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### **NATIONAL**

# 1) World Health Organization Global Centre for Traditional Medicine

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the establishment of a World Health Organization Global Centre for Traditional Medicine at Jamnagar, Gujarat. An agreement was signed by the Government of India with the world body in this regard.

## 2) India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha

India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha is being built in Bodh Gaya. Built by Buddha International Welfare Mission, the statue will be 100 feet long and 30 feet high. Lord Buddha is in the sleeping posture in the statue.

## Manas National Park

Assam's Manas National Park witnesses sharp rise in tiger, rhino population. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Biosphere Reserve, National Park and also a Wildlife Sanctuary. Located in the Himalayan foothills, it is continuous with the Royal Manas National Park in Bhutan.

## STATE NEWS

## 1) India's largest floating solar power plant

Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin has inaugurated India's largest floating solar power plant constructed at a cost of Rs 150.4 crores. The floating plant is established in Southern Petrochemicals Industries Corporation Limited factory at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu to provide clean energy. It aims to provide environmentally sustainable power generation and to reduce carbon footprint.

#### BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

## 1) "VoiceSe UPI payments service"

Tone Tag has partnered with NSDL Payments Bank and NPCI to launch its "VoiceSe UPI payments service" for feature phone users. This comes after the Reserve Bank of India has launched the UPI 123Pay facility that enables UPI payments for feature phone users. To access the "VoiceSe UPI payments service" feature phone users need to call on the IVRS number 6366 200 200.

# 2) 'HouseWorkIsWork' project

Due to a low participation of urban educated women in the workforce, Axis Bank has launched the 'HouseWorkIsWork' project, which provides possibilities for those who want to return to the workforce.

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#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) CISF raising day

CISF was set up on March 10 and three battalions were formed under the CISF act 1968, which was passed by the Parliament of India. Since then, the day is celebrated as CISF Raising Day every year. Central Industrial Security Force, is for the central armed police force in India.

# 2) World Kidney day

World Kidney day is celebrated on the second Thursday of March every year. This year, it is being observed on March 10. World Kidney Day is a global campaign aimed at raising awareness of the importance of our kidneys. The theme for World Kidney day 2022 is "Kidney Health for All".

# 3) No Smoking Day

No Smoking Day is celebrated on the second Wednesday in the month of March every year across the world. This year No Smoking Day will be celebrated on 9th March.

### **OBITUARY**

# 1) Rafig Tarar

Veteran politician, former Supreme Court judge, and President of Pakistan, Rafiq Tarar passed away at the age of 92 years. Muhammad Rafiq Tarar was born on 2 November 1929 in Peer Kot, Pakistan. He served as a Supreme Court judge from 1991 to 1994. He also served as the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court from 1989 to 1991.

### **SPORTS**

### 1) S Sreesanth

India pacer S Sreesanth has announced his retirement from all forms of domestic cricket. Sreesanth played 27 Tests and 53 ODIs for India, taking 87 and 75 wickets respectively. He has also taken seven wickets in 10 T20 Internationals. The BCCI banned Sreesanth in August 2013 along with his Rajasthan Royals teammates Ajit Chandila and Ankeet Chavan.