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INTERNATIONAL

1) World Economic Outlook

The International Monetary Fund has slashed the gross domestic product growth forecast for India in FY23 to 8.2 per cent in its latest World Economic Outlook report.

- Earlier in January report, this was estimated at 9 per cent.

2) “World’s first “crypto-backed” payment card

- Nexo has partnered with Mastercard to launch the world’s first “crypto-backed” payment card.

- Electronic money firm DiPocket is Nexo’s card issuer.

- The card requires no minimum repayments, monthly, or inactivity fees. There are no FX fees for up to 20,000 euros per month.

3) Hermes Starliner

- Israel becomes first country to allow drones (Hermes Starliner) in civilian airspace.

- It will be able to participate in border security and anti-terror operations, take part in securing mass public events, perform maritime search and rescue, commercial aviation and environmental inspection missions, as well as precision agriculture work.

NATIONAL

1) ‘NATPOLREX-VIII’

- The Indian Coast Guard started 8th edition of the two-day National Level Pollution Response Exercise, ‘NATPOLREX-VIII’.

- The exercise was inaugurated by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar.

- The objective of NATPOLREX-VIII is to enhance the preparedness and response capability of all the stakeholders in combating marine spills.

2) First portable solar rooftop system

- In India, the first portable solar rooftop system has been inaugurated at Swaminarayan Akshardham temple complex in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- The system has been manufactured by New Delhi-based Servotech Power





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) 'Celent Model Bank' award

- IndusInd Bank has been awarded the global 'Celent Model Bank' award under the category of 'Payments System Transformation' for building a best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub.
- The award recognises the Bank's outstanding journey in creating a cloud-based central payments hub.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022

- Dr Cyrus S. Poonawalla Chairman and Managing Director of Serum Institute of India, has topped the Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022.
- He became the richest billionaire in the healthcare sector 2022. He has topped the list with a new value of USD 26 billion (up 41%).
- Cyrus Poonawalla is followed by Thomas Frist Jr & Family of HCA Healthcare, Li Xiting and Xu Hang of Mindray at the 2nd position with a net value of USD 19 billion.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Satya Easwaran

- Wipro has announced the appointment of Satya Easwaran as the Country Head for India.
- He will help clients leverage Wipro's capabilities and investments in cloud, digital, engineering R&D, data/analytics and cybersecurity.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) UN Chinese Language Day

- On 20th April, every year, UN Chinese Language Day is observed.
- The day has been chosen to pay tribute to Cangjie, who is a mythical figure who is presumed to have invented Chinese characters about 5,000 years ago.





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- The 1st Chinese Language Day was celebrated in 2010 on the 12th of November, but since 2011 the date has been on the 20th of April.

SPORTS

1) 48th La Roda International Open chess tournament title

- Dommaraju Gukesh, Indian Grandmaster has clinched the 48th La Roda International Open chess tournament title in Castile-La Mancha, Spain.
- He defeated Israel's Victor Mikhalevski.