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INTERNATIONAL

1) International Day to Combat Islamophobia

The U.N. General Assembly approved a resolution to proclaim March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia every year, starting from 2022. It marks the day when a gunman entered two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, killing 51 worshippers and wounding 40 others in the terror attack.

NATIONAL

1) World Peace Center in Gurugram

Eminent Jainacharya Dr Lokeshji will establish India's first World Peace Center in Gurugram, Haryana. For this, the Haryana Government has allotted a plot to the organization in Sector 39 of Gurugram. 'World Peace Center' will work for the establishment of peace and harmony in the world.

2) Artificial Intelligence & Robotics

The country's first Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) was launched in Bengaluru, Karnataka. It is promoted by a not-for-profit foundation set up by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, with a seed capital of Rs. 230 crore from the State and Central governments.

3) Maternal and child health

Kerala has yet again emerged on top when it comes to maternal and child health, with the State recording the lowest Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of 30 (per one lakh live births) in the country. According to the latest data, India's maternal mortality ratio (MMR) has improved to 103 for the period 2017-19.

4) Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

The Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, a subsidiary of Coal India, has announced that it has become the country's largest coal producer. In the financial year 2021-22, the company reported it produced 157 million tonnes of coal.

5) "Writing With Fire"

A documentary about the Dalit-led, all-woman newspaper Khabar Lahariya, "Writing With Fire" became the first Indian documentary to be nominated at the Oscars. 'Writing With Fire' had won Audience and Jury Awards at the Sundance Film Festival last year. It is produced by Ticket Films and directed by filmmakers Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has announced to release a book on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi titled Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery. It is set to hit stands in April 2022. The book is a compilation of pieces written by intellectuals & experts and has been edited & compiled by BlueKraft Digital Foundation.

2) A book-length poem 'Monsoon'

Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters has published a book-length poem 'Monsoon' by Indian poet-diplomat Abhay K. Monsoon is a poem of 150 stanzas of 4 lines each that commence its journey in Madagascar and follows the path of the monsoon invoking the rich flora and fauna.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Bhagwant Mann

Bhagwant Mann was sworn in as the 17th chief minister of Punjab at Khatkar Kalan, the ancestral village of Bhagat Singh in the presence of Governor Banwarilal Purohit. Chanting 'Jo Bole So Nihal' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', Bhagwant Mann thanked the people who attended the swearing-in ceremony.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) National Vaccination Day

National Vaccination Day (also known as National Immunisation Day (IMD)) is observed on 16 March every year, to convey the importance of vaccination to the entire nation. The day was first observed in the year 1995. Theme of 2022 is "Vaccines Work for all".

OBITUARY

1) Kumudben Manishankar Joshi

The former Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Kumudben Manishankar Joshi has passed away. She was 88. Ms Joshi served as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh from 26 November 1985 to 7 February 1990. She was the second female Governor of the state after Sharda Mukherjee. Joshi had been a member of the Rajya Sabha thrice.