

<u>13th July</u>

INTERNATIONAL

1) 11th meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of World Election Bodies

- Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar led a delegation from the Election Commission of India to attend the 11th meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of World Election Bodies in Cartagena, Colombia.
- It's membership currently consists of 118 EMBs as members and 20 Regional associations as associate members.
- The association of world election bodies is the largest association of Election Management Bodies worldwide and aims to foster efficiency and effectiveness in conducting free, fair, transparent and participative elections worldwide.

NATIONAL

1) Kui language in the eighth schedule

- The state cabinet of Odisha has approved the recommendation to include the Kui language in the eighth schedule of the Constitution of India.
- The language is also referred to as Kandh, Khondi, Kanda, Kodu, Kuinga.
- The inclusion of the Kui language in the 8th schedule will help in the preservation, promotion and propagation of this language and associated culture.

2) Sangam Literature

- The Tamil Nadu Text Book and Education Services Corporation has published a collection of ten idylls called Patthuppattu.
- The Sangam period or age, particularly referring to the third Sangam period, is the period of the history of ancient Tamil Nadu, Kerala and parts of Sri Lanka.





STATE NEWS

1) Ker Puja

- Ker Puja is an annual festival celebrated in the state of Tripura, India.
- The puja is initiated by the Tripura raja at the royal Ujjayanta palace in Tripura. During the Ker Puja, a designated area is marked off and enclosed by a large piece of green bamboo, symbolizing Ker.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Unified Payment Interface

- RBI announced that customers will soon be able to use QR codes of the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) network for transactions using digital currency.
- The interoperability of QR codes will facilitate more transactions using central bank digital currency.
- In 2022, RBI launched CBDC, known as the Digital Rupee. It is a digital form of currency issued and regulated by RBI, representing a digitized version of India's official currency.

APPOINTMENTS

1) Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Justice S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti

- Telangana Chief Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Kerala Chief Justice S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti have been appointed as judges of the Supreme Court by the President.
- The two new appointments increase the judicial strength of the apex court to 33, leaving only one vacancy.



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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Brucellosis

- Recently, in Kerala, a 7 year old student has tested positive for Brucellosis, a bacterial infection that can spread from animals to humans.
- Brucellosis is commonly found in cattle, and humans can contract the infection through close contact with animals or animal products. If not treated promptly, the infection can be life-threatening.

ENVIRONMENT

1) Dudhwa Tiger Reserve

- Recently, 4 tigers died within two months in the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh, India.
- The Dudhwa Tiger Reserve is a protected area in Uttar Pradesh located on the India-Nepal border.
- It is the only place in Uttar Pradesh where both Tigers and Rhinos can be spotted together.

OBITUARY

1) Luis Suárez Miramontes

- Luis Suárez Miramontes, also known as the "Golden Galician," was passed away at the age of 88.
- He was the only Spanish man to receive soccer's most prestigious individual accolade, the Ballon d'Or.



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REPORT AND INDICES

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1) Global Multidimensional Poverty Index

- Global Multidimensional Poverty Index is released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).
- India has shown significant progress in all three deprivation indicators: health, education, and standard of living.
- The percentage of people deprived of nutrition decreased from 44.3% in 2005/2006 to 11.8% in 2019/2021, and child mortality fell from 4.5% to 1.5%.



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