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INTERNATIONAL

1) European Parliament have voted to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars

- Members of the European Parliament have voted to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035.
- This step aims to step up the fight against climate change through the faster development of electric vehicles.
- The voting was held on an amendment that would have allowed some auto emissions from new vehicles after 2035, which was rejected by Members of Parliament.

2) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

- According to the World Investment Report from UNCTAD, India jumped by one position to 7th among the top FDI recipients in 2021.
- The USA remained the top recipient with \$367 billion of FDI, followed by China and Hong Kong.
- UNCTAD Headquarters is located at Geneva. It is a permanent intergovernmental body established by the UN General Assembly in 1964.

3) Marijuana or cannabis

- Thailand becomes first Asian country to legalise Marijuana or cannabis. Cannabis is a plant that has uses as a recreational and medicinal drug.
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- In India, cannabis-derived drugs are unavailable, illegal and cannot be prescribed by doctors.

NATIONAL

1) Biotech Startup Expo - 2022

- Prime Minister inaugurated Biotech Startup Expo - 2022. It is being organised by Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and BIRAC.
- It marks the completion of ten years of setting up of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council.

2) Rashtriya Puruskar Portal Launched





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- Rashtriya Puruskar Portal (<https://awards.gov.in>) was launched under the Ministry of Home Affairs to bring together all the Awards of the various Ministries/ Departments/Agencies of the Government of India under one digital platform to ensure transparency and public partnership.
- This Portal aims to facilitate citizens to nominate individuals/organizations for various Awards.

3) Greater One-Horned Rhino

- The reintroduction of Greater One-Horned Rhino in Manas National Park of Assam has indicated higher life expectancy of them.
- Rhino reintroduction programme was started in 2006 under the Indian Rhino Vision 2020 from Kaziranga National Park and Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Manas National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a tiger reserve in Western Assam.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) AR Rahman

- AR Rahman has been appointed as ambassador of The Season of Culture, which marks the 75th anniversary of India's independence.
- It was officially launched, by Britain's Deputy High Commissioner to India Jan Thomson and Director (India) of the British Council Barbara Wickham.

2) Krishna Srinivasan

- Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund has announced the appointment of Indian national Krishna Srinivasan as director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD) from June 22.
- Srinivasan will succeed Changyong Rhee.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'Loktantra ke Swar'

- Union Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan along with Union Minister Anurag Thakur released books 'Loktantra ke Swar' and 'The Republican Ethic, having selected speeches of the President of India Ram Nath Kovind.

