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INTERNATIONAL

1) Liz Truss to resign as PM of UK

- Liz Truss, the British prime minister will step down from her position after only six weeks in office due to an economic plan that angered many members of her own party and rattled financial markets.

2) India, France Re-Elected as President and Co-President of International Solar Alliance

- In the third assembly of ISA, Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh has been reelected as the President of International Solar Alliance. France Minister of State for Development Chrysoula Zacharopoulou has been re-elected as Co-President.

- India and France were re-elected as the President and Co- President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for a term of two years at the virtual meeting of the Third Assembly held on 14 October.



3) Global Youth Climate Summit

- Global Youth Leadership Center, an international non-profit organisation, is all set to embark on its journey from Bangladesh on October 20 with the inauguration of its first programme.

- The Global Youth Climate Summit The three-day summit will be held at Ava Center in Khulna, one of Bangladesh's most climate vulnerable regions, bringing together 650 youths from 70 countries to explore how today's youth can lead the fight against climate change.





NATIONAL

1) "Mission Schools of Excellence" unveiled by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi

- The 'Mission Schools of Excellence' is an ambitious project in Gandhinagar with the dual goals of reforming the curriculum in Gujarat's public schools and countering the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) criticisms of the State government for the low quality of education.

2) Zila Sainik Boards

- Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena approved the setting up of four Zila Sainik Boards which are responsible for policy formulation and implementation of resettlement and welfare schemes for exservicemen (ESM) and their widows.

- The four ZSBs are to cater to the South-west, East, Shahdara, North-west, Central, and New Delhi districts. The move will help up to 77,000 ex-servicemen, their widows, and dependents.



3) Durgavati Tiger Reserve

- The Durgavati Tiger Reserve is a 2,339 square kilometers new tiger reserve that will spread across Narsinghpur, Damoh, and Sagar districts.

- Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board has approved the making of a new tiger reserve of Panna Tiger Reserve, one-fourth of which will get submerged due to the Linkin of the Ken-Betwa rivers.

STATE NEWS

1) First English medium general degree college

- Chief Minister of Tripura Dr. Manik Saha along with Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath inaugurated the first English medium general degree college of the state in the city having 100 intake capacity.





- The first five basic subjects of the arts stream include compulsory Bengali and English. Tripura government has built the general degree college at a budget of Rs 1 crore by renovating an old Teaching College.

2) Mission DefSpace launched

- Mission DefSpace was inaugurated at DefExpo2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat by the prime minister Narendra Modi . The project's goal is to create cutting-edge defence forces in the space industry. 75 space industry challenges have been highlighted for private companies to work on under Mission DefSpace.

3) HDFC Securities Opens Women-Only Digital Centre in Bengaluru

- Leading stock brokerage firm, HDFC Securities, announced the opening of the first-ever Women-Only Digital Centre (DC) in India. This pioneering centre, staffed with a team of women, will serve both male and female investors.

- This closely follows the company's announcement regarding the opening of multiple DCs across India to ease access to services and promote digital adoption.



APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGINATIONS

1) Sanjay Malhotra

- The Centre has appointed Sanjay Malhotra, a 1990 batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Rajasthan cadre, as the new revenue secretary. He will replace Tarun Bajaj who will superannuate at the end of November.





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- Malhotra, currently serving as secretary in the Department of Financial Services (DFS), will join the Revenue Department as an officer on special duty. The centre has announced new secretaries for 16 ministries and departments.

2) Pradeep Singh Kharola

- Former Civil Aviation Secretary, Pradeep Singh Kharola was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organization.

- Kharola, a 1985 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Karnataka cadre, retired as the Civil Aviation secretary in September last year.

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has accepted Kharola's appointment as Chairman and Managing Director, ITPO, on a contract basis for two years from the date of assumption of charge of the post.

3) Dr. Sankarasubramanian K

 The Indian Space Research Organisation has designated Dr. Sankarasubramanian K as the Principal Scientist of the Aditya-L1 mission. Aditya-L1 is the first observatory-class space-based solar mission from India.
Sankarasubramanian has contributed to AstroSat, Chandrayaan-1 and Chandrayaan-2 missions of ISRO in several capacities.



SPORTS

1) FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023.

- Tazuni, a fun, football-loving penguin is unveiled as the Official Mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023.





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- Tazuni will become an important symbol for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand, appearing on official tournament merchandise and media platforms, as well as in real life in community activities ahead of the event.

2) Magnus Carlsen

- Magnus Carlsen claimed the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022 title with a tournament defeating Arjun Erigaisi in the quarter-finals of the 8th and penultimate event of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour with a convincing 2.5-1.5 result, Carlsen secured the title of the tour champion and a \$50.000 prize on top of his overall winnings (so far) of \$192.000.

- The 31-year-old had to work in the opening game of his quarter-final match as Erigaisi played some of his best chess against the champ to go three pawns up and set up a seemingly easy win.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1) National Police Commemoration Day

- October 21 commemorates the sacrifices of ten CRPF personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty.

- On October 21, 1959, ten Indian policemen were killed during an attack by Chinese troops in the Hot Springs region close to Ladakh after an argument between the troops.

- Since that day, 21 October has been observed as National Police Commemoration Day in honour of the martyrs.





2) National Solidarity Day

- India observes National Solidarity Day on 20th October every year. This day is observed to honour the Armed Forces. In the wake of the mortifying military thrashing because of China, India had started observing National Solidarity Day on October 20—the date on which China began the assaults in 1962.

3) Global Dignity Day

- Global Dignity Day is observed every year on the 3rd Wednesday of October. This year Global Dignity Day is observed on the 19th of October. The day is an initiative to educate and inspire young people and help them to understand their self-worth and goals.



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