.Cochin International Airport wins 2022 Airport Service Quality Award

- Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) has received the Airport Service Quality award-2022 for its meticulous implementation of a programme ‘Mission Safeguarding’ in 2021-22.
- This programme has ensured seamless traffic and reinforced passenger satisfaction in the aftermath of the pandemic.
- Category: 5-15 million passenger category of airports operating in the Asia-Pacific region
- The award was instituted by Airport Council International (ACI).

2.Asha Parekh to be bestowed with 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke award

- The legendary actress Asha Parekh will be honored with Dadasaheb Phalke Award. The award will be presented at the National Film Award Ceremony in New Delhi on September 30, 2022.
- The National Film Award will be presided over by the President of India, Draupadi Murmu.
- Asha Parekh has also been awarded Padma Shri by the Government of India in 1992.
- Union Minister announced the decision and said “I am honored to announce that the Dadasaheb Phalke Selection Jury has decided to recognize & award Ms. Asha Parekh Ji for her exemplary lifetime contribution to Indian Cinema”.

3.Indian-origin Suella Braverman won first Queen Elizabeth II award

- Britain's Indian-origin Home Secretary Suella Braverman has been named winner of the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award at a ceremony in London.
- The 42-year-old barrister, who was appointed to the Cabinet earlier this month by British Prime Minister Liz Truss, said it was the "honour of her life" to take on the new role at the Asian Achievers Awards (AAA) 2022 ceremony, dedicated to the memory of the late monarch who passed away recently.

4.Uttar Pradesh wins Ayushmann Utkrishta award 2022

- Uttar Pradesh has been awarded Ayushmann Utkrishta award 2022 on 29 September for adding various health facilities to health facility register.
- Uttar Pradesh is the best performing state in the country with 28728 Health facilities added to National health facility register.
- The state is the second best State in creating Ayushmann Bharat health account (ABHA) with almost 2 crores ABH Accounts. These are the first few milestones in the state.

5.Srishti Bakshi wins Changemaker award at UN SDG Action Awards

- Srishti Bakshi, an Indian marketer turned women's rights activist, received the 'Changemaker award' at the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) Action Awards for combating gender-based violence and supporting safe access to public spaces, according to the UN SDG. The finalists were selected from over 3,000 applications from 150 countries.
- Bakshi "embarked on an on-foot pilgrimage of 3,800 kilometers through 12 Indian states from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, not only to put a spotlight on the causes of violence against women, but also to empower women and reveal stories of resilience by conducting over 100 workshops focused on women's safety, along with digital and financial literacy." Her on-foot journey was chronicled in the documentary titled 'WOMB: Women Of My Billion,' which "exposes the raw emotions and realities of women living in India today.

6.English translation of 'Lata: Sur-Gatha' to release in January 2023

- The English translation of award-winning book "Lata: Sur-Gatha", on the life and times of iconic singer Lata Mangeshkar, will hit the stands early next year, announced Penguin Random House India (PRHI) on the eve of the 93rd birth anniversary of the late Bharat Ratna awardee.
- Lata: A Life in Music, originally written in Hindi by writer-poet Yatindra Mishra, is translated by noted writer and translator Ira Pande. The book has won the 64th National Film Award and the MAMI Award for Best Writing on Cinema (2016–17).

- Known as the Queen of melody, Mangeshkar started training in singing at the age of five. She began her career as a singer in 1942 and has been credited to have sung 25,000 songs in as many as 36 Indian languages including Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Kannada, Bengali etc.

SPORTS

1. Jhulan Goswami Retirement: Indian Legend retires from all Formats

- India women's team bowling legend Jhulan Goswami announced her retirement from international cricket on 23rd sep adding that the team's third and final ODI against England at Lords' will be her last.
- The 39-year-old lanky pacer played 283 international matches during her glittering career while taking 353 wickets.
- A bulk of that came in the ODIs as she took 253 wickets in 203 matches in the format.
- Addressing media ahead of her farewell game, Goswami revealed she has been thinking about retirement for a while now but mostly injuries kept her from calling it a day.



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2. Former hockey captain, Dilip Tirkey elected as Hockey India president

- Dilip Tirkey (former India hockey captain) was unanimously elected as Hockey India (HI) president.
- He was member of the gold medal-winning team at the 1998 Asian Games.
- He has a record 412 international matches as a defender in his career spanning more than 15 years.
- He represented India at the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996, Sydney in 2000, and Athens in 2004.
- Bholu Nath Singh was elected the secretary general.

OBITUARIES

1. Author of Wolf Hall trilogy, Dame Hilary Mantel passes away

- Dame Hilary Mantel, an author of the best-selling Wolf Hall trilogy, has been passed away at the age of 70.
- She had been honoured with the Booker Prize for Wolf Hall (2009) and Bring Up the Bodies (2012).
- Her notable works: Fludd; Beyond Black
- Her first novel 'Every Day is Mother's Day', was published in 1985.
- She was also honoured with the Walter Scott Prize (2010, 2021) and Costa Novel Prize (2012).

2. Death of Jayanti Patnaik, former MP and first chair of the National Commission for Women

- Jayanti Pattnaik, the first chair of the National Women's Commission and a former member of parliament, passed away in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha.
- She was the wife of late Janaki Ballav Pattnaik. President Droupadi Murmu has sent her condolences to her family, friends, and well-wishers, describing her as an accomplished social worker who won the hearts of the people of the state by her service and dedication.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Pharmacists Day 2022 observed on 25th September

- Notably, September 25 was chosen as the date to observe World Pharmacists Day as the International Pharmaceutical Federation was established on this day in 1912.
- According to the FIP, this year's theme is 'Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world'. The theme was chosen with an aim to "showcase pharmacy's positive impact on health around the world and to further strengthen solidarity among the profession", the federation said.

2. International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons 2022

- The United Nations observes 26 September every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. The aim of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination. It provides an opportunity to educate the public and their leaders about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons, and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them.
- In 1946, the General Assembly's first resolution established that the Atomic Energy Commission has the mandate to make specific proposals for the control of nuclear energy and the elimination of not only atomic weapons but also all other major weapons adaptable to mass destructio.
- The General Assembly endorsed the objective of general and complete disarmament in 1959. The first Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted

to Disarmament, held in 1978, further recognized that nuclear disarmament should be the priority objective in the field of disarmament. This goal has been actively promoted by every United Nations Secretary-General.

3. World Tourism Day 2022 celebrates on 27th September

- World Tourism Day 2022 is observed on 27 September across the world.
- The theme of World Tourism Day 2022 is ‘Rethinking Tourism’
- This day is celebrated every year to focus on promoting tourism in various parts of the world. It was initiated by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). It is celebrated to promote tourism and understand its importance. World Tourism Day aims to make people understand the joy of exploring the world.
- The World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) started World Tourism Day in 1979 and the celebrations for the same officially began in 1980.

4. World Rabies Day celebrated every year on 28 September

- World Rabies Day is celebrated annually to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this horrifying disease.
- 28 September also marks the anniversary of Louis Pasteur’s death, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first rabies vaccine.
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- Rabies is an infectious viral disease that is almost always fatal following the onset of clinical signs. The veterinary and human medical profession need to work together to combat this still avoidable disease which is still so prevalent in Africa and some Asian Countries.
- Theme- One Health, Zero Deaths

5. International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste Celebrates on 29 September 2022

- The International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste will be observed for the third time on 29 September 2022. The International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste will make a clear call to action for public and private entities, from across the food system, and consumers to work together to cut food loss and waste to mitigate climate change, and support food security and nutrition.
- The food supply chain in many countries is on course to overtake farming and land use as the largest contributor to greenhouse gases (GHGs). Food processing and packaging, together with transport and food waste, are pushing the food supply chain to the top of the list of GHG emitters globally.
- Theme: Stop Food Loss and Waste! For People and Planet

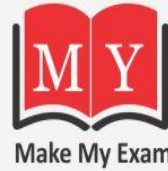
6. International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30 September

- Every year 30 September is celebrated as International Translation Day.30 September
- celebrates the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator, who is considered the patron saint of translators.
- International Translation Day is meant as an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals, which plays an important role in bringing nations together, facilitating dialogue, understanding and cooperation, contributing to development and strengthening world peace and security.
- Transposition of a literary or scientific work, including technical work, from one language into another language, professional translation, including translation proper, interpretation and terminology, is indispensable to preserving clarity, a positive climate and productiveness in international public discourse and interpersonal communication.

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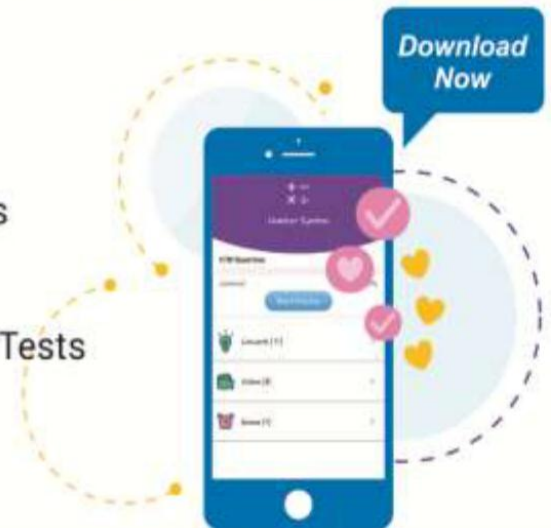
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