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Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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1. IPU vice-chancellor Mahesh Verma is now NABH chairperson

- Vice-Chancellor of Indraprastha University Mahesh Verma has been appointed as a new chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH).
- NABH is a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI)
- This is responsible for setting benchmarks for quality and certifying hospitals and other health facilities.
- NABH is also a member of the board of the Asian Society for Quality in Healthcare.



Foot Notes:

About NABH:

Founded: 2006, India

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founder: Harish Nadkarni

2. Utkal Diwas is Observed on April 1 every year

- The formation day of Odisha is observed on April 1 as Utkal Diwas or Odisha Day in remembrance of the struggle to make Odisha an independent state on April 1, 1936.
- After the 113th amendment act, Orissa was renamed Odisha.
- The official language of Odisha, Odiya also listed in the 8th schedule of the Constitution of India.
- On 19 August 1949, Bhubaneswar replaced Cuttack as capital.
- **UNESO Sites:** Sun Temple, Konarak (1984)



Foot Notes:

About Odisha:

CM: Naveen Patnaik

Governor: Ganeshi Lal

Capital: Bhubaneswar

3. Google Pay offers 'Tap to Pay' for UPI users in partnership with Pine Labs

- Google Pay offers the Tap to Pay for Unified Payment Interface (UPI) users in partnership with Pine Labs.
- Earlier, Tap to Pay was available for cards, but now this payment function is available on the phone also.
- Near Field Communication (NFC) enabled Android smartphones can do transactions using any Pine Labs Android POS terminal across the country.
- Noida based Pine Labs is an Indian merchant platform company.



Foot Notes:

About Google:

CEO: Sundar Pichai

Founded: 4 September 1998

Headquarters: United States

Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin

4. Lepakshi Nandi, Veerabhadra temple on World Heritage tentative list

- The Sri Veerabhadra Swamy temple was placed on the UNESCO World Heritage tentative list with the Monolithic Bull (Nandi) at Lepakshi, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Sri Veerabhadra Swamy temple is also known as the Lepakshi temple is dedicated to Veerabhadra (Shiva)



- The temple is known for the Vijayanagara sculpture and mural painting on the ceiling as traditional art.
- **India World Heritage sites: 40**

5. Chief Justice of India N V Ramana launches software to transmit court orders swiftly

- Chief Justice of India, N V Ramana has launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records), to communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders, etc., of the Supreme Court to concerned authorities through a secured electronic communication channel.
- **The aim:** Eliminate the delay in to release of inmates even after the Supreme Court grants them bail.
- A digital platform FASTER was initiated led by CJI Ramana bench.



6. Navy presented with 'Best Marching Contingent' trophy for Republic Day Parade

- The Best Marching Contingent Trophy for Republic Day Parade 2022 to personnel of the Naval Contingent was presented by Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff.
- The contingent was led by Lt Cdr Aanchal Sharma with Lt Shubham Sharma as platoon commanders and comprised 96 young sailors.
- Uttar Pradesh won the best state tableau for Republic Day 2022 for the showcase of One District One Product and Kashi Vishwanath Dham.



Foot Notes:

About The Indian Navy:

Motto(s): शं नो वरुणः

Founded: 26 January 1950

Fighter: MiG-29K

Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind

7. India- Seychelles Joint Military Exercise Lamitiye 2022 Concluded

- The 9th edition of Lamitiye 2022 held at Seychelles Defence Academy, Seychelles was concluded.

- The themes for Lamitiye 2022 Joint Training Exercise were both relevant and contemporary for planning & execution of operations based on scenarios in a Semi-Urban environment.
- The 10 days long exercise focused on enhancing interworking to develop the capability to undertake joint operations in a semi-urban environment.



Foot Notes:

About Seychelles:

Capital: Victoria

President: Wavel Ramkalawan

Currency: Seychellois rupee

8. Vishwas Patel re-elected as chairman of Payments Council of India

- Executive director of Infibeam Avenues Vishwas Patel has been re-elected as chairman of the Payments Council of India (PCI).
- Payment Council of India is the apex industry for digital operators in India's payments and settlement system that operates under the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).
- The PCI was set in 2013 with the aim to promote digital India.
- Payment Council of India is located in Mumbai.



9. Microsoft launches Founders Hub platform in India to empower startups

- Microsoft launched Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub platform in India to provide support of USD 300,000, including technology and tools from the tech giant and partners.
- After the USA and China, India is the third-largest ecosystem for startups globally.
- The hub was set up with an aim to empower entrepreneurs to innovate and grow by connecting them with mentors.
- **National Startup Day** – 16th January



Foot Notes:

About Microsoft:

CEO: Satya Nadella

Founded: 4 April 1975

Headquarters: United States

Founders: Bill Gates, Paul Allen

10. ADB provides USD 143 million to Bangladesh

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan package of USD 143 million for Bangladesh to support government efforts to speed up the growth by improving the efficiency, predictability, and security of cross-border trade.
- The ADB loan package includes a \$90 million International policy-based loan, a \$53 million project loan that will construct integrated land customs and \$1.5 million in technical assistance



Foot Notes:

About ADB:

Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines

President: Masatsugu Asakawa

Founded: 19 December 1966

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