

9th February 2023

INTERNATIONAL

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- the discovery of 55,000 dead birds in eight protected coastal areas, rangers found the bird flu that killed them had also claimed 585 sea lions in seven protected marine areas, the Sernanp natural areas protection agency said.

2) "Operation Dost"

- As part of "Operation Dost," India is deploying a field hospital, supplies, and rescue personnel to the earthquake-stricken countries of Turkey and Syria, the foreign minister S Jaishankar tweeted on Wednesday.



3) World Happiness Index 2023 Report

- The World Happiness Index 2023 Report will mark its tenth anniversary with this year's Globe Happiness Reflect, which uses data from international surveys to show how people rank their lives in more than 150 countries.
- In these dark times, there is a glimmer of optimism revealed by the World Happiness Index 2023. The pandemic not only caused anguish and suffering, but it also led to a rise in social assistance and charitable giving.













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1) Trade Receivable Discounting System

- The Reserve Bank of India decided to expand the scope of the Trade Receivable Discounting System or the TReDS platform allowing the use of insurance facilities, permitting entities eligible to undertake factoring business to participate as financiers on TReDS and allowing secondary market operations on the platform.
- The central bank's decision is expected to boost trade of receivables increasing cash flows to MSMEs.

2) Coin vending machines that use QR codes

- Shaktikanta Das, the governor of the RBI, announced that a pilot programme to introduce coin vending machines that use QR codes will begin shortly.
- In response to the outcome of the monetary policy for the year 2023, the Central Bank Governor announced that the RBI will introduce a coin vending machine that uses a QR code to improve accessibility to coins.

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3) National Aeronautics and Space Administration

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Indian Space Research Organisation, jointly developed an Earth-observation satellite, called NISAR (NASA-ISRO) Synthetic Aperture Radar), got a sendoff ceremony at the American space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Southern California.
- ISRO will use NISAR for a variety of purposes including agricultural mapping, and monitoring of glaciers in the Himalayas, landslide-prone areas and changes in the coastline.

STATE NEWS

1) The Kala Ghoda Arts Festival is Asia's biggest multicultural festival

- The Kala Ghoda Arts Festival began on 4th February and will go on till 12th February 2023. The Kala Ghoda Arts Festival is Asia's biggest multicultural festival. The festival is happening after a break of two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Every year this festival is organized in January or February. The festival is usually held at the Kala Ghoda Art district which starts from the Regal Circle at the Southern end, stretches to the Mumbai University at the northern end, and further expands to the Oval Maidan in the west ends at the Lion Gate at the end.













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2) Integrative Medicine Centre at Safdarjung Hospital

- Union Minister of Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya jointly inaugurated the Integrative Medicine Centre at Safdarjung Hospital.
- Minister of State for Health, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, and Minister of State for Ayush, Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai, and Secretary Ayush, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha were also present on the occasion.

3) Gulmarg and has become the center of attraction

- Glass igloo restaurant has been opened in the middle of the snow-covered mountains in Gulmarg and has become the center of attraction for tourists in the hill station in Kashmir. Tourists are seen enjoying their meals and taking photographs in the glass-wall restaurant. This unique glass igloo restaurant is developed by Kolahoi Green Heights, a hotel in Gulmarg.

4) MobiKwik has become the first fintech apps

- India's leading fintech, MobiKwik has become the first fintech apps to support RuPay Credit Cards on UPI. The development brings a new level of convenience to the millions of Indians who use UPI for their daily transactions.
- With nearly 50 million users possessing one or more credit cards, this is a significant milestone in India's drive towards a cashless economy.



5) Visva-Bharati University

- Visva-Bharati University was founded by Rabindranath in 1921. It will soon receive the UNESCO 'heritage" tag.
- This will allow it to be the first university of living heritage. Bidyut Chakraborty, Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati University, stated that the university would be designated a heritage university.

6) Nitin Gadkari unveiled Skye UTM

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari unveiled Skye UTM, which is the most cutting-edge unmanned traffic management system in the world, which is capable of handling 4,000 flights per hour and 96,000 flights per day.













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- Skye UTM is a Cloud-based aerial traffic management system that integrates unmanned air traffic with manned aviation airspace.

SPORTS

1) Gary Ballance

- Gary Ballance, who represented England 42 times across all three formats, scored a superb century for Zimbabwe on the fourth day of the first Test against West Indies in Bulawayo.
- The 33-year-old's outstanding 137 means he is just the second player in the history of the game to have scored Test centuries for two different countries, following in the footsteps of former Australia and South Africa international Kepler Wessels. He hit four Test hundreds for Australia and two for South Africa.

2) ICC T-20 Women's World Cup

- The ICC T-20 Women's World Cup is to begin in South Africa on 10th February 2023, with the opening match between the host team, South Africa and Sri Lanka.
- This is the first time that the ICC T-20 Women's World Cup tournament is taking place in an African nation. The Indian team led by Harmanpreet Kaur will play their first match against Pakistan on 12th February 2023.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Victory City", an "epic tale"

- Salman Rushdie published his new novel "Victory City", an "epic tale" of a 14th-century woman who defies a patriarchal world to rule a city.
- The much-anticipated work tells the tale of young orphan girl Pampa Kampana who is endowed by a goddess with magical powers and founds the city, in modern-day India, of Bisnaga, which translates as Victory City.
- Brilliantly narrated in the style of an ancient epic, Victory City is a saga of love, adventure, and myth that is in itself a testament to the power of storytelling















AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 'ATD Best Awards 2023'

- The country's largest power generating company, NTPC Limited has been honoured with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by the Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- This is the sixth time that NTPC Limited has won this award for demonstrating enterprise success in the field of talent development. The foundation of NTPC's culture has always been to engage employees through creative techniques. The award is testimony to NTPC's contemporary HR practices.

2) ATMA(Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association) Lifetime Achievement Award

- MRF Ltd. Chairman and Managing Director K.M. Mammen was presented the ATMA Lifetime Achievement Award by Maruti Suzuki India MD & CEO Hisashi Takeuchi at the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association Annual Conclave 2023 in New Delhi.
- It is noted that Mammen has been at the helm of every landmark achievement that has brought MRF to the milestone of over INR 19,000 crore turnover and in its ranking, of being amongst one of the top tyre companies in the world.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Safer Internet Day

- This year's Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday, 7 February 2023. Significantly, it was the 20th edition of the campaign. Safer Internet Day is marked to help the younger generation understand safe practices on the Internet.
- This is not only to protect themselves but to understand that they do not cause harm to others, whether it is intentional or unintentional.
- The Internet provides a broad social platform to utilise ideas, use and research them. The role varies from one field to another.
- It has a wide range of articles that can be found in one place. The information available is accessible to individuals, private and public organisations, and the government. Resources are available for free for the entire world.













