

21st December

#### **NATIONAL**

### 1) criminal law bill that will exempt doctors from criminal prosecution

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced a significant amendment to the criminal law bill that will exempt doctors from criminal prosecution in cases of death due to medical negligence.
- This move comes in response to concerns raised by the medical community and aims to alleviate the burden of criminal liability on healthcare professionals.

#### STATE NEWS

## 1) Kurukshetra, a sacred town resonating with cultural heritage

- Kurukshetra, a sacred town resonating with cultural heritage and spiritual significance, witnessed a grand spectacle as it hosted the inauguration of the International Gita Mahotsav – 2023.
- This week-long celebration promises a unique blend of spirituality, cultural diversity, and global participation, captivating visitors until December 24.

# 2) WhatsApp Channels

The Uttar Pradesh Police has taken a significant step towards enhancing public outreach and transparency by becoming one of the first in the country to launch WhatsApp Channels for its headquarters and all district units.

# 3) Logistics Ease Across Different States

- Tamil Nadu has once again secured the coveted 'Achiever' status among coastal states in the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2023 rankings, affirming its position as a logistic powerhouse in India.
- The state's remarkable performance in the export-import ecosystem has earned accolades, marking the second consecutive time it has achieved this prestigious status.















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#### **BANKING NEWS**

### 1) Indian Space Research Organisation

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has once again soared to new heights by clinching the prestigious Leif Erikson Lunar Prize.
- This esteemed accolade, bestowed by the Husavik Museum, stands as a testament to ISRO's unwavering commitment and substantial contributions to lunar exploration.

## 2) Regulated entities like banks and NBFCs

Regulated entities like banks and NBFCs face a daunting task as they consider exiting their investments in alternative investment funds (AIFs). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated a 30-day window for these entities to evaluate and liquidate their AIF portfolios to address concerns about the disguised evergreening of loan exposures.

#### **SPORTS NEWS**

## 1) 75th Inter State-Inter Zonal Badminton Championship held in Guwahati

- Maharashtra emerged victorious in the women's team event at the 75th Inter State-Inter Zonal Badminton Championship held in Guwahati.
- The championship, organized by the Badminton Association of India, witnessed Maharashtra's women's team clinching the title with a commanding 3-0 victory.















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#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) 11th Edition of FICCI Water Award 2023

- NTPC Kanti has been bestowed with the 11th Edition of FICCI Water Award 2023 under the "Industrial Water Use Efficiency" category.
- The prestigious accolade was presented during the inaugural event of the 9th Edition of India Industry Water Conclave held at FICCI Federation House in New Delhi.

## 2) National Academy of Indian Railways

- The Ministry of Railways has issued a directive for the handover of all assets from the National Academy of Indian Railways (NAIR), located in Vadodara, to Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV).
- This directive comes in alignment with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bolster the newly envisioned Central university.

## 3) INS Shivaji, the esteemed Training establishment of the Indian Navy

- INS Shivaji, the esteemed Training establishment of the Indian Navy, the original 'Vir Chakra' was posthumously awarded to Late Vice Admiral Benoy Roy Chowdhury.
- The ceremony, marked by solemnity and reverence, took place on 18th December 2023.

# 4) Bhutan's National Order of Merit (NOM) Gold Medal

Dr. Poonam Khetrapal Singh, the Regional Director of the World Health Organisation (WHO) South-East Asia, has been honored with Bhutan's National Order of Merit (NOM) Gold Medal. The prestigious award was presented by Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the Druk Gyalpo (dragon king) of Bhutan, during the celebration of Bhutan's 116th National Day on December 17, 2023, in Thimphu, Bhutan.















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#### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

### 1) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance and IDFC First Bank

- Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance and IDFC First Bank have joined forces through a bancassurance partnership.
- This collaboration aims to provide comprehensive insurance solutions to the bank's extensive customer base by leveraging the robust distribution network of IDFC First Bank.

## 2) India experienced a surge in net foreign direct investment

- India experienced a surge in net foreign direct investment (FDI), reaching a 21month high at \$5.9 billion. This upswing was attributed to robust gross inflows and a decrease in repatriation.
- The Reserve Bank of India's data revealed a notable increase from \$1.54 billion in September 2023 and \$1.16 billion in October 2022.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### 1) World Basketball Day

- World Basketball Day is an annual celebration held on December 21, commemorating the invention of basketball by Dr. James Naismith in 1891.
- The sport has grown into one of the most popular and widely practiced games globally, uniting people with its athleticism, joy, and camaraderie. This article delves into the history, significance, and impact of basketball on the world stage.















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