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INTERNATIONAL

1) World's best country report 2023

- According to the latest U.S. News & World Report's annual Best Countries rankings, Switzerland has once again claimed the title of the world's best country, followed by Canada at No. 2, Sweden at No. 3, Australia at No. 4, and the United States at No. 5.
- In 2023, India's ranking improved by one position, securing the 30th spot with an overall score of 40.8. In 2022, India held the 31st position out of 85.

NATIONAL

1) "SMAASH" Laptops

- ITI Limited, a Central PSU under the Union Ministry of Communications, had developed its own laptop and "mini PC" that match international quality and performance.
- It is branded as "SMAASH". These laptops and PCs are priced at ₹32,000 a piece.
- According to ITI, its mini PC's carbon footprint is much smaller when compared with global brands, and that it considerably reduces e-waste.
- Rajesh Rai is the Chairman and Managing Director, ITI Limited.

2) First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights

• President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the "First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights" in New Delhi.



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• It was organized by the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (International Treaty) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, was hosted by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

3) "Bharat: The Mother of Democracy."

- In the G20 summit, the Ministry of Culture unveiled a remarkable online portal titled "Bharat: The Mother of Democracy."
- The portal provides an in-depth exploration of the history of democracy in India.
- It is available in 16 languages, ensuring a global audience can access its content.

STATE NEWS

1) Mob Lynching Victim Compensation Scheme 2023

- The Madhya Pradesh government has launched the Mob Lynching Victim Compensation Scheme 2023.
- Under this scheme, families of individuals who fall victim to mob lynching incidents will receive substantial financial support of Rs 10 lakh.
- There will be provisions for compensations ranging from Rs 4 to Rs 6 lakh for the injured in such incidents.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) "OTG Ring"

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• The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has introduced a contactless payment wearable ring known as the 'OTG Ring.' The "OTG Ring" is developed in collaboration with the Indian fintech startup LivQuik.



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• The users can seamlessly access and participate in a wide range of transit services, further enhancing the ring's utility and value.

2) "AutoPay on QR"

- Cashfree Payments has joined forces with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to unveil a groundbreaking solution called 'AutoPay on QR.'
- It is to empower subscription-based businesses, boosting their customer acquisition, retention, and overall growth prospects.

SPORTS

1) Indonesia Masters 2023

• Indian badminton player Kiran George emerged victorious at the Indonesia Masters 2023, held in Medan, North Sumatra. He defeated Koo Takahashi of Japan.

2) Subroto Cup International Football Tournament

- The Subroto Cup International Football Tournament, India's oldest national interschool football competition, is set to make history in its 62nd edition.
- Bengaluru, the Silicon Valley of India, has been added to the list of host cities for this prestigious event. Previously held in Delhi and Gurugram.







APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Sindhu Gangadharan

- Sindhu Gangadharan has been appointed as the Vice-Chairperson of The National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM).
- The National Association of Software and Services Companies is the apex body for the Indian technology industry.
- NASSCOM is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1988.

OBITUARY

1) Ustad Ali Zaki Hader

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- A well known Rudra veena exponent, Ustad Ali Zaki Hader, passed away in New Delhi. He was 50.
- He was the student of Ustad Asad Ali Khan.
- He was the last exponent of the Khandarbani (Khandaharbani) style of the Jaipur Beenkar gharana of Dhrupad.

