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NATIONAL

1) Umiya Mata Dham temple

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of Umiya Mata Dham temple and temple premises under Maa Umiya Dham Development Project at Umiya Campus in Sola in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. They will be developed at a cost of Rs 1,500 crore on 74,000 square yards of land.

2) Askot Wildlife Sanctuary

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, around the boundary of Askot Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttarakhand has been declared as the Askot Wildlife Sanctuary Eco-sensitive Zone. The Askot Wildlife Sanctuary was established to protect the endangered flagship species Musk Deer and its habitat. The Askot Wildlife Sanctuary is also known as Musk Deer Park.

3) IIT-Delhi signed an MoU with Indian Air Force

IIT-Delhi signed an MoU with Indian Air Force to support requirements towards indigenous solutions in various weapon systems. Under the MoU, The IAF has identified key focus areas involving the development of technology and finding indigenous solutions towards the sustenance of various weapon systems.

4) India International Science Festival

Union Minister of State, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the seventh edition of the India International Science Festival at Panaji, Goa. The theme of the 4-day science festival is 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' – "Celebrating Creativity, Science, Technology and Innovation for a prosperous India". First India International Science Festival was held in 2015 at IIT Delhi.

5) "Patagonia" selects Khadi Denim for its Apparels

US-based fashion brand, Patagonia, is now using handcrafted Khadi Denim fabric for making Denim apparels. Patagonia, through textile major Arvind Mills, has purchased nearly 30,000 meters of Khadi Denim Fabric worth Rs 1.08 crore from Gujarat.

STATE NEWS

1) "Mission Shakti Living Lab"

Odisha inked an agreement with United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) to launch "Mission Shakti Living Lab" for the financial empowerment of women. A Global Centre for Financial Health, to launch Mission Shakti Living Lab empowering women economically and drive gender equality.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) ADB projected growth forecast for 2021-2022 for India at 9.7%

Asian Development Bank has trimmed its 2021 growth forecast for India to 9.7 per cent from 10 per cent but left the 2022 growth forecast unchanged at 7.5 per cent. The inflation forecast of developing Asia was revised to 2.1 per cent for 2021 and unchanged at 7 per cent for 2022.

2) Axis Bank tied up with Swift

Axis Bank is working with new digital services from provider Swift to provide a comprehensive digital solution to clients. The bank is integrating with different digitization initiatives by government bodies and service providers to extend an end-to-end service to business clients.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Ravinder Bhakar

CEO of Central Board of Film Certification, Ravinder Bhakar has assumed charge of National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Films Division, and Children Films Society of India (CFSI). He is a 1999-batch officer of the Indian Railway Stores Service.

2) Leena Nair

French fashion house Chanel named Leena Nair, an executive from Unilever, as its new global CEO. Nair's career at Unilever spanned 30 years, most recently as the chief of human resources and a member of the executive committee

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'Pride, Prejudice and Punditry'

Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Dr. Shashi Tharoor's 23rd book titled 'Pride, Prejudice and Punditry' was launched in Hyderabad, Telangana. There are ten sections in this book, each devoted to a particular topic such as modern Indian history, Indian Politics, etc. He has won 'Sahitya Akademi Award' for 2019, awarded to his book – 'An Era of Darkness.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Vijay Diwas

In India, Vijay Diwas (also called Victory Day) is celebrated every year on December 16. The country is celebrating the 50th Vijay Diwas in 2021. Vijay Diwas is observed to commemorate the service, valour, and sacrifices of the gallant men of the Indian Armed Forces' victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war.



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2) International Tea Day

International Tea Day is observed every year on December 15 in countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Uganda, India, and Tanzania. It is the second most used drink in the world after water.

SPORTS

1) Target Olympic Podium Scheme

A total of 148 athletes, in seven Olympic disciplines and six Paralympic disciplines, have been identified for support under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme at a meeting of the Mission Olympic Cell of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The TOP scheme which is an attempt to provide assistance to India's top athletes. This scheme was started in 2014.

