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NATIONAL

1) INS Visakhapatnam

INS Visakhapatnam, a P15B stealth guided-missile destroyer has been commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. This is the first of the four 'Visakhapatnam' class destroyers. It has been designed by the Indian Navy's in-house organization Directorate of Naval Design and constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.

2) Swachh Survekshan Awards 2021

President of India presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2021 at the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in New Delhi. 2021 is the 6th edition of Swachh Survekshan awards. Indore has been adjudged as the cleanest city of India for the fifth consecutive year. Indore is followed by Surat in Gujarat.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Working Group on Digital Lending

The Working Group on Digital Lending including Lending through Online Platforms and Mobile Apps, which was constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has submitted its report. RBI had set a committee, headed by Jayant Kumar Dash as the Chairman to study all aspects of digital lending activities in the regulated financial sector as well as by unregulated players.

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Geoff Allardice

The International Cricket Council has appointed Geoff Allardice as the permanent CEO of the International Cricket governing body. He was serving as interim CEO for more than eight months. He replaces Manu Sawhney who officially resigned from his position in July 2021.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 72nd edition of the National Book Award

The 72nd edition of the National Book Award was organized as a virtual event by the National Book Foundation. Jason Mott won the 2021 National Book Award for fiction for his novel "Hell of a Book", a narrative about a black author's adventure while travelling around in a book tour.

OBITUARY

1) Gurmeet Bawa

Punjabi folk singer Gurmeet Bawa has passed away following a prolonged illness. She was 77. Gurmeet was best known for her long 'hek' (Breathless opening of a Punjabi folk song calling "ho" to create a melodious voice with an unbreakable wave) that she could hold for about 45 seconds.

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SPORTS

1) 2021 F1 Qatar Grand Prix

Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain), has won the 2021 F1 Qatar Grand Prix. Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Netherlands) came second while Fernando Alonso (Alpine- Spain) came third. With this win, Lewis Hamilton has become the first driver to have won at 30 different circuits in Formula 1.

2) AB de Villiers

Former South Africa captain AB de Villiers has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He had already retired from international cricket in 2018. However, AB de Villiers was still playing in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), ever since joining the franchise in 2011.

3) 2021 Asian Archery Championships

The 2021 Asian Archery Championships was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Indian archers bagged seven medals at the competition to occupy second place in the medal table. This included one gold, four silver and two bronze medals. South Korea won 15 medals to top the medal table.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Fisheries Day

World Fisheries Day is celebrated on 21 November every year by fishing communities across the world. It highlights the importance of healthy oceans ecosystems and ensuring sustainable stocks of fisheries in the world. 2021 is the fifth World Fisheries Day.

2) World Television Day

World Television Day is commemorated on 21 November every year. The day is a reminder of the power of visual media and how it helps in shaping public opinion and influencing world politics. Television has played a significant role in the lives of people for years.

3) World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is marked every year on Third Sunday in the month of November. In 2021, the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims falls on 21 November 2021. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2021 theme is "ACT for LOW SPEEDS /ACT for LOW-SPEED STREETS".

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