

Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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1. Union Bank of India Ranks Second in IBA's EASE Reform Index

- As per the report on Enhanced Access & Service Excellence (EASE) Reforms Index for Q1 FY 2022-23 by Indian Banks' Association (IBA), Union Bank of India is the 2nd Best Bank in adopting reforms prescribed for Public Sector Banks.
- Union Bank of India has performed well in areas such as enabling various digital journeys for customer convenience, upgrading analytics & big data capabilities for personalised offerings & proactive reach out to customers, adopting modern technology capabilities for integrated banking experience, collaborative banking for higher efficiency, employee development, and better governance measures, which resulted in the bank moving up two notches in its ranking.



Top 5 on EASE Reforms Index :

- State Bank of India (SBI) – 58.4
- Union Bank of India (UBI) – 58.3
- Bank of Baroda (BoB)- 52.3
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) – 41.1
- Canara Bank – 39.1

2. DGCA grants aerodrome license to Jaipur International Airport

- Jaipur International Airport Limited has received the Aerodrome license from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) following which the airport has embarked on an expansion drive.
- The license was previously held by the Airport Authority of India (AAI), the government body which was earlier operating the airport.
- Furthermore, the license has been granted to the airport operator to provide full access to the management and control operations of the airport by the concession agreement.



Foot Notes:

About DGCA :

Headquarters: New Delhi

Director General: Arun Kumar

Minister of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya Scindia

3. Tripura CM Launches ‘Amar Sarkar’ Web Portal To Deliver Benefits Among Citizens

- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha launched a new portal, ‘Amar Sarkar’, to act as a bridge between the people and the government at the Muktheadhara Auditorium in Agartala, Tripura.
- The portal will help people to register their problems and complaints through village committee officials. It is worth mentioning here that various problems and complaints of the people will be registered through the village and village committee level workers.



Foot Notes:

About Tripura :

Governor : Satyadeo Narain Arya

Chief Minister: Manik Sarkar

Capital : Agartala

4. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik approves “PRARAMBH” – Odisha State Policy for Children 2022

- The Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik-led State Cabinet approved the ‘Prarambh – The Odisha State Policy for Children 2022 & Odisha State Port

Policy -2022 two major policies related to port development and children's welfare besides 15 other proposals.

- The Department of Women and Child Development, in collaboration with other State departments and organizations, has brought about a policy document for children in the State called PRARAMBH- the Odisha State Policy for Children, 2022.



Foot Notes:

About Odisha:

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Governor: Ganeshi Lal

Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik

5.SARAS AAJEEVIKA MELA 2022 was inaugurated by Giriraj Singh in New Delhi

- Shri Giriraj, Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj launched the “SARAS AAJEEVIKA MELA, 2022” at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- Shri Singh revealed that the Ministry of Rural Development has received over 60,000 applications from three states for start-up initiatives in speciality products and crafts.



Foot Notes:

About New Delhi :

Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal

6. Suryakumar Yadav named as brand ambassador of UrbanGabru

- Men's grooming brand UrbanGabru announced the star India cricketer Suryakumar Yadav as its new brand ambassador. He joins the brand to endorse UrbanGabru's grooming range. Suryakumar Yadav, fondly known as SKY, is currently ranked second in men's T20 International batting.
- The youth icon has made his name in International cricket as a prolific run-getter, also garnering massive fan following. He is known for his comprehensive and innovative batting style, calm demeanour and never-give-up attitude that makes him the right match for the brand, which stands on the 'Upgrade Yourself' ethos.



7. HDFC Bank, Flywire Collaborate to Offer Edu digital Payments

- HDFC Bank, India's largest private-sector bank, has partnered global paytech firm Flywire to enable Indian students to pay international education fees digitally.
- Flywire will directly integrate into HDFC's banking platform, providing a fully digital checkout experience for Indian students to make transactions. The streamlined experience will enable students to pay in Indian rupees with the assurance of funds reaching the intended institution.



Foot Note:

About HDFC Bank:

Headquarters: Mumbai

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

Founded: August 1994, Mumbai

8. Youngest entrepreneur Ravi Kumar Sagar conferred with the prestigious Dr. Kalam Seva Puraskar

- Ravi Kumar Sagar, 22, one of the youngest founders and CEO of RK'S INNO group was conferred with the most prestigious Dr. Abdul Kalam Seva Puraskar. The award was presented to him for his persistent service to society and is one of the youngest entrepreneurs in India.
- Dr. Kalam Seva Puraskar is hosted every year by Vandhe Bharat Foundation and LeadIndia Foundation to commemorate the birth anniversary of the late former President of India Dr. APJ Adul Kalam. The award is conferred to the deserving candidates on the birth anniversary of Dr. Kalam for recognizing various people who have been doing extraordinary work for society.



9. Journalist Danish Manzoor Bhat honoured with Jaipur Foot USA's 1st Global Humanitarian Award for COVID19 relief efforts

- An Indian journalist has been honoured with a humanitarian award here for his work and efforts in helping scores of people impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly during the deadly second wave in India.
- Danish Manzoor Bhat, originally hailing from Kashmir Valley, was honoured with Jaipur Foot USA's first Global Humanitarian Award this week at a ceremony held at the Consulate General of India in



New York. The award has been constituted to honour and recognise “selfless work of Indians” who went above and beyond to help those in need during the difficult years of the pandemic.

10. Veteran Actress Tabassum Govil passes away


- Veteran actress Tabassum Govil, who was popularly known as Baby Tabassum passed away at the age of 78. Tabassum was born in 1944 in Mumbai.
- She started her career as a child artist in 1947 with Nargis. The actress later starred in films like Mera Suhaag (1947), Manjhdhar (1947), Bari Behen (1949), Deedar (1951), and Swarg (1990). Tabassum hosted the popular Doordarshan celebrity talk show Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan – India’s first talk show from 1972 to 1993.



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