

October 24th & 25th

INTERNATIONAL

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1) Free Visas by Sri Lankan Cabinet

- The Sri Lankan Cabinet has approved a groundbreaking initiative to issue free visas to visitors from India, China, Russia, Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, and Thailand.
- It aims to revive the nation's tourism industry and foster stronger international relationships.

2) 'State of the Energy Union' report

- The "State of the Energy Union" report, provides a comprehensive overview of Europe's energy and climate landscape, encompassing various aspects of energy and climate policy.
- As per the report, Europe continues to make progress in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, with a net decrease of approximately 3% in 2022.
- The report reveals that the average greenhouse gas intensity of fuels in the EU remained 5.5% lower in 2021 than in 2010.

3) "International Migration Outlook 2023"

- The report titled "International Migration Outlook 2023" is published by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
- As per the report, India emerged as the leading source of migrants to Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries in both 2021 and 2022.
- China trailed in second place and Romania secured the third position.



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1) "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023"

- The Indian and Malaysian armies started their joint bilateral training exercise, known as "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023".
- The exercise seeks to strengthen their military capabilities and deepen the bonds of friendship.
- Indian contingent represented by a battalion of "THE RAJPUT REGIMENT".

2) "India" with "Bharat"

- The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has given its approval to replace the term "India" with "Bharat" in all textbooks.
- This change is expected to reflect the traditional and indigenous name for the country.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) S&P global report

- As per the S&P global report, by 2030, India's Gross Domestic Product is predicted to reach a whopping \$7.3 trillion, making it the second-largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region, just after China.
- In 2030, India's GDP is expected to surpass even Germany's.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Development Information Day

• Every year on 24th October, World Development Information Day is observed by the United Nations, serves as a platform to draw attention to pressing global development issues and the critical need for enhanced international cooperation to address them.





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APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1) Air Marshal Sadhna S Nair

- Air Marshal Sadhna S Nair has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the second woman officer from the medical branch of the Indian Air Force to attain the esteemed rank of Air Marshal.
- Air Marshal Padma Bandopadhyay made history as the first woman to attain the rank of Air Marshal in the medical branch of the IAF.

2) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

• Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Lays chips, with campaign "No Lay's, No Game".

3) Chetan Bhagat

- Edtech startup Henry Harvin Education announced acclaimed author and speaker Chetan Bhagat as its Brand Ambassador.
- This partnership represents a shared vision and commitment to empowering the youth of India.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Cyclone Hamoon

• Cyclone Hamoon struck the southeastern coast of Bangladesh on the 25th October 2023 causing widespread concern and necessitating the evacuation of thousands of people. The storm, originating from the Bay of Bengal.

2) IQAir

• Mumbai ranking as the second most polluted city according to IQAir, a leading air quality measurement company.





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• Delhi, the capital, also faces significant air quality challenges, ranking sixth globally. The air quality index (AQI) measures pollution levels, indicating the health risks associated with breathing the air.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

1) "America's Top Young Scientist" award

- Heman Bekele, a 14-year-old ninth grader from Annandale, Virginia, has achieved an incredible feat by winning the esteemed "America's Top Young Scientist" award.
- The award is presented by 3M and Discovery Education. The award is considered one of the nation's premier middle school science competitions.

2) White House National Medal for Technology and Innovation

- The US President Joe Biden recently awarded the prestigious White House National Medal for Technology and Innovation and the National Medal of Science to Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh, respectively.
- Ashok Gadgil, Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering at UC Berkeley, was honored with the White House National Medal for Technology and Innovation.
- Subra Suresh, a professor at large at Brown University's School of Engineering, was awarded the National Medal of Science, the highest honor bestowed upon scientists in the United States.

OBITUARY

1) Richard Roundtree

• Richard Roundtree, the iconic actor with his groundbreaking portrayal of the title role in "Shaft," passed away in Los Angeles at the age of 81 due to pancreatic cancer.



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