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INTERNATIONAL

1) Exercise 'Pitch Black'

- India will be part of Exercise 'Pitch Black' air combat exercise in Australia.
- It is a biennial multi-national large force employment exercise conducted by the Royal Australian Air Force.

NATIONAL

1) Indian Parliament passes the Antarctic Bill 2022

- The Bill seeks to give effect to the Antarctic Treaty, the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, and the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.
- The Antarctic Treaty was signed in 1959, implemented in 1961. India signed the Antarctic Treaty in 1983.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Card Tokenisation

- Reserve Bank of India, instructed all parties—aside from card networks and card issuers—to delete all previously stored Card-on-File data by October 1, 2022.
- The RBI has granted the respite in order to facilitate a smooth transition to a different payment system.
- The the Card-on-File Data Inquiry is intended to give information about the merchants that cardholders may have kept their cards on file with and whether or not those merchants have received updated card information.

2) GST collections

- The gross Goods and Services Tax collections have risen 28% year-on-year, the second highest level since the July 2017 rollout of the indirect tax regime.
- High inflation rate, Greater enforcement actions against anti-evasion activities are the main reasons behind the rise in GST collections.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) “Lockdown Lyrics”

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has released a book titled “Lockdown Lyrics”, a collection of poems written by Sanjukta Dash.





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- The poems are an unadulterated narration of the author's experiences and exasperations during the pandemic.
- The author has reflected all the trauma & tribulations and hope and aspirations of humanity during this most critical journey of society in a long time.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Satyendra Prakash

- Satyendra Prakash, Senior Indian Information Service officer, has been appointed as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau .
- A 1988 batch Indian Information Service officer, Prakash, the Principal Director General of the Central Bureau of Communication, will succeed Jaideep Bhatnagar.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Indian Council for Cultural Relations Distinguished Indologist for 2021

- Jeffrey Armstrong of Canada has been bestowed the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist for 2021.
- The citation for the award states that it has been conferred upon Armstrong "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the study/teaching/research in India's philosophy, thought, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilisation, society, etc".

SPORTS

1) Commonwealth Games 2022

- Harjinder Kaur claimed the bronze medal in the women's 71kg weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games 2022 at Birmingham.
- Sarah Davies of England won gold with a Commonwealth Games record of 229 kg, while Alexis Ashworth of Canada won silver with a total lift of 214 kg.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Lung Cancer Day

- World Lung Cancer Day is observed on 01st August to raise awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer and highlight the issues of lack of sufficient research funding for the ailment.
- The campaign was first organised in 2012 by the Forum of International.





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Respiratory Societies

OBITUARY

1) Fidel Valdez Ramos

- Fidel Valdez Ramos, former Philippine President has passed away due to the complications of COVID-19. He was 94.
- He served as the 12th president of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998. During his tenure, the Philippines was recognized as a budding “tiger economy”.

2) Nirmala Mishra

- Well known Bengali singer Nirmala Mishra has passed away. She was 81. She was born in 1938 in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district.
- She sang various songs in Bengali, Odia, and Assamese films. Her melodies in the Bengali language include 'Eamon Ekta Jhinuk', 'Bolo to Arshi' and 'Eai Banglar Mati Te'.

