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INTERNATIONAL

1) 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

- The 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference will be led by Amos Masondo, the chair of the National Council of Provinces .

- The 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, held in Halifax, Canada, from August 22 to 26, 2022.

- It provides delegates of Commonwealth parliaments and legislatures with an annual forum to discuss parliamentary system improvements and international political issues.

NATIONAL

1) RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease

- India has developed the first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease. The kit is developed by Transasia Bio-Medicals.

- The kit would help in early detection and better management of the infection which the WHO declared a public health emergency of international concern.

2) Chandigarh International Airport named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh

- The Punjab and Haryana governments have agreed to name the Chandigarh International Airport in Mohali after Shaheed Bhagat Singh. The decision was taken during a meeting between Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann & Haryana deputy CM Dushyant Chautala.

3) Statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay

- Union External affairs minister, S Jaishankar inaugurated a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay and visited the historic Casa de la Independencia, from where the South American country's independence movement started.

4) Garba to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list

- India has nominated the Indian dance form Garba to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list.

- Garba is a dance form which has originated in Gujarat, India. The term Garba has derived from the Sanskrit term Garbha, which means womb.



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4) National Action for Mechanism Sanitation Ecosystem

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs have started a joint initiative scheme called the National Action for Mechanism Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE).

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5) Silk Mark Expo

- The Silk Mark Expo was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Textile Darshana Jardosh in New Delhi.

- The Silk Mark Expo is organized by the Silk Mark Organization of India under the Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles. Silk Mark is a quality assurance label launched by the government to determine the quality of the natural and pure silk produced by the weavers.

6) Hydrogen fuel cell bus unveiled in Pune

- Union Minister Jitendra Singh unveiled the first hydrogen fuel cell bus made in India.

- Green hydrogen is a clean energy vector that enables deep decarbonization of hard-to-abate emissions from the refining industry as well as from the heavy commercial transportation sector.

- The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus is the result of KPIT and CSIR-collaborative NCL's development efforts.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Vidya Rath -School on Wheels' project

Himanta Biswa Sarma, Assam Chief Minister, has launched the 'Vidya Rath School on Wheels' project. This project aims at providing economically challenged underprivileged children to access elementary education for a period of 10 months.
The Vidya Rath-School on Wheels will reportedly provide access to elementary education to underprivileged children for 10 months.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) "All things EV"



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- HDFC has launched India's first one-stop solution portal for Electric Vehicles Ecosystem, "All things EV".

- HDFC EGRO has claimed that the "All things EV", fulfills the needs of the existing and potential Electric Vehicles or EV users.

OBITUARY

1) Samar 'Badru' Banerjee

Former India football team captain, Samar 'Badru' Banerjee, who led the country to a historic fourth-place finish in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, has passed away recently. He was 92. He was bestowed with the Mohun Bagan Ratna in 2009.
Banerjee has also won the Santosh Trophy twice as a player in 1953 & 1955 and once as a coach in 1962.

2) Syed Sibtey Razi

- Former Jharkhand Governor, Syed Sibtey Razi has passed away. He served as the Governor of Jharkhand from the year 2004- 2009.

- He was associated with Congress. He was a member of the Rajya Sabha thrice. Later he was made the Governor of Jharkhand and Assam.

SPORTS

1) U-20 World Wrestling Championship

- Antim Panghal, a 17-year-old wrestler from Haryana, defeated Kazakhstan's Atlyn Shagayeva 8-0 to win the title of Under-20 world champion, making her the first Indian woman to do so.

- Earlier, Antim Panghal won gold in the Asian Junior Championships (2022) and bronze at the Cadet World Championships (2021).

- The U-20 World Wrestling Championship was held in Sofia, Bulgaria.