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NATIONAL

1) First Zika virus case reported in U.P

First case of Zika Virus was reported from Kanpur in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Zika virus is a member of the Flaviviridae virus family. It is spread by daytime-active called named “Aedes mosquitoes” like A. aegypti and A. albopictus. The name of the virus comes from “Zika Forest of Uganda”.

2) INS VIKRANT

First indigenous aircraft carrier of India, named Vikrant, started its second phase of sea trials. INS Vikrant is a 40,000-tonne aircraft carrier. It is the largest and most complex warship that is built in India. IAC Vikrant has been constructed at a cost of Rs 23000 crores. It is a 40000-tonne aircraft carrier.

3) Pradhan Mantri Atma Nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Uttar Pradesh and launch Pradhan Mantri Atma Nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana in Varanasi. PMASBY is going to be one of the largest pan-India schemes to strengthen healthcare infrastructure across India. This scheme is being launched in addition to the National Health Mission.

4) Life expectancy in India drops by 2 years due to Covid

According to the scientists from a city-based International Institute for Population Studies, Covid-19 pandemic has affected the lives of people across the world. In the year 2019, life expectancy at birth was 69.5 years for men while 72 years for women. This is decreased to 67.5 years for men and 69.8 years for women in the year 2020.

STATE NEWS

1) Haryana announces Free Education Scheme

Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar, announced a free education scheme in state, to boost the level of education in the state. Scheme has been announced to those whose verified family income is lower than Rs. 1.80 lakh per annum. Announcement was made under Haryana’s ‘Super 100 Programme’.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) SEBI declares state-owned PEC as ‘not fit & proper’

For the first time, the Securities and Exchange Board of India has declared a government-owned company called “PEC Ltd” as ‘not fit & proper’. According to SEBI, PEC has failed to conduct its business in conformity with the standards which are expected to be maintained by registered securities market intermediaries.



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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Tamil film 'Koozhangal' picked as India's entry for 2022 Oscar's best international feature
Tamil drama "Koozhangal" ("Pebbles"), directed by filmmaker Vinothraj PS, has been selected as India's official entry for the 94th Academy Awards. The movie follows an alcoholic abusive husband who, after his long-suffering wife runs off, sets out with his young son to find her and bring her back.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) India's first Banni buffalo IVF calf born

India's first IVF (in-vitro fertilisation) calf of Banni breed of buffaloes was born in Gir Somnath district of Gujarat. Banni breed of buffalo is found primarily in the Kutch region of Gujarat. IVC process was carried out in a bid to enhance the number of genetically superior buffaloes for increasing the milk production.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) United Nations Day

The United Nations Day is observed on October 24, every year since 1948. The day marks the anniversary of the entry of the UN Charter into force in 1945. The United Nations was officially established on October 24, 1945, after the UN Charter was ratified by China, the Soviet Union, France, the United States and the United Kingdom as well as other signatories.

