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INTERNATIONAL

1) Tulsi Gabbard Exits Democratic party

- Former US Presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard who was the first Hindu-American to run for the White House in 2020 announced her exit from the Democratic Party ahead of next month's midterm elections.
- Gabbard blamed the party for "racializing every issue in the nation" and denouncing it as the "elitist cabal of warmongers." The former US Congresswoman was a member of the party for the last 20 years.
- Gabbard said "The Democrats of today divide us by racializing every issue, stoking anti-white racism, and are actively working to undermine our God-given freedoms enshrined in our Constitution.

2) Tom Crusie Becomes first actor to shoot in space

- Tom Cruise, who is renowned for pulling off high-octane stunts in his projects, is taking things to the next level and may soon become the first actor to shoot in space.
- The Top Gun actor has reportedly partnered with director Doug Liman on a project that calls for him to perform a spacewalk.

3) 53rd Capacity Building Programme

- 53rd Capacity Building Programme in the Field Administration for the Civil Servants of Bangladesh was inaugurated at National Centre for Good Governance at Mussoorie.
- This institute is the only institute that has trained 1,727 field-level officers of Bangladesh Civil Service such as Assistant Commissioners, SDMs, and Additional Deputy Commissioners.

NATIONAL

1) 4th Heli India Summit 2022

- Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the 4th Heli-India Summit 2022.
- The civil enclave will be built in Jammu for Rs 861 crore and Srinagar's present terminal will be expanded three times from 20,000 square meters to 60,000 square meters for Rs 1500 crores.
- The 4th Heli-India Summit 2022 is inaugurated with the theme of 'Helicopters for Last Mile Connectivity' at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre, Srinagar in the presence of Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Majon Sinha.

2) Toyota Corolla Altis Flex Fuel Car













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- Union Minister for Road, Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari has unveiled the Toyota Corolla Altis Flex-fuel car, which has been touted as first of its kind pilot project on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) in India.
- This project intends to examine whether ethanol-powered flex-fuel vehicles can be viable in Indian conditions.
- The flex-fuel sedan was imported from Toyota Brazil.

3) Google Launch Play Points Rewards

- Google is set to launch Play Points, a global rewards Programme for users in India. Users will earn points when they purchase with Google Play, including in-app items, apps, games, and subscriptions.
- The reward program has four levels known as platinum, gold, silver, and bronze. The levels will provide members with perks and prizes. The levels and tiers are based on the number of points they have collected.



4) Indian Naval Ship Tarkash Reaches South Africa for IBSAMAR VII

- Indian Naval Ship Tarkash reached Port Grequhrea which is also known as Port Elizabeth in South Africa.
- INS Tarkash will participate in the seventh edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise among Indian, Brazilian, and South African Navies.
- The harbor phase of IBSAMAR VII includes professional exchanges such as damage control and fire-fighting drill and interaction among special forces.

5) Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index

- According to the latest Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index, India has moved up six places to rank 123 out of 161 countries for reducing inequality but continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending.
- Norway leads the CRII followed by Germany and Australia.













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- India's overall rank has improved by six points from 129 in 2020 to 123 in 2022. It has moved up 12 places to rank 129 for reducing inequality through progressive spending. The country ranks 16 for progressive taxation, up by three.

STATE NEWS

1) HIMCAD - A New scheme of Himachal Pradesh

- The state government of Himachal Pradesh has started a new scheme named 'HIMCAD', to provide irrigation facilities to farmers.
- According to the latest data, about 80% of the agricultural area of Himachal Pradesh is rain-fed. The scheme will provide end-to-end connectivity of farmers' fields for better water conservation, crop diversification and integrated farming.

2) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport

- The Adani group-AAI-operated Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai airport has switched to green energy sources, fulfilling 95 per cent of its requirement from hydro and wind, while the rest 5 per cent from solar power.
- The facility witnessed a rise in natural energy procurement with 57 per cent in green consumption in April to a whopping 98 per cent. In August, the Mumbai Airport finally attained 100 per cent utilisation of renewable sources of energy.























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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) IDBI Bank partnered with Vayana Network

- IDBI Bank said that it has agreed to cooperate with Vayana Network as its first fintech partner to provide end-to-end digitization services.
- According to the bank, this alliance intends to help increase the penetration of supply chain finance in India, which now accounts for only 5% of total outstanding banking assets and less than 1% of the country's GDP.

2) South Indian Bank

- South Indian Bank bagged a world record for staging and swinging the highest 101. The South Indian Bank has organized an event 'Onnichirikkam Oonjaladam' and was accoladed with the World Book of Records award for 'staging and swinging 101 Oonjals'.
- The event 'Onnichirikkam Oonjaladam' saw people gathered in large numbers to celebrate unity and prosperity during the ongoing festival season. Swings were made using wood and rope in the traditional ways.

SPORTS

1) 1983 World Cup hero Roger Binny set to replace Sourav Ganguly as BCCI president

- India's 1983 World Cup hero, Roger Binny is set to become the new BCCI president, replacing Sourav Ganguly. Binny will assume charge on October 18, when the BCCI annual general meeting will be held, in Mumbai.
- Jay Shah will continue as BCCI secretary, the most influential position in the board. Rajiv Shukla will also stay on as the board's vice president.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day For Disaster Risk Reduction

- Every year October 13 is designated as International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction with a focus on encouraging a global culture of risk awareness and catastrophe preparedness.
- In 2022, the International Day will focus on Target G of the Sendai Framework: "Substantially increase the availability of and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessments to people by 2030."













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