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NATIONAL

1) Major Dhyan Chand Sports University

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in Meerut. The University will be established at Salawa and Kaili villages of Sardhana town in Meerut at an estimated cost of about 700 Crore rupees. The Sports University will be equipped with modern and state-of-the-art sports infrastructure.

2) GST Council's 46th meeting

The GST Council's 46th meeting was held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman. The GST Council has recommended deferring the decision to change the rates in textiles recommended in the 45th GST Council meeting.

3) "Padhe Bharat"

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a 100-day reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat'. The launch of the 100 Days Reading Campaign is in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 which lays emphasis on the promotion of joyful reading culture for children

STATE NEWS

1) 1st battery-powered electric boat

In Kerala, the first battery-powered electric boat built for the Kochi Water Metro Project was handed over to the Kochi Metro Rail Limited. The fully air-conditioned boat is among the 23 boats being built by the Cochin Shipyard.

2) Odisha launched Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners 2022

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched an online service for the verification of identity and submission of life certificates for pensioners of the state government. Identification and life certificates can now be submitted by the pensioners using an artificial intelligence-based video-verification process.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Tech Mahindra to acquire stake in in Allyis India and Green Investments

Tech Mahindra has approved a proposal for the acquisition of a 100 per cent stake in Allyis India and Green Investments, for a total consideration of up to USD 125 million. The acquisition will bolster Tech Mahindra's capabilities in Digital Experience Solutions, Learning & Development, Marketing, Instructional Design; Engineering: Cloud & Automation, BI & Analytics, Technical support services.





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2) GST collection in December

GST revenue collected in December 2021 was over Rs 1.29 lakh crore, 13 per cent higher than the same month in 2020. The gross GST revenue collected in the month of December 2021 is ₹ 1,29,780 crore, of which CGST is ₹ 22,578 crore, SGST is ₹ 28,658 crore, IGST is Rs 69,155 crore (including Rs 37,527 crores collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 9,389 crore.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) V.S. Pathania

V.S. Pathania took over as the 24th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard from Krishnaswamy Natarajan who retired from service. He is an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and National Defence College, New Delhi.

2) Vinay Kumar Tripathi

Vinay Kumar Tripathi, 1983 Batch of Indian Railway Service, has been appointed as new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board. He is presently working as General Manager, Northeastern Railway to the post of Chairman of Railway Board.

SPORTS

1) Under-19 Asia cricket Cup

India has lifted the under-19 Asia cricket Cup by defeating Sri Lanka by nine wickets in a rain-interrupted One-Day International final in Dubai through the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method. Rasheed and Harnoor ended the competition as the top-two leading scorers with 133 and 131 runs.