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INTERNATIONAL

1) National Paralympic Committees of Russia and Belarus

- The International Paralympic Committee voted to suspend the National Paralympic Committees of Russia and Belarus with immediate effect, placing their para-athletes' hopes of competing at the 2024 Paralympics in jeopardy.
- Athletes from the two countries had previously been barred from competing in the Beijing 2022 Winter Paralympics in March over Russia's invasion of Ukraine, for which Belarus has been a staging area.



NATIONAL

1) National Anti-profiteering Authority

- National Anti-profiteering Authority is the anti-profiteering watchdog of GST and it is all set to be subsumed into the Competition Commission of India. National Anti-profiteering Authority investigation arm will continue to function in some form under CCI.
- The official said that the move will reduce the multiplicity of regulators as CCI can handle cases independently. The plan is to transfer cases to CCI after NAA's term ends.

2) Memorandum of Understanding

- The International Financial Services Centres Authority and the Reserve Bank of India have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration in the field of regulation and supervision of regulated entities in their respective jurisdictions.

3) European Works Council

- IT company Wipro has reached an agreement with employee representatives on setting up a European Works Council, the company said.













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- The creation of Wipro's EWC is the first to be established by an Indian headquartered company.

4) Global Media Congress

- Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company is set to host the first edition of the Global Media Congress, in partnership with Emirates News Agency.
- The congress is scheduled to take place from 15th to 17th November. The conference program will be delivered in multiple languages, appealing to a global audience.



STATE NEWS

1) Yudh Abhyas

- The Yudh Abhyas is a 15-day-long exercise that will focus on high altitude and extremely cold climate warfare.
- Exercise Yudh Abhyas is conducted annually between India and US to exchange best practices, Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures between the two nations' Armies.

2) International Gita Mahotsav

- International Gita Mahotsav is to be organized in Haryana from November 19 to December 6 at Kurukshetra. President Draupadi Murmu will attend this grand festival of Holy Gita.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that the President will participate in the Gita Yagya at Brahma Sarovar.
- Renowned International and National scholars of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and researchers from across the country and abroad will present their research papers on 'world peace and harmony with the inspiration of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita'.























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3) Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani

- The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani. This decision was taken in a cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in Dehradun.
- Uttarakhand cabinet has also decided to make strict amendments in the conversion law, wherein forced conversion will now be a cognizable offence. With provision of 10 years of punishment under the new law. For this, a bill will be brought in the assembly.



4) GeoSmart India 2022 Summit in Hyderabad

- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat informed that the country is spearheading a new wave of socioeconomic prosperity fueled by cutting-edge technology and innovation.
- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the GeoSmart India 2022 Summit in Hyderabad.

5) Silver jubilee edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the silver jubilee edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit virtually.
- The inauguration ceremony will be attended by several global leaders including French President Emmanuel Macron, Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Economy, UAE, Omar Bin Sultan Al Olama, Australian Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs Tim Watts, Finnish Minister of Science and Culture Petri Honkonen, and Martin Schroeter, Chairman and CEO, Kyndryl, US.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Thierry Bollore announced his resignation













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- Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover chief executive officer Thierry Bollore announced his resignation from the luxury car company citing personal reasons.
- He will leave the company on 31st December 2022. Adrian Mardell will take over as Interim. Adrian has been part of Jaguar Land Rover for 32 years and a member of the Executive Board for three years.

2) Sandhya Devanathan

- Facebook-parent Meta has appointed Sandhya Devanathan as its new top executive for the country two weeks after the departure of former India head Ajit Mohan.
- Devanathan will transition to her new role on 1 January 2023. Devanathan currently serves as vice president of gaming for Meta's Asia-Pacific (APAC) division.

3) Arun Kumar Singh

- BPCL's former chairman Arun Kumar Singh is likely to be the new chairman of India's top oil and gas producer Oil and Natural Gas Corporation.
- He retired from BPCL after attaining the superannuation age last month and was already selected to head the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board before the August 27 interviews. The will be first time that a person aged over 60 will be heading a top PSU board-level position.

4) Dr CV Ananda Bose

- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr CV Ananda Bose as the Governor of West Bengal. Bose (71) is a 1977 batch (retired) Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Kerala cadre.
- He last served as an administrator in the National Museum here before superannuating in 2011. His appointment will take effect on the date he assumes charge of his office.

SPORTS

1) Achanta Sharath Kamal

- Star Indian paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal has become the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation. The online elections took place between 7 to 13 November 2022.
- 10 athletes were elected for the ITTF Athletes' Commission for a four-year term from 2022 to 2026. Eight athletes were elected from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, North America, and Oceania region and two were highest-voted para-athletes.

2) Shiva Narwal

- Shiva Narwal won the gold medal in the 10m men's air pistol competition. India's gold tally at the Asian Airgun Championship in Daegu, South Korea.













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- The first medal event was the 10-meter Air Pistol Women. The seniors' team of Shiva Narwal, Naveen, and Vijayveer Sidhu registered an upset 16-14 victory over a strong South Korean team comprising 2018 world champions Lee Daemyung and Park Daehun along with Mok Jin Mun.

3) First Billie Jean King Cup title

- Switzerland won their first Billie Jean King Cup title after Belinda Bencic saw off Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic in the second match of the finals with a lead of 2-0.
- Jil Teichmann had earlier prevailed 6-3 4-6 6-3 over Storm Sanders last year.

4) Gianni Infantino

- Federation Internationale de Football Association president Gianni Infantino is getting four more years in charge of football's governing body after no candidate stepped up to challenge him. Infantino won a fivecandidate race in 2016 to replace Sepp Blatter, and was re-elected unopposed in 2019.
- He's now set to stay in the job beyond the 2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Infantino's upcoming re-election to the \$3 million-per-year job may not be his final term in office. FIFA rules allow him to run again to stay in power for another World Cup cycle until 2031.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Antimicrobial Awareness Week

- World Antimicrobial Awareness Week runs from 18 to 24 November every year. It's an international initiative to increase awareness of the growing problem of resistance to antibiotics and other antimicrobial
- The purpose of the week is to increase awareness of global antimicrobial resistance, encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policymakers to avoid the further emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections.





















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2) National Naturopathy Day

- National Naturopathy Day is observed in India every year on November 18th, to promote positive mental and physical health through drug-free therapy. National Naturopathy Day was established on November 18th 2018 by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India.
- On November 18th 1945, Mahatma Gandhi became the Chairman of the All India Nature Cure Foundation Trust and signed the agreement aimed at making the benefits of Nature Cure available to all classes of people, therefore, this day was chosen to be observed as National Naturopathy Day.



3) 242nd Corps of Engineers Day on 18th November

- Indian Army is celebrating the 242nd Corps of Engineers Day on 18th November. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande have conveyed their best wishes to all ranks of the Corps of Engineers on the occasion.
- On the occasion of Corps day, Engineer-in-Chief and Senior Colonel Commandant of the Corps of Engineers Lt Gen Harpal Singh has called upon the Corps to put in bigger efforts to be prepared for the future challenges and rededicate towards being a reliable, versatile and omnipresent arm of the Army.

4) World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence

- The UN General Assembly has declared November 18 as the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence.
- The new World Day is aimed at bringing global visibility to the trauma of child sexual abuse, with the hope that governments will take action to fight it. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), millions of children experience sexual violence each year.



















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OBITUARY

- 1) Gulam Abbas Moontasir Passed away
- The former India basketball captain and Arjuna awardee, Gulam Abbas Moontasir, passed away in Mumbai. He was born in Mumbai in 1942.
- He started playing in Nagpada by the American missionaries, later he started getting inclined towards basketball. From Nagpada Basketball Association to the International stage, he has always been an aggressive player with a unique physical style on the court.













