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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

MoU for Energizing Startup Ecosystem in East and North East India – IIM Calcutta innovation park and ICC

- It will primarily be focusing on developing **start-up Ecosystems** that make a **socio-economic impact** in the **Eastern and North-East states**.
- This will help start-up entrepreneurs access ICC's member network.

Institution's Innovation Council, innovation cell by HRD Ministry in New Delhi

- This cell is done for **Higher Education institutions**.
- The objective of this initiative is to Encourage, Inspire and Nurture young students by exposing them to new ideas.

STATE AFFAIRS

Nari Sashaktikaran Sankalp Abhiyan – Women Empowerment Campaign launched in Lucknow, UP

- It is aimed to empower women in the state through various programmes including Education, Self-employment, Health, Cleanliness, Nutrition.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Most vocation deprived nation in the World, India ranked 5th : Expedia

- It was done by **Expedia**, a US based travel agency.
- **India** ranked 5th in the table after Japan, Italy, Australia, New Zealand.
- India is followed by United States and Malaysia.

Saudi, UAE announced US\$ 500 Million in Aid to Yemen

- It is in aid to the **war torn Yemen** in response to the dismal humanitarian conditions.
- When Saudi Arabia and the UAE intervened in the Yemen to the **support Yemeni President Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi**.
- Iran aligned **Houthi Rebel group** took over the **Capital Sana'a**.

LEPV- YEMEN ❖ Capital – Sana'a ❖ Currency - Yemeni rial

BANKING & FINANCE

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank launches personal loan facility for Salaried individuals

- Personal loan starting from **50,000 to Rs. 15 lakhs** will be offered to salaried professionals who are earning a monthly salary above Rs.45,000.

LEPV- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank ❖ H.Q. – Bengaluru, Karnataka ❖ MD & CEO – Sumit Ghosh

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Paytm partners with LIC for Insurance Premium payments

- Paytm (One 97 Communications Ltd.) has partnered with LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India) to offer online Insurance premium payments on its platform.
- Paytm now has 30 Insurance Companies on its platform.
- LIC of India is the **biggest in the World** in terms of policy count with about **360 million policies**.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Sayaji Ratna Award received by film Superstar Amitabh Bachchan

- He had helped farmers from **Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra** to pay off loans through his contribution.
- The 1st two recipients of the Award were Infosys Co-founder N R Narayana Murthy and Industrialist Ratan Tata.

International Green Apple award for Environmental best practice won by Manipal Academy of Higher Education

- The award was received by **Derrick Ian Joshua, Assistant Director**, Manipal Academy of Higher Education.
- **Green Apple**, the award winning which competed to pick the green **individuals, companies, councils and communities**.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Joyce Msuya

- Appointed as **UNEP Executive Director**.
- **UNEP Nations Environment programme** after the resignation of Erik Solheim.
- UNEP is the leading global environment authority that works with range of partners including UN Entities, International organization.

Abhijit Bose

- **Whatsapp** appoints Abhijit Bose as **India head**, to setup team in Gurugram.
- He has experience in **Product Management, Product Development and Product Marketing** with expertise in Software and Mobile market.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Neighbourly App launched in Bengaluru, Delhi together information about a neighbourhood : Google NBU

- **Google's Next Billion Users (NBU)** team **Neighbourly App** in Delhi & Bangalore.
- It will help people by sourcing local information from their neighbours about their neighbourhood in an easier way.

Morocco first satellite : Mahammed VI-B

- It was developed by **Thales Alenia Space and Airbus** from French Guiana.
- It is part of Morocco's ambitious Space Program – the **first in Africa**.