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INTERNATIONAL

1) Havana Syndrome

A new report on Havana syndrome (a mysterious illness that afflicted hundreds of United States diplomats and intelligence officials worldwide) has brought renewed attention to microwave weapons. Havana Syndrome refers to a set of mental health symptoms. It was first reported by officials based in the U.S. embassy in Cuba in 2016.

2) Lassa fever

Lassa fever is zoonotic disease caused by Lassa virus. It was first discovered in 1969 in Nigeria. It is endemic in parts of West Africa. It spreads through Infected rats. Ribavirin an antiviral drug that is used for its treatment and maintaining hydration, oxygen levels etc.

NATIONAL

1) National Health Authority

NHA is working on integrating SECC 2011 beneficiary database with National Food Security Act (NFSA), to enable beneficiaries to seek information regarding their entitlement under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) using their ration card number.

2) InspireSat-1 satellite

ISRO sent 2 small satellites aboard Polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV-C52). InspireSat-1 satellite to study ionosphere dynamics and the Sun's coronal heating process. INS-2DT has a thermal imaging camera and can help in assessment of land and water surface temperatures and in mapping vegetation and thermal inertia (day and night).

3) Medaram Jathara

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sanctioned 2.26 Crores for Medaram Jathara. It is the second-largest fair of India, after the Kumbh Mela. It is biennially celebrated and organized by the Koyas tribes in collaboration with Telangana government.

4) Ban on Chinese Apps

The government of India has banned 54 apps of Chinese origin citing security concerns. The apps include Sea Ltd.'s marquee game Free Fire and other apps related to tech firms like Tencent, Alibaba and NetEase. The apps were banned by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology are re-branded versions of apps banned by India in 2020. Free Fire is often compared with PUBG.





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STATE NEWS

1) Maru Mahotsav

The renowned Jaisalmer Desert Festival, also known as Maru Mahotsav of the Golden City started from 13 to 16 February 2022 at Pokaran village in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. It is a four-day-long annual event started with a colorful grand procession followed by Miss Pokaran and Mister Pokran competitions.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Vedanta to manufacture semiconductors in India

The Indian mining major Vedanta has tied up with Taiwanese electronics manufacturing company, Hon Hai Technology Group (better known as Foxconn) to form a joint venture for manufacturing semiconductors in India.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Sandeep Bakhshi

Sandeep Bakhshi has been named the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21. He is the managing director and chief executive officer of ICICI Bank. The winner was chosen by a jury of 5 members chaired by former Reserve Bank of India deputy governor S S Mundra.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Vineet Joshi

IAS Vineet Joshi has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education. He replaces IAS Manoj Ahuja, who has been appointed as the Officer on Special Duty in the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

OBITUARY

1) Bappi Lahiri

Veteran singer and composer, Bappi Lahiri has passed away at the age of 69. His real name was Alokesh Lahiri. He joined BJP in 2014. He was declared a BJP candidate from Srerampur (Lok Sabha) in West Bengal for the 2014 Indian general election and lost.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Childhood Cancer Day

Every year, February 15 is observed as International Childhood Cancer Day to raise awareness about the evil that entails this issue and the ways to deal with the same. The day is a global collaborative campaign to raise awareness about childhood cancer and to express support for children and adolescents with cancer, the survivors and their families.