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and 26th December 2022

INTERNATIONAL

1) Pushpa Kamal Dahal

- In a swift move, CPN-Maoist Centre chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal, also known as Prachanda, mustered the support of 168 parliamentarians, way above the magic mark of 138 in the House of Representatives, clearing the way for his third stint in the Nepal Prime Minister's Office in the last 14 years.

- President Bidya Devi Bhandari appointed Prachanda as the prime minister as per Article 76 (2) of the

constitution.



2) Sitiveni Rabuka

- Sitiveni Rabuka was confirmed as Fiji's next Prime Minister more than two decades after the former military commander first held the office in a term lasting nearly seven years.
- The 74-year-old won the nomination by one vote over incumbent Frank Bainimarama at a sitting of the Fijian Parliament in Suva. It also signals the end of former Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama's 16 years in power.
- In the 55-member Parliament of Fiji, Sitiveni Rabuka secured 28 votes against Bainimarama's 27 votes.

3) Bomb Cyclone

- Bomb Cyclone has thrashed US and Canada with extreme climate and has trapped the residents inside their houses with snow and power outages.
- During the Christmas season, the bomb cyclone occurred due to a low temperature of -40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Thousands of flights have been canceled and several highways have been blocked. People are advised not to step outside their homes as it can be life-threatening.
- Due to Artic Blast, the US has been experiencing an extremely cold climate, heavy snow, and intense wind. The authorities have ordered to put a halt on traveling during the Christmas season because of the Bomb Cyclone.













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NATIONAL

1) Locker agreement

- The Reserve Bank of India recently said that all leading banks should issue the locker agreement to its holders before January 1, 2023, as the new locker rules will be implemented from that date. Earlier, the RBI had announced revised guidelines on August 8, 2021, which became effective from January 1, 2022. And now, all the locker owners must display their eligibility for a new locker arrangement and sign a renewal agreement prior to January 1, 2023.



STATE NEWS

1) North East Festival

- The 10th Edition of the North East Festival began at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. The festival aims to promote the North East region's diverse life, culture, traditions, and tourism.
- Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Narayan Rane inaugurated the MSME Exhibition at the North East Festival.
- The last two editions were held in Guwahati in a hybrid model due to rising Covid in the national capital. Since its inception in 2013, this festival has contributed a lot in promoting tourism in the North Eastern states

2) Losar Festival

- Ladakh celebrated Losar Festival to mark the Ladakhi New Year. Losar Festival is celebrated in Ladakh on 24th December 2022.
- The Losar Festival or the Ladakhi New year is a major socio-religious festival of Ladakh celebrated during winter.













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- The Losar Festival will continue for nine days from the new year. People will celebrate by offering prayers in the name of God and goddess.
- They will also dance and sing in honor of Ibex and the pilgrimage of Mount Kailash.

3) 75th Amrut Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 75th Amrut Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan via video-conferencing.
- Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan was established at Rajkot in 1948 by seer Shri Dharmajivandasji Swami.
- It has expanded and currently has more than 40 branches all over the world, providing facilities for school, undergraduate and postgraduate education to more than 25,000 students.
- As part of the Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, mega blood donation camps, free medical check-up camps are being organised at Sahajanand nagar where renowned multi-specialty doctors are providing free medical services and free of cost medicine to the people



4) Sports Science Centre

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur inaugurated the Sports Science Centre here at M.G. Stadium in Udupi, Karnataka. This Sports Science Centre will bring together sports scientists and athletes. The sports science center has been set up by the government of Karnataka.

5) Dance to Decarbonize event

- The Petroleum and Natural Gas ministry is planning a one-day event where renewable energy produced by dance will be utilized to charge electric automobiles as part of a novel effort.













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- The "Dance to Decarbonize" event, which is a lead-up to the India Energy Week set to take place in Bengaluru in February 2022, will take place on December 23 at the National Stadium nearby India Gate in New Delhi.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) State Bank of India

- SBI Funds Management has appointed Shamsher Singh as managing director and chief executive officer of the company.
- Singh, who was deputy managing director at State Bank of India, has taken over the charge from Vinay M Tonse following his repatriation to the public sector lender, the asset management company.



SPORTS

1) FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)

- FIFA has officially announced the 2022 world rankings, and Brazil hold on to their No. 1 spot and 22nd FIFA Men's World Cup 2022 Champions Argentina ranked 2nd.
- Morocco has improved from 22nd to 11th in the FIFA world ranking, following their achievements at the 2022 FIFA Global Cup.

2) Geta Sora

- Geta Sora, a rising star in badminton, won the under-9 category of the Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship in Malaysia, bringing honor to Arunachal and the nation as a whole.
- Jaryl Teh, the second seed from Malaysia, was defeated by Sora in two sets of 21-5 and 21-16 to win the championship.













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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Good Governance Day

- Every year, in honour of former Indian Prime Minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee's birthday, India observes "Good Governance Day".
- The day is devoted to former prime minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee. Prime Minister Narendra Modi 2014 announced that "Good Governance Day" will be observed annually on December 25 in memory of the former PM.

2) Veer Bal Diwas 2022

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to observe Veer Bal Diwas 2022 on the occasion of the Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.
- Veer Bal Diwas is going to be celebrated in India every year on 26th December. Veer Bal Diwas 2022 marks the martyrdom of Sri Guru Gobind Singh's sons Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji.













