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INTERNATIONAL

1) NATO vs Warsaw Pact

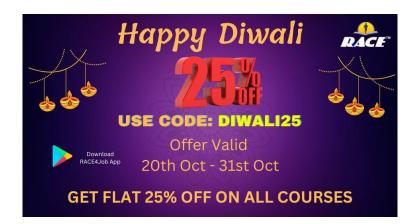
The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is in global headlines due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.
 The NATO membership of Ukraine is the thorn in the whole issue; hence it is pertinent to know the history and formation of NATO.

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was created in 1949 by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to provide collective security against the Soviet Union.

2) United Nation Security Council's two-day meeting in India on counter-terrorism

- The United Nation Security Council's two-day meeting in India on counter-terrorism will focus on dealing with use of internet, new payment mechanism and drones by terrorists.

- The meetings will be hosted in Mumbai and Delhi on 28 and 29 October, respectively.



3) Official Airline Guide

- According to Official Airline Guide report, the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights as of October 2022.

- According to OAG, there were 34,13,855 seats at the Delhi airport, popularly known as the Indira Gandhi International Airport.

4) 12th World Hindi Conferenc

 According to P S Kartigeyan, the Indian High Commissioner to the South Pacific island, Fiji will host the famous World Hindi Conference for the first time next year as a new platform for the globalisation of Hindi.
 The governments of India and Fiji decided together to host the World Hindi Conference in Fiji.





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NATIONAL

1) NIA to establish offices in every state

- Amit Shah, the Union Minister of Housing and Cooperation, spoke today at the start of a two-day "Chintan Shivir" in Surajkund, Haryana.

- The Chintan Shivir is being attended by Chief Ministers of the States, Home Ministers of States, Lieutenant Governors, and Administrators of Union Territories. Utilizing all internal security resources to their fullest potential is necessary in order to combat the issues facing the country.

2) "Project WAVE"

- PSU lender Indian Bank has launched several digital initiatives under "Project WAVE" in a bid to enhance the customer experience through integrated services on its digital platform.

- Six digital initiatives were launched by the SL Jain, MD and CEO, Indian Bank, along with Sharad Mathur, MD & CEO, of Universal Sompo General Insurance Co.



3) Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard

- The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, presented the Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Delhi.

- The President appreciated PBG for their excellent military traditions, professionalism and discipline in all their tasks. She said that the nation is proud of them.

- She expressed confidence that they will strive with dedication, discipline and valour, to maintain the highest traditions of Rashtrapati Bhavan and be an ideal role model for other Regiments of the Indian Army.





4) Minicoy, Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach, in Lakshadweep

- Two more Indian beaches have made it to the list of Blue Beaches.

- Minicoy, Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach, in Lakshadweep are the proud entrants in the coveted list of Blue Beaches, an eco-label given to the cleanest beaches in the world. Now the tally of total blue flagendorsed beaches in India stands at 12.

- Both beaches have designated staff for beach cleanliness, maintenance, safety and security of swimmers. Further, they comply with all the 33 criteria mandated by the Foundation for Environment Education (FEE).

STATE NEWS

1) Vinai Kumar Saxena

- Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has launched a one-time property tax amnesty scheme "SAMRIDDHI 2022-23", which will provide a major relief to lakhs of residential and commercial property owners in the city.

- SAMRIDDHI, an acronym for Strengthening and Augmentation of Municipal Revenue for Infrastructure Development in Delhi, will start on October 26 and end on March 31, 2023, with no further extensions.



2) Chhath Puja

- Chhath Puja is an ancient Hindu festival dedicated to the Surya Dev and Shashthi Devi. Chhath Puja is celebrated after Diwali for four days. It is mainly celebrated in Bihar, Jharkhand, and eastern Uttar Pradesh in India and some parts of Nepal.

- Chhath Puja is also known as Surya Shashthi, Chhath Mahaparv, Chhath Parv, Dala Puja, Pratihar, and Dala Chhath.

3) 'Har Ghar Jal' state

- Gujarat has been declared as a 100 percent 'Har Ghar Jal' state. In Gujarat, households in rural areas have access to safe drinking water through taps under the 'Har Ghar Jal' mission.





- About 91,73,378 houses in the state have water connections according to the government record. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the state and people of Gujarat who has shown their enthusiasm for the Jal Shakti mission.

4) "Akash for Life"

- The "Akash for Life" a 3-day space conference will showcase the blending of traditional and modern knowledge through an extended integration of all schools of thought.

- The decision was taken by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology, Minister of State Earth Sciences, PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, and Dr. Jitendra Singh.

- The event is scheduled to be held at Dehradun from 5th November to 7th November 2022.



5) SAFAL' (Simplified Application for Agricultural Loans)

- Odisha Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik has launched a common credit portal SAFAL' (Simplified Application for Agricultural Loans) for the welfare of farmers.

- SAFAL is an abridged application for agricultural loans that will enable farmers and agri-entrepreneurs to access over 300 term loan products from more than 40 partner banks.

- It has also been integrated with Krushak Odisha and will have access to 70-plus model project reports. The application can revolutionise credit provisions for farmers and agri-entrepreneurs.

6) Tata and Airbus to produce C-295 transport planes

- The C-295 cargo aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) will be produced in Gujarat's Vadodara by European aviation giant Airbus and Tata Advanced Systems (TASL), Tata's defence division.

- The C-295 aircraft will be produced for the first time outside of Europe. On October 30, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will officially lay the cornerstone for the C-295 cargo aircraft manufacturing facility in Vadodara.





APPOINTMNETS AND RESIGINATIONS

1) United States Appoints Elizabeth Jones To Serve As Chargé

- The Biden administration has now named a senior US diplomat, who had worked on NATO's role in Europe vis-a-vis Russia as the US Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia, as the next Charge d'Affaires ad interim in New Delhi — until a full-time Ambassador is sent to India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Animation Day

- International Animation Day is celebrated on 28 October every year. It was in this year when the International Animated Film Association declared International Animation Day as a worldwide occasion to commend the speciality of animation.

- This day is celebrated in more than 50 distinct nations throughout the world. IAD was started by ASIFA, an individual from UNESCO.



