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NATIONAL

1) Bharat Mandapam

- Bharat Mandapam stands as a symbol of India's hosting of the G20 Summit. inaugurated on July 26 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- During the G20 summit, Bharat Mandapam will transcend its role as a summit venue. It will transform into a stage for a vibrant tapestry of traditions from 29 different countries, creating a rich cultural exchange.
- A prominent feature of Bharat Mandapam is the monumental bronze statue of Nataraja.
- The venue surpassing the seating capacity of Australia's Sydney Opera House.
- Covering an expansive area of 123 acres, Bharat Mandapam is developed as India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination.
- Bharat Mandapam draws its inspiration from "Lord Basaveshwara's concept of Anubhav Mandapam," which served as a platform for public ceremonies.

2) G20 Leader's Summit

- The G20 Leader's Summit began on September 9, 2023, in New Delhi at the Bharat Mandapam International Exhibition and Convention Centre.
- India's G20 presidency is centered on the theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' which translates to 'One Earth, One Family, One Future.'

3) G20 India mobile app

- The Indian government has unveiled the G20 India mobile app, a digital tool designed to facilitate interaction and provide valuable information.
- It is available in 10 languages, including Hindi, German, Portuguese, and Japanese, ensuring accessibility for a diverse international audience.





















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4) ASEAN-India summit

- During the annual ASEAN-India summit in Jakarta, Indonesia, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi revealed India's plan to establish an official Indian Embassy in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste.
- Timor-Leste initially joined ASEAN as an Observer in 2022 and Subsequently, Timor-Leste became a full-fledged member of ASEAN, solidifying its position within this influential regional grouping.

5) 21st edition of the Varuna naval exercise

- The Indian and French Navies concluded the Phase II of the 21st edition of the Varuna naval exercise, Varuna-23.
- Held in the Arabian Sea, this exercise exemplifies the commitment of both nations to enhance their warfighting capabilities, improve interoperability, and promote peace, security, and stability in the region.

STATE NEWS

1) Underground transformer center

- In Bengaluru, Energy Minister KJ George inaugurated the country's inaugural underground transformer center, a significant step towards modernizing the city's power distribution infrastructure.
- Located at 15th Avenue, Malleswaram, the underground transformer center is a collaborative effort between the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.
- With a budget of Rs 1.98 crore, this pioneering project boasts a 500 KVA capacity transformer.





















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2) 37th National Games

- Governor of Goa, Shri. P.S. Sreedharan Pillai, officially introduced the Mashaal (torch) to mark the commencement of the 37th National Games.
- Governor Pillai also revealed the National Games' Anthem (theme song), which featured the iconic voice of the legendary actor, Amitabh Bachchan.
- 37th edition of the national games of India will be held in Goa. National Games in India are organised by the Indian Olympic Association.
- PT Usha is the president of Indian Olympic Association which is headquartered in New Delhi.

3) OBC status for Transgender community

- The Jharkhand government has taken a progressive step by including the transgender community in its universal pension scheme.
- The council of ministers has approved the proposal of Mukhyamantri Rajya Samajik Suraksha Pension Yojana for transgender people under the social assistance scheme. The eligible beneficiary will receive Rs 1,000 per month as financial aid.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) "Nation First Transit Card"

- State Bank of India launched "Nation First Transit Card".
- The card is designed to facilitate seamless and convenient customer commuting experiences, offering easy digital ticketing fare payments across various modes of transportation, such as metro, buses, water ferries, parking, and more, all through a single card.
- Dinesh Kumar Khara, Chairman of SBI.





















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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Ajay to Yogi Adityanath"

• A graphic novel, 'Ajay to Yogi Adityanath,' was written by author Shantanu Gupta. The book delves into the life of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, tracing his journey from humble beginnings to the pinnacle of political leadership.

2) "Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras"

• Radhika Iyengar is the author of the book 'Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras,' released by HarperCollins. The book explores the city of Banaras (also known as Varanasi) in India, particularly its relationship with death and the afterlife.

APPOINTMENTS

1) W appointed Anushka Sharma as its brand ambassador

• Women's fashion brand W appointed Anushka Sharma as its brand ambassador.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) The International Day to Protect Education from Attack

- The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is observed on September 9th. The day is an international observance established by the United Nations General Assembly in response to the growing number of attacks on schools and educational institutions around the world.
- On May 28, 2020, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 74/275, establishing September 9 as the International Day to Protect Education from Attack.













