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INTERNATIONAL

1) World's largest plant capturing carbon from air

The world's largest plant designed to capture carbon dioxide out of the air began its operations in Iceland. The plant is named Orca, which means 'Energy' in Icelandic word. It will suck out up to 4,000 tons of CO₂ per year. The carbon dioxide captured directly from the air will be deposited underground at a depth of 1,000 metres, where it would be turned into rock.

2) 13th BRICS Summit

Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi has chaired the 13th BRICS Summit, through video conferencing. The theme of the India-led Summit was "BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus." The theme chosen by India reflects the fifteenth anniversary of BRICS, being observed in 2021.

NATIONAL

1) Sardardham Bhavan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the state of art Sardardham Bhavan at Ahmedabad through video conferencing. Sardardham Bhavan will empower India's future generations as well as inspire them to lead their lives by following the principles followed by Sardar Patel in his life.

STATE NEWS

1) Subramania Bharathi

Tamil Nadu government has decided to commemorate the death anniversary of Subramania Bharathi, a firebrand poet & freedom fighter, as Mahakavi Day. Year 2021 will mark the 100th death anniversary of the poet. His works ignited patriotism and left indelible mark on Tamil literature.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) NPCI and Finserv launch "nFini" Programme

National Payments Corporation of India in partnership with Fiserv Inc. to launch the plug-and-play RuPay credit card stack, 'nFiNi'. nFiNi is a ready stack of services required for fintechs and banks to issue RuPay credit cards and will enable fintech to co-create bank-sponsored credit cards.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Gaofen-5 02

China successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite, Gaofen-5 02, into space, aboard a Long March-4C rocket, from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's Shanxi Province. The Gaofen-5 02 satellite is the 24th in the series of Gaofen Earth-observation satellites of China, to monitor environmental protection efforts and boost its natural resources surveillance.





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Iqbal Singh Lalpura

Former IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura has been appointed chairman of the National Commission for Minorities. He hails from Punjab and has authored several books on Sikh philosophy. Lalpura has written nearly 14 books on Sikh philosophy and history, such as 'Japji Sahib ek vichar', 'Gurbaani ek vichar', and 'Raj Karega Khalsa'.

2) Vijay Rupani

Vijay Rupani has resigned as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. He submitted his resignation to governor Acharya Devvrat.

3) GC Murmu

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, GC Murmu was elected as the chairman of the assembly of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions for a period of three years from 2024 to 2027. India will host the 16th assembly of ASOSAI in 2024.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'Haryana Environment and Pollution Code'

Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal released the book 'Haryana Environment and Pollution Code' compiled by former IAS officer and famous poet Smt. Dheera Khandelwal. The book will prove useful to the entrepreneurs, who were deprived of complete knowledge of laws and regulations related to the environment for setting up new ventures.

2) "Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster"

A new book has titled "Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster" authored by Uday Bhatia. The Book deals with the testimonies from Ram Gopal Varma, Anurag Kashyap, Manoj Bajpayee, Vishal Bhardwaj, Saurabh Shukla. Uday Bhatia is a film critic with Mint Lounge in Delhi.

