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INTERNATIONAL

1) World BlockChain Summit Begins In Dubai

- World Blockchain Summit in Dubai is taking place on Oct. 17 and 18, 2022 at Atlantis, The Palm. It is one of the most elite gatherings of the global crypto and blockchain ecosystem.
- The 22nd global edition of the World Blockchain Summit will bring together some of the world's leading crypto influencers, policymakers, key government delegates, media, family offices, HNIs and other curated investors, among others, to foster the crypto and blockchain community across the globe.

2) SARANG FESTIVAL in Republic of korea

- The 8th edition of annual flagship cultural program of Embassy of India, Seoul 'SARANG- The Festival of India in Republic of Korea' will be held from Sept. 30 through Oct. 14, 2022 in offline mode at various locations across the country after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 pandemic.



NATIONAL

1) PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022

- PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 Launched The PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 will be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.
- More than 13,500 farmers from all around the country and about 1,500 agri entrepreneurs are expected to attend the two-day event.
- 2) Minimum Support Price





















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- The Union Cabinet approved an increase in the Minimum Support Price for all Rabi Crops for the Marketing Season 2023-24. The highest increase has been cleared for lentils with a hike of 500 rupees per quintal. The MSP on wheat has been hiked by 110 rupees and barley by 100 rupees.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Former Infosys President Ravi Kumar joins Cognizant

- Former Infosys president Ravi Kumar S, who resigned from the Bengaluru-based IT company last week, is joining as president of Cognizant Americas. Kumar will take on the position from January 16, 2023, and will be reporting directly to Brian Humphries, chief executive officer (CEO) of Cognizant.
- Kumar succeeds Dharmendra Kumar Sinha who retired from Cognizant last year. At present, Sinha is the president of the public cloud business unit in Rackspace Technology. Surya Gummadi will continue to hold the post of interim president for Cognizant Americas till Kumar joins, after which he will move to lead Cognizant's \$5-billion health sciences business.



2) Bharati Das

- The government of India has appointed Bharati Das, an officer of the Indian Civil Accounts Service of the 1988 batch, as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. She is the 27th Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance.

3) Dr Prashant Garg

- Dr Prashant Garg, executive chair, L V Prasad Eye Institute, has been elected as a 'Member' of the prestigious Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis (AOI).
- Dr Garg becomes the fifth from India to ever receive this honour. His tenure as a Member of Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis will formally commence next year during AOI's next General Assembly meeting.













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4) JP Morgan

- JP Morgan has announced the appointment of its new Country Head of India, Kaustubh Kulkarni. Madhav Kalyan the current country head of India will be serving in the Asia Pacific Payments Division from 1st November 2022.
- Kaustubh Kulkarni is currently serving as the head of investment banking in JP Morgan India and also as the Vice-chair of Asia Pacific for the bank and also as the co-head of investment banking for Southeast Asia.

5) Atanu Chakraborty

- Atanu Chakraborty now the Chairman of Yub Atanu Chakraborty has been appointed as the Independent Chairman of the Yubi board, as told by the company itself.
- In addition, Atanu Chakraborty serves as HDFC Bank's board chairman at the moment. Atanu Chakraborty served as the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and a member of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India, according to a press release from the Chennai-based debt marketplace.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Alexia Putellas, Karim Benzema win 2022 Ballon d'Or awards

- Real Madrid's Karim Benzema, a professional French footballer, has won the Men's Ballon d'Or (Golden Ball Award) 2022 and becomes the 5th Frenchman to win the prize.
- Barcelona's Alexia Putellas, a Spanish professional footballer, has won the Women's Ballon d'Or award or Ballon d'Or Féminin Award for the 2nd time.
- The 66th edition of the Ballon d'Or Ceremony (2022) was held on 17th October 2022 at the Théâtre du Châtelet. Paris, France. Karim Benzema becomes only the 2nd player aside from Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo to win the award since 2008.
- The most number of Ballon d'Or was received by Lionel Messi. He tops the list with 7 awards followed by Cristiano Ronaldo with 5 awards.













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SPORTS

1) Novak Djokovic

- Serbian scientists have named a new species of beetle after the tennis player Novak Djokovic, a Serbian tennis player due to its speed, strength, flexibility, durability and ability to survive in a difficult environment. The new species of beetle belongs to the Duvalius genus that is present in Europe.
- It was discovered several years ago in an underground pit in western Serbia. The insect is a specialised underground Coleoptera beetle, a predator which lost its eyes living deep underground.

2) Bernard Dunne

- Former Irish professional boxer Bernard Dunne has been named the high-performance director (HPD) for Indian boxing. Dunne, who had a five-year (2017-2022) stint with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association, replaces Santiago Nieva.
- During Dunne's tenure with the Ireland team, Kellie Harrington emerged as World (2018, Delhi) and Olympic (2021, Tokyo) champion, while Amy Broadhurst and Lisa O'Rourke won golds at this year's World Championships in Istanbul and Aidan Walsh secured a bronze at the Tokyo Olympics.

3) Asian Football Confederation

- The Asian Football Confederation Executive Committee has confirmed the Qatar Football Association as the host association for the AFC Asian Cup 2023. The 11th AFC Executive Committee meeting was chaired by AFC President Shaikh Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa.
- He congratulated the QFA on their successful bid and also conveyed the appreciation of the Asian Football Family to the Football Association of Indonesia and the Korea Football Association for their proposals.













