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INTERNATIONAL

1) 'Five years on: Global climate tech investment trends since the Paris Agreement'

In accordance with the report 'Five years on: Global climate tech investment trends since the Paris Agreement' by London & Partners, and Co, India ranked 9th in the list of top 10 countries for climate technology investment from 2016 to 2021. Indian climate tech firms received USD 1 billion in venture capital funding in this period.

NATIONAL

1) Committee to Probe unauthorized surveillance using Pegasus

Supreme Court of India has appointed a three-member committee to look into allegations of unauthorized surveillance using Pegasus, a spyware developed by Israeli firm NSO Group. It will be headed by retired judge Justice R V Raveendran. Justice Raveendran was part of the R M Lodha Committee appointed by the SC in 2015 to reform the BCCI.

2) Economic Advisory Council to the PM

The Central Government of India has reconstituted the seven-member Economic Advisory Council to the PM. Bibek Debroy continues to be the Chairman of the Council. EAC-PM has been reconstituted for a period of 2 years. EAC-PM was set up in September 2017 with a term of two years and it replaced the erstwhile Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

3) ICGS 'Sarthak'

A new Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Sarthak' has been dedicated to the nation on October 28, 2021. It will be based at Porbandar in Gujarat. The indigenously built ship was commissioned by the Director-General of Indian Coast Guard, K Natarajan, at Goa. The 105-meter-long ship displacing 2,450 tons is propelled by two 9,100 kilowatt Diesel engines.

4) CII Asia Health 2021

The Union Minister for Health Dr Mansukh Mandaviya participated in the CII Asia Health 2021 summit through video-conferencing. The theme of the two-day summit is 'Transforming Healthcare for a better tomorrow. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has organised the summit to provide a centralised forum to deliberate on the most critical challenges

STATE NEWS

1) Wildlife Action Plan

During the 17th meeting of the State Board for Wildlife, the government of Maharashtra approved its own Wildlife Action Plan (2021-2030), which will be implemented over the next 10 years. Maharashtra became India's first state to pass its own Wildlife Action Plan. The plan has suggested integrating climate change adaption in wildlife conservation.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Google pay tied up with SBI general insurance

SBI General Insurance made a technological partnership with Google Pay to enable users to buy SBI General's health insurance on the Google Pay app. The users were enabled to buy both individual and family plans under SBI General's Arogya Sanjeevani policy through Google Pay Spot.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) 'Appscale Academy'

MeitY Startup Hub, an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and Google have partnered to launch 'Appscale Academy', a growth and development programme, to train early to mid-stage startups across India. The programme focuses on the emerging startup ecosystem in Tier II and Tier III cities of India.

2) Facebook is now called Meta

Facebook is now called Meta, in a rebrand that focuses on building the "metaverse," a shared virtual environment that it bets will be the successor to the mobile internet. The name change, the plan for which was first reported by the Verge, is a significant rebrand for Facebook, but not its first. In 2019 it launched a new logo to create a distinction between the company and its social app.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Baldev Prakash

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Baldev Prakash as Managing Director and CEO of J&K Bank for a period of three years from the date of taking charge. The actual date of appointment of Baldev Prakash as MD & CEO of J&K Bank will be announced by the bank subsequently.

2) K V Kamath

The government of India has appointed K V Kamath as chairperson of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development. He is a well-known banker in India and is the first head of the New Development Bank

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'AIIMS Mein Ek Jang Ladte Hue'

Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (former Union minister) has gifted a copy of his book titled 'AIIMS Mein Ek Jang Ladte Hue' to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi. The book was written by Pokhriyal while he was battling COVID-19 at AIIMS in Delhi. The book was published by Prabhat Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.



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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) India Green Energy Award 2020

TVS Motor Company has been awarded the 'Outstanding Renewable Energy User' at the third Edition of India Green Energy Award 2020 by the Indian Federation of Green Energy. The award was presented by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari.

SPORTS

1) Ryan ten Doeschate

Ryan ten Doeschate (41), Cricket all-rounder from the Netherlands, announced retirement from International Cricket after Netherland failed to qualify for the Super 12 stage of the International Cricket Council T20 World Cup. During the qualifiers, Netherland lost to Namibia and failed to enter the Super 12 stage, which was his last international match.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Internet Day

International Internet Day is celebrated on October 29 every year across the world to celebrate the usage of the internet for the first time. The day marks the sending of the first electronic message which was transferred from one computer to another in 1969.

2) World Psoriasis Day

World Psoriasis Day is observed every year on 29 October by the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) to promote awareness, empowerment, and action for improving the quality of life for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. The theme for 2021 World Psoriasis Day is "Uniting for action".