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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Vajra Prahar 2022

- The 13th edition of the India-US joint special forces exercise Vajra Prahar 2022 concluded at Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh. Special forces from the two countries participated in a 21-day joint training exercise.
- The joint training provided an opportunity for the forces from both nations to train in airborne operations, special operations and counter-terrorism operations in a joint environment under the United Nations Charter.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Temple of Vedic Planetarium

- The largest religious monument in the world, the Temple of Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal, which will serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), will also have the world's biggest dome. The Vedic Planetarium will offer guests a tour of the various parts of the cosmic creation.
- The Temple of Vedic Planetarium is in West Bengal's Mayapur in the Nadia district and, once completed, it will be larger than the Taj Mahal and St. Paul's Cathedral in the Vatican.

### 2) 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate'

- Bengaluru ranks second in the Asia Pacific region in the top tech hubs list and is only behind China's Beijing, according to a report by Cushman and Wakefield.
- The report, called 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate', studied as many as 115 different 'tech cities' across the globe. After Beijing and Bengaluru, the list has three other Indian cities, Chennai, Delhi and Hyderabad.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana"

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day.
- Under the scheme, a sports scholarship of Rs 1500 per month will be given to budding sportspersons between the age group of eight to 14 years.

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## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) Sweden and the AAI signed a MoU

- The LFV Air Navigation Services of Sweden and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- In order to investigate smart aviation solutions, the agreement between Sweden and Airports Authority of India brings together two air navigation service providers, India and Sweden, who have a track record of developing and implementing the newest generation of environmentally friendly aviation technology.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Santosh Iyer

- Santosh Iyer will take over as managing director and chief executive officer of Mercedes-Benz India's operations on January 1, 2023.
- Martin Schwenk, who will take over as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Thailand, will be replaced by Santosh Iyer.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Miss Diva Universe 2022

- Divita Rai from Karnataka won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022.
- She was crowned by the reigning Miss Universe 2021, Harnaaz Sandhu, at a lavish ceremony that celebrated the 10th anniversary of the coveted pageant.
- Pragnya Ayyagari of Telangana was declared Miss Diva Supranational 2022.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

- International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances is observed globally on the 30th of August every year by United Nations.
- The day is being observed to express deep concern about the rise in enforced or involuntary disappearances in different regions of the world.

### 2) National Small Industry Day

- The National Small Industry Day is celebrated on 30 August every year, to support and promote small Industries for their overall growth potential and





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opportunities received for their development in the year.

- The day recognises the contribution of small industries to the country's growth.

## SPORTS

### 1) Belgian Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022

- Red Bull's driver Max Verstappen has won the Belgian Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022. Red Bull's Sergio Perez & Ferrari's Carlos Sainz finished at second and third positions respectively. Verstappen has now won 9 of this season's 14 races.