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October 31st

NATIONAL

1) **INNOTHON-2023**

- INNOTHON-2023, an energy innovation hackathon, was organised by Hitachi Energy India at National Institute of Technology (NIT-Warangal) campus.
- The theme of the event was "Future of energy for all, by all in the domain of NIT campus, community around NIT campus and schools around NIT campus".

2) "Hunger Project" in Uttarakhand

- Norway government decided to support India's 'Hunger Project' in Uttarakhand.
- The initiative aims to empower women leaders, enhance food security, and protect the environment, particularly in the ecologically sensitive region of Uttarakhand.
- With a budget of ₹44.7 million and a three-year duration until September 2026, this endeavor holds great promise for the marginalized households in the state.

3) Mahabali

Indian Navy launched the remarkable vessel, the 25T Bollard Pull Tug named "Mahabali" at M/s Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd in Bharuch, Gujarat.

4) Light Combat Helicopter Prachand

- The Indian Army conducted the inaugural firing of the 70mm rocket and 20mm turret guns mounted on the Light Combat Helicopter "Prachand".
- It is specially designed to cater to the operational needs of the Indian armed forces. Equipped with the Shakti Engine, co-developed by HAL and France's Safran.





















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5) "DSC A 21"

- The Indian Navy launched 'DSC A 21,' the second vessel in the Diving Support Craft (DSC) project.
- It is a collaboration with M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd, headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Diving Support Craft are purpose-built for conducting diving operations in harbors and coastal waters.

6) Joint Military Exercise "KAZIND-2023"

- The Indian Army and Indian Air Force embarked on a mission to Kazakhstan to participate in the 7th edition of the Joint Military Exercise 'KAZIND-2023.'
- It aims at enhancing cooperation and combat readiness.
- Venue: Otar, Kazakhstan.

STATE NEWS

1) Rajaji Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation

- Rajaji Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation was established by Uttarakhand government.
- Its aim is to promote ecological, economic, social, and cultural development in and around the Rajaji Tiger Reserve.

2) 'Abua Awas Yojna'

- The Jharkhand government has launched the 'Abua Awas Yojna', a housing scheme.
- The scheme was designed to provide eight lakh pucca houses to homeless individuals in the state, with a total budget of Rs 16,320 crore.

3) Panamalai Paintings

1,300-year-old paintings at Talagirishwara temple are in News. The painting shows





















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Lord Shiva with eight hands dancing, known as Latathilagabhani, being watched by Goddess Parvathi.

The Talagirishwara temple was constructed by Pallava king Narasimhavarman II, popularly known as Rajasimha.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Tata Motors awarded ₹ 766 crore in Singur case

- In a major victory for Tata Motors in the fight against West Bengal for cancelling its Nano small car project, which forced the company to relocate the project to Sanand in Gujarat.
- A three-member arbitration tribunal has made the final award of \$765.78 crore to Tata Motors.

2) Small Finace Banks AU and Fincare agree to merge

- The Board of Directors of AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) Ltd. and Fincare Small Finance Bank (Fincare SFB) Ltd. approved an all-stock merger of AU SFB and Fincare SFB.
- According to the terms, Fincare Business Services Ltd. (FBSL), promoter of Fincare SFB, will infuse 7700 crore into Fincare SFB prior to the completion of the merger.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Integral Field Ultraviolet Spectroscope Experiment

- The Integral Field Ultraviolet Spectroscope Experiment (INFUSE) mission was launched by NASA to study the Cygnus Loop, a supernova remnant located about 2,600 light years away from Earth.
- The Cygnus Loop is a favorite spot for both amateur astronomers and scientists due to its prominent location near the constellation Cygnus, often referred to as the "swan."



















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SPORTS

1) Mexico City Grand Prix

- Red Bull's triple world champion Max Verstappen made Formula One history as the first driver to take 16 victories in a season when he won Mexico City Grand Prix.
- He equalled French great Alain Prost's haul of 51 ca reer wins with his fifth win in six editions of the Mexican race at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez.
- Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton finished second, with fastest lap, and Ferrari's Charles Leclerc was third.

2) Inzamam ul Haq

Inzamam ul Hag has resigned as Pakistan's chief selector linked to the team's poor performance in Cricket World Cup.

3) Rashid is fourth Afghan to play 100 ODIs

Rashid Khan became the fourth Afghanistan player to feature in 100 ODIs after Mohammad Nabi (153), Asghar Afghan (114) and Rahmat Shah (103).

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Cities Day

- United Nations General Assembly has designated October 31st as World Cities Day.
- The day provides a unique opportunity to spotlight the international community's interest in global urbanization. World Cities Day was first celebrated in 2014.
- Theme of 2023: "Financing sustainable urban future for all."













