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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Joker Malware

- According to Zscaler Threatlabz, 50 apps on the Google Play Store has been infected by the Joker Malware. However, Google Play Store has banned and deleted several apps that were infected by the Joker Malware.
- Joker Malware is one of the most well-known malware which exploits Android devices.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Varuna - India's first passenger drone

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled Varuna, India's first passenger drone.
- 'Varuna' drone has been designed and developed by a startup and has the capacity to carry one person inside.
- Varuna, India's first drone that can carry a human payload, has a range of 25 km.

### 2) Coastal Clean Up Campaign

- A meeting of Union Ministers and MPs from coastal states was convened to discuss the Coastal Clean Up Campaign, launched by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) from 5th July, 2022.
- A mobile app "Eco Mitram" has been launched to spread awareness about the campaign.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) Vehicle Location Tracking Device

- Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking Device with Emergency Response Support System.
- Now, these vehicles can be tracked anywhere in the country through VLTD.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Dinesh Gunawardena

- Dinesh Gunawardena has been appointed as the new and 15th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, by President Ranil Wickremesinghe.





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- He succeeds former prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, who has been sworn in as the country's 9th president.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) JC Daniel Award

- Malayalam filmmaker, KP Kumaran has been honoured with Kerala's highest film award, the JC Daniel Award.

- Kumaran won the award for his contribution to the Malayalam film industry. The award comprises of a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, a citation, and a plaque.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Fragile X Awareness Day

- The World Fragile X Awareness Day is marked on 22 July every year to celebrate families impacted by Fragile X and highlight the progress of research to find a cure.

- Fragile X syndrome causes mild to severe intellectual disability. It affects both males and females, but females usually have milder symptoms.

### 2) National Broadcasting Day

- National Broadcasting Day is observed on July 23 in India. The day aims to remind Indian citizens about the impact of radio on our lives.

- Akashvani or All India Radio (AIR) is India's homegrown national radio broadcasting service which reaches millions of homes across the nation.

- Bombay Presidency Radio Club that along with other clubs began radio broadcasting from June 1923.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Dr Ajay Kumar Parida

- Scientist and director of the Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Dr Ajay Kumar Parida has passed away at the age of 58.

- He was awarded the Padma Shri Award by the President of India in 2014 for his outstanding contribution in the field of Science and Engineering.





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## 1) 68th National Film awards

- The Jury for the 68th National Film awards has announced the winners for the year 2020.
- The awards are given in three sections – Features, Non-Features and Best Writing on Cinema.
- The event is organised by the Directorate of Film Festivals, which comes under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
  
- Best Feature Film: Soorarai Pottru
- Best Director: Sachidanandan KR, Ayyappanum Koshiyum
- Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: Tanhaji
- Best Actor: Suriya for Soorarai Pottru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji
- Best Actress: Aparna Balamurali, Soorarai Pottru
- Best Supporting Actor: Biju Menon, Ayyappanum Koshiyam
- Best Action Direction Award: AK Ayyappanum Koshiyum
- Best Choreography: Natyam (Telugu)
- Best Female Playback Singer: Nanchamma, Ayyappanum Koshiyam
- Best Music Direction: Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo, S Thaman
- Best Feature Film in Telugu: Colour Photo

