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INTERNATIONAL

1) Covid-19 vaccine for Omicron variant

- The United Kingdom has approved the first ever covid-19 vaccine for Omicron variant. It is the first country to do so.
- Conditional authorisation for the vaccine was granted by “Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Authority”. It has been authorised for use among people aged above 18.

2) Variants of monkeypox

- The World Health Organisation rechristened the variants of monkeypox virus that are currently in circulation. It was done to avoid any cultural or social offence.
- Monkeypox variant has been renamed as “Clades I, IIa and IIb”.

3) Nature Index 2022

- The Nature Index 2022 was recently released. Survey for the index was conducted based on research articles published in chemistry, life sciences, physical sciences and earth & environment.
- In the index, University of Hyderabad has secured first position among Indian Universities while has been placed at 16th position among all institutions in academic sector.

4) “Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022”

- According to “Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022” report, unemployment rate among youth aged 15-24 has reached to 15.6% across the world.
- It is three times of the unemployment rate among adult. This report has been released by International Labour Organisation (ILO), as a part of Global Call to Action for “human-centred recovery from Covid-19 pandemic”.

NATIONAL

1) Chenab Railway bridge

- The ‘Golden Joint’ of Chenab Railway bridge was inaugurated. It was decked with the National flag to celebrate the “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”.
- It is the highest railway bridge in the world. It is located in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.



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- Chenab Railway bridge is a steel and concrete arch bridge, constructed between Bakkal and Kauri in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

2) 150th birth anniversary of Shri Aurobindo Ghosh

- 150th birth anniversary of Shri Aurobindo Ghosh, central government is holding spiritual programmes from August 12 to August 15, 2022, across 75 prisons in India. This programme will help in transforming the inmates' lives by inculcating philosophy of Shri Aurobindo.

- Sri Aurobindo was an Indian philosopher, maharishi, yoga guru, poet, and Indian nationalist.

- He was also the editor of newspapers like Vande Mataram.

3) 13th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

- The 13th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2022 inaugurated and will conclude on August 30.

- The event, held annually in Australia, celebrates the Indian film industry by screening some of the most prominent and acclaimed films, TV shows, and web series from the country.

SPORTS

1) FIFA Council suspended All India Football Federation

- The Bureau of the FIFA Council has unanimously decided to suspend the All India Football Federation (AIFF) with immediate effect due to undue influence from third parties, which constitutes a serious violation of the FIFA Statutes.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Piyush Goyal

- IAS officer, Piyush Goyal has been appointed by the Central Government as the new CEO of NATGRID (National Intelligence Grid).

- NATGRID is the central organization for intelligence gathering with the aim of enhancing India's counter-terrorism capabilities.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day"



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- India commemorated “Partition Horrors Remembrance Day” on August 14. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced to observe this day in 2021.
- August 14 also marks Independence Day in Pakistan. India was partitioned into India and Pakistan on August 14, 1947.
- Cyril Radcliffe was appointed to redraw the boundaries of India and Pakistan.

OBITUARY

1) Rakesh Jhunjhunwala

- Veteran stock market investor, Rakesh Jhunjhunwala passed away at the age of 62. Often referred to as ‘India’s Warren Buffett’ and the Big Bull of Indian markets, Jhunjhunwala’s net worth was \$5.8 billion.
- An investor with a Midas touch, Jhunjhunwala was the 48th richest man in the country.

