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October 15th & 16th

INTERNATIONAL

1) "The Impact of Disasters on Agriculture and Food Security"

- The report tilted "The Impact of Disasters on Agriculture and Food Security" published by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reveals that natural disasters have resulted in approximately \$3.8 trillion worth of crop and livestock production losses over the past 30 years.
- Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas all experienced substantial agricultural losses due to disasters.

2) Rabindranath Tagore bust

India's External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, inaugurated a bust of Nobel Laureate writer and poet Rabindranath Tagore in Bac Ninh city, Vietnam.

3) 19-foot tall statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

- A 19-foot tall statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, was inaugurated in a suburb of Maryland, Washington.
- The statue was crafted by the renowned artist and sculptor Ram Sutar, who is known for creating the 'Statue of Unity'

NATIONAL

1) "Super Power Retailer Programme"

The National Skill Development Corporation along with Coca-Cola India launched the 'Super Power Retailer Programme.'















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- The initiative is a part of the Skill India Mission, aims to strengthen the retail sector in the states of Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.
- The program is designed to enhance the capabilities of small and micro retailers, equipping them with essential knowledge and skills to thrive in the ever-evolving retail landscape.

2) 'Maadi' - Garba Songs

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has penned down a Garba song, titled 'Maadi', composed by Manmeet Singh and Harmeet Singh.
- The song voiced by singer Dhvani Bhanushali and composed by Tanishk Bagchi was released under the banner of Jjust Music, a music label founded by actor-producer Jackky Bhagnani.

3) "Best Tourism Village of India 2023"

The Nawanpind Sardaran village, located in Gurdaspur, Punjab, was recently awarded the title of "Best Tourism Village of India 2023" by the Union Ministry of Tourism.

4) Amaze-28

Amaze-28, is the Kerala state's first building constructed using 3D printing technology. It is 380-square-foot, one-room summer house, was unveiled in the Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra (Kesnik) campus at PTP Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Penalty of ₹1 crore on Union Bank of India

The RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on Union Bank of India for its failure to adhere to the regulatory guidelines on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions.'













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RBL Bank has been also fined an amount of ₹64 lakh for its failure to comply with RBI's regulatory approval norms concerning the acquisition of shares or voting rights in private sector banks.

2) "iFinance"

- ICICI Bank has launched 'iFinance,' feature that is set to change the way millions of customers, including retail clients and sole proprietors, manage their finances.
- The 'iFinance' feature is available through ICICI Bank's digital platforms, including the iMobile Pay app, Retail Internet Banking, Corporate Internet Banking and InstaBIZ, the Bank's mobile app designed for businesses.

OBITUARY

1) M.S. Gill

- Former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Manohar Singh Gill, 86, passed away. Mr. Gill served as the Minister of State for Sports and Youth affairs and the Minister for Statistics and Programme Implementation in the Manmohan Singh government.
- He served as the CEC between December 1996 and June 2001. He, along with G.V.G. Krishnamurty, joined the poll panel when the Election Commission became a multimember body.

2) Martti Ahitsaari

- Finland's 10th president, Martti Ahitsaari passed away at the age of 86. Ahitsaari was known for his exceptional work in brokering peace in conflict zones, including Kosovo, Indonesia and Northern Ireland.
- His lifelong commitment to resolving conflicts earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 2008.















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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Students Day

- Every year, world students day is observed on October 15th to commemorate the birth anniversary of the late Indian President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- Theme: "FAIL: stands for First Attempt in Learning."

2) International Day of Rural Women

- Every year, International Day of Rural Women is celebrated annually on October 15, is a day dedicated to recognizing the vital contributions of rural women.
- Theme: "Rural Women Cultivating Good For All".

3) 81st Corps Day

The Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) celebrated its 81st Corps Day on 15th October.

4) World Food Day

World Food Day is observed on 16th October with the theme "Water is life, Water is food". Sustainable water management is critical to address impending food and nutrition security threats.

5) World Anaesthesia Day

World Anaesthesia Day is observed on 16th October with the theme 'Anaesthesia and Cancer Care.'

SPORTS

1) Indonesia MotoGP

- Italy's Francesco Bagnaia won the Indonesia MotoGP at Pertamina Mandalika International Street Circuit.
- Maverick Vinales (Aprilia) came in second ahead of Fabio Quartararo (Yamaha).















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