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INTERNATIONAL

1) Henley Passport Index

- The Henley Passport Index has released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports for the year 2022.
- Three Asian nations Japan, Singapore and South Korea bagged the top three positions on the list.
- India is ranked 87th on the list of the world's most powerful passports in 2022.

NATIONAL

1) 'SPRINT Challenges'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled 'SPRINT Challenges', aimed at giving a boost to the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy, during the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation seminar 'Swavlamban' in New Delhi.
- This collaborative project is named SPRINT {Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through Innovations for Defence Excellence, NIIO and Technology Development Acceleration Cell}.

STATE NEWS

1) Andhra Pradesh has begun the first-ever study of blackbucks

- The Andhra Pradesh State Wildlife Department has begun the first-ever study of blackbucks along a length of islands in the Godavari between Dowleswaram and Yanam.
- Following reports of large numbers of blackbucks becoming stuck on the islands affected by the Godavari floods, the survey was proposed.
- The Gowthami, Vasista, Vainteya, and Vridha Gowthami islands in the Konaseema and East Godavari districts are a significant habitat for blackbucks.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Beyond the Misty Veil"

- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami released the book "BEYOND THE MISTY VEIL", Temple Tales of Uttarakhand written by Ms Aradhana Johri (Senior IAS) on the temples of Uttarakhand.
- This book will be known as an authentic introduction to the divine temples of Uttarakhand in the country and abroad.





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Vineet Saran

- Former Supreme Court judge, Vineet Saran has taken over as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) ethics officer and ombudsman.
- He has succeeded Justice (Retd) D. K. Jain, whose term ended in June last year.
- Saran is a former Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, and also served as a judge in Karnataka and Allahabad High Court.

2) La. Ganesan

- After the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar, who has been selected by the National Democratic Alliance as its vice presidential candidate, La. Ganesan took the oath of office as the new governor of West Bengal.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has accepted West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar's resignation.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Latest labour indicators

- Latest labour indicators released by National Statistical Office. NSO is the statistics wing of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- According to the report, In both rural and urban areas, part timers as a proportion of total employed are more in the 60+ age-group among males and urban females.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Moon Day

- The General Assembly declared International Moon Day, a United Nations-designated international day to be observed annually on 20 July.
- International Moon Day 2022 is chosen as the day to educate and promote awareness on the status and prospects for humanity.

2) World Chess Day

- World Chess Day is celebrated annually on July 20 globally. The day marks the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation in Paris in 1924.





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SPORTS

1) 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games

- The 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games will be hosted in Los Angeles, United States.
- The opening ceremony for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics will take place on July 14, 2028, and continue till July 30.
- However, Los Angeles has previously hosted the Olympics in 1984 and 1932.

2) Tamim Iqbal

- Bangladesh ODI captain, Tamim Iqbal has announced his retirement from T20Is and his decision came shortly after his side defeated West Indies 3-0 in the three-match ODI series. He played his last T20 International in March 2020.

OBITUARY

1) Achuthan Kudallur

- Achuthan Kudallur has passed away recently at the age of 77.
- A civil engineer by training, Achuthan Kudallur was a self-taught abstract artist and a highly respected name in contemporary art circles of south India.
- Achuthan Kudallur is a recipient of the national and Tamil Nadu State Lalit Kala Akademi Awards.