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INTERNATIONAL

1) Abdulla Yameen to 11 years in prison

- The Maldives criminal court sentenced former president Abdulla Yameen to 11 years in prison and fined him \$5 million after finding him guilty of corruption and money laundering charges related to receiving kickbacks from a private company. Yameen has denied any wrongdoing.

2) Safeguard Antarctic ecosystems

Antarctica's Biodiversity new research has indicated that more has to be done to safeguard Antarctic ecosystems, and if we don't make a change, up to 97% of Antarctic species with land-based populations might go extinct by the year 2100.

- The study, which was just released, also discovered that ten crucial techniques to lessen threats to Antarctica's biodiversity may be implemented with just USD 23 million annually.

3) Brain-eating amoeba infection reported in South Korea

- For the first time ever, a rare and potentially fatal brain-eating amoeba has been discovered in South Korea.

- Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) is a rare and serious infection caused by the amoeba naegleria fowleri, which is commonly found in warm freshwater and soil.



NATIONAL

1) NTH mobile app

- Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal launched a host of new initiatives, including the right to repair portal and an NTH mobile app and opened new premises of National Consumer Helpline centre in the national capital.





- A memorandum of understanding was also signed between the Consumer Affairs Department and IIT, Varanasi as well launched a capacity building programme of consumer commissions.

2) 'FIT Rank'

With the intent of deepening credit flow to small businesses and also helping lenders avoid loan losses on such bets, credit information company TransUnion Cibil launched a ranking system for MSME borrowers.
The 'FIT Rank' launched by TransUnion Cibil in association with Online PSB Loans, will rate the over 6 crore micro, small and medium enterprises by drawing inputs from their current accounts, income tax returns and also Goods and Service Tax returns to arrive at a score between 1-10 to rate a borrower after taking consent to draw the relevant data.

3) Gwalior Gaurav Diwas

- Gwalior Gaurav Diwas is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He is also known as the son of Gwalior.

- Gwalior Gaurav Diwas is celebrated on 25th December.

- On the occasion of Gwalior Gaurav Diwas, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed the participation through video conferencing and appealed to the people of Gwalior to light lamps at their homes on 25th December 2022



4) Worldline ePayments

- Worldline ePayments India, a leader in digital payments, has received in-principle authorisation from the Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) to act as a payment aggregator.

- The authorisation by the RBI was under the provisions of the Guidelines on Regulation of Payment dated March 17, 2020.

5) Pralay





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- The decision by the Defence Ministry to procure indigenous short-range ballistic surface-to-surface missile Pralay, a conventional weapon that has become ready for induction in just seven years, gives Indian military the heft to its war-fighting capabilities.

- A high-level meeting of the Defence Ministry cleared the acquisition of around 120 pralay missiles for the armed forces and their deployment along the borders.

- India now permits the use of ballistic missiles in tactical roles, therefore the acquisition of these ballistic missiles is considered a significant development for the nation.

STATE NEWS

1) Madhya Pradesh government

- According to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, a huge statue of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee will be installed and a research centre will be built as part his grand memorial in Gwalior.

- On December 26 at the 'Gwalior Gaurav Diwas' function to mark the late leader's 98th birth anniversary. The event was also attended by Union Ministers Jyotiraditya Scindia and Narendra Singh Tomar.

- Vajpayee was born in Gwalior on December 25, 1924



2) 'Eat Right Campus'

- The Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh was awarded a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus' by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI).

- The FSSAI team inspected the kitchen's food quality, storage and hygiene on stringent measures, based on which the Bulandshahr prison was given a five-star rating, the 'Eat Right Campus' tag in addition to the remark of 'Excellent' by the FSSAI.

- Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after Farrukhabad jail to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS





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1) Anil Kumar Lahoti

- Anil Kumar Lahoti has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Railway Board. The former General Manager of Central Railway was appointed as Member (Infrastructure) of the board a week ago, and will be taking over the chairmanship from Vinay Kumar Tripathi on January 1

2) Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS

- Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India.

- Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS is currently serving as the Managing Director of Indian Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.

3) Santosh Kumar Yadav

- Santosh Kumar Yadav, the senior bureaucrat, was appointed as the Chairman of the National Highway Authority of India.

- Santosh Kumar Yadav is a 1995-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre.

- He is currently serving as the additional secretary in the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.

- An order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) confirms that the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Mr.

- Santosh Kumar Yadav under the Ministry of Road and Transport & Highways in the rank and pay of additional secretary to the Government of India



SPORTS

1) Nikhat Zareen

- Telangana Boxing star and the reigning world champion, Nikhat Zareen, and Lovlina Borgohain, the bronze medalist from the Tokyo Olympics, both won gold medals in their separate finals in the Elite Women's National Boxing Championships.





- The Railway Sports Promotion Board won the team trophy with ten awards in the 6th Elite Women's National Boxing Championships in Bhopal.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Ekalabya Puraskar

- Indian cyclist Swasti Singh has been honoured with the prestigious 30th Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2022.

- The award is instituted by IMFA's charitable wing, IMPaCT. Swasti received a cash award of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation at the Ekalabya Puraskar function held in Bhubaneswar.

- She has bagged two gold and as many silver medals at the national level.

- Swasti, who has represented the State in several national events and was credited with the best individual brilliance from April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2022, emerged as the clear winner this year.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day of Epidemic Preparedness

- International Day of Epidemic Preparedness on December 27 serves the purpose of creating awareness about epidemics.

- This day encourages every individual, every institution, and every government to prepare its citizens in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national contexts and priorities, through education and awareness-raising activities, in order to highlight the importance of the prevention of, preparedness for, and partnership against epidemics.

OBITUARY

1) George Cohen has passed away

- England's 1966 World Cup-winning right back, George Cohen has passed away, his former club Fulham announced. He made his international debut in 1964 and went on to represent his country 37 times, playing a key role in England's only World Cup triumph when it beat West Germany 4-2 after extra time at Wembley in the final. He was one of only three surviving members of that World Cup-winning squad, along with Bobby Charlton and Geoff Hurst. He spent the whole of his club career with one team, Fulham, making 459 appearances for the west London side.



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