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**20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) United Arab Emirates

- The United Arab Emirates is in early discussions with India to trade non-oil commodities in Indian rupees, Minister for Foreign Trade Dr Thani Al Zeyoudi said in World Economic Forum, Davos.
- The minister said other countries, including China, had also raised the issue of settling non-oil trade payments in local currencies. He added that the UAE is hoping to conclude a trade agreement with Cambodia in the first quarter.

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### 2) Continuous anti-corruption campaign

- The continuous anti-corruption campaign has prompted President Nguyen Xuan Phuc of Vietnam to announce his resignation.
- In Vietnam, the anti-corruption campaign has resulted in the dismissal of several ministers. Two of President Phuc's deputy prime ministers had resigned earlier.

### 3) Janani Ramachandran

- A 30-year-old Indian-American attorney, Janani Ramachandran has emerged as the youngest and the first queer woman of colour to take oath as the Oakland City Council member in the U.S. state of California.
- She took the ceremonial oath wearing a saree as the Oakland City Council member for District 4 in an inauguration ceremony.

### 4) FITUR

- FITUR is the global meeting point for tourism professionals and the leading trade fair for inbound and outbound markets in Latin America.

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- FITUR is the second most important tourism fair in the world. Around 10,000 national and international companies take part in each edition and there are more than 50,000 visitors spread over the different days of the event. The fair is being organized in Madrid, Spain.

### 5) Aruna Miller

- Aruna Miller has scripted history by becoming the first Indian-American politician to be sworn in as the Lieutenant Governor in the state of Maryland, adjoining the US capital. Aruna, 58, a former delegate to the Maryland House, made history when the Democrat became the 10th Lieutenant Governor of the state.
- The Lieutenant Governor is the state's highest official following the Governor and assumes the role when the Governor is out of state or incapacitated.
- Moore became Maryland's 63rd governor, the state's first and the country's only current Black chief executive. The newly sworn-in Lt Governor took her oath on the Bhagwat Gita.

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### 6) 'Education for Democracy'

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution titled 'Education for Democracy' that reaffirms the right of everyone to education.
- The resolution, which was co-sponsored by India, recognises that "education for all" contributes to the strengthening of democracy.
- The resolution encourages member states to integrate education for democracy into their education standards.

### 7) Line of Credit for developing sporting infrastructure

- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has extended a concessional USD 40 million Line of Credit for developing sporting infrastructure in the Maldives.
- It is a part of New Delhi's efforts to bring Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship projects such as fit India and Khelo India into the stretch of the Neighborhood First Policy.

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- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is on a visit to the Maldives to further expand bilateral engagement with the key maritime neighbor of India.

### 8) María Branyas Morera

- A Spanish great-grandmother who was born in the United States has likely become the world's oldest living person at 115, a Guinness World Records.
- The organisation shared that the woman named María Branyas Morera was born in March 1907 in the US and presently resides in Spain. Mrs Morera is 115 years 321 days old, as of 19 January 2023.
- María Branyas Morera (USA/Spain) is now confirmed as the world's oldest woman living and oldest person living, following the death of 118-year-old Lucile Randon (France).

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### NATIONAL

#### 1) India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline

- The India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline would begin supplying diesel to Bangladesh on an experimental basis in June of this year, according to State Minister for Power Nasrul Hamid.

#### 2) Maha Vikas Aghadi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of development projects worth more than Rs 38,000 crore in different sectors in Mumbai.
- It is a big step in infrastructure, urban travel, and healthcare ahead of civic polls.
- This was PM Modi's first visit to Mumbai after Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde took office at June-end last year after replacing the Maha Vikas Aghadi government.

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### 3) Airbus SE and Boeing Co

- Air India Ltd orders 500 aircraft from Airbus SE and Boeing Co is being held up by an impasse with engine makers powering the 737 Max dragging out one of the biggest single purchases in the history of civil aviation.
- CFM International, the General Electric Co, and Safran SA Joint venture are reluctant to offer big discounts on engines and maintenance that typically accompany mega orders.
- The deadlock centers on the hourly rates Air India would pay for repairs.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) Punjab National Bank offers credit cards

- State-owned Punjab National Bank offers credit cards against Fixed Deposit to customers who don't meet the eligibility criteria for regular credit cards.
- This facility will be available for salary account customers, and they shall be able to apply through the mobile banking app PNB One, website or Internet Banking Service (IBS), the lender said.
- Customers can avail loan without visiting a bank branch, adding there is a concession of 0.25 per cent on the interest rate when applied through digital platforms like PNB One. Get the RuPay or VISA credit card digitally against single or multiple FDs with 80% credit limit, the lender added.

### 2) 'Painted Bat'

- A rare orange-colored bat was spotted in the Banana plantation in Parali Bodal village of Kanger Valley National Park in Bastar, Chhattisgarh.
- The orange-colored bat is identified as a 'Painted Bat' and is characterized by bright orange and black wings.

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### 3) Higher Education Minister in Kerala R Bindu

- Higher Education Minister in Kerala R Bindu announced that girls students above the age of 18 years will get maternity leave of 60 days.
- The required attendance percentage for female students will be 73 percent including menstrual leave. The attendance percentage required earlier was 75 percent.

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#### 4) IIT Madras-incubated

- An IIT Madras-incubated firm has developed an indigenous mobile operating system called BharOS which is being provided to organisations that have stringent privacy and security requirements and where users handle sensitive information.
- Such users require access to private cloud services through private 5G networks.

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### 1) Praveen Sharma

- Praveen Sharma has been selected for appointment as Director in the National Health Authority (Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- As per the order issued from the Department of Personnel & Training, Sharma has been appointed to the post under the Central Staffing Scheme for a period of five years with effect from the date of taking over charge of the post or until further orders, whichever event takes place earlier.
- Sharma is an Indian Defence Service of Engineers officer of 2005 batch.

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### SPORTS

#### 1) Netherlands defeated Chile's

- The three-time champion Netherlands defeated Chile's debutants by a score of a record-breaking 14-0 to qualify as the first team to the quarterfinals of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup.

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- The Netherlands finished at the top of Pool C with a maximum of nine points after racking up three victories in as many games.

## 2) Rohit Sharma

- Indian captain Rohit Sharma has shattered a long-standing record held by MS Dhoni to become India's most prolific six-hitter in the history of ODI cricket.
- At the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Hyderabad, Rohit achieved this remarkable feat during the first ODI between India and New Zealand.
- The Indian captain's knock included two maximums, breaking MS Dhoni's long-standing record. Rohit is now India's leading six-getter in the history of ODI cricket, with a total of 125 sixes to his name.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) "Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport" award

- The New Goa Manohar International Airport (MIA), built by the GMR Goa International Airport Ltd (GGIAL), a subsidiary of GMR Airports Infrastructure Limited, won the prestigious "Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport" award under Aviation Sustainability and Environment at ASSOCHAM 14th International Conference-cum-Awards for Civil Aviation 2023 at New Delhi.
- The award was presented for "excellent initiatives" taken by GGIAL in implementing sustainability as one of core concepts. During the conference, Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia presented the award to the senior officials from GGIAL in the presence of industry dignitaries and participants.

### 2) Dr Sanduk Ruit

- Himalayan Cataract Project Co-Founder Dr Sanduk Ruit has won the ISA Award for Service to Humanity, a top civilian award of Bahrain.
- The award carries a cash prize of USD 1 million, a certificate of merit and a gold medal. He is pioneer in delivering high-quality microsurgical procedures in remote eye camps. He made modern eye care affordable and accessible to countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah passed away

- Padma Shri Awardee Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah passed away on 18th January 2023 at the age of 92. Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah was a social worker from the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman, and Diu. Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah was also known as "Daman ki Divya".
- She has organized canteens for the poor and coordinated the All India Women Council's "Vatta Banks" to assist Gujarat flood victims. In 2022, Prabhaben Sobhagchand Shah received the Padma Shri which is India's 4th highest civilian award for social work in Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.



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### 2) David Crosby Passed away.

- David Crosby, the father of American folk-rock, has passed away at the age of 81. He was influential musical pioneer of the 1960s and 1970s who created a distinctly American brand of folk-rock with the Byrds and later with Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young.

- He was born David Van Cortlandt Crosby on August 14, 1941, in Los Angeles. His father was Oscar-winning cinematographer Floyd Crosby of "High Noon" fame. The family, including his mother, Aliph, and brother, Floyd Jr., later moved to Santa Barbara.

### 3) Nilamani Phookan has passed away

- Renowned Assamese poet and recipient of Jnapith Award, Nilamani Phookan has passed away. He was 89. Phookan was one of the most celebrated poet of Assam and has been awarded the country's highest literary award, the 56th Jnanpith for the year 2021.

- The notable works of Phukan are 'Xurjya Henu Naami Aahe Ei Nodiyedi', 'Kabita', and 'Gulapi Jamur Lagna'.

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Preliminary Examination	Office Assistants and Officer Scale I : 05.08.2023, 06.08.2023, 12.08.2023, 13.08.2023 and 19.08.2023.
Single Examination	Officers Scale II & III : 10.09.2023
Main Examination	Officer Scale I : 10.09.2023 Office Assistants : 16.09.2023

(2) **PSBs – CRP CLERK-XIII, CRP PO/MT-XIII & CRP SPL-XIII**

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