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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Balikatan 2022

The United States military and the military of the Philippines kicked off the military drill Balikatan 2022. The Philippine-led annual exercise will take place across Luzon in the Philippines region near Taiwan. According to the military, the drills will focus on “maritime security, amphibious operations, live-fire training, urban operations, aviation operations.”

## NATIONAL

### 1) India's First steel Road

Surat (Gujarat) features a road created entirely of steel waste, which is one of the best instances of sustainable development. ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India collaborated on the steel slag road with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research India, the Central Road Research Institute, and the government think tank Niti Aayog.

### 2) Shrinkflation

Shrinkflation is basically a form of hidden inflation that involves reducing the size of a product while maintaining its sticker price. Rather than increase the price of a product, the company simply offers a smaller package for the same sticker price.

### 3) Microplastics in blood

Scientists have discovered microplastics in human blood for the first time, warning that the ubiquitous particles could also be making their way into organs. It is not yet clear if these microplastics can cross over from the blood stream to deposit in organs and cause diseases.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) Decentralized Waste Management Technology Park

Wealth Mission in collaboration with East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC), has set up Decentralized Waste Management Technology Park at New Jaffrabad. It is a pilot project providing end-to-end solutions for waste management. The park aims for Zero waste, Zero energy and Zero Landfill.

## GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

### 1) Hornbill Nest Adoption Program

The Nyishi tribe of Arunachal Pradesh celebrated a decade success of Hornbill Nest Adoption Program . HNAP, launched in 2011. Hornbills are indicators of the health of a forest, they are seed dispersers and called as 'farmers of the forest. India is home to nine species, of which four are found in Western Ghats-Indian Grey Hornbill, Malabar Grey Hornbill, Malabar Pied Hornbill and the Great Hornbill.





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## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Robert Abela

The Prime Minister of Malta, Robert Abela has been sworn in for a second term after his ruling Labour Party won the 2022 general election in a landslide victory. He was administered the oath of office by President George Vella.

### 2) Pramod Sawant

Pramod Sawant took oath as the Chief Minister of Goa for the second straight five-year term. Sawant led the BJP in the recently concluded 2022 Goa Assembly elections and won 20 seats in the 40-member Goa Assembly. Mr Sawant was administered the oath by Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai.

### 3) Shashi Sinha

The board of Broadcast Audience Research Council ~ India has elected IPG Mediabrands India CEO Shashi Sinha as the new chairman. He will take over from Punit Goenka, who served as chairman of the TV viewership measurement agency for the last three years.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) TIME100 Impact Awards 2022

Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone has been named as one of the awardees of the TIME100 Impact Awards 2022. The actress has got featured on the inaugural TIME100 Impact Awards list for her work in mental health struggles and raising awareness, through her LiveLoveLaugh Foundation.

## SPORTS

### 1) Formula One 2022

Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the Formula One 2022 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix at Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Saudi Arabia. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco) came second and Carlos Sainz Jr. (Ferrari – Spain) came third.

