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NATIONAL

1) Central Vista Oversight Committee

The union government formed a five-member Central Vista Oversight Committee, which was headed by former Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal, to ensure faster delivery of projects being executed under the Central Vista redevelopment plan.

2) WISER programme

Indo-German Science and Technology Centre has launched the 1st of its kind program – Women’s Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) programme, for encouraging women researchers participation in joint Research and Development projects.

3) Kuno National Park

The Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh is set to get 13 cheetahs next year. The Kuno National Park was originally developed as the second home for Asiatic lions in India, apart from Gir National Park.

4) 6th edition of the BRICS Film Festival awards

6th edition of the BRICS Film Festival awards was announced at the 52nd International Film Festival of India in Goa. Best film Award was shared by South African Film “Barakat” and Russian Film “The Sun above me Never Sets”.

STATE NEWS

1) Drone AquilaX2

Meghalaya launched a pilot of India’s 1st Medicine Delivery via e-VTOL (Virtual take off and landing) Drone AquilaX2. The drone delivers medicines to remote primary health centers.

2) Project STREET

Kerala Tourism, Department of Tourism, Kerala launches the project STREET, to promote and take tourism deep into the interiors and rural hinterland of Kerala. STREET is an acronym for Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism hubs.

3) Certified organic kiwi from Ziro Valley

India’s only certified organic kiwi from Ziro Valley Farms of Arunachal Pradesh was launched at a mega National Tribal Festival called Aadi Mahotsav. This festival is being held in Dilli Hat, INA in New Delhi.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Exim Bank commits \$100 million loan for Covid vaccines in FY-22

The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) committed loans of \$100 million for domestic manufacturers of Covid-19 vaccines or related products in FY22 to seven companies. The bank is also targeting financing of \$7 billion of project exports over the next five years.





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2) National Health Accounts estimates

According to National Health Accounts estimates for India for 2017-18, share of government health expenditure in the GDP of India has increased from 1.15% in 2013-14 to 1.35% in 2017-18. NHA is a process by which countries monitor the flow of money in health sector.

OBITUARY

1) Stephen Joshua Sondheim

Veteran composer and lyricist Stephen Joshua Sondheim passed away at the age of 91 in Connecticut, United States (US). He was born on 22 March 1930 in New York City, US. He is a recipient of a Special Tony Award 2008 for lifetime achievement in the theatre.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947'

A book titled 'Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947' authored by Ayaz Memon released. It is an anthology of Indian Cricket and marked several insights of Indian cricket of the last 70 years.

2) "Democracy, Politics and Governance"

Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu on the 72nd anniversary of the adoption of the 'Constitution of India' released a book titled "Democracy, Politics and Governance" in English and 'Loktantr, Rajniti and Dharm' in Hindi authored by Dr. A. Surya Prakash.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Vivek Johri

Senior bureaucrat Vivek Johri was appointed as the chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs. Vivek Johri is a 1985-batch Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes) officer.

