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INTERNATIONAL

1) Apple Inc. hit \$3 trillion

The stock market value of Apple Inc. hit \$3 trillion and became the world's first company to do so. The market cap of Apple hit \$182.86 per share, which made it the world's first company to touch the \$3 trillion mark.

NATIONAL

1) National Educational Alliance for Technology

Union Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT 3.0), and regional language textbooks prescribed by the All India Council for Technical Education. NEAT 3.0 aims to provide the best-developed edtech solutions and courses to students on a single platform.

STATE NEWS

1) Ganjam has declared itself a child marriage free district

Odisha's Ganjam has declared itself a child marriage free district, the first in the State. Sarpanchs and task force committee members had sent recommendations that no child marriage had taken place in their respective areas.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Deepak Kumar and Ajay Kumar Choudhary

The Reserve Bank of India has appointed Deepak Kumar and Ajay Kumar Choudhary as new executive directors with effect from 03 January. Deepak Kumar was heading the department of information technology of RBI, while Ajay Choudhary was Chief General Manager-in-Charge, Department of Supervision.

2) Airtel Payments Bank

Airtel Payments Bank has been categorised as a scheduled bank by the Reserve Bank of India. Airtel Payments Bank is among the fastest-growing digital banks in the country, with a base of 115 million users. It offers a suite of digital solutions through the Airtel Thanks app and a retail network.

3) India's first index of Cryptocurrencies – IC15

CryptoWire, a global crypto super app that is a special business unit of TickerPlant, announced the launch of India's first index of Cryptocurrencies - IC15, which is a rule-based broad market index by market capitalisation. The IC15 tracks and measures the performance of the top 15 widely traded liquid cryptocurrencies.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Ramnath Goenka Award

Zishaan A Latif won Ramnath Goenka Award in the Photo Journalism category. He won the award for his photo essay, The arduous struggle for inclusion in the NRC, which was published in The Caravan in October 2019. He documented the plight of people who were dropped from the National Register of Citizens and put a face to an untold human story.

OBITUARY

1) Vice Admiral S.H. Sarma

The Indian Navy's 1971 Indo-Pak war veteran Vice Admiral S.H. Sarma has passed away. He was the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet during the 1971 war. India had defeated Pakistan in the 1971 war leading to the creation of Bangladesh.

2) Richard Leakey

World-renowned Kenyan politician, conservationist and fossil hunter Richard Leakey has passed away. The legendary paleoanthropologist is credited for the discovery of 'Turkana Boy' in 1984 which led to groundbreaking discoveries proving that humankind evolved in Africa.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Alka Mittal

Alka Mittal has been given the additional charge as the new interim chairman and managing director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, the largest oil and gas producer in India. She is the first woman to head the top post at the Maharatna company. She replaces Subhash Kumar.



