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#### INTERNATIONAL

## 1) Climate Vulnerability Index

Environmental think tank Council on Energy, Environment and Water has carried a first-of-itskind district-level climate vulnerability assessment, or Climate Vulnerability Index. Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Bihar are most vulnerable to extreme climate events such as floods, droughts and cyclones in India.

## **NATIONAL**

# 1) Integrated Management Systems certification

The Chennai-Mysore-Chennai Shatabdi Express has become the first train of Southern Railway to receive Integrated Management Systems certification. It got the certificate for world-class maintenance of the train, environment-friendly resources and convenient and safe travel of the passengers.

## 2) IRCTC has partnered with Truecaller India

The Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited has partnered with Truecaller India to provide passengers with greater trust in communication. This partnership aims to reduce fraud in the railways. Under this partnership, the integrated National Railways Helpline 139 has been verified by Truecaller Business Identity solutions.

# 3) "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre"

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has dedicated to the nation "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration in Mussoorie. The Sardar Patel Leadership Centre aims to lay the foundation capacity building for future generations of Civil Servants from India and Abroad, as visualised by the Father of All India Services.

## 4) "Dairy Sahakar" scheme

The Union Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah has launched the "Dairy Sahakar" scheme at Anand, Gujarat during a function organised by Amul to celebrate the 75th Foundation Year of Amul. The scheme will supplement the existing efforts of strengthening the dairy sector in the country, doubling the farmer's income.

#### STATE NEWS

## 1) Public Affairs Index report

According to the 6th edition of the Public Affairs Index report by the Public Affairs Centre, a Bengaluru- based non-profit think tank, the top three slots have been taken by Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana among 18 large states.

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### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

## 1) RuPay network named 'Veer' for Indian armed forces

Kotak Mahindra Bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India to launch Kotak credit cards on the RuPay network named 'Veer' for Indian armed forces i.e. the Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel. The launch of Veer credit card for the armed forces marks Kotak's 1st credit card under the RuPay network.

# 2) National Industrial Corridor Development Program

The Asian Development Bank has approved a USD 250 million (about Rs 1,875 crore) loan to support India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP). This is the first subprogram of the programmatic USD 500 million loans to develop 11 industrial corridors spanning 17 states.

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

## 1) Isha Ambani

Isha Ambani was appointed on the Board of Trustees of the prestigious Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art. The appointment is for 4 years. Antoine van Agtmael is the chair of the museum's board of trustees.

#### **OBITUARY**

### 1) Alan Davidson

Australian legend Alan Davidson has passed away. The bowling allrounder, who made his Test debut against England in 1953, represented Australia 44 times in the longest format. The left-arm pacer had finished his career with a stunning average of 20.53, having picked up 186 wickets.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) World Vegan Day

World Vegan Day is observed globally on 1st November every year. This day is celebrated to spread the benefits of veganism for humans, non-human animals, and the natural environment. Vegan Day is an opportunity to promote the benefits of a vegan diet and veganism in general.