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INTERNATIONAL

1) Coal 2021 Analysis and forecast to 2024

As per the report of the International Energy Agency titled Coal 2021 Analysis and forecast to 2024, overall global coal demand is expected to grow by 6 percent in 2021. The global coal power generation is expected to increase by 9 percent in 2021 to 10,350 terawatt-hours. China is the world's largest consumer, producer and Importer of coal followed by India being the 2nd largest producer, consumer and importer.

NATIONAL

1) "Army Secure IndiGeneous Messaging Application"

The Indian Army launched a contemporary messaging application named, ASIGMA, which is also known as "Army Secure IndiGeneous Messaging Application". It will replace the AWAN (Army Wide Area Network) messaging application. The messaging app is being developed on Army's internal network.

2) INS Khukri

India's first indigenously built missile corvettes, INS Khukri (P49), was decommissioned after 32 years of service at Visakhapatnam. INS Khukri was built by the Mazagon Dock shipbuilders on August 23, 1989. INS Khukri was a Type 14 (Blackwood-class) frigate, serving into the Indian Navy.

3) 'Soya Meal'

The Central Government has notified the order under the Essential Commodities Act to declare 'Soya Meal' as an Essential Commodities up to 30th June 2022 by amending the Schedule of the Essential Commodities Act, to cool down the domestic prices of Soya Meal. As India's Soya meal is produced from non-genetically modified sources it is in high demand in the world markets.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) SIDBI signed MoU with the government of West Bengal

Small Industries Development Bank of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the government of West Bengal to develop the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ecosystem in the state. According to the MoU, a project management unit of SIDBI will work with the state government.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Pink handfish

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) of Australia, recently spotted a rare pink handfish near Tasmanian coast. The fish was last spotted in

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1999. The species has been named 'handfish' because of their little hand like structure, which they use to walk on the sea bed.

SPORTS

1) National Billiards Title

Pankaj Advani defended his National Billiards Title — to win his 11th one —after defeating his PSPB teammate Dhruv Sitwala in a 5-2 game final that was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Pankaj Arjan Advani is an Indian billiards and snooker player, who was the only cueist to win the Asian and World Championships in all formats of billiards and snooker.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "The Modi Gambit: Decoding Modi 2.0"

Sanju Verma, an economist and the BJP National Spokesperson, has authored a new book titled "The Modi Gambit: Decoding Modi 2.0". The book features the various achievement in the last 2 years of Prime Minister(PM) Narendra Modi's 2nd term as PM of India.



