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INTERNATIONAL

1) 16th East Asia Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the 16th East Asia Summit through a video conference during which he re-affirmed India's focus on a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific and the principle of ASEAN Centrality in the region. The 16th EAS was hosted under the Chairmanship of Brunei.

NATIONAL

1) Agni-5

The Defence Research and Development Organisation carried successful test-firing of surface-to-surface ballistic missile Agni-5 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. Agni-V is the most advanced surface-to-surface indigenously built ballistic missile. It is a three-stage, solid-fuelled, 17-metre tall missile.

2) "SAMBHAV"

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched an e-National Level Awareness Programme 'SAMBHAV', to promote engagement of the youth in promoting entrepreneurship. The e-National Level Awareness Programme 2021 'SAMBHAV' was launched by Union Minister of MSME Narayan Rane in New Delhi.

3) "Green Day Ahead Market"

The Union Minister of Power & New and Renewable Energy, R K Singh has launched a new market segment, "Green Day Ahead Market". This makes India as the only large electricity market in the world to implement a GDAM exclusively for renewable energy.

4) "Ambassadors" Round Table for Def Expo 2022

Raksha Mantri, Rajnath Singh has chaired the Ambassadors' Round Table for Def Expo 2022, in New Delhi. DefExpo 2022 will be Asia's largest defence exhibition. The Round Table was aimed to brief the Ambassadors of foreign missions about the planning, arrangements and other details of DefExpo 2022.

5) 'Syracuse 4A'

France has successfully launched a state-of-the-art satellite namely 'Syracuse 4A' into orbit which was carried off by Ariane 5 rocket from Kourou, in French Guiana. It is designed to allow France's armed forces across the globe to communicate swiftly and securely. The satellite can survey its close surroundings and move itself to escape an attack.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Go-Green' scheme





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Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has launched the 'Go-Green' scheme & its Portal to provide electric two-wheelers at subsidised rates to construction and industrial workers of the state. The scheme is aimed at reducing fuel bills and also curbing vehicular pollution.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of 4.99 percent of the outstanding equity share capital in HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company by private sector lender HDFC Bank. HDFC Bank will acquire 3.56 crore shares or 4.99% stake for Rs 1,906 crore from the parent company Housing Development Finance Corporation.

2) "Business Ko Le Seriously" campaign

FloBiz, a neobank for Indian Small to Medium-sized Businesses, announced Padma Shri Awardee actor Manoj Bajpayee as the brand ambassador for its flagship product. He will promote the "Business Ko Le Seriously" campaign to mark the importance of digital solutions.

3) 'Ka-ching'

IndiGo and Kotak Mahindra Bank entered into a strategic partnership for the launch of a co-branded credit card named 'Ka-ching'. The credit card was launched under IndiGo's 6E Rewards programme and linked with it to enable the members to earn rewards by using the card on IndiGo and other merchants.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Gray Hanuman Langur

A troop of Gray langurs (*Semnopithecus entellus*) with their pelage (fur or hair) coloured blue was spotted in an industrial neighbourhood of Ankleshwar in Gujarat. Also called Hanuman, Langur, named after the Hindu god, Hanuman.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Anita Anand

Indo-Canadian Anita Anand became just the second woman to be appointed Canada's minister of national defence as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his new cabinet. The ministers were sworn in by governor-general Mary May Simon in a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

2) Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the incumbent President of Uzbekistan has won a 2nd five-year term as the President of Uzbekistan. He is a member of the UzLiDeP. Shavkat Mirziyoyev took office in 2016 following the death of Islam Karimov, the first post-independence president of Uzbekistan.



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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Animation Day

International Animation Day is observed every year on October 28 to celebrate the art of animation and also recognise the artists, scientists and technicians behind animation. The day was created in 2002 by International Animated Film Association.

