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Today's Important News

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force rules.



1. Bahrain becomes latest Arab nation to recognise Israel

- Bahrain has become the latest Arab nation to agree to normalise ties with Israel as part of a broader diplomatic push by President Donald Trump.
- Trump announced the agreement following a three-way phone call he had with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.
- The three leaders also issued a brief six-paragraph joint statement, attesting to the deal.
- Like the Abraham accord with the UAE, a peace deal between Israel and Bahrain would normalise diplomatic, commercial, security and other bilateral relations.



Foot Notes:

About Bahrain:

King: Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

Capital: Manama

About Israel:

Prime Minister: Benjamin Netanyahu

Capital: Jerusalem

2. Govt enhances scholarship for students of J&K under Pragati and Saksham Scholarship Schemes to Rs 50,000

- The central government has increased the scholarship amount under 'Pragati and Saksham Scholarship Schemes' for students of Jammu and Kashmir from Rs 5,000 to Rs 50,000 per annum. "Pragati and Saksham Scholarship Schemes" being implemented and offered by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to provide financial assistance for advancement of girls pursuing technical education besides supporting specially abled students for technical education respectively.
- Under Pragati scheme, all girls of J&K belonging to families having annual income of Rs. 8 lakh who shall be admitted in the AICTE approved institutions for the session 2020-21 will be eligible for scholarship.
- Under Saksham scheme, all specially abled students with 40 percent disability pursuing technical education at Degree or diploma level belonging to families with annual income less than Rs. 8.00 lakh would be eligible for the scholarship.



Foot Notes:

About Jammu & Kashmir:

Capitals: Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer)

Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha

3. Rajasthan govt and SIDBI sign pact to develop MSME ecosystem

- Rajasthan's Department of Industries and SIDBI will work together to provide financial, technical, marketing and export support to MSMEs in the state.
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government to develop the MSME ecosystem in the state.
- The MSME Act was amended to promote industries and exempt such businesses from all kinds of permissions and inspections for three years.



Foot Notes:

About Rajasthan:

Capital: Jaipur **Governor:** Kalraj Mishra

Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot

4. Citi Bank names Jane Fraser as the first woman CEO

- Citigroup has named Jane Fraser as its next chief executive officer. She will be the first female CEO of this major global bank. She will succeed Michael Corbat, who is retiring in February 2021.
- Citibank was founded in 1812 as the City Bank of New York, and later became First National City Bank of New York.



Foot Notes:

About Citi Bank:

Headquarters: New York, United States

Founder: Samuel Osgood

5. Japan's Naomi Osaka wins US Open title

- In US Open Tennis, Japan's Naomi Osaka defeated Victoria Azarenka of Belarus in the Women's Singles final to clinch her third Grand Slam title. The fourth seed, Osaka, overcame her unseeded opponent 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 in one hour 53 minute inside Arthur Ashe Stadium at Flushing Meadows in New York.
- It brought 22-year old Osaka's haul of tennis major trophies to three after her victories at the 2018 US Open and 2019 Australian Open.
- With this, the Japanese has become the first Asian player to win three Grand Slam singles titles and also moved up to number 3 in the world rankings.



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6. Hindi Diwas observed across the country on 14th September

- Hindi Diwas is being celebrated across the country today, September 14, 2020. The constituent assembly had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari as the official language of the country in 1949.
- Presently, Hindi is among the world most spoken languages. It is the first language of more than 520 million people across the world.



7. Yoshihide Suga picked by Japan's governing party to succeed Shinzo Abe

- Yoshihide Suga was elected as the new head of Japan's ruling party, virtually guaranteeing him parliamentary election as the country's next prime minister. Suga received 377 votes in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party election to pick a successor to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who announced last month that he would resign due to health problems.
- The other two contenders received a combined 157 votes.
- Suga is actually known for his iron-fist approach to getting jobs done as a policy coordinator and influencing bureaucrats by using the centralised power of the prime minister's office.



Foot Notes:

About Japan:

Prime Minister: Shinzō Abe

Capital: Tokyo

Currency: Japanese yen

8. Arrest, search without warrant under UP's new special security force rules

- A special force will be set up in Uttar Pradesh that can search and arrest without a warrant, said the government on Sunday. Called the Special Security Force, the government plans to launch it within the next three months.
- The force will be deployed for the security of strategic and vital installations, high court, district court, state government administrative premises, religious spots, Metro Rail, airports, banks, industrial undertakings and any other establishment notified by the state government.



- The state legislative assembly passed the Uttar Pradesh Special Security Force Bill-2020 in the monsoon session, paving the way for constitution of the specialised force.

Foot Notes:

About UP:

Capital: Lucknow

Governor: Anandiben Patel

Chief Minister: Yogi Adityana

9. Indian film 'The Disciple' by Chaitanya Tamhane wins Best Screenplay award at Venice Film Festival 2020

- The Marathi language feature film 'The Disciple', has bagged the prestigious FIPRESCI award for Best Screenplay at the 77th Venice Film Festival.
- The film has been written and directed by Mumbai-based filmmaker Chaitanya Tamhane
- The Disciple is the first Indian film to have been selected in a major competition category at a European festival in 20 years after Mira Nair's Monsoon Wedding in 2001.



10. Former Union Minister Raghuvansh Prasad Singh passes away

- Former Union Minister Raghuvansh Prasad Singh passed away. He was undergoing treatment at AIIMS, Delhi about a week ago after developing post-Covid complications.
- Raghuvansh Prasad Singh recently resigned from the RJD party.
- Singh had served as the Union Minister for Rural Development in Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's cabinet.
- He was widely regarded as the brain behind the conceptualization and implementation of NREGA (National rural employment guarantee act).



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