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INTERNATIONAL

1) India-Australia holds inaugural 2+2 ministerial dialogue

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with their Australian counterparts Peter Dutton and Marise Payne before the inaugural session of 2+2 ministerial dialogue in New Delhi. The high-level dialogue will further ramp up the overall defence and strategic cooperation between the two countries.

2) Acting Prime Minister of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund, a leading member of the Taliban has been appointed as the acting Prime Minister of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. He will head the 33-member team for an interim government of Afghanistan.

NATIONAL

1) INS Dhruv

India's first nuclear-missile tracking ship, named INS Dhruv, has been commissioned from Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. The 10,00 tonnes satellite and ballistic missile tracking ship has been built by the Hindustan Shipyard Limited in collaboration with the DRDO and National Technical Research Organisation.

2) India's largest open-air fernery

India's largest open-air fernery has been inaugurated in Ranikhet of Uttarakhand. The new centre will serve the dual objective of 'conservation of fern species as well as 'create awareness about their ecological role and promote further research.

STATE NEWS

1) Nuakhai festival

Nuakhai, the harvest festival of Odisha is celebrated on Bhadraba Shuklapakhya Panchami tithi, the next day of Ganesh Chaturthi. It marks the consumption of the first harvested crops. It is celebrated by worshipping the Goddess Samaleshwari, the presiding deity of Western Odisha.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Amazon Pay ties up with Kuvera

Amazon Pay, a wholly owned subsidiary of Amazon in partnership with Kuvera, Investment platform will provide wealth management services to its 50 million customers across India. It is the first ever wealth management tie-up for amazon across the world.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Women's Prize for Fiction 2021

Author Susanna Clarke won the Women's Prize for Fiction 2021 for her novel 'Piranesi'.





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Novelist and Booker-winner Bernardine Evaristo chaired the Women's Prize judging panel this year. 'Piranesi' is narrated by a man living in a labyrinthine, statue-filled house — alone except for a visitor known as the Other — that comprises his whole universe.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Prativa Mohapatra

US tech giant Adobe has announced the appointment of Prativa Mohapatra as vice president and managing director for Adobe India. Mohapatra's career spans over 25 years in the technology industry. She joins Adobe from tech firm IBM, where she served as vice president of digital sales.

2) Pawan Kumar Goenka

Pawan Kumar Goenka has been appointed as the chairperson of the Indian National Space Promotion Authorization Centre (In-SPACE). During his R&D tenure in M&M, he led the development of the Scorpio SUV. IN-SPACE functions as an independent nodal agency under the Department of Space, Government of India.

3) Rahul Dravid

Piramal Realty, the real estate arm of the Piramal Group, has appointed Former captain of Indian Cricket team Rahul Dravid as its brand ambassador for its portfolio of 4 residential projects and one commercial project.

SPORTS

1) Jeev Milkha Singh

Star Indian golfer Jeev Milkha Singh has become the first professional golfer in the world to receive the prestigious 10-year Dubai Golden Visa in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport. Other sportspersons who have been granted the Golden Visa by Dubai include footballers Cristiano Ronaldo, Paul Pogba, Roberto Carlos, Luis Figo and others.

2) US open 2021

Daniil Medvedev has lifted his first Grand Slam trophy after defeating Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in the US Open men's singles final at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York. In the women's category, Great Britain's tennis player Emma Raducanu defeated Canada's Leylah Annie Fernandez to win the 2021 US Open women's singles final title.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) National Forest Martyrs Day

The National Forest Martyrs Day is annually observed across India on September 11th to pay tribute to the people who laid down their lives to protect the environment, forests and wildlife across India.