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INTERNATIONAL

1) The United Nations Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment Assembly was hosted by the UN Environment Programme. It brings together representatives from the UN's 193 member countries, corporations, civil society, and other stakeholders to agree on policies to address the world's most serious environmental concerns. The aim of UNEA-5 was "Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals."

NATIONAL

1) India Global Forum's

India Global Forum's annual summit is being organized in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The summit will bring together eminent faces of tech-driven disruption and those who have joined the unicorn club along with Union ministers, policymakers, and global business leaders. The previous editions were hosted in Dubai and the UK.

2) 'Donate-a-Pension'

Union Labour and Employment Minister, Bhupender Yadav has launched the 'Donate-a-Pension' campaign under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM) scheme and donated the same to his gardener. Under the new initiative, citizens can contribute to the pension fund of their immediate support staff such as domestic workers, drivers, helpers etc, by donating the premium amount.

3) "SAMARTH"

Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named – "SAMARTH". The drive was launched by Union Minister for MSME, Shri Narayan Rane along with Minister of State for MSME, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma in New Delhi. It's objective is to provide Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women.

4) SLINEX

The 9th edition of India – Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise named SLINEX (Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise) is held at Visakhapatnam. The aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability and improve mutual understanding between the navies of the two neighbouring countries in the strategically significant Indian Ocean Region.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Directors' Development Programme

The Banks Board Bureau has launched a development programme for public sector bank





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management with the goal of boosting the quality of bank boards. The nine-month Directors' Development Programme is made for directors of Public Sector Banks and financial institutions with the main objective of improving director effectiveness and increasing their impact on boards, according to the Banks Board Bureau.

2) Axis Bank and Bharti Airtel have entered into a strategic partnership

Axis Bank and Bharti Airtel have entered into a strategic partnership to strengthen the growth of the digital ecosystem in India, through a range of financial solutions. The partnership would enable access to credit and various digital financial offerings from Axis Bank to Airtel's 340 million-plus customers.

3) Microsoft has announced to set up its 4th data centre

Microsoft has announced to set up its fourth data centre in India in Hyderabad, Telangana. Hyderabad Data centre will be one of the largest data centres in India and will be operational by 2025. Microsoft already has a data centre in three Indian regions across Pune, Mumbai, and Chennai.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel

The Central Government has appointed Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel, Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, as the Chairperson of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT). The conditions of his service will be governed by the provisions of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021.

SPORTS

1) Priyanka Nutakki

Priyanka Nutakki has secured her final WGM-norm at MPL's forty-seventh National Women Chess Championship. She became India's twenty-third Woman Grandmaster. She is from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Priyanka Nutakki scored her first WGM-norm in January 2019 and crossed the 2300 rating criteria in the next two months.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated globally on March 8 every year. The day recognises the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The theme of 2022 International Women's Day is "gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow".