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NATIONAL

1) Energy Conservation Week

Ministry of Power is celebrating the Energy Conservation Week from 8th to 14th December 2021 under "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav". The Bureau of Energy Efficiency has been organising National Level Painting Competitions on themes "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Energy Efficient India" and "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Cleaner Planet".

2) Cybersecurity skilling program

Microsoft has launched a cybersecurity skilling program with the goal of training over 1 lakh learners by 2022 to address the skills gap and prepare India's workforce for a career in cybersecurity. The program is meant to give students hands-on experience with security, compliance, and identity fundamentals.

3) Ken-Betwa inter-linking of rivers project

Ken-Betwa inter-linking of rivers project has been approved by the Union Cabinet. The project will be implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) known as the Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA). "The project includes the construction of the Daudhan dam across river Betwa from Ken.

4) Bhasha Sangam mobile app

Union Minister of State for Education, Dr Subhas Sarkar has informed that the government is all set to launch Bhasha Sangam mobile app. The mobile app is developed to give users familiarity with common expressions of daily conversation in scheduled Indian languages. The app aims to foster the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat by enabling people across India to learn the different languages.

5) BrahMos supersonic cruise missile

India successfully test-fired the air version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from the integrated test range of Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha. The air version of the missile was test-fired from supersonic fighter aircraft Sukhoi 30 MK-I.

STATE NEWS

1) Atma Nirbhar Krishak development scheme

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the Atma Nirbhar Krishak development scheme for boosting the agriculture sector. Atma Nirbhar Krishak development scheme will be implemented from the current financial year. The scheme will provide a long-term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Paytm Payments Bank has been given the scheduled bank status

Paytm Payments Bank has been given the scheduled bank status by the Reserve Bank of India. The approval will help it to bring more financial services and products. Under the status, the bank can explore new business opportunities, including participation in government and other large corporations.

2) SBI has signed an MoU with Kendriya Sainik Board

State Bank of India has signed an MoU with Kendriya Sainik Board to support and educate the children of war veterans, ex-servicemen, and war widows. The bank will provide a grant of ₹ 1,000 per month to 8,333 war veterans'. The bank has contributed ₹ 10 crores to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.

IMPORTANT DAY

1) Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10 December annually across the world. This Day came into existence on December 10, 1948, when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations. The theme for Human Rights Day 2021 is "EQUALITY – Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights."

SPORTS

1) Women's National Football Championship

Manipur successfully defended their Senior Women's National Football Championship crown after a dramatic penalty shootout win over Railways in the final at the EMS Stadium in Kozhikode, Kerala.

2) Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships

Sanket Mahadev Sargar won the gold medal in Men's 55 kg snatch category at the ongoing Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021. He created the national record by lifting 113kg in the men's 55kg snatch category.

OBITUARY

1) Dr Suresh Jadhav

Serum Institute of India's Executive Director Dr Suresh Jadhav has passed away. He played an important role in the development of the Covishield vaccine. He was part of several national and international bodies and organisations. Serum Institute of India is the world's largest vaccine maker.

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