

## 10th February 2023

#### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1) Shahbaz Sharif has approved a deal with the International Monetary Fund

- Pakistan's Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has approved a deal with the International Monetary Fund and all matters over the bailout programme are settled, citing sources.
- Cash-strapped Pakistan had been due to wrap up talks with the IMF in a bid to unlock stalled funds from a \$6.5 billion bailout to ward off economic meltdown.

#### 2) The Quad, a plurilateral structure

- The commencement of a public campaign to strengthen cyber security in these four countries has been announced by The Quad, a plurilateral structure made up of India, Australia, Japan, and the US.



#### 3) Tokamak Energy

- Oxford-based Tokamak Energy created a new generation of high temperature superconducting magnets and are being manufactured and tested in situations that are pertinent to fusion power plants.
- Strong magnetic fields are needed to contain and manage the extremely hot, positively-charged hydrogen fuel, which creates a plasma several times hotter than the sun, in order to produce clean, sustainable fusion energy.

#### 4) State of Disaster

- In order to speed up the government's reaction to an ongoing energy crisis, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa proclaimed a state of Disaster.
- He also promised to designate a minister in his office who will concentrate on increasing the supply of power.















#### **NATIONAL**

#### 1) Samsung Semiconductor India Research

- Samsung Semiconductor India Research has announced a new partnership with the Indian Institute of Science to promote research and development in the field of on-chip Electrostatic Discharge Protection. Samsung India announced that it will hire around 1000 engineers for its R&D institutes, including its Samsung Semiconductor India Research in Bengaluru last year.

#### 2) Alphabet Inc. lost \$100 billion in market

- Alphabet Inc. lost \$100 billion in market value shortly after its new chatbot inadvertently disclosed false information in a promotional video.
- While Microsoft shares jumped almost 3% before losing some of their gains, its shares fell as much as 9% during regular trade.

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#### 3) Indore Municipal Corporation

- Indore Municipal Corporation has launched India's first public issue of municipal bonds intending to raise up to Rs 244 crore to fund a solar power project.
- This would be the first time a municipal body is targeting individual investors in India.
- The base issue size is Rs 122 crore with an option to retain an oversubscription of up to Rs 122 crore, aggregating up to a limit of Rs 244 crore.

#### 4) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Lok Sabha has revealed that the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes is currently functioning with less than 50% of its sanctioned strength.
- According to data from the Commission, rules provide for the ST panel to have one Chairperson, one Vice-Chairperson, and three Members (two among V-C and Members must be from ST community).
- Currently, it just has a Chairperson (Harsh Chouhan) and one Member (Ananta Nayak) with all other positions, including that of the mandatory ST Member, vacant for the last three years.















#### 5) Global Quality Infrastructure Index 2021

- India's national accreditation system under the Quality Council of India has been ranked 5th in the world in the recent Global Quality Infrastructure Index 2021.
- The GQII ranks the 184 economies in the world on the basis of the quality infrastructure.

#### 6) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development

- India's newly created infrastructure-financing institution is planning a maiden bond issue of 50 billion rupees in the next quarter.
- The managing director at the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development, India's new development finance institution, Rajkiran Rai informed that the institution aims to test the market in terms of pricing with the small issuance.



#### **STATE NEWS**

### 1) Google honored PK Rosy who became the first female lead in Malayalam cinema with a doodle

- PK Rosy was born on 10th February 1903 in Thiruvananthapuram formerly known as Trivandrum.
- Google remembers PK Rosy, the first woman leader in Malayalam on her 120th birth anniversary. She was the first actress to work in Malayalam films with JC Daniel's Vigathakumaran.
- Google shared the animated caricature of PK Rosy on Twitter, quoting "Today's Doodle Honours PK Rosy, the first female-led to be featured in Malayalam cinema.

#### 2) Global Investors Summit 2023

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023 in Lucknow.
- The 10-12 February event is expected to be attended by several ministers of the Union and the state government and a host of leading industrialists.

#### 3) Small Satellite Launch Vehicle















- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the second edition of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV-D2) from the first launch pad of Satish Dhawan space centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

#### 1) Drugmaker Pfizer Limited

- Drugmaker Pfizer Limited has announced the appointment of Meenakshi Nevatia as an Additional Director and Managing Director for five years.
- She comes in the place of S Sridhar, who announced his early retirement in August 2022. Sridhar, the current India country President, will step down as Managing Director and board member from March 31, 2023.

#### 2) India's Supreme Court is now back to its full strength of 34

- India's Supreme Court is now back to its full strength of 34, with the elevation of two High Court Chief Justices to the apex court.
- The last time the apex court was at its full strength was in September-November 2019. The Chief Justices of the Allahabad High Court and the Gujarat High Court are the latest additions to the 34-judge collegium.



#### **SPORTS**

#### 1) Indian Olympian Aditi Ashok

- Indian Olympian Aditi Ashok won the 2023 Magical Kenya Ladies Open Title with a final-round score of 74. This is the fourth Ladies' European championship of Aditi Ashok overall.
- Her first LET title comes after winning the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Open in Abu Dhabi in 2017. She finished with a score of 12-under 280 at the Vipingo Ridges after shooting a final round of (67-70-69-74).















#### 2) Cristiano Ronaldo

- Cristiano Ronaldo scored all of Al Nassr's goals in a 4-0 rout of Al Wehda in the Saudi league as he passed the 500 league goal mark in his club career.
- The 38-year-old Portuguese star now has 503 goals scored for five different teams stretched across five leagues.
- The Portuguese superstar scored 103 goals for Manchester United, 311 for Real Madrid, 81 for Juventus, three for Sporting Lisbon. Now, he has five for Al Nassr as well.

#### 3) Ravichandran Ashwin

- Ravichandran Ashwin picked up his 450th Test wicket during the first Border-Gavaskar Trophy game between India and Australia at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur. He achieved the feat when he bowled Alex Carey in the 54th over.
- He also became the fastest Indian to scale the landmark, going past former leg-spinner Anil Kumble. Ashwin took 89 Tests to reach the milestone as compared to Kumble's 93.



#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### 1) World Pulses Day is celebrated on February 10

- Every year World Pulses Day is celebrated on February 10 with an aim to spread awareness about the nutritional and environmental benefits of pulses as part of sustainable food production.
- In 2019, the UN General Assembly dedicated a day to Pulses to increase awareness and access to pulses globally. Pulses also known as legumes, are considered as global foods, and are produced in almost every country.

#### 1) Italian Skier Elena Fanchini passed at the age of 37

- Italian Skier Elena Fanchini passed at the age of 37 after a toiling battle with cancer on 9th February 2023.
- Elena Fanchini competed at three Winter Olympics and six World Championships for Italy, and she won a silver medal in the download at the 2005 World Championships.
- Her last race was in December 2017 after that she stepped away from the game due to her diagnosis.











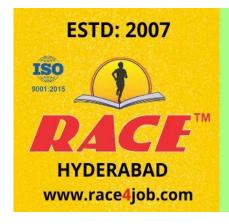


#### 2) B.K.S. Verma, has passed away in the city

- Popular artist B.K.S. Verma, has passed away in the city. The subject of his paintings was mainly environmental and social issues presented in a surreal form.
- Born in 1949, Varma's father Krishnamacharya was a musician while his mother Jayalakshmi was an artist.
- He was trained in art by the legendary art teacher A.N. Subbarao at the art and culture institution he founded, Kalamandir, in the 1960s.









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