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INTERNATIONAL

1)'Atlas of Mortality and Economic Losses from Weather from 1970 to 2019'

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), has released a report, which stated that weather disasters killed 2 million in the last 50 years. WMO has published 'Atlas of Mortality and Economic Losses from Weather, Climate and Water Extremes, from 1970 to 2019'.

2) NDB has approved the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Bangladesh as its new members

The Shanghai-based New Development Bank (NDB) has approved the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Bangladesh as its new member countries. In 2020, the NDB Board of Governors initiated the negotiation to expand its membership. As a result UAE, Uruguay and Bangladesh have been admitted as the first new member countries of the NDB.

NATIONAL

1) Funds to Rural Local Bodies

The Ministry of Finance has released an amount of Rs. 13,385.70 crore to 25 States for providing grants to the Rural Local Bodies. This Grant-in-aid is the 1st installment of Tied grants of the year 2021-22. The grants have been released as per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission.

2) Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually unveiled a special commemorative coin of Rs 125 to mark the 125th birth anniversary of ISKCON founder Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. In July 1966, Prabhupada founded the International Society for Krishna Consciousness commonly known as the 'Hare Krishna movement'.

3) NUTRI GARDEN

The Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated NUTRI GARDEN to mark the beginning of Poshan Maah – 2021 at All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA). Plantation of Shigru (Sahijan) and Amla saplings were also carried out. AIIA, New Delhi under the direction of the Ministry of Ayush initiated the celebration of Poshan Maah – 2021.

STATE NEWS

1) E-ILP Platform

The CM of Manipur virtually launched the e-ILP platform for effective regulation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system in the state. The ILP system came into effect in Manipur on 1st January 2020. ILP is a document that Indian citizens from other states are required to possess in order to enter states like Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland and Manipur.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) New Umbrella Entity licenses

The Reserve Bank of India will set up a committee to scrutinize applications and give recommendations on New Umbrella Entity licenses. The 5 member committee will be headed by Shri. P. Vasudevan. The committee will be responsible for looking into several aspects of NUE, from the macroeconomic impact of such a step to the security risks.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Botanic Gardens Conservation International

Botanic Gardens Conservation International launched the State of the World's Trees Report. The report warns that almost a third of the world's tree species are at risk of extinction, while hundreds are on the brink of being wiped out.

2) State animal and bird

Ladakh has adopted Snow Leopard and Black-Necked Crane, as State animal and State bird. Snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*) act as an indicator of the health of the mountain ecosystem. The black-necked crane (*Grus nigricollis*), also known as Tibetan crane, is a large bird and medium-sized crane.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Bird Photographer of the Year

Mexican photographer Alejandro Prieto has emerged as the winner of the Bird Photographer of the Year (BPOTY) 2021. He has won for capturing a photograph of a greater roadrunner staring up at the barbed-wire-clad border wall between the USA and Mexico, with what almost looks like a sense of bewilderment.

OBITUARY

1) Chandan Mitra

Former Rajya Sabha MP and senior journalist Chandan Mitra has passed away. He was the Editor and Managing Director of The Pioneer newspaper in New Delhi. Mitra was nominated as a member of the Rajya Sabha from August 2003 to 2009.

SPORTS

1) Tokyo Paralympics 2020

Praveen Kumar became India's fourth medallist in men's high jump and 11th medallist overall at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 as he won silver with an Asian record jump of 2.07m. Praveen cleared the Asian record with a 2.07m jump, finishing behind Great Britain's Jonathan Broom-Edwards, who managed the best jump of 2.10m





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Pankaj Kumar Singh

Pankaj Kumar Singh, a 1988-batch IPS officer from the Rajasthan cadre, has taken charge as the new Director General of the Border Security Force. Prior to this, he was serving as the special DG at the BSF headquarters in Delhi. The 58-year-old Pankaj Singh replaces IPS officer and Indo-Tibetan Border Police Director General (DG) SS Deswal.

2) Dr PPK Ramacharyulu

Rajya Sabha Chairman, M Venkaiah Naidu has appointed Dr PPK Ramacharyulu, who is the secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat since 2018, as the secretary general. He succeeds Desh Dipak Verma, who demitted office as secretary-general after serving the top post for four years.

