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Today's
Important News

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1. IPS officer Pankaj Kumar Singh takes charge as new BSF chief

- Pankaj Kumar Singh (1988-batch IPS officer from Rajasthan cadre) took over as the Director General (DG) of Border Security Force.
- He is considered as the architect of police reforms in India.
- He replaced SS Deswal, who was holding the DG post since Rakesh Asthana moved to Delhi Police.
- Apart from him, Sanjay Arora assumed charge of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- BSF is India's Primary border guarding organization on its border with Pakistan and Bangladesh.



Foot Notes:

About BSF:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founder: Khusro Faramurz Rustamji

Founded: 1 December 1965

2. Nine New Supreme Court Judges took oath

- Chief Justice of India N V Ramana administered the oath of nine new judges, including 3 women judges, took oath as Supreme Court judges.
- With the swearing-in of the nine new judges, total strength of Supreme Court has increased to 33, including the CJI.
- Total sanctioned strength Supreme Court: 34.
- The nine new judges are: Abhay Shreeniwas Oka, Vikram Nath, Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari, Hima Kohli, B V Nagarathna, C T Ravikumar, M M Sundresh, Bela M Trivedi, P S Narasimha.



3. PayU to acquire Indian digital payments provider BillDesk for \$4.7 bn

- Netherlands-based Prosus NV has announced to acquire the Indian digital payments provider BillDesk and merge it with its own fintech service business PayU for \$4.7 billion.
- This acquisition will make the combined entity of PayU and BillDesk as the leading online payment providers globally and in India by total payment volume.
- Transaction is subject to approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- It will also raise Prosus's investment into India to \$10 billion.



4. IIT Madras to launch online platform 'E-Source' to tackle e-Waste

- IIT Madras is developing an innovative digital model to address the problem of e-waste (electronic wastes).
- This e-waste digital platform will be named as 'e-Source'.
- It will act as an exchange platform to serve as an online marketplace for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE).
- It will link various stakeholders (buyers and sellers) of used and waste electronic equipment and components.
- The initiative is being led by Indo-German Centre for Sustainability (IGCS).



5. Union Minister launches e-GOPALA web version

- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala has launched E-GOPALA web version to aid dairy farmers.
- It has been developed by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).



- Along with this, i-MAP web portal has also been launched that provides real-time information to dairy farmers for better productivity of dairy animals.
- This portal will facilitate real time checking of coverage and progress of various projects and government schemes.

6. India conducts maiden Maritime Partnership Exercise with Algerian Navy

- INS Tabar is participating in the Maiden Maritime Partnership Exercise with Algerian Navy, off the Algerian coast, in the Mediterranean Sea.
- Algerian Naval Ship ANS Ezzadjer participated in this exercise.
- Aim: to enhance interoperability, understand the concept of operations and open the possibility of increasing interaction and collaboration between the two navies in the future.
- INS Tabar is a Talwar-class stealth Frigate built in Russia for the Indian Navy.



Foot Notes:

About indian navy:

Founded: 26 January 1950

Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS): General Bipin Rawat

7. Amul ranks 18th in Rabobank 2021 Global Dairy Top 20 Report

- Amul has dropped two places to rank 18th in Rabobank's 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list with an annual turnover of \$5.3 billion.
- Amul was placed at 16th spot in 2020.
- French-based dairy company Lactalis has topped the list as the world's largest dairy company with turnover of US \$23.0 billion, followed by Nestle.
- Rabobank's Global Dairy Top 20 Report is released annually to rank the dairy industry upon their sales data and financial statements.



Foot Notes:

About Amul:

Founded: 14 December 1946

CEO: R.S. Sodhi

Headquarters: Anand

Founders: Verghese Kurien, Tribhuvandas Kishibhai Patel

8. Dorje Angchuk becomes first Indian to be inducted as IAU Honorary Member

- Ladakh based Dorje Angchuk has been inducted as an Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union (IAU).
- He is an Engineer in charge at the Indian Astronomical Observatory of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) at Hanle in Ladakh region.
- He is the first and only Indian to be inducted in IAU, among 10 members around the world.
- He has been selected for 'his passionate promotion of astronomy in the Ladakh region, through his excellent astrophotography'.



9. Javelin Thrower Sumit Antil wins Gold for India at Tokyo Paralympics

- India's Sumit Antil (23 years) has won Gold Medal in men's javelin throw F64 final event at 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.
- She set a new world record throw of 68.55m, winning second gold medal for India at Tokyo Paralympics Games.
- Michal Burian of Australia won the silver medal (66.29m), while Sri Lanka's Dulan Kodithuwakku won bronze medal.
- Now, total medal tally of India has reached 7.
- Bronze medal won by Vinod Kumar in the discus throw F56 final was declared as ineligible.



10. Legendary cricket coach Vasoo Paranjape passed away

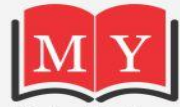
- Former Indian cricketer and renowned coach, Vasudeo Paranjape (82 years) passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra due to age related illness.
- He played a crucial role in shaping the careers of numerous Indian cricket players.
- He was popularly known as Vasoo.
- He had played in 29 first-class matches for Mumbai and Baroda cricket team, with 785 runs.
- He was the father of Jatin Paranjape, former national selector and cricketer.



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