

INTERNATIONAL

1) World Health Organisation

- The World Health Organisation (WHO) has sounded the alarm, revealing that over one million children in Afghanistan are currently grappling with severe malnutrition.
- This dire situation has prompted urgent calls for international assistance and funding, as the country strives to combat this escalating crisis.

NATIONAL

1) India and France, President Emmanuel Macron

- In a testament to the enduring friendship between India and France, President Emmanuel Macron is set to be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi.
- This marks the sixth instance of a French leader gracing this prestigious occasion, highlighting the significance of the bilateral relationship.

2) India's coking coal imports

- India's coking coal imports have soared to a five-year high, registering 38.14 million tonnes for the April-November period of the current fiscal year.
- This reflects a marginal year-on-year increase, with nearly 38.12 million tonnes imported during the corresponding period last year.

3) Paat-Mitro" mobile application

- The Ministry of Textiles, in its continuous efforts to support and empower jute farmers, has introduced the "Paat-Mitro" mobile application.
- Developed by The Jute Corporation of India Limited (JCI), this application is a significant step towards providing essential information about Minimum Support Prices (MSP) and agronomy to jute farmers.





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- 4) Central Railway general manager Ram Karan Yadav
- Central Railway general manager Ram Karan Yadav has recently announced a significant step towards enhancing passenger safety.
- In his first news conference after assuming office, Yadav disclosed plans to install panic switches at 117 railway stations under the Central Railway network.

SPORTS NEWS

1) Indian wrestler Sakshi Malik

- Acclaimed Indian wrestler Sakshi Malik, a bronze medalist at the 2016 Rio Olympics, declared her retirement in protest of the Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) recent leadership change.
- The move follows allegations of sexual abuse against the ousted president, Brij Bhushan Singh, and the controversial election of his close ally, Sanjay Singh.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) SASTRA campus in Kumbakonam

- In a prestigious ceremony at the SASTRA campus in Kumbakonam, the SASTRA-Ramanujan Awards for 2022 and 2023 were bestowed upon mathematicians Yunqing Tang and Ruixiang Zhang, both affiliated with the University of California in Berkeley.
- The awards, instituted by SASTRA in 2005, honor individuals under the age of 32 who have made remarkable contributions to the field of mathematics.

2) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has recognized four Indian projects for their outstanding contributions to cultural heritage conservation in the Asia-Pacific region.
- This prestigious recognition reflects India's commitment to preserving its rich past for future generations.





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3) UNESCO's Prix Versailles 2023

- In a recent announcement from UNESCO's Prix Versailles 2023, Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) Terminal 2 (T2) has achieved global acclaim, being recognized as one of the 'world's most beautiful airports.'
- The world judges panel, chaired by renowned fashion designer Elie Saab, bestowed this honor, making it the sole Indian airport to receive such esteemed recognition.

4) Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize

- The renowned Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize has named poet-critic Sukrita Paul Kumar as its sixth recipient for her book, "Salt & Pepper: Selected Poems".
- This prestigious award recognizes outstanding literary work from around the globe, promoting world peace, literature, art, education, and human rights.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) National Farmer's Day 2023

- National Farmer's Day 2023, also known as Kisan Diwas, is celebrated on December 23 in India to honor and recognize the invaluable contribution of farmers to the country's socio-economic fabric.
- This day marks the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, a former prime minister of India and a dedicated advocate for the welfare of farmers.

OBITUARY

1) Dr. V Mohini Giri, a well-known advocate for women's rights, passed away

- Dr. V Mohini Giri, a well-known advocate for women's rights, passed away at the age of 86 after a brief illness.
- She made significant contributions to empowering women and was recognized for her efforts.





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