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INTERNATIONAL

1) Disaster Risk Reduction

- Recently, the seventh session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 was organized by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) in Bali, Indonesia.
- Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 is the main global forum to assess and discuss progress on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

NATIONAL

1) P17A stealth frigate

- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the fourth P17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri' into the Hooghly River in Kolkata.
- The Project 17A frigate is built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited.
- The P-17A class is a follow-on of the P-17 Shivalik Class with improved stealth features & advanced weapons.

2) Commonwealth Games 2022

- Indian Olympic Association has announced a 322-member Indian contingent including 215 athletes and 107 officials and support staff to represent the country at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, United Kingdom.
- The Games are scheduled to be held in British city from July 28 to August 8, 2022 Team India will compete in 15 sporting disciplines as well as four disciplines in the para-sports category.
- Rajesh Bhandari, vice president of the Boxing Federation of India, is the Chef de Mission of the squad.

3) Jagdeep Dhankhar

- The BJP has announced West Bengal Governor, Jagdeep Dhankhar as the NDA's vice-presidential candidate.
- With the NDA having a clear majority in the electoral college comprising MPs of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Dhankhar is expected to win the August 6 election to vice-president.

4) "SSI-Mantra"

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- Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center, New Delhi have installed the first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System, “SSI-Mantra”, devised by the new-age Indian med-tech start-up SS Innovations.
- The ingenious SSI Mantra, a brainchild of World-renowned robotic cardiac surgeon Dr Sudhir P Srivastava, will be signifying the beginning of a new era of surgical procedures in India.

5) Census workstation

- A new census workstation has been unveiled by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi in the Economics Lab of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- The Census Data Workstation was officially opened by Dr. Vivek Joshi, the Registrar General and Census Commissioner for India.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

- NABARD is the central regulating body for agriculture financing and rural section.
- Established in 1982 under the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act 1981.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Nelson Mandela International Day

- Every year on July 18 the world marks Nelson Mandela International Day.
- The day is a remembrance of the first democratically elected President of South Africa and his long years of struggle for justice against apartheid.
- Theme of Nelson Mandela International Day 2022 is “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are”.

SPORTS

1) Super 500 title

- PV Sindhu won the first Super 500 title of her career when she defeated reigning Asian champion Wang Zhi Yi of China 21-9, 11-21, 21-15 in the final of the Singapore Open.





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- This is her first 500 or better since the world championship win in 2019. This is her first 500 or better final in 2022.
- Anthony Sinisuka Ginting won the men's singles title at badminton's Singapore Open 2022.

OBITUARY

1) Nirmal Singh Kahlon

- Former Punjab Speaker and Shiromani Akali Dal leader, Nirmal Singh Kahlon has passed away at the age of 79.
- He was the Rural Development and Panchayat Minister from 1997 to 2002 and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 2007 to 2012.