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INTERNATIONAL

1) 'Democracy Report 2022: Autocratisation Changing Nature?'

The latest edition of Democracy Report was released by the V-Dem Institute at Sweden's University of Gothenburg. The study was titled 'Democracy Report 2022: Autocratisation Changing Nature?'. The report classifies countries into four regime types based on their score in the Liberal Democratic Index (LDI): Liberal Democracy, Electoral Democracy, Electoral Autocracy, and Closed Autocracy.

NATIONAL

1) First drone school

The Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan jointly inaugurated the first drone school in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. This drone school is one of the five Drone Schools planned to be opened in different cities of Madhya Pradesh. The other four cities are Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur and Satna.

2) GI-tagged Kashmir carpets

First ever Geographical Indication tagged Kashmir carpets flagged off to Germany. History of Kashmiri carpet dates back to the period of the famous Sufi Saint and scholar, Hazrat Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (1341- 1385 AD) of Persia. Kashmiri carpets are very similar to Iranian carpets, but in Kashmiri carpets weavers use a written set of codes and symbols for design patterns and colors, called Taleem.

3) Santhali Sohrai mural

Santhali communities of Odisha and Jharkhand are changing their ways of painting Sohrai murals. It is painted on the mud wall and is a matriarchal tradition handed down from mother to daughter. In 2020, Jharkhand received a Geographical Indication tag for its Sohrai art.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa'

Tripura Government has announced a special scheme 'Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa' for tea workers. A special scheme, allotting Rs. 85 crores for its implementation, as a step towards bringing the 7000 tea garden workers of Tripura under the social security net.

2) MSME Innovative Scheme

Union Minister for MSME, Narayan Rane has announced the MSME Innovative Scheme (Incubation, Design, and IPR) as well as the MSME IDEA HACKATHON 2022. Shri Rane, speaking on the occasion, stated that MSMEs play an essential role in Atmanirbhar Bharat.





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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Role of Labour in India's Development"

Minister of Labour and Employment and MoEFCC, Bhupender Yadav has launched a book titled "Role of Labour in India's Development". V V Giri National Labour Institute has published the book.

2) "Soli Sorabjee: Life and Times"

A new biography, titled "Soli Sorabjee: Life and Times" was announced, during the occasion of the 92nd birth anniversary of Soli Sorabjee. It is authored by advocate and legal scholar Abhinav Chandrachud and will be released in April 2022. The book highlights the personal details of the life of Soli Sorabjee.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Prabha Narasimhan

Prabha Narasimhan has been appointed as the CEO and MD of Colgate-Palmolive (India) Limited. She succeeded Ram Raghavan, who has been promoted to the role of President, Enterprise Oral Care, at Colgate Palmolive Company. Prior to this, she was working as executive director of Hindustan Unilever.

2) Debasish Panda

Debasish Panda has been appointed as the chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). He is a former financial services secretary. The post of Chairman of IRDAI was lying vacant since May 2021 when Subhash Chandra Khuntia completed his term.

3) Justice (retd) AK Sikri

The Supreme Court of India has named Justice (retd) AK Sikri as Chairperson of the High Powered Committee (HPC), of the Chardham project. The previous Chairperson Professor Ravi Chopra had resigned from his post in February 2022.

