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NATIONAL

1) “EX SHAKTI 2021”

The Navies of India and France will carry out the 6th edition of the biennial training exercise “EX SHAKTI 2021” from November 15 to 26, 2021 in Frejus, France. The Indian Army will be represented by the Gorkha Rifles Infantry Battalion and France Army will be represented by troops of the 21st Marine Infantry Regiment of the 6th Light Armoured Brigade.

2) S-400 air defence systems

Russia has started deliveries of the S-400 air defence systems to India. The system is also known as the ‘Triumf’ interceptor-based missile system. The S-400 Triumf is a mobile, surface-to-air missile system (SAM) designed by Russia. It can simultaneously track numerous incoming objects — all kinds of aircraft, missiles and UAVs — in a radius of 400km and launch appropriate missiles to neutralise them.

STATE NEWS

1) Meghalaya state observed the 44th edition of ‘Wangala’

Meghalaya state observed the 44th edition of ‘Wangala’, the festival of 100 Drums Festival begins. It is a post-harvest festival of the Garos tribe which is being held every year to honour ‘Saljong’, the Sun God of Garos, which also marks the end of the harvest season. During the Wangala, tribals offer sacrifices to please their deity Saljong, the Sun God.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Kaiser-i-Hind is State butterfly of Arunachal Pradesh

An elusive swallowtail butterfly carrying ‘India’ in its name and found in nextdoor China will become the State butterfly of Arunachal Pradesh. Kaiser-i-Hind (*Teinopalpus imperialis*) literally means Emperor of India.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) DART mission

On November 24 NASA will launch the agency’s first planetary defense test mission named the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART). DART is a planetary defense-driven test of technologies for preventing an impact of Earth by a hazardous asteroid. The main aim of the mission is to test the newly developed technology that would allow a spacecraft to crash into an asteroid and change its course.

2) Norovirus

Norovirus is an important cause of acute nonbacterial gastroenteritis in children as well as adults worldwide. The virus was first discovered in connection with an outbreak of acute diarrhoeal disease in Norwalk, Ohio, in 1968 and was called the Norwalk Virus.





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Bimal Patel

Professor Bimal Patel of India has been elected to the International Law Commission for a period of five-year. His five-year term will start from January 1, 2023. Prof Patel is the Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Raksha University and a Member of the National Security Advisory Board of India.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'FORCE IN STATECRAFT'

India's Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar has released a book titled 'FORCE IN STATECRAFT' in New Delhi. The book is a compilation of essays on topics such as counter-insurgency operations, conflict in the North East, airpower, nuclear posture etc. contributed by all stalwarts of the Armed Forces, who have vast operational experience and understanding of several important cornerstones of forces and its application.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day is observed on 14th November every year. The campaign aims to raise awareness around the crucial role that nurses play in supporting people living with diabetes. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23: "Access to Diabetes Care".

