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NATIONAL

1) 'Azadi@75 – New Urban India: Transforming Urban Landscape'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Azadi@75 – New Urban India: Transforming Urban Landscape' Conference-cum-Expo in Lucknow at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan as a part of Azadi@75 celebrations. The theme of the three-day event is "New Urban India". The Conference-cum-Expo is organised by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.

2) 'i-Drone'

The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya, launched 'i-Drone', a drone-based vaccine delivery model for Northeast states. The i-Drone has been developed by the Indian Council of Medical Research. i-Drone stands for ICMR's Drone Response and Outreach in North East.

3) Heli-Borne Survey Technology for water management

The Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched a Heli-Borne Survey Technology for water management in the arid areas of Rajasthan. Developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research -National Geophysical Research Institute, it will provide information about level, quantity, quality and information of ground water.

STATE NEWS

1) Sweet dish Mihidana

The first consignment of Geographical Indication tagged sweet dish Mihidana, from Bardhaman, West Bengal has been exported to the Kingdom of Bahrain. This initiative is part of the effort to promote indigenous & Geographical Identification (GI) tagged products of India globally.

2) White onion of Alibag in Maharashtra was given the GI tag

The famed white onion of Alibag in Maharashtra was given the Geographical Indication tag bringing worldwide recognition to its unique sweet taste, no-tears factor, as well as its medicinal properties. The NABL-approved lab test report mentions low pungency, sweet taste, 'no tear' factor, low pyruvic acid, high protein, fat & fibre, etc.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) NAV-eCash card

State Bank of India has announced the launch of SBI's NAV-eCash card on INS Vikramaditya, the largest naval aircraft carrier of India. The new journey envisioned for the card is set to change the payment ecosystem, while the ship is sailing with no dependency on utilisation of any form of cash to avail any of the services on board.





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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2021

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2021 was awarded jointly to Benjamin List and David W.C. MacMillan “for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis.” This has had a great impact on pharmaceutical research and has made chemistry greener.

2) 2021 Yidan Prize for Education Development

Professor Eric A. Hanushek and Dr Rukmini Banerji have been awarded the 2021 Yidan Prize for Education Development for improving learning outcomes in schools at scale. Yidan Prize is the world’s highest education accolade for improving quality of education and outcomes for learners at scale.

3) Nobel Prize 2021 for Physics

The Nobel Prize 2021 for physics was awarded to three scientists from Japan, Germany and Italy. Second half of the prize was awarded to Giorgio Parisi for his “discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales.”

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Eric Braganza

The Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association has appointed Eric Braganza as its president for a two-year term. He succeeds Godrej Appliances Business Head and Executive Vice-President Kamal Nandi for the CEAMA chair.

OBITUARY

1) Shakti Sinha

Shakti Sinha, former bureaucrat, and academician who was private secretary to late prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, passed away. Sinha, an IAS officer of the 1979 batch. He worked closely with Vajpayee between 1996 and 1999 and had written a memoir titled Vajpayee: The Years That Changed India.

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1) Amitabh Bachchan

Crypto exchange CoinDCX has roped in Amitabh Bachchan as a brand ambassador to spread awareness about cryptocurrencies. Through this collaboration, CoinDCX wants to increase awareness around crypto and popularise it as an emerging asset class. CoinDCX wants to ensure that crypto is accessible to everyone.

