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1) Innovative solar roof cycling track

- In Hyderabad, a sustainable shift towards cycling, with the introduction of an innovative solar roof cycling track (23 KM long) near the city's Outer Ring Road.
- The track encompasses three lanes and consists of two segments. Distinguished by its 16MW solar panels fixed on the roof, this project sets an impressive sustainability precedent.

2) National Space Day

- The Prime Minister celebrated the achievement of Chandrayaan-3 as a significant scientific milestone that demonstrates India's prowess in space exploration.
- He also announced that the point of Chandrayaan-3's landing would be known as 'Shiv Shakti.'
- He acknowledged the contribution of women scientists and referred to the Chandrayaan-2 landing site as "Tiranga".
- He announced that August 23rd will be observed as 'National Space Day' to celebrate science, technology, and innovation.

3) Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Programme

- The Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Programme has launched a Call for Concept Notes for Phase IV of the Tiger Programme, aiming to further protect big cats and their environments.
- Leopards and both mainland and Sunda clouded leopards are now eligible for funding.















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4) B20 Summit India 2023

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the B20 Summit India 2023, highlighting various aspects related to business, sustainability, and global cooperation.
- The B20 Summit India is a platform for policymakers, business leaders, and experts to discuss policy recommendations for G20. Its theme is "RAISE".
- The PM also proposed the idea of an "International Consumer Care Day" to strengthen trust between businesses and consumers.

5) Commemorative coin in honor of late N T Rama Rao

- President Droupadi Murmu unveiled a commemorative coin in honor of the legendary actor and former chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, late N T Rama Rao.
- The ceremony took place at the esteemed Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, marking the centenary year of N T Rama Rao's remarkable life and contributions.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas"

- In a event held at the Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Centre in Bhopal, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj S. Chauhan, launched books on the speeches of PM Narendra Modi titled "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas".
- The book focus on Prime Minister Modi's inspiring speeches, emphasizing unity, development and trust.















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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) ESA/NASA Solar Orbiter spacecraft

- The ESA/NASA Solar Orbiter spacecraft has identified numerous small jets of material emanating from the Sun's outer atmosphere, lasting for 20 to 100 seconds and expelling plasma at speeds around 100 km/s.
- These jets, detected by Solar Orbiter's Extreme Ultraviolet Imager (EUI) instrument, could potentially be the source of the solar wind.

APPOINTMENTS

1) Geetika Srivastava

Geetika Srivastava, a 2005 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is appointed as the new Charge d'Affaires in Islamabad. She replaced Dr M Suresh Kumar.

2) Sanjeev Kapoor

- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. is taking significant steps to expand its business in the commercial and industrial LPG segment.
- The company recently launched a captivating video conferencing featuring Celebrity Chef Sanjeev Kapoor as a brand ambassador for its Indane XTRATEJ LPG brand.















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SPORTS

1) BWF World Badminton Championships 2023

- Indian badminton player HS Prannoy secured a bronze medal in the men's singles at the BWF World Badminton Championships 2023.
- His campaign concluded with a semi-final loss to Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn in a competitive match.
- HS Prannoy's bronze medal at the BWF World Badminton Championships is a notable achievement for Indian badminton.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Whale Shark Day

Every year, on August 30, International Whale Shark Day is celebrated. The day is to raise awareness about the plight of whale sharks, the largest fish in the world.

2) National Sports Day 2023

- Every year, on August 29, National Sports Day 2023 is celebrated.
- The day also serves as a reminder for all of us to recall the contributions, determination, and extraordinary achievements of the athletes and their influence in shaping societies.
- Theme of 2023: "Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society".















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