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INTERNATIONAL

1) Perseverance- Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2021

Perseverance, a word that captures the undaunted will of people across the world to never give up, despite the many challenges of the last 12 months, is Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2021. Perseverance has been looked up more than 243,000 times on the website in 2021.

2) Clean Energy and Climate Partnership

India and European Union have agreed to step up their Clean Energy and Climate Partnership. They jointly agreed on a detailed work program until 2023 to implement the 2016 India-EU Clean Energy and Climate Partnership. The Panel agreed on increased technical cooperation in energy efficiency, renewable energy, green hydrogen and other areas.

NATIONAL

1) Digital Twin of the entire Urban India

Genesys International has launched its pan India program to make the Digital Twin of the entire Urban India. The launch programme was inaugurated by Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog. The creation of this very accurate 3D data will mean a host of applications would open up in high-definition mapping.

2) Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar

India observes December 6th as Mahaparinirvan Divas every year to mark the death anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, who fought for the economic and social empowerment of Dalits in the country. Babasaheb was also the flag bearer of India's Dalit Activism.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Hamar Apan Budget'

Jharkhand CM, Hemant Soren has launched a web portal named 'Hamar Apan Budget' and a mobile application prepared by the state finance Department from the Chief Minister's residential office in Ranchi. Through this portal, the general public of the state can share their suggestions for the 2022-23 budget.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) FIRST Private Infinite

IDFC FIRST Bank announced the launch of FIRST Private Infinite, the country's first-ever standalone metal debit card, in partnership with Visa. FIRST Private Infinite is a lifetime free card designed specifically for customers who are part of the Bank's FIRST Private program, premium savings and wealth offering.





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Rajnish Kumar

Oyo Hotels and Homes has appointed Rajnish Kumar, former Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) as Strategic Group Advisor. He is currently a part of the boards of HSBC Asia Pacific, L&T infotech, Hero Motocorp and BharatPe.

2) Alka Upadhyaya

The Centre has appointed Alka Upadhyaya as chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). A 1990-batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, Upadhyaya is currently Additional Secretary, Department of Rural Development.

OBITUARY

1) Vinod Dua

Veteran journalist Vinod Dua passed away. He was one of the pioneers in Hindi broadcast journalism, worked with Doordarshan to present the youth programme Yuva Manch in the mid-'70s and later with several other television news channels. His much-loved food show 'Zaika India Ka' saw him crisscrossing the whole country just for the best taste.

SPORTS

1) Ajaz Patel became the third cricketer to scalp all 10 wickets in an innings

New Zealand's Ajaz Patel became the third cricketer to scalp all 10 wickets in an innings. The left-arm spun a web around India's batting order and bowled 47.5 overs, conceding 119 runs. In 1956, England bowler Jim Laker had taken 10 wickets. India's Anil Kumble, too, achieved the incredible feat against Pakistan in 1999.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Soil Day

World Soil Day is celebrated every year on December 5. World Soil Day 2021 (#WorldSoilDay) and its campaign "Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity" aims to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being by addressing the growing challenges in soil management.

2) International Volunteer Day

International Volunteer Day, also called International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is observed on 5 December every year. International Volunteer Day Theme 2021: "Volunteer now for our common future".