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27th July

NATIONAL

1) Mangrove Mitra Programme

- Odisha's Kendrapara district have donated over 25 acres of their land near Bhitarkanika National Park for mangrove plantation under the Mangrove Mitra Programme.
- The Bhitarkanika mangrove ecosystem is India's second-largest, but it has suffered losses due to deforestation caused by resettlement and human activities.
- The 2021 Forest Survey of India report said the mangrove forest cover in the country increased by 17 square km over the previous two years.

2) West Bengal government announces a "mangrove cell"

- West Bengal, which is home to about 40% of the mangrove forests in India, announced the setting up of a 'mangrove cell' in the West Bengal, on the occasion of the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem.
- The cell has an action plan for the plantation of mangroves, it will also look at maintenance and coordinate with NGOs.

STATE NEWS

1) First transgender person in Rajasthan

Noor Shekhawat became the first transgender person in Rajasthan to be issued a birth certificate with the gender recorded as transgender.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Bank of Israel to join the International Committee on Credit Reporting



























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- The World Bank issued an official approval for the Bank of Israel to join the International Committee on Credit Reporting, consists of worldwide committees on credit reporting.
- International Committee on Credit Reporting has been established by the World Bank in 2009 with the support of Bank for International Standards.

2) Mahindra & Mahindra

- Mahindra & Mahindra, a prominent Indian conglomerate, confirmed its investment in RBL Bank by acquiring a 3.53% stake for ₹417 crores.
- The acquisition was announced through a regulatory filing, and Mahindra & Mahindra expressed its potential to make further investments in RBL Bank, subject to pricing, regulatory approvals, and required procedures.

APPOINTMENTS

1) R Seshasavee

R Seshasayee has been appointed as the Chairman of Asian Paints. R Seshasayee, a Chartered Accountant, embarked on his professional journey with Hindustan Lever Ltd in 1971.

OBITUARY

1) Sinead O'Connor

- Irish singer Sinead O'Connor, who shot to fame in the 1990s with the song "Nothing Compares 2 U", has died at the age of 56.
- O'Connor crashed onto the global music scene with her mesmerising version of the song originally written by Prince, a video that has been viewed 400 million times on YouTube.





















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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Batagaika crater

- The Batagaika crater, the world's largest permafrost crater is expanding at an alarming rate in Russia's Far East. The crater has been seen in the far- eastern Siberian taiga (that is, boreal forest). It's a rapidly growing 1 km (0.6 mile) pit.
- Permafrost is any ground that remains completely frozen or colder for at least two years straight and is mostly found in regions with high mountains and in Earth's higher latitudes i.e. near the North and South Poles.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Miles Franklin Literary Award

- Sri Lankan-origin Australian writer Shankari Chandran faced difficulty in getting her debut book published. The reason: publishers thought her novel wasn't "Australian" enough to be successful in their local market.
- Chandran's award-winning novel 'Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens' is a story about family, memories, community, race.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Smoke and Ashes"

- Amitav Ghosh's new book "Smoke and Ashes" explores the historical significance of opium as a powerful agent that has shaped and continues to shape the world's history.
- The book focuses on the Opium Wars (1839-42 and 1856-60), which were waged by European colonial powers on China.





















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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Nature Conservation Day

- World Nature Conservation Day is observed on July 28. The day is observed to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our planet for future generations.
- The day provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and governments to come together and make a difference.
- "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet".

2) 85th Raising Day

- The Central Reserve Police Force observed its 85th Raising Day on 27 July 2023 to celebrates the immense and unparalleled contribution of the force in upholding the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of the nation.
- A parade will be held at the CRPF's headquarters in Delhi.













