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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1) Israel launched Covid antibody tests for children aged 3

Israel launched antibody testing for children aged as three in order to get the exact number of unvaccinated youths who have developed antibody against coronavirus. Israel was among the first countries to launch a vaccination drive in mid-December 2020 by an agreement with Pfizer.

NATIONAL NEWS

1) 'Third Wave Preparedness: Children Vulnerability and Recovery'

According to the committee of experts, set up under National Institute of Disaster Management, the third Covid wave that could peak around late October. This study is titled as 'Third Wave Preparedness: Children Vulnerability and Recovery'.

2) Exercise Konkan 2021

Exercise Konkan 2021 was held in English Channel in between INS Tabar and HMS Westminster. Konkan exercise witnessed the participation of integral helicopters of two ships and Falcon Electronic Warfare aircraft. The naval exercise Konkan 18 is held in between the navies of India and United Kingdom.

STATE NEWS

1) Maharaja Agrasen International Airport

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to rename the Hisar Airport as Maharaja Agrasen International Airport. The Hisar Airport is a domestic airport and the first DGCA licensed Public Aerodrome of the State.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) AI-enabled chatbot - Urja

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd launched an AI-enabled chatbot, named Urja to provide its customers with a platform for seamless self-service experience and faster resolution of queries/issues. URJA is the first such chatbot in the oil and gas industry in India. URJA has been launched under the Project Anubhav of BPCL.

2) PayPal launched crypto buying and selling in UK

PayPal Holdings Inc has launched crypto buying and selling in the United Kingdom. PayPal will allow customers in the UK to buy, sell and hold bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. It launched cryptocurrency buying and selling in United States in the year 2021.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) 'Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund'

The World Bank has launched a new 'Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund', to better roll out





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cybersecurity development agenda in a systematic manner. The new fund has been developed as an associated trust fund under the broader Digital Development Partnership umbrella program.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) "The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index"

According to a new report by UNICEF, Children in India are at extreme high risk of impacts of climate crisis. As per report, India is among four South Asian countries where children are most at risk. Climate change threaten their health, education, and protection.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Nakul Chopra

Broadcast Audience Research Council (Barc) has announced the appointment of Nakul Chopra as its chief executive officer effective 25 August 2021. Former CEO Sunil Lulla has resigned to pursue his ambition as an entrepreneur. Chopra had joined the BARC India Board in 2016.

2) T M Bhasin

The Central Vigilance Commission has announced the re-appointment of T M Bhasin as chairman of the Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF). The panel was constituted to examine bank frauds of over Rs 50 crore and recommend action.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) "International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition"

United Nations observes 23 August every year as "International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition". The day was designated by UNESCO to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.

2) Onam festival

Onam festival of Kerala, is celebrated every year by the Malayali community across the world. The 10-day long festival marks the beginning of harvest season as well as the appearance of the Vaman avatar of Lord Vishnu along with the homecoming of King Mahabali. The celebration of Onam begins with Atham. People in Kerala decorates their home with yellow flowers known as Pookalam.

3) World Sanskrit Day

World Sanskrit Day, (also known as Sanskrit Diwas), is celebrated every year on Shraavanapoornima, which is the Poornima day of the Shraavana month in the Hindu calendar, which is also marked as Raksha Bandhan. In 2021, this day is being observed on August 22, 2021.

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OBITUARY

1) O.M. Nambiar

O.M. Nambiar, the man who transformed a village girl P.T. Usha into Asia's Golden Girl, passed away. One of India's most famous coaches, Nambiar spotted Usha at a very young age in 1976 and soon began coaching her at the Kannur Sports Division.

