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INTERNATIONAL

1) Tropical Storm Megi

- Tropical Storm Megi created havoc in the Philippines, killing at least 167 people in landslides and floods.
- Hillside avalanches and overflowing rivers wreaked havoc on the villages surrounding Baybay city in central Leyte province.
- Tropical Storm Megi, also known as Tropical Storm Agaton in the Philippines, was a minor but devastating tropical storm that hit the Philippines in April 2022.

NATIONAL

1) Algal bloom

- Recently, Algal bloom poses threat to Kabani River ecosystem.
- Kabani or Kapila (east flowing) originates in Wayanad District of Kerala. It is a major tributary of Cauvery River.
- Algae are microorganisms that grow naturally in water bodies and they have characteristics of both plants and animals.

2) Baolis/stepwell

- Ministry of Culture inaugurated Photo exhibition on Balis of Delhi on occasion of World Heritage Day.
- Baoli is a reservoir, man-made water tanks in which water can be stored.
- A typical baoli usually consists of three elements, the well in which the water is collected, the flight of steps to reach the ground water through several stories and interconnected pavilions.
- Generally, Baolis are U - shaped but L- shaped rectangular or octagonal stepwells are also not uncommon.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)

- National Financial Reporting Authority was constituted by Ministry of Corporate Affairs under the Companies Act, 2013
- It's objectives is to improve the quality of all corporate financial reporting in India.
- NFRA may get more powers to act against auditors and company executives.





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Bimal Kothari

- Bimal Kothari has appointed as the new Chairman of India Pulses and Grains Association.
- Kothari takes over from Jitu Bheda, who was the IPGA chairman since 2018.
- India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA), the apex body for pulses and grains trade and industry in India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Liver Day

- Globally, World Liver Day is observed on 19th April.
- The day is to spread awareness about the causes of liver disease and tips for its prevention so as to take holistic care of the liver.
- The liver regulates blood sugar, removes toxic substances from the body, helps blood clot, and controls cholesterol levels.

OBITUARY

1) Prafulla Kar

- Recently, Odia singer and music director Prafulla Kar has passed away.
- In 2015, he received the prestigious Padma Shri award.
- In 1975, he became a music composer in the film Mamata which turned out to be an instant hit.