

30th August

NATIONAL

1) Chokuwa rice

- Chokuwa rice, also known as "Magic rice," has recently been bestowed with the prestigious Geographical Indication tag.
- This remarkable rice variety is deeply intertwined with the culinary legacy of Assam and has a rich historical connection with the powerful Ahom dynasty.
- The GI tag is a distinctive mark that signifies a product's origin from a specific geographical area, along with its unique qualities and reputation attributed to that region.

2) 100% ethanol-fueled variant of Toyota's Innova HyCross car

- Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari introduced the world to a remarkable innovation: a 100% ethanol-fueled variant of Toyota's Innova HyCross car.
- The newly unveiled car stands as the world's premier BS-VI (Stage-II) electrified flex-fuel vehicle, demonstrating the union of cutting-edge technology and a commitment to reducing carbon emissions.
- Flex-fuel vehicles come with internal combustion engines that are built to function using a variety of fuels, ranging from usual gasoline to more ecologically friendly options like ethanol.



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3) MoU between India and New Zealand

- In a significant move aimed at bolstering collaboration in the field of civil aviation, the governments of India and New Zealand have inked a Memorandum of Understanding.
- The MoU encompasses a wide array of aspects within the aviation sector, ranging from the introduction of new flight routes to code share services, traffic rights, and capacity entitlement.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Presence of sulphur on the surface of the Moon

- The Indian Space Research Organisation revealed that Chandrayaan-3's Pragyan rover module has successfully confirmed the presence of sulphur on the surface of the Moon.
- This revelation comes as a result of the first-ever in-situ recordings conducted near the lunar south pole.

2) 'Nabhmitra'

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- ISRO's Space Applications Centre in Ahmedabad has developed a device called 'Nabhmitra', which has been successfully tested.
- This device is aimed at enhancing the safety of fishermen. It operates through



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satellite-based communication and enables two-way messaging between boats at sea and authorities on land.

APPOINTMENTS

1) Mr. Umesh Revankar

• The managing committee of the Finance Industry Development Council has appointed Mr. Umesh Revankar as the new Chairman of FIDC. This decision comes in recognition of Revankar's extensive experience and profound expertise in the financial services sector.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day for People of African Origin

- United Nations marked the International Day for People of African Origin on August 31.
- This day serves as a global recognition of the cultural, social, and historical contributions made by individuals with African heritage.



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