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INTERNATIONAL

1) TRUTH Social

Donald Trump has announced plans to launch a social media platform called TRUTH Social that will be rolled out early next year. Truth social will be a product of a new venture called the Trump Media & Technology Group. He wants to create a platform that rivals Twitter or Facebook.

2) Rule of Law Index 2021

India has ranked 79 out of 139 countries and jurisdictions in the World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index 2021. Denmark, Norway and Finland topped the World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index 2021.

NATIONAL

1) "Veer Savarkar: The Man Who Could Have Prevented Partition"

Rajnath Singh launched the book titled "Veer Savarkar: The Man Who Could Have Prevented Partition" authored by Uday Mahurkar and Chirayu Pandit at Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Minister Rajnath Singh described Savarkar as an "icon of Indian history".

2) India completed 100 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines

India completed 100 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines on 21st October, in about 9 months since the drive began. PM Modi called the achievement "the triumph of Indian science, enterprise and collective spirit of 130 crore Indians".

STATE NEWS

1) "Mukhyamantri Ration Apke Dwar Yojana"

Madhya Pradesh government has announced the implementation of the scheme "Mukhyamantri Ration Apke Dwar Yojana", which will start from November 2021. Under this scheme, the ration will be provided at the doorstep of the villagers where there are no Fair Price Shops.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Reliance Brands acquires 40% stake in designer Manish Malhotra's MM Styles

Reliance Brands Ltd and famous designer Manish Malhotra have announced a strategic partnership to acquire a 40 per cent stake in Malhotra's MM Styles Pvt Ltd. According to a Reliance Brands statement, this "strategic partnership" is the first "external investment" for MM Styles Pvt Ltd.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Dame Sandra Mason

Barbados has elected its first-ever president as it prepares to become a republic, removing





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Queen Elizabeth as head of state. Dame Sandra Mason, 72, is set to be sworn in on 30 November, which will mark the country's 55th anniversary of independence from Britain.

2) Alok Mishra

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed Captain Alok Mishra as the Managing Director of India Ports Global Limited. He is currently serving as the Head of operation and transformation lead at the Gateway Terminals India Pvt Ltd (GTI), Mumbai Maharashtra.

OBITUARY

1) Gita Gopinath

The International Monetary Fund's Chief Economist, Gita Gopinath will leave the organisation in January 2022. She will return to Harvard University's economics department. Gopinath, during her tenure, co-authored the "Pandemic Paper", a document that set globally endorsed targets for vaccinating the world against Covid-19.

2) Saranjeet Singh

Former hockey international Saranjeet Singh has passed away. He played for Coronation Club in the local league, represented Hyderabad juniors and seniors for many years in the late 70s and 80s and also played for India, which toured Germany in 1983.

3) Colin Powell

Colin Powell, the trailblazing soldier and diplomat whose sterling reputation of service to Republican and Democratic presidents was stained by his faulty claims to justify the 2003 US war in Iraq, died of Covid-19 complications. He was 84.

SPORTS

1) PK Garg

The Sports Authority of India appointed PK Garg as the Chief Executive Officer of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme at the Mission Olympic Cell meeting. He joined the Indian Navy in 1984 and was in charge of many important and prestigious assignments over 34 years of service.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Sakharov Prize

The European Parliament has awarded the European Union's top human rights prize, Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought for 2021, to the imprisoned Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny. The 45-year-old activist has been awarded for his immense personal bravery to fight tirelessly against the corruption of Vladimir Putin's regime.



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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Stuttering Awareness Day

October 22 is observed as International Stuttering Awareness Day, since 1998. The day is intended to raise public awareness of the millions of people who have a speech disorder of stuttering or stammering. Theme 2021: "Speak the change you wish to see".

