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NATIONAL

1) Crop Diversification index

Telangana turned out to be the first state in India to adopt the Crop Diversification Index by way of recording their crop diversification pattern in the form of an index. As per the index, Telangana grows 77 varieties of crops, out of which only 10 crops (mostly grains) are chosen for crop diversification.

2) 'One Nation, One Product'

Visakhapatnam Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh is set to implement the 'One Nation, One Product' concept of the Government of India on a pilot basis for 15 days. This will become the first railway station in the East Coast railway to implement 'One Nation, One Product'. The concept for the Railways to support the local businesses and supply chains using Railways.

3) India's first Make in India dredger

Cochin Shipyard Limited signed an agreement with Dredging Corporation of India to build India's first Make in India dredger in collaboration with the Industriële Handels Combinatie Holland. The construction of the dredger costs around Rs 920 crore and will be delivered in 34 months. Dredging is the process of desilting river bodies, or removal of soil, mud, and dirt at the shores or the bottom.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Dol Utsav' or 'Dol Jatra'

West Bengal celebrated the 'Dol Utsav' or 'Dol Jatra', the festival of colors, marking the onset of spring season. The festival is dedicated to Lord Krishna and Radha and celebrated on the full moon day. The majestic festival is celebrated by throwing 'gulaal' or 'aabir' on others and by singing and dancing in cultural programs.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Kotak Mahindra Bank signs MoU with Business France

Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd signed a memorandum of understanding with Business France, a French National agency involved in exports and international investments in France, to provide support to companies in the Indo-French corridor. The Kotak Mahindra became the first Indian bank to sign a MoU with Business France.

2) "Project Kirana"

The US Agency for International Development and Mastercard have partnered to promote digital empowerment of women in India through 'Project Kirana', a digital financial literacy

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programme for women entrepreneurs in India. It's objective is to increase the revenue of the women-owned-and-operated kirana shops and also expand their financial inclusion and enable them to adopt digital tools like digital payments etc.

OBITUARY

1) Rupiah Bwezani Banda

Rupiah Bwezani Banda, the former President of the Republic of Zambia has passed away at the age of 85. Rupiah Banda, a member of the United National Independence Party, has served as the fourth president of Zambia from 2008 to 2011. He served as the Vice President of Zambia from 2006 to 2008.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Global Recycling Day

Global Recycling Day is annually observed across the globe on 18th March to help recognise, and celebrate, the importance of recycling in securing the future of our planet. The theme 2022 will focus on the 'Recycling Fraternity'.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Wrist Assured: An Autobiography"

Former Indian cricketer Gundappa Ranganatha Viswanath (Gundappa Viswanath or G.R. Vishwanath) has penned his autobiography titled "Wrist Assured: An Autobiography", co-authored by senior journalist R Kaushik. The book traces the cricketing journey of Gundappa Vishwanath who played Test Cricket for India between 1969 and 1986.