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INTERNATIONAL

1) Kuwait- hottest places on earth

Kuwait reached a scorching temperature of 53.2 degrees Celsius (127.7 degrees Fahrenheit), making it among the hottest places on earth. It was so hot in Kuwait last summer that birds dropped dead from the sky. Sea horses boiled to death in the bay. Dead clams coated the rocks, their shells popped open like they'd been steamed.

NATIONAL

1) IQAir's 2021 World Air Quality Report

New Delhi has been ranked the world's most polluted capital city for the second consecutive year as per IQAir's 2021 World Air Quality Report. New Delhi is followed by Dhaka (Bangladesh), N'Djamena (Chad), Dushanbe (Tajikistan) and Muscat (Oman) as the top five most polluted capital cities respectively.

2) EX-DUSTLIK

The 3rd edition of the joint training exercise named EX-DUSTLIK between the Indian army and Uzbekistan army begins at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan from 22 to 31 March 2022. The last edition of DUSTLIK was conducted in Ranikhet (Uttarakhand) in March 2021.

STATE NEWS

1) National e-Vidhan Application

Nagaland has created history by becoming the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme to become completely paperless. The Nagaland Assembly Secretariat has attached a tablet or e-book on each table in the 60 members' assembly amid the ongoing Budget session.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Fitch Ratings

Fitch Ratings has slashed India's GDP growth forecast for the fiscal FY 2022-2023 to 8.5 per cent in its Global economic Outlook-March 2022. Earlier this rate was estimated at 10.3%. The downwards projection is due to sharply higher energy prices because of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

2) PhonePe has acquired GigIndia

PhonePe has acquired GigIndia, a network for independent micro-entrepreneurs based in Pune. PhonePe will be able to integrate 1.5 million entrepreneurs and over 100 businesses as customers, in addition to its own employees, as a result of the acquisition.





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Pushkar Singh Dhama

Pushkar Singh Dhama has taken oath as 11th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand. He will take over the reins of the state for the second time in a row. Governor Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh administered him the oath of office and secrecy at the Parade Ground in Dehradun.

OBITUARY

1) Shahabuddin Ahmed

Shahabuddin Ahmed, the former President of Bangladesh has passed away at the age of 92 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He was the interim head of state as the consensus nominee of all parties amid a mass upsurge in 1990 to topple ex-military dictator HM Ershad. Shahabuddin Ahmed also served as the President of Bangladesh from 1996 to 2001.

2) Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga

The former Prime Minister of Mali, Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga has passed away due to illness. Maïga served as prime minister of Mali from 2017 until 2019. He had been detained since August 2021 after the country was taken over by a military junta.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Shaheed Diwas or Sarvodaya Day

Nation observed on March 23rd as Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas or Sarvodaya Day). The day was observed to pay tribute to the death anniversary of the freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru, who laid their lives for the freedom of India.

2) World Meteorological Day

World Meteorological Day is celebrated globally on March 23rd every year. The day is celebrated as the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and it concentrates on the behaviour of Earth's atmosphere. Theme of 2022: theme of Early Warning and Early Action.

