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INTERNATIONAL 1) 'VARUNA'

The 20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise between the Indian Navy and French Navy named 'VARUNA' is being conducted in the Arabian Sea. The Bilateral Naval Exercises between the two Navies is being held since 1993 and the exercise was christened as 'VARUNA' in 2001.

NATIONAL

1) 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records'

Chief Justice of India NV Ramana unveiled the 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records' (FASTER), a digital platform that allows the supreme court to send interim orders, stay orders, and bail orders to the appropriate authorities via a secure electronic channel.

2) 'Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub'

Microsoft launched a new digital and inclusive platform for startup founders in India. The platform called as 'Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub' in India, will support startup founders in India at every stage of their startup journey.

STATE NEWS

1) Manipur has signed a MoU with Samsung Data System India

The state government of Manipur has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Samsung Data System India Pvt Ltd and Abhitech IT Solutions Pvt Ltd for setting up a world-class "Sports Digital Experience Centre" as a domain of Manipur Olympian Park and Khuman Lampak Sports Complex.

2) Vinaya Samarasya Yojana

The Karnataka government announced the Vinaya Samarasya Yojana as a public awareness campaign against caste prejudice in the state's gramme panchayats. It will be formally launched on April 14, the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Central Bank of India partnered with ID to implement digital Know Your Customer

Central Bank of India partnered with ID to implement digital Know Your Customer (KYC), video KYC and eKYC for its network across India. The aim of the partnership is to bring seamless onboarding and provide efficient digital facilities to the customers across India.

2) Hike in Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has approved a hike in

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Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners by 3 per cent to 34%, over the existing rate of 31% of the Basic Pay/Pension.

3) VAULT program

HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company has launched its VAULT program. It is India's first industry-based digital customer engagement and rewards program. This program is an experiment to test a new idea under the Regulatory Sandbox of IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India).

4) 'Tap to Pay for UPI'

Google Pay has launched 'Tap to Pay for UPI', new functionality to bring the seamless convenience of Tap to Pay to Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The initiative has been launched in collaboration with Pine Labs.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Utkal Divas

Utkal Divas or Utakala Dibasha or Odisha Day is celebrated on April 1st every year to remember the formation of the Odisha state after a struggle to be recognised as an independent state.

SPORTS

1) Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022

Al Rihla – the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 has been revealed by Adidas. It is Adidas' 14th World Cup ball, and it is designed to accommodate the fastest game speeds possible, since it flies quicker in flight than any other World Cup ball.

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