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INTERNATIONAL

1) 2022 World Press Photo of the Year award

A photograph by Canadian photographer Amber Bracken titled “Kamloops Residential School” has won the 2022 World Press Photo of the Year award. The photo shows children’s clothing hung on crosses commemorating the more than two hundred children who died of maltreatment in British Columbia.

NATIONAL

1) XE variety

The first case of the XE variety of the coronavirus illness (Covid-19) in India was reported in Mumbai. The city civic authority Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation announced the results of its 11th genome sequencing, which identified one sample positive for the XE variant and another for the Kappa variant.

2) “Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet”

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested “Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet” (SFDR) booster at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

3) Ministry of I&B set up AVGC task force

An animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics (AVGC) promotion task group has been established by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The task force, which will be led by the I&B Secretary, will produce its first action plan within 90 days.

4) “AVSAR” initiative

The Airport Authority of India has launched an initiative “AVSAR” to encourage the talent of women, artisans and craftsmen and provide them with the right opportunities. AVSAR stands for ‘Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans Of The Region’.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) RBI has fined IDBI bank and Axis Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has fined IDBI bank and Axis Bank Rs 93 lakh each for

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a variety of infractions, including those connected to KYC standards. The RBI, on the other hand, stated that the penalties are based on regulatory compliance issues.

2) “Aerospace engineering and digital innovation centre”

IT major Infosys and leading industrial tech company Rolls-Royce opened their joint “aerospace engineering and digital innovation centre” in Bengaluru, Karnataka. This centre has been established to provide high-end R&D services integrated with advanced digital capabilities to Rolls-Royce’s engineering and group business services from India.

3) SEBI panels to review ownership of asset management firms

The Securities and Exchange Board of India has formed two expert groups to look into the responsibilities, qualifications, and functions of sponsors and trustees at asset management firms. Sebi stated that an alternative set of eligibility standards might be developed to allow new players who would otherwise be ineligible to function as a sponsor to do so.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) ‘Tomb of Sand’

The novel ‘Tomb of Sand’, authored by Geetanjali Shree, has become the first Hindi language work of fiction to be shortlisted for the prestigious literary prize. The novel has been translated into English by Daisy Rockwell.

2) “Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI”

Vinod Rai has penned a book titled as, “Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI” in which the former bureaucrat encapsulates his 33-month stint at the BCCI.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) CRPF Valour Day

The Central Reserve Police Force Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas) is observed on 9 April every year, as a tribute to the brave men of the Force. The year 2022 marks the 57th CRPF Valour Day.

