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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

# 1) Barbados has become the World's newest republic

Barbados has become the World's newest republic, around 400 years after it became a British colony. Barbados is said to have been made a 'slave society by the British. It first became an English colony in 1625. It gained its independence in 1966. Barbados, the Caribbean Island nation, removed Queen Elizabeth II as the head of the state.

#### **NATIONAL**

# 1) 'Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution- the ODR Policy Plan for India'

National Institution for Transforming India Aayog released a report on Online Dispute Resolution namely 'Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution- the ODR Policy Plan for India' which states a futuristic model for speedy access to justice. ODR is aimed at resolving disputes outside of the court system through arbitration, mediation, and negotiation.

## 2) India Young Water Professional Program

The 1st edition of the India Young Water Professional Program launched virtually to provide a structured platform for capacity building with strategic and long-term investment to support the water management reforms in India. The program has been taken up under the National Hydrology Project.

# 3) "Unique" face recognition technology

Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched a "Unique" face recognition technology for all pensioners in the country. It will work as a proof of 'life certificate' for pensioners.

#### 4) AIRNxt

All India Radio has decided to begin a new programme called AIRNxt to offer youth a platform to air their voices as part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. AIR stations will allow youngsters from local colleges, universities to take part in programming, allowing them to discuss and curate youth-centric shows.

## 5) First Indian city to start ropeway service

Varanasi, is all set to become the first Indian city to start ropeway service as a mode of public transport in order to ease the traffic congestion. The proposed ropeway will be constructed between Varanasi Junction to Church Square covering an aerial distance of 3.45 km.

## **STATE NEWS**

# 1) 'Call your Cop' mobile App

Nagaland DGP T. John Longkumer officially launched the 'Call your Cop' mobile App at Police

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Headquarters in Kohima. The App was developed by Excellogics Tech Solutions Pvt Ltd. The App will enable all citizens of the state especially those in distress to get in touch directly with the police as easily available with just one click away.

## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

## 1) White-label ATMs

India1 Payments has crossed a milestone on deploying 10000 white-label ATMs, which was called as "India1ATMs". India1 Payments is IPO-bound and is promoted by the Banktech Group of Australia. It was formerly known as BTI Payments. India1 ATM has become the second-largest white label ATM brand on semi-urban and rural areas.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

## 1) Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Mago

Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Mago has taken over as the Commandant of National Defence College (NDC), New Delhi. He hails from Ludhiana. Lt Gen Mago, who passed out of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, was commissioned into the 7th Battalion of the Brigade of Guards in 1984.

## **OBITUARY**

## 1) Shiva Shankar Master

National Award-winning choreographer and actor, Shiva Shankar Master passed away in Hyderabad. He was an Indian dance choreographer, worked in South Indian movies. He received the National Award for 'Best Choreographer' for the movie 'Magadheera'.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# 1) World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day is observed across the globe on 1st December every year since 1988. This year the theme of World AIDS Day is End inequalities. End AIDS and End Pandemics. Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is a chronic disease that is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus.

#### **SPORTS**

## 1) Ballon d'Or 2021

Lionel Messi has won the Ballon d'Or for a seventh time after being named as the best player in 2021 by France Football. Messi scored 41 goals and registered 17 assists in 56 appearances in all competitions for club and country and led Argentina to a long-awaited Copa America win in the summer.

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