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INTERNATIONAL

1) India has contributed USD 800,000 to the United Nations

- The government of India has contributed USD 800,000 to the United Nations as part of the initiative which aims to enhance public outreach of the organisation in Hindi.
- 'Hindi @ UN' project was launched by India in 2018 in collaboration with the UN Department of Public Information to disseminate information about the UN to the Hindi-speaking population across the world.

2) Forbes Highest-Paid Athletes 2022

- Lionel Messi has topped the list of Forbes Highest-Paid Athletes 2022 with an income of \$130 million, followed by Basketball player, LeBron James with \$121.2 million while Cristiano Ronaldo was third with \$115 million.
- Forbes calculates the estimates based on prize money, salaries and bonuses, and sponsorship deals.

NATIONAL

1) Indian Army will open coaching centre in Manipur

- The Indian Army has started providing residential tutoring to children from economically disadvantaged and deprived areas of the northeast to prepare them for all-India competitive tests such as engineering and medical admission.

STATE NEWS

1) Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy

- Narendra Modi announced the Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy and spoke to the startup community via video conferencing at the Madhya Pradesh Startup Conclave in Indore.
- The Prime Minister also launched the Madhya Pradesh Startup Portal, which would ease and promote the startup environment in the state.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Morgan Stanley India's growth forecast

Morgan Stanley reduced India's growth forecast to 7.6% from 7.9% for FY 2023



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amid a slowdown in global growth, higher commodity prices and risk aversion in global capital markets.

- This 7.6% forecast is a baseline forecast for India while its bearish and bullish growth projections are 6.7% and 8%, respectively.

2) 'Trade nxt'

- Union Bank of India has launched an online platform, 'Trade nxt'. It is a 24/7 safe and secure solution.

- The platform enables corporate, and MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) to transact all cross-border export-import transactions from the comfort of their place.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Sanjiv Bajaj

- Sanjiv Bajaj has assumed the office of Confederation of Indian Industry President for the year 2022-23 after replacing, TV Narendran, CEO of Tata Steel.

2) Ranil Wickremesinghe

- Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka, has appointed Ranil Wickremesinghe as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, following the resignation of his predecessor Mahinda Rajapaksa.

- Previously, Ranil Wickremesinghe has served as the PM of Sri Lanka for 5 times since 1993.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Migratory Bird Day

- International Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated on 14 May and 8 October 2022. The day is observed twice a year since its inauguration in 2006.

- The day is observed with an aim to safeguard migratory birds' breeding, non-breeding as well as stopover habitats while preserving a healthy bird population.

- Theme of 2022: Light pollution.





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OBITUARY

1) Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

- UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan passed away.
- He served as the President of the UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi since November 3, 2004.
- Sheikh Khalifa was the second President of the UAE and the 16th Ruler of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. He was the eldest son of Sheikh Zayed.