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INTERNATIONAL

1) India will hold the presidency of the G20

- India will hold the presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023, culminating with the G20 Summit in India next year.
- The G20 is an international forum, made up of 19 countries and the European Union.

2) World's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains

- The world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains was launched by Germany. The first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains has replaced 15 diesel trains that were previously operated on nonelectrified tracks in Lower Saxony, Germany. The engine of the trains is powered by electricity generated using hydrogen fuel cells.

NATIONAL

1) Composite Indoor Shooting Range

- Composite Indoor Shooting Range was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta at INS Karna. The CISR is a state-of-the-art, self-contained, 25 m, six-lane, live firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy.
- INS Karna is the first in the Navy & the only military unit in the country to set up and use a facility of this kind.

2) Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre at Mohali

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 300-bed Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre at Mullanpur, Mohali in Chandigarh.
- The Centre has been built at a cost of over ₹660 crores by the Tata Memorial Centre which is an aided institute under the Union Department of Atomic Energy.
- The Hospital will help the state combat cancer, especially in the highly cancer-affected areas.

3) Xylitol-an anti sugar property

- Researchers at IIT Guwahati have created a fermentation process that uses ultrasound to safely generate Xylitol from sugarcane bagasse, the byproduct of crushing sugar cane.





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- A sugar alcohol generated from plants called xylitol may have anti-obesogenic and anti-diabetic properties in addition to being a mild prebiotic and guarding teeth against caries.

4) BioAsia 2023

- The 20th edition of BioAsia 2023 will be hosted by the Government of Telangana, the premier event of BioAsia 2023 for the life sciences and health tech, on February 24-26, 2023.

- BioAsia 2023's logo and theme, "Advancing for ONE: Shaping the next generation of humanised healthcare," have been unveiled by Minister for Industries and Commerce KT Rama Rao.

STATE NEWS

1) Night Safari

- Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department to start the country's first night safari in the capital Lucknow.

- Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said that on the lines of Singapore's world's first night safari, this night safari in Lucknow will be developed on 350 acres in the Kukrail forest area.

5) "Azadi Quest"

- Union Minister Anurag Thakur has launched "Azadi Quest", a series of online educational games based on India's freedom struggle, developed in collaboration with Zynga India.

- These games are an effort to tap into the huge market of online gamers and to educate them through games

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) The Liberty Medal 2022

- The Liberty Medal 2022 will be awarded to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

- The National Constitution Center has announced that Zelenskyy will be honoured in a ceremony in October for what it called "his heroic defence of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny."

- The Liberty Medal, established in 1988 to mark the U.S. Constitution's bicentennial,



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is presented to individuals who strive to secure the blessings of liberty for people around the globe.

2) Mack Rutherford became the youngest person to fly solo around the world

- A 17-year-old pilot, Mack Rutherford became the youngest person to fly solo around the world in a small aircraft after he landed in Bulgaria, where his journey kicked off five months ago.

- Mack Rutherford, a Belgian-British dual national, landed on an airstrip west of Bulgaria's capital, Sofia, to complete his task and claim two Guinness World Records.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga

- Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga has appointed as interim Prime Minister in Mali, after the country's civilian PM Choguel Kokalla Maiga was admitted to hospital. Choguel Kokalla was named premier after the military took power in August 2020.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "A New India: Selected Writings 2014-19"

- M Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled "A New India: Selected Writings 2014-19", a compilation of selected articles of former Union Minister and Padma Vibhushan Arun Jaitley on his death anniversary.

- The event was also attended by Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, and Union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who also released the book along with Naidu. The book has been published by Juggernaut.