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INTERNATIONAL

1) "Mercom India Solar Open Access Market Report Q4 & Annual 2021"

According to Mercom India Research's newly released report titled "Mercom India Solar Open Access Market Report Q4 & Annual 2021," India has added 1.2 Giga Watts of new solar open access capacity in the calendar year 2021, marking a growth of 222% during the year. The top 3 states in installation of open access solar capacities of the CY 2021 are Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.

NATIONAL

1) 'India and the Arctic: building a partnership for sustainable development'

Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh released India's Arctic policy titled 'India and the Arctic: building a partnership for sustainable development' in New Delhi.India is one of 13 nations holding Observer status in the Arctic Council. The Arctic council was founded in 1996.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) "UPI Lite - On-Device wallet" ("UPI Lite")

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) designed the "UPI Lite - On-Device wallet" ("UPI Lite") functionality for UPI users for small value transactions. About 75% of the total volume of retail transactions (including cash) in India are below Rs 100 transaction value. Further, 50% of the total UPI transactions are having a transaction value of up to Rs 200/-.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Diebedo Francis Kere

An architect Diebedo Francis Kere from Burkina Faso, West Africa became the first African to win the 51st Pritzker Architecture Prize 2022. It's a most prestigious honour in the field of architecture. The prize is granted annually and is often referred to as "architecture's Nobel".

2) Best MSME Bank of the Year

Karnataka Bank Limited has been honoured with ASSOCHAM Award's Best MSME Bank of the Year (Private Category) award among the Private Sector Banks at the 8th MSMEs Excellence Awards Ceremony and Summit, instituted by The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) – the apex trade body. The Summit was organised under the theme "Enabling Indian MSMEs to Go Global".

IMPORTANT NEWS

1) World Sparrow Day

World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on March 20th. This day is meant to raise

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awareness about the house sparrow and the dangers it confronts. The theme of World Sparrow Day is "LOVE Sparrows."

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "More than Just Surgery: Life Lessons Beyond the OT"

Padma Awardee Dr Tehemton Erach Udwadia has authored a new book titled "More than Just Surgery: Life Lessons Beyond the OT", a personal account of people, incidents, mentors, failures, and absurdities against the backdrop of surgery.

SPORTS

1) UP Billiards Championship 2022

Indian cueist Pankaj Advani has defeated Dhruv Sitwala to win his eighth title at the 19th Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022. It was held in Doha, Qatar. Overall this is Advani's 24th international title and 8th Asian crown.



