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INTERNATIONAL

1) Cyclone Gabrielle approaches the coast of the nation

- As the Cyclone Gabrielle approaches the coast of the nation, residents of Auckland, the largest city in New Zealand, and the surrounding area are being warned to prepare for more intense rain, flooding, and galeforce winds. Some homes are also being evacuated.

2) Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu

- A former judge and freedom fighter, Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu, was elected unopposed as Bangladesh's 22nd President.
- A gazette was issued on the appointment of the new Bangladesh President by the Chief Election
- According to the country's Chief Election Commission, 74-year-old Chuppu will replace President Mohammad Abdul Hamid.



3) Nikos Christodoulides

- Nikos Christodoulides was elected as the President of Cyprus after a second and final round of voting. Christodoulides, 49, took 51.9% of the vote, compared with runoff rival Andreas Mavroyiannis, 66, taking 48.1%.
- Christodoulides ran as an independent with the backing of centrist and right-of-center parties. The new President also happens to be the former Foreign Minister of the country and he comes with plenty of experience as far as governance is concerned.
- Although Cyprus is a small country with a small voting population, its importance could be seen from a geopolitical point of view.











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4) Rayyana Barnawi

- The first-ever woman astronaut of Saudi Arabia will go to space this year, Saudi woman astronaut Rayyana Barnawi will join fellow Saudi Ali Al-Qarni on a 10-day mission to the International Space Station (ISS) this year.
- Barnawi and Al-Qarni will fly to the ISS aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft as part of a mission by the private space company Axiom Space.

NATIONAL

1) The 144th anniversary of Sarojini Naidu's

- Every year on February 13, the nation commemorates Sarojini Naidu's birth anniversary. The 144th anniversary of Sarojini Naidu's birth is this year.
- She was well-known in India as a poet, politician, and administrator. She was one of the well-known female figures of the 20th century and was born on February 13th, 1879 in Hyderabad. Because of her poetry, she was often referred to as the "Nightingale of India." She was a key figure in the Indian National Movement, which fought for the nation's independence.



2) India's first air-conditioned double-decker electric bus

- India's first air-conditioned double-decker electric bus was inducted into the fleet of BEST- the civic transport public body in Mumbai.
- The wet-leased e-bus will be registered at the Regional Transport Office before it hits the road for the public. This air-conditioned double-decker electric bus is likely to ply on the routes in suburbs where conventional double-decker buses that run on diesel are currently operated.

Lokesh Chandra, general manager of the Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) Undertaking, informed that they are scheduled to receive 4-5 more double-decker air-conditioned e-buses in the next 8-10 days and a total of 20 such buses before March end from Switch Mobility, a subsidiary of automobile manufacture Ashok Leyland. The number of double-decker e-buses will reach 200 by this yearend.











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5) Bima Sugam portal

- The government has said that it proposes to set up a Bima Sugam portal to address the existing protection gap across life, health and general insurance businesses in the country.
- Replying to a question in the Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has informed that the portal will be an insurance market infrastructure, where insurers, distribution networks and the policy holders would virtually meet across a seamless digital platform.
- She said the portal is expected to improve accessibility and ease of insurance purchase to policyholders. This will also serve as a readymade digital platform for insurers and distribution networks. The initiatives taken by the Government to protect the interest of General Insurance Agents and Life Insurance Agents when this new policy is implemented in insurance sector.



STATE NEWS

- 1) The country's strictest Anti-Copying Law has come into force in Uttarakhand
- The country's strictest Anti-Copying Law has come into force in Uttarakhand. Governor Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh has approved the Uttarakhand Competitive Examination (Measures for Prevention and Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Ordinance 2023.
- In view of this, the Anti-Copying Law is being described as the biggest anti-copying law in the country. This comes after the UKPSC paper leak which led to cancellation of exam for around 1.4 lakh government job aspirants.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Appointment of Judges

- The Four judges, including two who will retire later this month, were appointed as chief justices of high courts. Justice Sonia Giridhar Gokani, senior-most judge of the Gujarat High Court, was appointed its chief justice. Once she takes oath, she will be the only woman chief justice of a high court.















- India has 25 high courts. Justice Sabina is functioning as the acting chief justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.
- Justice Gokani will demit office on February 25 upon attaining the age of 62. Justice Gokani is drawn from the judicial service of Gujarat. "Besides being the senior-most judge, the appointment of Justice Gokani as Chief Justice will bring a sense of inclusion and facilitate a representation for judges drawn from the services in the office of Chief Justice," the SC Collegium had said while recommending her name.
- The Collegium had asked the government to "immediately" appoint her as the chief justice following the elevation of Justice Aravind Kumar, the HC chief justice so far, as a judge of the Supreme Court. He was elevated to the top court

2) Aniket Sunil Talati

- The Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) elected its new president and vice president.
- For the 2023-24 term, Aniket Sunil Talati will serve as the president of ICAI, while Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal will be the accounting body's vice president.
- At the helm of the ICAI's council, Talati and Agarwal will be responsible for organising the three-tiered CA exam and looking after all administrative affairs



SPORTS

1) DS Penske's Jean-Eric Vergne

- DS Penske's Jean-Eric Vergne won Formula E's first race in India as Porsche's Pascal Wehrlein extended his championship lead with fourth place in Hyderabad.
- The win was Vergne's 11th in Formula E but first in two years and the double champion needed an energy-saving defensive drive to hold off New Zealander Cassidy in the closing laps near the Hussain Sagar Lake.

2) Khelo India Youth Games













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- The fifth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games conclude on February 11. In the Khelo India Youth Games 2022, Maharashtra was the overall champion by securing a total of 161 medals including 56 gold, 55 silver and 50 bronze medals.
- On the other hand, Haryana has been at the second position by getting a total of 128 medals including 41 gold, 32 silver and 55 bronze. Host Madhya Pradesh finished third with 96 medals including 39 gold.

3) Indian batter Smriti Mandhana

- Indian batter Smriti Mandhana was the most expensive buy at the inaugural Women's Premier League auction in Mumbai.
- Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) snapped her up for INR 3.4 crore deal. After bagging a whopping amount paid by the RCB in the WPL auction, Mandhana is set to earn double the Pakistan Super League (PSL) highest-paid players.











