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INTERNATIONAL

1) 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology'

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has entered into a partnership with Israel to establish the 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology' (CoWT).
- This joint initiative aims to address the challenges in water resources management and water technologies in India.
- The Letter of Intent (LoI) for the center was signed by representatives from both countries, highlighting the significance of this collaboration in ensuring water security for India.

2) China's General Administration of Customs

- According to data from China's General Administration of Customs, in the first quarter of this year, China exported 1.07 million vehicles, a 58% increase compared to the same period in 2022, becoming the world's largest exporter of cars, surpassing Japan.
- In contrast, Japan exported 954,185 vehicles, an increase of 6% from the previous year.

NATIONAL

1) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

- In a significant development, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) has awarded advance purchase orders worth ₹15,700 crore to Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and ITI Ltd for the deployment of 100,000 4G sites.
- The long-awaited announcement brings an end to months of speculation, with TCS emerging as the favored candidate for the contract.
- This collaboration marks a crucial milestone in BSNL's journey to upgrade its infrastructure and expand its network across the country.

















2) Tata Consultancy Services

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services company, has expanded its partnership with Google Cloud and unveiled a new offering called TCS Generative AI.
- This collaboration aims to leverage Google Cloud's generative AI services to develop customized business solutions that drive growth and transformation for clients across various industries.
- With its extensive domain expertise and investment in research and innovation, TCS has built a robust portfolio of AI-powered solutions, including AIOps, Algo Retail™, smart manufacturing, digital twins, and robotics.

3) Rayyanah Barnawi and a Royal Saudi Air Force fighter pilot

- In a groundbreaking moment for Saudi Arabia, the country's first astronauts in decades have embarked on a journey to the International Space Station (ISS).
- Sponsored by the Saudi Arabian government, a female stem cell researcher named Rayyanah Barnawi and a Royal Saudi Air Force fighter pilot named Ali al-Qarni joined a crew led by a retired NASA astronaut from Kennedy Space Center.
- The mission was organized by Axiom Space, a Houston-based company, and executed by SpaceX.

4) Garuda Aerospace

- Garuda Aerospace, a leading drone manufacturer, has joined hands with Naini Aerospace, a subsidiary of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence, to establish a joint development partnership.
- This collaboration aims to enable Garuda Aerospace to manufacture Advanced Precision Drones within India for various applications.
- The partnership signifies a significant step towards achieving the Indian government's vision of producing 1 lakh Made in India drones by 2024.

















5) Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode

- The Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK) has achieved recognition in the prestigious Financial Times Rankings 2023 (FT Rankings).
- The debut in FT Rankings places IIM Kozhikode at the 72nd position among the top 75 providers of openenrolment executive programs globally.
- This accomplishment further solidifies IIM Kozhikode's status as a leading provider of executive education worldwide.

6) World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland

- The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed the 76th Session of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.
- He congratulated the World Health Organization (WHO) on serving the world for 75 years and expressed confidence that the WHO would set goals for the next 25 years as it reaches its 100 year milestone.

SPORTS

1) Tokyo Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra

- Tokyo Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra has claimed number one ranking in men's javelin for the first time.
- Neeraj Chopra has topped the charts with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Grenada's Anderson Peters.
- On 30 August, 2022, the Indian javelin throw ace rose to World No. 2, but was stuck behind Peters, the reigning world champion, since then.

2) Board of Control for Cricket in India

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced that Adidas will be the new kit sponsor of the Indian team.
- Adidas will replace Kewal Kiran Clothing Ltd, maker of Killer Jeans, which came in as interim sponsor after the then-sponsor Mobile Premier League Sports (MPL Sports) pulled out of the deal midway.

















AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Papua New Guinea and Fiji

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the highest honours of Papua New Guinea and Fiji, an unprecedented acknowledgement of a non-resident in the two Pacific island nations.
- During his maiden visit to Papua New Guinea, Modi hosted a significant summit between India and 14 Pacific island countries to bolster bilateral ties.
- Governor-General of Papua New Guinea, Sir Bob Dadae, awarded Modi with the Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu (GCL), which is the country's highest civilian award.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day to End Obstetric Fistula

- On May 23, is the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, Obstetric fistula is a hole in the birth canal that can develop when a woman experiences prolonged, obstructed labor without medical intervention.
- It is a devastating childbirth injury that can cause lifelong physical and social problems for women.
- The International Day to End Obstetric Fistula aims to raise awareness about this preventable and treatable condition and to mobilize support for affected women.
- The day provides an opportunity to advocate for increased investment in maternal healthcare, access to quality obstetric care, and the eradication of obstetric fistula.

2) World Turtle Day

- World Turtle Day is an annual observance held every May 23rd. It began in 2000 and is sponsored by American Tortoise Rescue.
- The day was created as a yearly observance to help people celebrate and protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats, as well as to encourage human action to help them survive and thrive.
- The event was first celebrated in 2000, making 2023 the 24th anniversary of the observance.

OBITUARY

1) Veteran actor Sarath Babu has passed away

- Veteran actor Sarath Babu has passed away at a city hospital in Hyderabad. The 71-year-old was suffering from kidney and liver-related issues leading to many speculations over his health in the past few weeks.
- Born as Sathyam Babu Dixithulu on July 31, 1951, in Amudalavalasa in AP, he adopted Sarath Babu for the screen.
- He started his career in films in 1973 with Rama Rajyam in Telugu but got a big break with K Balachander for the film Nizhal Nijamagiradu in 1978 which was remade into Idi kadha kaadu in Telugu.













