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**NEWS ⑧:** Ministry of Electronics & IT released "Digital Payment Scorecard"

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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Women art exhibition titled as "Akshya Patra"

- On International Women's Day, the all-women art exhibition titled as "Akshya Patra" was inaugurated at the Lalit Kala Akademi.
- It also includes the art work of those created by 29 talented female artists. This art exhibition has been themed around many faces and benefactions of Mother Nature.

#### Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources

- According to information provided to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources, only half of government schools and anganwadis have tap water supply, despite a campaign for 100% coverage being launched by the Jal Shakti Ministry.

#### 'Maitri Setu'

- PM Modi inaugurated 'Maitri Setu' connecting India and Bangladesh virtually. The 'Maitri Setu' bridge between India and Bangladesh has been constructed over the Feni river.
- The building of Maitri Setu was taken up by the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation.

#### Railway helpline number

- The Indian Railways has merged all railway helpline numbers into a single number 139 for all queries, complaints, assistance etc during the journey.
- The Railway Ministry has also launched the social media campaign #OneRailOneHelpline139.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### "Deshbhakti Budget"

- The Delhi government presented the budget for financial year 2021-2022 which was themed on patriotism.
- Under the "Deshbhakti Budget", government has proposed to allocate Rupees 45 crores in order to install high masts so as to hoist the national flag at 500 places in Delhi.

#### "District Investment Promotion Agencies"

- Odisha has decided to set up the dedicated "District Investment Promotion Agencies".
- The DIPA will help in promoting and facilitating the investment in the state. This industrial development will help in creating the employment opportunities for youth.

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## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### “2030 Digital Compass Plan”

- The **European Union** has released its plan called “**2030 Digital Compass Plan**”. The EU wants to produce the **fifth global output** of the **cutting-edge semiconductors** by the end of this decade.
- EU also seeks to make its **first quantum computer** in **five years**.

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### “Digital Payment Scorecard”

- The **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology** has released the list of “**Digital Payment Scorecard**”.
- **State Bank of India** has **topped** the list for the third consecutive months. The scorecard tracks the **performance of the Commercial Banks** on several digital parameters.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Synthetic Aperture Radar

- **ISRO** in collaboration with **National Aeronautics and Space Administration** has completed the development of **Synthetic Aperture Radar** which has the capability of producing **extremely highresolution images** for joint **earth observation satellite mission**.

### “Air Independent Propulsion”

- **Defence Research & Development Organisation** conducted the final development test of **Air Independent test** of the “**Air Independent Propulsion**”.
- The system allows the **submarine to be submerged for a long period under water**.

### ‘Radio-Loud’ Quasar

- An international team of **astronomers** has **discovered** the most **distant ‘Radio-Loud’ Quasar** with the help of **European Southern Observatory’s Very Large Telescope**.
- Quasars are very **luminous objects in faraway galaxies** that emit jets at radio frequencies.

## GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

### ‘Fifth layer’ of the Earth

- Recently, **scientists** have **detected** the **signs of a hidden structure** inside the **core of Planet Earth**.
- This sign has the potential to change the **long-standing narrative** of what lies at **centre of Earth**. This layer is being termed as the **‘fifth layer’**.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Trivendra Singh Rawat

- **Chief minister of Uttarakhand, Trivendra Singh Rawat** has **resigned** a year before the state is scheduled to go to polls.
- He tendered his resignation after meeting **governor Baby Rani Maurya**.

## SPORTS

### ICC’s Men’s Player of the Month

- **Indian spinner Ravichandran Ashwin** was named as the **Men’s Player of the Month (February)** by the International Cricket Council.
- **England’s Tammy Beaumont** was named as **Women’s Player of the Month for February**.