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INTERNATIONAL

1) “Remittance Prices Worldwide Database”

According to the latest report by the World Bank titled ‘World Bank’s Remittance Prices Worldwide Database’, India became the world’s largest recipient of remittances by receiving USD 87 billion in 2021. The United States (US) was its biggest source, accounting for over 20% of these funds. India is followed by China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt.

NATIONAL

1) Indian Navy Conducts Security Exercise ‘Prasthan’

The Indian Navy conducted a security exercise, called “Prasthan”, in the Offshore Development Area off the coast of Mumbai. It’s objective is to ensure offshore security and integrate maritime stakeholders. The drill focused on contingencies such as terrorist intrusion, bomb explosion, major fire, oil spill, man overboard etc.

STATE NEWS

1) AIIB approves USD 150 Million loan for Chennai Metropolitan Area

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has approved a USD 150 million loan to the Government of India. The loan amount will be used for the implementation of the Sustainable Urban Services Program (SUSP) for the Chennai Metropolitan Area.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) SIDBI and Google tied-up to Support MSMEs

Small Industries Development Bank of India has entered into a collaboration with Google India Pvt Ltd for piloting a social impact lending programme with financial assistance up to Rs 1 crore at subsidized interest rates. The collaboration brings a corpus of \$15 million (about Rs. 110 crores) to micro-enterprises as a crisis response.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 12th Manipur State Award for Literature 2020

Beryl Thanga has received the 12th Manipur State Award for Literature 2020 for his book – ‘Ei Amadi Adungeigi Ithat’ (I and the then island). Manipur Governor La. Ganesan conferred the award on the 65-year-old writer for his novel published in 2015. The award carries a plaque, citation, Rs. 3 lakh (in cheque) and a shawl.

2) Indian Film Personality of the Year award

Hema Malini, and lyricist and former CBFC chief Praseen Joshi will be facilitated with the Indian Film Personality of the Year award at the International Film Festival of India 2021. Their contributions to the field of Indian cinema spread over decades and their body of work has enthralled audiences across generations.





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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'Srimadramayanam'

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has released the book 'Srimadramayanam' in Hyderabad. It has been written by Sasikiranacharya. It is about the leadership, good governance, and rule of law of Lord Rama.

2) "Lal Salaam: A Novel"

Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani is set to release her first novel titled "Lal Salaam: A Novel" in November 2021. The novel is inspired by the killings of 76 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel during the Maoist attack in Dantewada, Chhattisgarh.

SPORTS

1) Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021

Indian badminton legend Prakash Padukone has been selected for the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021 by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council. The former world no 1 has already been honoured with the Badminton Association of India's (BAI) Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Children's Day

World Children's Day is celebrated on 20 November annually to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

