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INTERNATIONAL

1) Wildlife Conservation Bond

The World Bank has issued the Wildlife Conservation Bond to support of South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of Black Rhino. Wildlife Conservation Bond is also known as "Rhino Bond". It is a five-year \$150 million Sustainable Development Bond. The bond will contribute to protecting and increasing black rhino populations.

2) Central Banking Awards 2022

Mario Marcel, the Governor of the Central Bank of Chile, has won the Governor of the year award at the Central Banking Awards 2022. Banco Central de Chile is the name of the central bank of Chile.

STATE NEWS

1) "Agnibaaz Division"

Indian Army's "Agnibaaz Division" organized a joint exercise "Suraksha Kavach 2". The exercise aimed to counter any terrorist actions in Pune. The exercise involved the participation of the Counter-Terrorism Task Force of the Indian Army, Anti-Terrorism Squad of Maharashtra Police.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Royal Society of Edinburgh

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, the executive chairperson of Biocon and Biocon Biologics, has been elected as a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) in Scotland. RSE is one of the world's oldest and most respected academic societies.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Yogi Adityanath

Yogi Adityanath takes oath as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh for his second term in office. Governor Anandiben Patel administered the oath of office and secrecy to Adityanath at Lucknow's Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Stadium.

2) Hisashi Takeuchi

Hisashi Takeuchi (Japan) has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Maruti Suzuki for a period of three years with effect from April 1, 2022. Takeuchi will succeed Kenichi Ayukawa as the MD and CEO.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "The Little Book of Joy"





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A picture book edition co-authored by Nobel Peace Prize winners 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso) & Archbishop Desmond Tutu, titled “The Little Book of Joy” will be released in September 2022. The book focuses on the meaning of true happiness, which is not in the materialistic world but lies in the nature of human beings.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day of Solidarity

The United Nations observes the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members on 25 March every year. This is a day to mobilize action, demand justice and strengthen our resolve to protect UN staff and peacekeepers, as well as our colleagues in the non-governmental community and the press.

2) International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is marked on 25 March every year to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice. Theme of 2022: “Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism”.

OBITUARY

1) Stephen Wilhite

Stephen Wilhite, the creator of the Graphics Interchange Format (GIF) format passed away at the age of 74 years due to Covid-19 related issues. Wilhite devised the Graphics Interchange Format, or GIF, in 1987 while working at CompuServe.

2) Ramesh Chandra Lahoti

Former Chief Justice of India Ramesh Chandra Lahoti passed away at the age of 81 years. Justice Lahoti was appointed as the 35th chief justice of India on June 1, 2004. He retired on November 1, 2005.

