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INTERNATIONAL

1) Cuba becomes first country in world to vaccinate children

Cuba became the first country in the world to vaccinate children from the age of two against COVID-19, using home-grown jabs not recognised by the World Health Organisation. Countries such as China, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela have announced they plan to vaccinate younger children, but Cuba is the first to do so.

NATIONAL

1) High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant

India's first indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited Research and Development Centre, Hyderabad was inaugurated. The project was funded by the Department of Science and Technology, which provided a Rs 10 crore grant, at the initiative of NITI Aayog.

2) NIRF India Rankings 2021

The Union Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan released the NIRF India Rankings 2021. The NIRF India Rankings 2021 is the sixth edition of the annual list which ranks higher educational institutions in the country based on objective criteria to promote competitive excellence. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has retained the top spot in the overall category.

3) Emergency Landing Facility

Union Ministers Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Emergency Landing Facility on a National Highway in Rajasthan. This emergency landing facility has been constructed on the Satta-Gandhav stretch of National Highway (NH) 925A in Barmer, Rajasthan. This is the first time that a national highway will be used for the emergency landing of IAF aircraft.

STATE NEWS

1) ADB approves \$300 million loan to expand rural connectivity in Maharashtra

The government of India and the Asian Development Bank have signed a USD 300 million loan as additional financing to scale up the improvement of rural connectivity to help boost the rural economy in the state of Maharashtra. It will help improve an additional 1,100 rural roads and 230 bridges.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Government appoints 10 merchant bankers

The government of India has appointed 10 merchant bankers for managing the Initial Public Offering of Life Insurance Corporation of India. The role of merchant bankers in the case of IPO is of Issue management, Promotional activities, Credit syndication, Project counselling, and Portfolio management, etc.





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2) 'bob World'

Bank of Baroda has announced the launch of its digital banking platform named 'bob World'. The aim of the platform is to provide all banking services under one roof. "bob World" will offer a wide gamut of banking products and services, to be rolled out in phases, under four key pillars — Save, Invest, Borrow and Shop.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) V. Vaidyanathan

The Reserve Bank of India has granted its approval for the re-appointment of V. Vaidyanathan as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the IDFC First Bank. Vaidyanathan has been appointed for a further period of three years.

2) New Governors

President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Lt Gen Gurmit Singh, who retired as the deputy chief of Army, governor of Uttarakhand, a post which fell vacant after Baby Rani Maurya tendered her resignation.

- The President also appointed Banwarilal Purohit, as the Governor of Punjab.
- R.N.Ravi, has been made the Governor of Tamil Nadu.
- Professor Jagdish Mukhi, Governor of Assam is appointed to discharge the functions of the Governor of Nagaland in addition to his own duties until regular arrangements are made.

3) Nirlep Singh Rai

State-owned fertiliser firm National Fertilizers Ltd has Nirlep Singh Rai has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of the company. Rai had also held the position of Chief Executive Officer at Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd and he had also headed the Nangal Unit of NFL as Chief General Manager.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) National Award for Excellence in Energy Management

The Golden Rock Railway Workshop, Tiruchchirappalli has bagged 22nd National Award for Excellence in Energy Management from the Confederation of Indian Industry for having adopted and implemented various energy conservation measures.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Suicide Prevention Day

International Association for Suicide Prevention observes World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) on 10 September every year. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness around the globe that suicide can be prevented. The theme for the 2021 World Suicide Prevention Day is "Creating hope through action".