

# 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

## 1) Nova Kakhovka Dam in Ukraine

- In recent events, the Nova Kakhovka Dam in Ukraine has suffered a catastrophic blow, leading to concerns of devastating flooding.
- Ukraine's military command has accused Russia of causing the explosion, given the dam's strategic significance.
- This article provides a brief overview of the Nova Kakhovka Dam, its importance, previous threats, and the ongoing situation.

#### **STATE NEWS**

## 1) Pinarayi Vijayan-led Kerala

- The Pinarayi Vijayan-led Kerala government on 5 June officially launched the Kerala Fibre Optical Network (KFON).
- Now the Kerala government, which was the first state to declare the right to the internet as a basic right, is mulling to decrease the digital divide with KFON and want to ensure high-speed broadband internet access to all houses and government offices.

#### 2) Nyaya Vikas Portal

- The Nyaya Vikas Portal provides stakeholders with convenient access to information regarding funding, documentation, project monitoring, and approval.
- It offers four efficient methods for logging into the portal, empowering users with seamless accessibility.
- Nyaya Vikas is a program initiated by the Department of Justice in 1993-94, aiming to develop infrastructure facilities for districts and subordinate judiciary.
- The program involves providing central assistance to state governments and UT administrations for constructing court halls and residential units for judicial officers and judges in district and subordinate courts.















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# 3) Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

- The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy are collaborating on a new initiative called the National Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR).
- This mission aims to identify and develop emerging technologies in the power sector within and outside of India.
- The funding for this mission will come from the Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and Central Public Sector Enterprises, with additional resources allocated from the Indian government's budget if necessary.

#### 4) National Board for Hospitals

- AIIMS Nagpur, one of the premier medical institutions in India, has achieved a significant milestone by obtaining the prestigious accreditation from the National Board for Hospitals (NABH).
- This recognition makes AIIMS Nagpur the first among all AIIMS institutions in the country to receive this accolade.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya applauded this remarkable achievement, acknowledging the institution's commitment to delivering quality healthcare services.
- The NABH accreditation is widely regarded as the gold standard for quality and patient safety in the healthcare sector, reaffirming AIIMS Nagpur's dedication to continuous improvement and adherence to the highest quality benchmarks.

# 5) maiden International Cruise Vessel "MV Empress"

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal has flagged off the maiden International Cruise Vessel "MV Empress", India's first international cruise vessel – from Chennai to Sri Lanka in Chennai.
- This marks the beginning of the international cruise tourism terminal at Chennai, built at a cost of Rs 17.21 crores, heralding a new age of cruise tourism and maritime trade in the country.

















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#### **BANKING NEWS**

#### 1) Bank of Baroda

- Bank of Baroda, a prominent public lender, has recently launched the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility for its customers.
- This innovative service allows customers to withdraw money from ATMs using the United Payment Interface (UPI), eliminating the need for a physical card.
- The introduction of UPI cash withdrawal at ATMs offers a simple, convenient, and secure way for customers to access their funds. Let's explore the details of this new facility below.

#### **ECONOMY**

#### 1) India's Tata Group

- India's Tata Group, a leading multinational conglomerate, has entered into an outline deal to construct a lithium-ion cell factory in Gujarat, India.
- With an investment of approximately 130 billion rupees (\$1.58 billion), the plant aims to bolster the country's electric vehicle (EV) supply chain and reduce its dependence on battery imports.
- The initiative aligns with India's goal of achieving 100% electric vehicle adoption and curbing carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.

## 2) Global Economic Prospects report

- The World Bank has revised its global economic forecasts in its latest Global Economic Prospects report. While it predicts an upward trajectory for global GDP growth in 2023, it has trimmed India's growth forecast for the fiscal year 2024.
- This article examines the World Bank's projections and explores the factors influencing the global and Indian economies.

















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## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

# 1) GAGAN satellite technology, a joint development by the Indian Space Research Organisation

- India recently achieved a significant milestone in the field of aviation as it conducted Asia's first demonstration of performance-based navigation for helicopters.
- The successful flight from Juhu to Pune showcased the utilization of GAGAN satellite technology, a joint development by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- This groundbreaking achievement highlights India's innovation and expertise in the aviation sector.

#### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

#### 1) Poet-diplomat Abhay K's book 'Nalanda'

- Poet-diplomat Abhay K's book 'Nalanda', the acquisition of which has been announced by Penguin Random House India, delves into the history of the ancient seat of learning in Bihar.
- The award-winning poet and writer Abhay K's new book, titled Nalanda is his highly anticipated book which is set to take readers on an enlightening journey through time and history.
- The book is scheduled to release in October next year in 2024 from the Vintage imprint.

#### 2) HarperCollins India

- HarperCollins India is delighted to bring the perfect thought booster, an empowering book which is an essential guide to unleashing the power of the mind, where it all begins from, to make that dream life happen, BK Shivani's The Power of One Thought: Master Your Mind, Master Your Life.

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### 1) Chandrikapersad Santokhi

- President Droupadi Murmu became the first Indian to be honoured with the Grand Order of the Chain of the Yellow Star, the highest civilian award in Suriname.
- She was presented with this award by Chandrikapersad Santokhi, the President of the Republic of Suriname.
- President Murmu dedicated the award to the future generations of the Indian-Surinamese community.

















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## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### 1) World Food Safety day

- World Food Safety day is celebrated on June 7 annually across the globe to highlight the importance of maintaining food standards.
- The day was aimed at inspiring the UN member nations to prioritise food safety standards and work collaboratively to protect consumers from foodborne diseases.
- The theme of this year's World Food Safety Day 2023 is "Food standards save lives." Most people depend on the information in the packaging of consumable items to know whether their food is safe.
- These food safety standards guide farmers and those who process food.

#### **OBITUARY**

#### 1) Aamir Raza Husain has passed away

- Aamir Raza Husain, a renowned theater actor and director famous for his grand open-air stage productions like "The Fifty Day War," inspired by the Kargil War, and "The Legend of Ram," has passed away at the age of 66.
- He was also the Creative Director of Stagedoor Theatre company, established in 1974, which has presented over 91 productions and more than 1,100 performances.
- Husain's remarkable contributions to the stage include unforgettable plays such as 'The Fifty Day War' (2000) and 'The Legend of Ram.'













