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### October 17th

### **NATIONAL**

## 1) The Gaganyaan mission

- The Gaganyaan mission's Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) will take place on October 21 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- TV-D1 will demonstrate the performance of the Crew Escape System.

## 2) India-UK '2+2' foreign and defence dialogue

- The 1st India-UK '2+2' foreign and defence dialogue was held to enhance cooperation in various critical areas such as trade and investment, defense, critical technologies, civil aviation, health, and energy.
- The Indian delegation was co-chaired by Shri Piyush Srivastava, Joint Secretary Europe West, Ministry of External Affairs, and Shri Vishwesh Negi, Joint Secretary, International Cooperation, Ministry of Defence.

## 3) "Gadkari"

- A biographical film about Nitin Gadkari is scheduled for release. Titled 'Gadkari,' the movie will explore different facets of his life. Actor Rahul Chopda has been cast to portray the role of Nitin Gadkari in this biopic.
- The movie is presented by Abhijit Majumdar, is produced by Akshay Anant Deshmukh and directed by Anurag Ranjan Bhusari.

# 4) Electoral bond scheme

The Supreme Court decided to refer a group of petitions challenging the electoral bond scheme for political party funding to a five-judge Constitution bench.















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Electoral bonds are introduced as an alternative to providing cash donations to political parties. This change aims to make political funding more transparent and accountable.

### 5) Global Maritime India Summit 2023

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the third edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 at MMRDA Grounds in Mumbai.
- The maritime event is organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways and promises to be a significant gathering for the global maritime community.
- GMIS 2023 provides the ideal platform for unveiling 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047,' a comprehensive 25-year roadmap for India's maritime blue economy.

### **TELANGANA NEWS**

## 1) Sridhar Pinnapureddy

- Founder and CEO of CtrlS Datacenters and Cloud4C Sridhar Pinnapureddy has been elected co-chairman of Telangana State Development Council of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
- He has assumed office as co-chairman for 2023-24.
- Chairman of Telangana State Development Council: Kataru Ravi Kumar Reddy.

# 2) Agra Ratna award

Telangana Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan presented the Agra Ratna award to Dr. Chandrakant Agarwal, president of the Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Society, in recognition of his commitment towards eradicating thalassaemia and sickle cell diseases.















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### 3) Granules, NIPERMohali ink pact to establish pharma CoE

- Drugmaker Granules India and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) in Mohali, Chandigarh, have signed an MoU to establish Dr. Chigurupati Centre of Excellence in Innovative and Sustainable Pharma ceutical Development (CCEISPD).
- Granules India CMD: Krishna Prasad Chigurupati
- NIPER director: Dulal Panda

#### STATE NEWS

# 1) Justice Siddharth Mridul

Justice Siddharth Mridul has been appointed Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court. Before him, Justice M.V. Muralidharan had been serving as the Acting Chief Justice.

## 2) 'Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar'

The Uttar Pradesh government has launched a special cleanliness campaign, 'Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar'with a focus on maintaining cleanliness in and around temples during Navratri, Dussehra, and Diwali festivals.

#### **OBITUARY**

# 1) P. V. Gangadharan

- P.V. Gangadharan, noted Malayalam film producer and director of Mathrubhumi group of publications passed away in Kozhikode.
- He had contested in the Kerala Legislative Assembly elections from the Kozhikode North constituency in 2011.















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#### **SPORTS**

### 1) ICC Cricket World Cup - 2023

Australia recorded its ninth win over Sri Lanka, the most by a team against a single opponent in World Cups. The Aussies have also registered eight wins each against India. New Zealand and Zimbabwe.

## 2) Cricket in Olympics

- Cricket has been included in 2028 Los Angels Olympics. The game will be played in T20 format.
- Besides cricket, squash, baseball/softball, lacrosse and flag football included by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) during its 141st session.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

### 1) Daniel Noboa

Daniel Noboa, 35, became Ecuador's youngest ever President. He defeated socialist rival Luisa Gonzalez.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

- The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed annually on October 17th. The theme of 2023 is "Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting dignity in practice for all."
- The theme emphasizes the importance of universal access to decent work and social protection in upholding human dignity.















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