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INTERNATIONAL

1) G20 presidency

India will hold the G20 presidency from December 1, 2022, and will convene the G20 leaders' summit in 2023 for the first time. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Minister has been appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 in 2023 (18th edition). A sherpa is a diplomat who undertakes preparatory work prior to a summit conference.

2) El Salvador becomes the first country to adopt bitcoin as a national currency

El Salvador becomes the first country to adopt bitcoin as a national currency. The country has passed a resolution to make Bitcoin as a legal currency alongside the US dollar on last June 2021 and bill was the approved by President Nayib Bukele.

NATIONAL

1) 'BujurgonkiBaat–DeshKeSaath'

Union Minister of Culture Shri Kishan Reddy launched a programme named 'BujurgonkiBaat–DeshKeSaath' that aims at enhancing the interaction between the youth and the elder persons who are 95 years and above and thus have spent around 18 years in India before independence.

2) PRANA portal

Union Minister of Environment, Bhupender Yadav launched a portal named PRANA, for the regulation of air pollution in 132 cities across the country. PRANA stands for Portal for Regulation of Air pollution in Non-Attainment cities. The portal (prana.cpcb.gov.in) will support tracking of physical as well as the financial status of city air action plan implementation.

STATE NEWS

1) "Business Balsters" programme

Manish Sisodia, the deputy Chief Minister of Delhi launched the "Business Balsters" programme, which will be implemented in all the Government run schools across Delhi. This program aims to inculcate entrepreneurship mindset at the school-level, it is an initiative under Delhi's ambitious "Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum".

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) 'WisePOSGo'

The Karnataka Bank has launched an all-in-one Point-of-Sales (POS) swiping machine dubbed as 'WisePOSGo', for its merchant customers to process business payments. The private sector lender has rolled out this POS device in collaboration with Mswipe Technologies Pvt Ltd.

2) HDFC Bank has signed MoU with the NSIC

HDFC Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Small Industries





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Corporation for providing credit support to the micro, small and medium enterprise sector. The branches of HDFC bank will extend support to the MSME projects in the areas they are located in and to other important industrial sectors across the country.

3) S&P Global Ratings

S&P Global Ratings has revised India's growth forecast and now expects the economy to grow 9.5 per cent in 2021-22 (FY22) and 7.0 per cent in 2022-23 (FY23). India's external position is very strong and this is quite supportive of India's sovereign rating despite the fact that we have had this deterioration in fiscal position concurrently.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Baby Rani Maurya

Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya has announced her resignation from the position, almost two years before completing her term, citing personal reasons. The 64-year-old Baby Rani Maurya was appointed as the Governor of Uttarakhand in August 2018, succeeding Krishan Kant Paul.

2) Rajnish Kumar

The Andhra Pradesh government has appointed Rajnish Kumar as its economic advisor. A former SBI chairman, Rajnish Kumar's tenure in the cabinet rank position is for two years.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Cristiano Ronaldo

Portuguese captain Cristiano Ronaldo has broken the world record for most goals scored in men's international football. Ronaldo surpassed Iranian striker Ali Daei's long-held record of 109 international goals by scoring a brace against Ireland in a World Cup Qualifier.

2) Neeraj Chopra

Tata AIA Life Insurance has announced the signing of a multi-year brand partnership with Indian athlete and Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra, as its brand ambassador. Neeraj Chopra closely embodies Tata AIA's vision of enabling dreams and inspiring healthier and happier lives and its core value of passion for excellence.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Gita Govinda: Jaydeva's Divine Odyssey"

Union Minister of Culture Shri Kishan Reddy has launched a book titled "Gita Govinda: Jaydeva's Divine Odyssey" authored by Dr Utpal K. Banerjee. The book is the first-ever fully-rhymed translation of the book GeetaGovindam by great 12th-century poet Jayadeva.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day to Protect Education from Attack

International Day to Protect Education from Attack is observed globally on 9th September. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness regarding the importance of safeguarding schools as places of protection and safety for students and educators and the need to keep education at the top of the public agenda.

