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INTERNATIONAL

1) United States

The United States announced that it will extend COVID-19 pandemic-era restrictions, known as Title 42, to expel migrants from Nicaragua, Cuba and Haiti caught crossing the U.S.Mexico border back to Mexico.
The move would block more nationalities from seeking asylum in the United States, and raises questions about the implications of this policy expansion and its legality.

- At the same time, the White House said it would open more legal pathways for migrants from those nations to apply to enter the country from abroad.

2) Public schools in Western Australia

- Now Punjabi is all set to be taught in public schools in Western Australia. The language is all set to be introduced into the school curriculum.

- The Australian government is adopting Punjabi as the newest language after a 2021 census showed that it was the fastest-growing language in Australia with more than 239,000 people using it at home, an increase of over 80 per cent from 2016, reported SBS Punjabi.



3) USS West Virginia

- In a rare announcement, the United States said its ballistic missile submarine, USS West Virginia, visited its Indian Ocean military base at Diego Garcia.

- Before it visited the base at Diego Garcia, the submarine had surfaced in the Arabian Sea and participated in a joint, US Strategic Command-directed communications exercise to validate emerging and innovative tactics in the Indian Ocean.





4) Sabaragamuwa University

- The Indian High Commission signed a memorandum of understanding with the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to establish a Hindi Chair.

- The MoU was signed by High Commissioner Gopal Baglay, and Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University Professor Udaya Rathnayake.

- The MoU aims to establish the Hindi Chair as a part of India's cultural connection through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

- The Hindi chair will help in familiarizing students of Sabaragamuwa University with India, its history, and its culture. It will also pave the way for popularising Hindi by deputing Indian faculties.



NATIONAL

1) Saarang 2023

- The 28th edition of Saarang, India's largest student-run festival begins at IIT Madras on 11th January 2023.

- Saarang 2023 will feature more than 100 events with participation from 500 colleges across the country. The Saarang 2023 is one of the largest student-run festivals held completely in physical mode.

- It is expected to see over 80,000 people at the festival. The fest will be held till 15th January 2023.

2) 'Jai Hindi'

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 'Jai Hindi' Light and Sound Show at Red Fort, in New Delhi.

- At the inaugural ceremony of 'Jai Hindi' Light and Sound Show, Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy, Minister of State for Cultures, Meenakshi Lekhi, Lt Governor of Dekhi VK Saxena, Minister of State, and Several other dignitaries were present.





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3) Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the new integrated food security scheme for providing free foodgrains to Antyodaya Ann Yojana and Primary Household beneficiaries, to be rolled out from 1st January 2023.

- The new scheme has been named Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana. The PMGKAY started on 1st January 2023, benefiting more than 80 crores of poor and poorest of poor people.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Year of Enterprises'

- The 'Year of Enterprises' Project was recognized as the best practices model at the National Conference on Micro Small and Medium Enterprises.

- The 'Year of Enterprises' aimed to create 1,00,000 enterprises and has successfully created 1,18,509 enterprises and got investment worth ₹7,261.54 crores.



3) Aadi Shaurya – Parv Parakram Ka Tribal Dance

- The 23rd of this month will see the Aadi Shaurya – Parv Parakram Ka Tribal Dance Festival and Military Tattoo at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.

- The two-day celebration, according to the Defence Ministry, would display the strength of the Armed Forces and the cultural beauty of India's tribal cultures

4) Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh

- Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (retd) has approved the 30 percent horizontal reservation to domicile women of the state in the government jobs bill.





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- The state assembly of Uttarakhand passed the Uttarakhand Public Services (Horizontal Reservation for women) Bill on 29th November 2022. The consent of the Governor has now made the bill into an act.

SPORTS

1) France team captain Hugo Lloris

- France team captain Hugo Lloris has announced his decision to retire from international football at the age of 36.

- Lloris represented France in four World Cups and three Euros and captained Les Blues to the World Cup trophy in 2018.

- The Tottenham Hotspur shotstopper led his team to the World Cup final in Qatar, where they were beaten by Argentina on penalties.

2) 'Hockeyverse'

- Hockey India has launched a new metaverse product to tie in with its hosting of the Men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13-29.

- 'Hockeyverse', which Hockey India claims marks a first for a national sports federation, has been launched across the governing body's social media platforms and is designed to enhance the tournament experience for fans around the world.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) Jadunama

- Jadunama, a book written on veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar by Arvind Mandloi, was released. Javed's wife, actor Shabana Azmi and children Zoya and Farhan Akhtar were present at the book launch. Farhan's wife, actor Shibani Dandekar also attended the event.





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- Jadunama is about a writer, poet, lyricist, and political activist. It is also about this one man's struggle since childhood to become what he is today and to create a hallmark of success in everything he does. **IMPORTANT DAYS**

1) National Youth Day

- National Youth Day is celebrated every year on January 12 to mark the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

- Every year on this occasion, the government organises National Youth Festival in collaboration with one state willing to host from January 12 to January 16.

- This year Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the festival on January 12 in Huballi, Karnataka.

2) Road Safety Week

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India is observing the Road Safety Week from 11th to 17th January 2023, under "Swachhata Pakhwada", to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.
During the Week, various activities is being organised throughout the Country to create awareness among general public and to give an opportunity to all stakeholders to contribute to the cause of road safety.
This includes various awareness campaigns related to causes of road accidents and measures to prevent them. Various activities with School/college students, drivers and all other road users have also been planned.

OBITUARY

1) Constantine II, the former and last King of Greece Passed away

- Constantine II, the former and last King of Greece who ruled Greece before the country became a republic in 1974 passed away in Athens, Greece, at 82.

- He was born of King Paul I, younger brother to King George II, of Greece and German aristocrat Princess Frederica of Hannover, Germany, on 2nd June 1940 in Psikhikó near Athens, Greece.



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