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NATIONAL

1) "Waste to Wealth"

The government of India has launched a web portal called "Waste to Wealth" to enhance cooperation for sustainable development through economy and community participation. The web portal will bring together technology providers, government stakeholders and urban local bodies to find solutions to India's waste problems, mainly plastic waste.

2) "Mitra Shakti-21"

The 8th edition of the India – Sri Lanka bilateral joint Exercise "Mitra Shakti-21" is scheduled to take place at Combat Training School, Ampara in Sri Lanka from October 4 to 15, 2021. The aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability and sharing best practices in counterinsurgency and counter-terrorism operations.

3) Chacha Chaudhary mascot

The Indian comic book cartoon character, Chacha Chaudhary, whose brain works faster than a computer, has been declared as the official mascot for the centrally-sponsored Namami Gange Programme. An outlay of Rs. 2.26 crore has been dedicated to the project. The comics will initially be launched in Hindi, English and Bengali languages.

4) World's largest national flag

The world's largest national flag, made up of Khadi cloth, has been installed in Leh, Ladakh, on the occasion of the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 02, 2021. The Khadi national flag was inaugurated by Ladakh Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur.

STATE NEWS

1) Odisha's initiatives to prevent Elephant electrocution

Odisha government has allocated Rs 445.75 crore to the distribution companies in order to increase ground clearance of electrical networks with the objective of preventing Elephant electrocution. This initiative is aimed at preventing elephant deaths because of electrocution.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Paytm has acquired a 100% stake in CreditMate

Online payment services provider, Paytm has acquired a 100% stake in Mumbai-based digital lending startup CreditMate. However, the transaction details of the deal have not been disclosed. The Paytm Group will now be the 100% beneficial owners of the business.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Kangana Ranaut

The Uttar Pradesh government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has named veteran

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Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut as the brand ambassador of the ambitious "One District One Product scheme" of the state. CM Yogi also presented Kangana with a silver coin which was used for 'Ram Janm Bhumi Pujan'.

2) Amish Mehta

Amish Mehta has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of rating agency Crisil. He has replaced Ashu Suyash. Mehta has more than two decades of leadership experience across industries and joined Crisil in October 2014.

OBITUARY

1) Ghanashyam Nayak

Ghanashyam Nayak, who was famous for his role as Nattu Kaka in the TV series Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah has passed away due to cancer. He was known for playing the role of Natwarlal Prabhashankar Undhaiwala AKA Nattu Kaka in the famous show Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 2021 Right Livelihood Award

Environmental organisation "Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment" has been felicitated with the 2021 Right Livelihood Award, an international honour, also known as Sweden's alternative Nobel Prize. LIFE has been selected for the award for its "grassroots approach of empowering vulnerable communities to protect their livelihoods and claim their right to a clean environment."

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Habitat Day

The United Nations designated the first Monday of October as World Habitat Day. In 2021, World Habitat Day is being celebrated on October 04. The theme for 2021 World Habitat Day is "Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world".

2) World Space Week

The World Space Week is observed every year from October 4 to 10, to celebrate science and technology, and their contribution towards the betterment of the human condition. WSW was declared by the United Nations General Assembly on December 6, 1999. The 2021 theme is "Women in Space"!

3) World Day for Farmed Animals

World Day for Farmed Animals is observed on October 02, which marks the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The day is organised by the International animals' welfare organization, World

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Animal Protection along with Asia for Animals coalition to show the importance and urgency of farm animal welfare.

SPORTS

1) S V Sunil and Birendra Lakra announces retirement from international hockey

S V Sunil, the veteran forward and star striker of India men's field hockey team and Olympic bronze medal-winning Indian hockey star defender Birendra Lakra have announced their retirement from international hockey. The 31-year-old Lakra was part of the bronze medal-winning Indian side in the Tokyo Olympics 2020 as vice-captain.