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- Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur launches Khelo India Dashboard
- Forbes: PV Sindhu World's 12th Highest Paid Female Athlete in 2022; only indian and badminton player on top 25
 According to the Forbes's World's Highest-Paid Female Athletes 2022, Indian Badminton player PV Sindhu is ranked 12th with a total earning of USD 7.1 million (0.1 million on-field and USD 7 million off-field). She is the only Indian and the only badminton player among the top 25 of the list.

 Naomi Osaka of Japan (Tennis) tops the list with USD 51.1 million (USD 1.1 million on-field and USD 50 million off-field.
- ➤ IMF Projects 6.8 percent Growth in Current Fiscal for India
- Indian Scientist Prof. Thalappil Pradeep Receives Vinfuture Special Prize 2022

 He received the "Special Prize for Innovators from Developing Countries" for developing a low-cost filtration system to remove arsenic and other heavy metals from groundwater.
- ➤ UIDAI gets DSCI Excellence Award for 'Best Security Practices in Government Sector'
 Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been honoured with the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) Excellence Award 2022 under 'Best Security Practices in Government Sector' category.
 About Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI):
 Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Dr Saurabh Garg
 Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi
- Sudeep Sen & Shobhana Kumar won the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-2022
 The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22 has been jointly won by Sudeep Sen for his genre and form bender "Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation" published by Pippa Rann Books & Media in 2021and Shobhana Kumar for her haibun collection "A Sky Full of Bucket Lists" published by Red River in 2021 at the Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre in New Delhi, Delhi.
- Cyclist Swasti Singh gets 30th Ekalabya Puraskar
- ➤ Prof K S Rangappa Elected as Fellow of UNESCO-TWAS
 Former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Professor K.S. Rangappa has been awarded a fellowship of the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), a programme unit of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation UNESCO, headquartered in Trieste, Italy for the advancement of science in developing countries.



- Sitiveni Rabuka Returns as New Prime Minister of Fiji. Sitiveni Rabuka, a former military commander, has been chosen as Fiji's 12th Prime Minister (PM), replacing Frank Bainimarama
- ➤ Indian American Richard Verma Nominated to top Diplomatic Position Joe Biden, President of the United States, nominated Indian-American lawyer diplomat Richard Verma to be the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.
- > INCASR researchers shown 1st time IR light emission & absorption with GaN, a new artificial Nanostructures. Researchers of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (INCASR), Bengaluru, Karnataka, have shown for the 1st time infrared (IR) light emission and absorption with Gallium Nitride (GaN), new artificial nanostructures for Infrared Absorption Technologies can be useful in Defense, Imaging & Sensing.
- > ISRO to carry US Instruments on Board the Forthcoming Chandrayaan-3 Mission
- England's 1966 Football World Cup Winner George Cohen Passes Away
- National Consumer Day 2022 December 24 About the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution: Minister- Piyush Goyal (Rajya Sabha- Maharashtra) Minister of State- Ashwini Kumar Choubey (Buxar, Bihar); Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti (Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh)
- Manipur CM N. Biren Singh Launches Upgraded Inner Line Permit System Portal Manipur Chief Minister (CM) N. Biren Singh launched an upgraded Inner Line Permit (ILP) System portal, for saving the indigenous population of Manipur. **About Manipur:** Governor - La. Ganesan For Government Exams

Chief Minister (CM) - Nongthombam Biren Singh

National Park - Sirohi National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary - Yangoupokpi-Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary





- ➤ MoD gives nod to procure Pralay Ballistic Missiles for Armed Forces

 The Ministry of Defence (MoD), during a high-level meeting, has given its nod for
 the procurement of 120 Pralay ballistic missiles for the armed forces. These are
 indigenously developed new generation quasi-ballistic surface-to-surface
 missiles.
- ➢ Garuda Aerospace becomes 1st Drone Company to get DGCA's double certification for 'Kisan Drones'
 Garuda Aerospace, a Chennai (Tamil Nadu)-based drone manufacturer, has become India's 1st drone startup to receive both Type Certification and Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO) approvals by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for their indigenously designed 'Kisan Drones'.
- Ladakh Celebrates Losar Festival to Mark Ladakhi New Year
- ➤ J&K Organises 'Nowshera Folk Festival' to Boost Tourism
- Cricket Australia Renames Test Player of the Year Award in Honour of Shane Warne
- 'IIT Madras' BS In Data Science & NPTEL Win Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022
 Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras), Chennai, Tamil Nadu has won key recognition in Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022, referred to as 'the Oscars of Education' during the event held at the Wharton Campus, Philadelphia, United States of America (USA).
 NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning), a joint initiative of IITs and IISc, won the Gold in the 'Lifelong Learning category'.
- Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' appointed as New PM of Nepal Bidhya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal, appointed 68-year-old Pushpa Kamal Dahal, Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal as new Prime Minister of Nepal. He was sworn in for the 3rd time as the PM of Nepal succeeding Sher Bahadur Deuba of the Nepali Congress party
- 'ISRO's Long Duration CE-20 Engine Hot Test successful



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully operated CE-20, a cryogenic rocket engine with a thrust level of 22t for a long duration of 650 seconds.

- C Rangarajan authored a book titled "Forks in the Road"
 C Rangarajan authored a book titled "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond". It was published by the Penguin Business (Penguin Group).
- National Good Governance Day 2022 December 25
- Veer Bal Diwas 2022 December 26
 Veer Bal Diwas is observed across India on December 26 to mark the martyrdom of the Sahibzadas- Sri Guru Gobind Singh's 4 sons of the 10th Sikh guru- Guru Gobind Singh Ji in the 17th century.
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Launches Projects Worth Rs. 973.38 Crore for Dibrugarh

Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stones and inaugurated projects worth Rs. 973.38 Crore for Dibrugarh district of Assam, while attending the last programme of the first phase of 'Bikakhor Babe Eta Pokhek' About Assam:

Governor - Jagdish Mukhi

Chief Minister (CM) - Himanta Biswa Sarma

Wildlife sanctuary - Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary, Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary

Airport - Lokpriya Gopina<mark>th</mark> Bordoloi International Airport, Dibrugarh Airport





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➤ Ministry of power Signs MoU with DRDO for Implementing Early Warning System Ministry of Power signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for implementation of Early Warning System (EWS) for vulnerable hydro power projects, especially those that are located in upper reaches of Hilly regions.

About Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):

Chairman -Dr. Samir V Kamath

Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

About Ministry of Power:

Union Minister - R K Singh (Arrah Constituency, Bihar)

Minister of State (MoS) - Krishan Pal (Faridabad Constituency, Haryana)

- ➤ 10th Edition of the North East Festival begins in Delhi Narayan Rane, Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), inaugurated the 4-day Festival at the stadium in Delhi.
- ➤ Ujjwala Scheme: Rs 200 Subsidy per Cylinder to be Extended One More Year Union Budget is set to extended the Rs 200 per cooking gas cylinder subsidy for 12 cylinders per year under Ujjwala Scheme for one more fiscal year.
- Botanical Gardens failed to conserve threatened plants despite Rs 48 crore budget: CAG report According to the "Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India for the year ended March 2021" (Financial Year 2020-2021) released on 23rd December 2022, Assistance to Botanic Garden (ABG) scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) with a budget of over Rs 48.07 crore was ineffective in conserving threatened and endemic plants in India.
- > Tata Steel & TuTr Hyperloop Join Hands to Develop Hyperloop Technology.
- Prabhu Chandra Mishra Honoured with Atal Samman Award in NewDelhi Prabhu Chandra Mishra received the Atal Samman Award (Atal Anveshi Shikhara Samman) during the 9th Atal Samman Samaroh, on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister (PM) Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Anil Kumar Lahoti Appointed as CEO & Chairman of Railway Board.
 About Ministry of Railways (MoR):
 Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha Constituency Odisha)
 Minister of State (MoS) Raosaheb Patil Danve, Darshana Jardosh
- Santosh Yadav appointed NHAI Chairman & Subhasish Panda to be DDA's Vice Chairman According to the Ministry Of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions order (MoPP&P), Santosh Kumar Yadav, a 1995-batch Indian Administrative Service



(IAS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, was appointed as Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

About the Ministry Of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions order (MoPP&P): Minister- Narendra Modi (Constituency- Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh)
Minister of State- Dr Jitendra Singh (Constituency- Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir)

➤ IIT Guwahati, IIT Bombay & European Universities Partners to build Sensor for Water Quality

LOTUS Indo-European project' is an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and The European Commission aims at providing solutions for issues related to the quality of water supplied across Indian households and worldwide.

International Day of Epidemic Preparedness 2022 - December 27
3rd International Day of Epidemic Preparedness
About the World Health Organization (WHO):
Director General- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland
Establishment- 1948

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launches SBI Foundation and HESCO's Project

Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand, launched the 'Climate Resilient Livelihoods for Disaster Prone Region of Uttarakhand' project helping Chamoli's (Uttarakhand) villages fight climate change

About Uttarakhand:

Chief Minister- Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor- Gurmit Singh

National Park- Rajaji National Park; Gangotri National Park

➤ Home Ministry Gives NOC for Name Change of 2 Places in UP
The names were changed for the municipal council 'Mundera Baazar' in
Gorakhpur district to 'Chauri-Chaura' and 'Telia Afghan' village in Deoria district
to 'Telia Shukla'





➤ DGCA approves Type Certification for Marut Drones' AG365

Marut Dronetech Private Limited, Hyderabad (Telangana)-based drone
technology manufacturer, has received the Type Certification approvals from the
Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for Marut Drones' multi-utility
agricultural drone AG 365

About the Marut Dronetech Private Limited:

Founder & Chief Innovator- Prem Kumar

Co-Founder & Chief Marketing Officer (CMO)- Sai Kumar

Headquarters- Hyderabad, Telangana

Establishment- 2019

India Assisted Mangdechhu Hydro Project was Handed Over to Bhutan's DGPC India-assisted Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project (HEPP), a 720 Megawatts (MW) run-of-river power plant built on the Mangdechhu River in Trongsa Dzongkhag District, Bhutan, was handed over to Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in Bhutan.

About Bhutan:

Prime Minister- Lotay Tshering.

Capital- Thimphu

Currency- Bhutanese Ngultrum

Rajasthan Government's DIPR receives Award for 'Effective Government Communication'

Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Government of Rajasthan, has been honoured with "Effective Government Communication Award" for taking public welfare schemes through digital media to the general public and the beneficiaries.

➤ Indian Scientist Mahima Swamy Honoured as One of Europe's Top Talents in Immunology

Mahima Swamy, an Indian scientist hailing from Benaluru, Karnataka, has been chosen to join the prestigious European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Young Investigator network, recognising her as one of the top talents in biology - Immunology in Europe.

➤ Indian Student Vishal Mittal bags Prestigious Ambassadors of Change Award Vishal Mittal, an Indian student at the University of Canberra (UC), Australia, was recognised as an Ambassador of Change Award



- Late Vikram Kirloskar's daughter Manasi Tata named Director of KSPL JV firms
 - Kirloskar Systems Pvt. Ltd. (KSPL) appointed Manasi Tata, late Vikram Kirloskar's daughter, as Director on the board of KSPL's joint-venture (JV) companies with an immediate effect.
- Piyush Goyal Launches Right to Repair Portal & New Premise of National Consumer Helpline

National Consumer Day 2022 (24th December 2022), Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, launched new initiatives, including the right to repair portal, an NTH mobile app and also opened new premises of National Consumer Helpline centre in New Delhi. About Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution: Union Minister - Piyush Goyal (Rajya Sabha - Maharashtra) Minister of State (MoS) - Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, Ashwini Kumar Choubey

- ➤ IIT Roorkee & AIIMS Delhi develops 'SwasthGarbh' mobile app for pregnant women
- South African Cricketer Farhaan Behardien Announces Retirement
- The Tamil Nadu Forest Department (TNFD) has joined hands with HCL Foundation (HCLF), the CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) arm of HCLTech, to address the issue of ghost nets and marine debris in the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, Tamil Nadu.

About the HCL Foundation (HCLF):

Vice President- Dr Nidhi Pundhir vernment Exams

Headquarters- Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Establishment- 2011



30th Dec-2022

- TN Government implemented India's 1st Project to Conserve Nilgiri Tahr
 The State Government of Tamil Nadu (TN) approved the implementation of
 India's first The Nilgiri Tahr Project with an outlay of Rs 25.14 crore for a period
 of 5 years i.e. 2022 to 2027 to conserve Nilgiri Tahr (Nilgiritragus hylocrius),
 which is a state animal of TN.
- MoHUA launches 'City Finance Rankings, 2022' and 'City Beauty Competition' Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched 'City Finance Rankings 2022' and 'City Beauty Competition' during an event in New Delhi, Delhi. About Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA): Union Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri (Constituency – Uttar Pradesh) Minister of State– Kaushal Kishore (Constituency – Mohanlalgani, Uttar Pradesh)
- MeitY Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launches G-20 DIA and Stay Safe Online Campaign from New Delhi Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the Stay Safe Online campaign and the Digital Innovation Alliance (DIA) program, the first-ever programs to be launched worldwide as a G20 (Group of Twenty) initiative.

 About Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY): Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha Odisha)
 Minister of State (MoS) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- 4 diplomats & US lawmaker honoured with 2022 Diwali Stamp- The 'Power of One' Award at UN
 The United Nations (UN) has honoured 4 diplomats and a United States (US)
 Lawmaker with the 2022 Diwali Stamp- The 'Power of One' Award, also known as "Oscars of Diplomacy", for their efforts in working towards a peaceful and secure world.
- Abdullah Abdul Samad Dashti of Kuwait appointed as UN Coordinator for Black Sea Grain Initiative About the United Nations (UN): Secretary-General- António Guterres Headquarters- New York, USA Establishment- 1945
- > IAF conducts trial run on emergency landing facility on AP Highway



Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully conducted a trial run of the 4.1 km Emergency Landing Runway (ELR) constructed on the National Highway-16(NH-16) at Pichukalagudipadu village in Korisapadu mandal in Bapatla district of Andhra Pradesh (AP).

- ➤ Army Inaugurates 1st 3D-printed Dwelling Unit for Soldiers in Ahmedabad Home Ministry designs New Online Portal on MLAT and LR Requests The Home Ministry had designed a new online portal for the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) and a letter rogatory (LR) requests for probe agencies.
- FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2022: Magnus Carlsen & Tan Zhongyi wins Gold; India's Savitha Shri Wins Bronze.

 Norwegian chess grandmaster (GM) Magnus Carlsen won the gold in World Rapid Championship, defeating German GM Vincent Keymer, at the FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs International Chess Federation) World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2022 held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. This marks his 4th World Rapid Championship title.
- Odisha Cabinet Approves Rs 367.19 crore for Empowerment of Women in Agriculture
 About Odisha:
 Governor Ganeshi Lal
 Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik
 Airport Paradip Port, Dhamara Port
 Festival Utkala Divas, Durga Pooja
- Tata Power Renewable to set up a 255 MW hybrid project in Karnataka



31th Dec-2022

- Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) signs agreements with MSMEs to hasten commercialisation of new products Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra signed an agreements with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for incubation of newer technologies into commercial products.
- ➤ G20 India: IISc to be Secretarat for Science 20 (S20)- G20 science working group
- Kerala's Dharmadam Becomes First Complete Library Constituency in India
- National Health Authority release beta version of HMIS National Health Authority (NHA) has released a beta version of the lightweight, robust, and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission-compliant Hospital Management Information System (HMIS).
- Benjamin Netanyahu Sworn in as Israel's new Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was sworn in as Israel's 25th Prime Minister (PM) for the 6th time, leading the right-wing Likud party, and Israel is set to get its 37th government.

About Israel:

President- Isaac Herzog Prime Minister- Benjamin Netanyahu Capital- Jerusalem Currency- Israeli Shekel

- Ex-ITDC MD G Kamala Vardhana Rao takes charge as CEO of FSSAI
- ➤ IAF successfully test-fires extended range version of BrahMos air missile Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired the extended range version of BrahMos air launched missile against a ship target from a SU-30MKI aircraft
- ➤ Home Minister Launches Mobile App 'Prahari' and Manual of Border Security Force
- > Brazilian Footballer Legend & 3 Time FIFA World Cup Winner Pelé Passed Away
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates the new Zuari bridge in Goa Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, inaugurated the new Zuari bridge in Goa, which links North and South Goa. Zuari bridge is India's 2nd largest Cable Stayed bridge, located on NH-17/NH-66 on the Panjim (Goa)-Mangaluru (Karnataka) section in the state of Goa. The 13.20-kilometre cost 2530 Crores.

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