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INTERNATIONAL

1) Next sessions of climate talks will be held in Egypt and UAE

The 2022 edition of the Conference of Parties, or the 27th COP, will take place at Sharm- El-Sheikh, Egypt and the 28th edition in 2023 will be held in the UAE, the Council decided. The 2021 UN Climate Change Conference, COP26, concluded recently at Glasgow.

NATIONAL

1) Project-75

4th Scorpene submarine of the Project-75, Yard 11878 was delivered to the Indian Navy which will be commissioned as INS (Indian Naval Ship) Vela. Project-75 includes the construction of six submarines of Scorpene design by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai in collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France.

2) Indo-Thai CORPAT

The 32nd edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy is being conducted from 12–14 November 2021. Indian Naval Ship Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette and His Majesty's Thailand Ship Tayanchon, a Khamrosin Class Anti-submarine Patrol Craft, along with Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both navies are participating in the CORPAT.

3) Idol of Goddess Annapurna

An idol of Goddess Annapurna that was stolen from Varanasi about 100 years ago and later found in Canada recently is all set to be back at its rightful place and will be gracing the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi. It is 17 cm in height, 9 cm in breadth and 4 cm in thickness.

4) Bhadrachalam added as a destination in IRCTC's Ramayana Circuit train

Bhadrachalam in Telangana has been added as a destination in the IRCTC's Ramayana Circuit train. Union Minister for Culture and Tourism G. Kishan Reddy has expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the inclusion of Bhadrachalam as one of the destinations in the Ramayana Circuit of the Pilgrim Special Train.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Consumer Price Index

The retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index, slightly rose to 4.48 % in October. Separately, the factory output, measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production, grew by 3.1 % in September. Food inflation picked up to 0.85 per cent in October from 0.68 per cent a month ago with a rise in prices of vegetables.





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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) “Unshackling India: Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival”

A book titled “Unshackling India: Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival” authored by Ajay Chhibber and Salman Anees Soz. This book examines whether India can use the next 25 years, to rejuvenate its democratic energy and unshackle its potential to become a genuinely developed economy by 2047.

2) Shuttler’s Flick: Making every match count

India’s chief national badminton coach P. Gopi Chand formally launched his autobiography Shuttler’s Flick: Making every match count, co-authored by Priya Kumar. In this book, he try to introduce variables, challenges and sometimes even fun to keep the players enthusiastic about the game as well as to not let their bodies slip into a comfort zone.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Pramod Chandra Mody

Pramod Chandra Mody was appointed new Secretary General Rajya Sabha, replacing P.P.K. Ramacharyulu. Ramacharyulu meanwhile has been reassigned as an advisor for one year term. Ramacharyulu has now been appointed as an advisor in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

2) Daniel Brühl

Spanish-German Actor Daniel Brühl has been named the Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations World Food Programme. He has joined the WFP’s mission to reach a world with Zero Hunger. As the goodwill ambassador, he will inform about the main drivers of hunger and showcase the efforts of UN WFP to tackle both immediate needs and root causes of hunger.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Honorary rank of ‘General of the Indian Army’

In continuation of a tradition that started in 1950, Nepal Army Chief Gen Prabhu Ram Sharma was conferred with the honorary rank of ‘General of the Indian Army’ by President Ram Nath Kovind. Nepal conferred the honorary rank of ‘General of Nepal Army’ to Indian Army Chief Gen MM Naravane during his visit to Kathmandu in November last year.

OBITUARY

1) Anand Shankar Pandya

Former Vice President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Anand Shankar Pandya has passed away. He was over 99 years old. He was a prolific author and public intellectual who wrote extensively on history, public policy and spirituality. He was active in the VHP and worked selflessly towards social service.