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NATIONAL

1) 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully'

- K. Sudhakar, Health and Medical Education Minister of Karnataka launched the 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully'.
- It is a campaign that has been launched to ensure early detection and greater awareness of pneumonia in children under the age of five.
- Pneumonia is a lung infection that is caused due to viral, bacterial, or fungal infection.

2) "Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization"

- The conference on "Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization" was inaugurated in Surat.
- The event is being organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with Surat Smart City Corporation Development Ltd.
- Chief Guest of the event: Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs.

STATE NEWS

1) Digital Bus Service

- Environment minister of Maharashtra, Aaditya Thackeray, inaugurated Mumbai's first completely digital bus.
- It is the first bus service (Gateway of India to Churchgate) in India that went completely digital.
- This is the country's first-ever 100 percent digital bus service and it has the aim of increasing the bus ticket system's digitization.

2) Electric 3- Wheeler making plant

- Biliti Electric Inc (Biliti), based in California, USA, has announced that it will establish the world's largest electric three-wheeler manufacturing facility in Telangana.
- The facility will produce all the products of Biliti including the cargo model TaskmanTM and the passenger version UrbanTM.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) BHIM UPI in UAE

- NPCI International Payments Ltd, the international arm of the National Payment Corporation of India, has announced that across the UAE, BHIM UPI is live on NEOPAY terminals.
- This will be empowering the millions of Indians who travel to the UAE to make payments in a convenient and safe manner.
- NEOPAY, Mashreq Bank's payment subsidiary, and NIPL partnered in 2021 to create the UPI acceptance infrastructure in the country.

2) Fincluvation

- A joint initiative named "Fincluvation", has been launched by India Post Payments Bank, with the aim of collaborating with the financial technology (fintech) start-up community so as to innovate and co-create solutions for financial inclusion.
- It will also be looking to align the various market strategies with the operating models of the Department of Post (DoP) and IPPB.
- Fincluvation has invited the start-ups to ideate, participate, and develop services and products tailored for the customers.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Naresh Kumar

- Senior IAS officer Naresh Kumar has been appointed as the chief secretary of Delhi.
- Naresh Kumar, an IAS officer from the 1987 batch of the AGMUT cadre, has been shifted from Arunachal Pradesh to Delhi.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Earth Day

- International Mother Earth Day or World Earth Day, is observed every year on April 22nd.
- The day is observed to spread awareness for Earth's wellbeing and to encourage people to support environmental protection.
- This year marks 52nd Anniversary.
- Theme of 2022: "Invest in our planet".

