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INTERNATIONAL

1) World Reputation Rankings 2021

4 Indian institutes have made it to the Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings 2021. Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru ranked among the top 100 (91-100) has topped the Indian Institutes. The other 3 Indian institutes are the IIT Bombay, the IIT Delhi, and the IIT Madras. Harvard University of the USA has topped the 2021 ranking.

2) 'Shinincheon Bitdream Fuel Cell Power Plant'

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of South Korea held that the 'Shinincheon Bitdream Fuel Cell Power Plant' at the Shinincheon Bitdream headquarters of Korea Southern Power in Seo-gu, Incheon has been completed and inaugurated. It has a capacity of 78 MW constructed in four stages from 2017.

3) Emissions Gap Report 2021

The United Nations Environment Programme's Emissions Gap Report 2021 has been published. This is the twelfth edition of the UNEP Emissions Gap Report. It informs that the new national climate pledges combined with other mitigation measures put the world on track for a global temperature rise of 2.7°C by the end of the century.

NATIONAL

1) Veer Gatha project

CBSE launches Veer Gatha project in schools to raise awareness on Gallantry Awards. Schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education have been asked to prepare projects and engage in activities based on the Gallantry Award winners. The Veer Gatha project aims to raise awareness about the brave acts and sacrifices of the Gallantry Award winners among school students.

2) India's largest aromatic garden

Uttarakhand gets India's largest aromatic garden in the Nainital district. The research wing of the Uttarakhand forest department inaugurated the biggest aromatic garden of India in Lalkuan of Nainital district. Established in an area of over 3 acres, the garden has 140 different species of aromatic species from across India.

3) State Energy Efficiency Index 2020

Karnataka has topped the State Energy Efficiency Index 2020, scoring 70 points out of 100 on the back of several initiatives to improve energy efficiency in the state. Rajasthan is on second rank followed by Haryana on third. The State Energy Efficiency Index 2020 was released under the Ministry of Power.

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4) "Samudrayaan" mission

The Ministry of Earth Sciences has launched India's first manned ocean mission "Samudrayaan" in Chennai. It is India's first unique manned ocean mission that aims to send men into the deep sea in a submersible vehicle for deep-ocean exploration and mining of rare minerals.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Shaktikanta Das

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the reappointment of Shaktikanta Das as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a further period of three years with effect from December 10, 2021. He assumed the charge as the 25th governor of RBI on December 12, 2018, for three years.

OBITUARY

1) Sunao Tsuboi

Hiroshima nuclear bomb attack survivor, Sunao Tsuboi has passed away. A leading Japanese campaigner against nuclear weapons who survived the world's first atomic bomb attack has died at the age of 96.

2) Dr Madhavan Krishnan Nair

Padma Shri Dr Madhavan Krishnan Nair, an eminent Oncologist and the founding director of the Regional Cancer Centre, has passed away. He has served as a member of the expert group that prepared the National Cancer Control Plan of India. The GoI has honoured him with the Padma Shri for medicine in 2001.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Thrift Day

World Thrift Day is celebrated every year on October 31, across the world, but in India, the day is celebrated annually on October 30. This day is celebrated to promote the importance of savings and how saving money is important in today's world.