

Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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- Indian philanthropist Ashish Dhawan has been named to the board of trustees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The foundation announced the appointment of two new members to its board of trustees. Ashish Dhawan is the founder and CEO of Convergence Foundation, and along with him, Dr Helene D Gayle, President of Spelman College, US, has also been appointed.
- Both the new board members have worked with foundation grantees focused on saving lives and creating opportunities across health, education, and economic prosperity.



2. Assam government launched 'School on Wheels' for economically weaker kids

- Assam CM, Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the "Vidya Rath: School on Wheels" project to bring the economically weaker children under the ambit of the conventional education system.
- This project envisaged providing access to underprivileged children to elementary education for 10 months.
- After 10 months, the children will be integrated into the conventional system of education.



- The students will be provided free uniforms, mid-day meals, and textbooks.

Foot Notes:

About Assam:

Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma

Capital: Dispur

Governor: Prof Jagdish Mukhi

3. HDFC Bank opens its first all-women branch in north Kozhikode, Kerala

- Private sector bank, HDFC has opened its first all-women branch in Cherootty Road, north Kerala region in Kozhikode.
- The four women bankers branch was inaugurated by the city Corporation Mayor, Beena Philip.
- According to the bank, as of March 31, 2022, women made up 21.7% (21,486) of the total workforce.
- The private lender wants to raise it to 25% by 2025.
- The opening of the all-women branch is another effort to take forward gender and diversity initiatives of the bank



Foot Notes:

About HDFC Bank:

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: August 1994, Mumbai

4. CPRI signs MoU with Chhattisgarh govt to set up regional testing laboratory

- The Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) has signed an MoU with the Chhattisgarh government for setting up a regional testing laboratory in Raipur district.
- The national-level testing unit will be established on an area of 10 acres in sector-30 of Nava Raipur Atar Nagar.
- Test facilities: Transformers, energy meters, transformer oil, switch fuse unit and other electricity-related equipment.
- Power companies will receive a rebate of 20% in the testing of equipment.



5. India's first naval shooting range opened in Visakhapatnam

- Vice Admiral, Biswajit Dasgupta has inaugurated Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR), a first of its kind firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy, on the premises of INS Kalinga near Bheemili, Andhra Pradesh.
- The CISR is a self-contained, 25m, six lane, live firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy.
- The range has been set up to contemporary international standards by an Indian firm.



6. Sumit Antil, Yogesh Kathuniya set new world records in para athletics

- Paralympic medalists Javelin thrower, Sumit Antil and Discus thrower, Yogesh Kathuniya have established new world records at the 4th Indian Open National Para Athletics Championships 2022 at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru.
- Sumit Antil has set a new record of 68.62m in Javelin throw, while Yogesh Kathuniya has set a record of 48.34m in Discus throw.
- Sumit Antil had won gold in the men's javelin F64/44 final at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.



7. Antim becomes first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold at U-20 World C'ships

- Wrestler Antim Panghal (17) has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold medal at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- She has defeated Atlyn Shagayeva of Kazakhstan in 53kg category.
- She belongs to Bhagana village in the Hisar district, Haryana.
- Two-time U17 world champion, Sonam Malik had to settle for silver after losing to Nonoka Ozaki in the final of the 62kg category.
- In the 65kg category, Priyanka had settled for silver.



8. Paytm shareholders approve re-appointment of Vijay Shekhar Sharma as MD

- Shareholders of One97 Communications have approved the re-appointment of Vijay Shekhar Sharma as managing director and chief executive officer of Paytm.
- According to the scrutinizer report, 99.67% votes were in favour of Sharma's re-appointment while only 0.33% voted against the resolution.
- Remuneration of Vijay Shekhar will be remain fixed for the next three



years without any annual increment.

Foot Notes:

About Paytm:

CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Founder: Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Founded: August 2010, Noida

9. Greece exits 'enhanced surveillance' framework of EU

- Greece Prime Minister, Kyriakos Mitsotakis has announced that it has exited the enhanced surveillance framework of European Union after 12 years.
- Economic performance and policies of Greece have been monitored under the framework since 2018 to ensure it implemented reforms promised under three international bailouts.
- Greece was badly hit with the pension cuts, spending constraint, tax increases and bank controls after it was forced to seek its first bailout in 2010.



Foot Notes:

About Greece:

President: Katerina Sakellaropoulou

Capital: Athens

10. Former Jharkhand Governor, Syed Sibtey Razi passes away

- Senior Congress leader, Syed Sibtey Razi has been passed away in Lucknow due to heart disease.
- He had served as the governor of Jharkhand from the year 2004- 2009 and governor of Assam in 2009.
- He was born on March 7, 1939 in Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh and joined the Youth Congress in 1969.
- He was made president of the Youth Congress in 1971 -1973.
- He was served as a member of Rajya Sabha thrice.



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