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INTERNATIONAL

1) “Freedom in the World 2022 – The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule”

India has been termed as ‘partly free’ country in terms of democracy and free society, according to the annual report. The report titled “Freedom in the World 2022 – The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule” by Freedom House, a US-based NGO that ‘assesses political rights and civil liberties. India scored 66 out of 100 in 2022.

2) Noor-2

Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps successfully launched a military satellite, Noor-2, into orbit at an altitude of 500 kilometres (311 miles) from the earth. This is the second military satellite launched by the Islamic Republic. The first military satellite, Noor, was launched in April 2020

NATIONAL

1) “PARAM Ganga”

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) has designed and installed a supercomputer named “PARAM Ganga”, at IIT Roorkee, under Phase II of National Supercomputing Mission (NSM). PARAM Ganga has a supercomputing capacity of 1.66 Petaflops.

2) “Jharokha”

Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles are organising a programme called “Jharokha- Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art and culture” to celebrate the traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture.

STATE NEWS

1) Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme

Haryana government has announced Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme to provide support to women entrepreneurs, on International Women’s Day. Under the scheme, the women whose family annual income is less than 5 lakh rupees based on Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) verified data, will be provided access to soft loans by financial institutions to the extent of 3 lakh rupees.

2) Aama Yojana

Chief Minister of Sikkim, Prem Singh Tamang has announced that the State Government will soon implement ‘Aama Yojana, a scheme for helping non-working mothers & ‘Bahini Scheme’ benefitting girl students of the state.



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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Flipkart and Google Cloud have formed a multi-year strategic agreement

Flipkart and Google Cloud have formed a multi-year strategic agreement to assist Flipkart accelerate its innovation and cloud strategy. Flipkart's next phase of expansion will be aided by this alliance, which will help it achieve its goal of enrolling India's next 200 million buyers and lakhs of vendors.

2) 'LaxmiForLaxmi'

HDFC Mutual Fund has launched a women-led financial empowerment initiative 'LaxmiForLaxmi' which will connect women investors to a woman financial expert near them through a unique missed call service. The female financial expert will guide and address the queries of the woman investor.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) T Raja Kumar

T Raja Kumar (Singapore), has been named president of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the world's anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing agency. His appointment is for a set two-year term, which begins on July 1. During the FATF plenary, he was chosen to succeed Dr Marcus Pleyer of Germany.

