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INTERNATIONAL

1) Protocol to Prevent Human Trafficking

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, in its 19th meet (of Prosecutors General) held in New Delhi, adopted a protocol to strengthen cooperation in preventing and combating growing menace of human trafficking, especially women and children. The current chair of SCO is Tajikistan. SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001.

NATIONAL

1) Health Insurance for India's Missing Middle

NITI Aayog has released a comprehensive report titled Health Insurance for India's Missing Middle. The report brings out the gaps in the health insurance coverage across the Indian population and offers solutions to address the situation.

2) Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar

The Prime Minister has paid homage to Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar on 114th Thevar Jayanthi (Guru Pooja). It is celebrated on 30th October every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Thevar.

3) 7th Indian Navy Frigate

The 7th Indian Navy Frigate of P1135.6 class, named Tushil, was launched at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia. The Indian and Russian governments had in October 2016 signed an agreement to construct four additional P1135.6 class ships - two each in Russia and India.

4) Apple Festival

Union Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar and Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha has virtually inaugurated Apple Festival, organized for the first time in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. It will provide a better platform to apple growers and other stakeholders.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Justice Ashok Bhushan

The Centre has appointed former Supreme Court Judge Justice Ashok Bhushan as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), for a period of four years or until he attains the age of 70 years, whichever is the earliest. He was the former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.

OBITUARY

1) Puneeth Rajkumar

Kannada superstar Puneeth Rajkumar passed away due to a fatal cardiac arrest. He was the son



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of legendary actor Rajkumar. He was known to fans as “Appu” – after the 2002 film. He was also a singer and was admired for his dance skills.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day is observed every year on October 31 since 2014, to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This year marks the 146th anniversary of the great leader who played an instrumental role in India’s struggle for independence, and later during the integration of the country.

2) United Nations General Assembly

The United Nations General Assembly has designated the 31st of October as World Cities Day. The global theme of World Cities Day 2021 is “Adapting cities for climate resilience”, acknowledging that integrated climate resilience policies and action plans will greatly reduce climate-related risks for urban populations.

