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18th February 2023

INTERNATIONAL

1) Spanish government approved a historic law granting paid medical leave

- The Spanish government approved a historic law granting paid medical leave to women suffering from severe menstrual pain is the first for any European country.
- These leave facilities are available in a handful of countries including Japan, Indonesia, and Zambia. Equality Minister Irene Montero informed that it is a historic day of progress in feminist rights.

2) South Africa is beginning a joint military drill with Russia and China

- Some nations claim it is an endorsement of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, South Africa is beginning a joint military drill with Russia and China.
- The 10-day naval exercises, which will go on on the first anniversary of the war in Ukraine, have drawn criticism from the US as well.
- The South African government, however, insists that it is still impartial in the conflict and that it frequently hosts such exercises with other nations, such as France and the US.

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3) Intel has launched the new Xeon W-3400 and Xeon W-2400 desktop

- Intel has launched the new Xeon W-3400 and Xeon W-2400 desktop workstation processors (code-named Sapphire Rapids), which are built for professional creators to provide massive performance for media and entertainment, engineering, and data science professionals.
- According to Intel, the new workstation processors are available for pre-order from industry partners, with system availability beginning in March.

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1) KAVACH-2023

- Advancing India's cyber-preparedness, KAVACH-2023, a national level hackathon was launched to identify innovative ideas and technological solutions for addressing the cyber security and cybercrime challenges of the 21st century.

- KAVACH-2023 is a one-of-a-kind national hackathon jointly developed by All India Council for Technical Education, Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) and Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre.

2) "mPassport Police App"

- The "mPassport Police App", developed by the consular, passport and visa division of the external affairs ministry for law enforcement agencies, is being rolled out along with 350 tablets to personnel of the Special Branch of Delhi Police.

- These personnel are responsible for carrying out verification of antecedents of passport applicants. A new app developed by the external affairs ministry and rolled out in New Delhi is expected to cut the time for police verification of passport applicants to five days and reduce the scope for misuse of the process.

- The new digital services were launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the 76th Raising Day Parade of Delhi Police.

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3) Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd

- Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd has signed an MoU with Israel Aerospace Industries for the domestic manufacture and supply of its Long-Range Artillery Weapon System for the Indian Tri-services.

- This state-of-the-art strategic weapon system will be manufactured by BEL, as the prime contractor, based on the workshare arrangement with IAI.

4) Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) SSLV-D2 rocket

- Antaris announced that the world's first satellite fully conceived, designed, and manufactured using the company's end-to-end cloud platform, JANUS-1 has successfully reached orbit.

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- JANUS-1 rode on the Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) SSLV-D2 rocket. JANUS-1 was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre of India under a commercial arrangement with New Space India Limited (NSIL).
- The JANUS-1 satellite features five payloads from a range of global providers, which will be commissioned and begin nominal operations.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Vibrant Villages Programme'

- To improve the quality of life and encourage people to stay in their native locations in border areas, the union government announced a Rs 4,800 crore centrally sponsored scheme for four years through FY26.
- The Cabinet approved the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' to ensure the comprehensive development of villages along the northern border areas.
- Out of the financial allocation of Rs 4,800 crore, Rs 2,500 crore would be used for constructing roads.

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2) Development of International Centre of Excellence for Dams

- The Central Water Commission, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for Development of International Centre of Excellence for Dams under externally funded Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project Phase II and Phase III.
- This MoA will remain valid for ten years or till the duration of the DRIP Phase-II and Phase-II Scheme, whichever is earlier, from the date of signing.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) BCCI's Chief selector Chetan Sharma has resigned

- BCCI's Chief selector Chetan Sharma has resigned from his post following a sting operation conducted by a TV news channel, where he shared internal information about the team and selection process.

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- Chetan Sharma sent his resignation to BCCI Secretary Jay Shah who accepted it.
- Earlier, in a sting operation, the 57-year-old was heard saying that Indian players have their own doctors outside of cricket, who are always available for them.

2) Tata Motors has appointed Rajan Amba as the Managing Director

-Tata Motors has appointed Rajan Amba as the Managing Director of Jaguar Land Rover India. He will take charge on March 1, 2023. Amba replaces Rohit Suri, who announced his retirement earlier this year. Amba's contributions have been instrumental in improving customer experience and expanding Tata Motors' retail network. He has been spearheading the commercial teams since October 2020. Rajan will be replacing Rohit Suri, who announced his retirement from the position of MD and President back in January 2023



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Swaraj Trophy for the best district panchayat in the State for the 2021-22 financial year

- The Kollam district panchayat has won the Swaraj Trophy for the best district panchayat in the State for the 2021-22 financial year.
- The Kannur district panchayat stood second in the rankings. Kollam district, is one of 14 districts of the state of Kerala, India.
- The district has a cross-section of Kerala's natural attributes; it is endowed with a long coastline, a major Laccadive Sea seaport and an inland lake. The district has many water bodies.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Pangolin Day

- World Pangolin Day is observed annually on the third Saturday in February, and this year it falls on February 18.
- It is a day to remember and celebrate pangolins, raise awareness, and fight against global pangolin capture in Africa and Asia.
- Pangolin Day marks the 12th edition of the event. An estimated one million of these magnificent



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creatures have been and continue to be harvested from the wild in African and Asian nations to meet the enormous demand for their scale, skin, blood, and even foetuses, which are believed to have multiple purposes in fashion, traditional medicine, and cookery.

OBITUARY

1) Shahnawaz Pradhan(Actor) has passed away

- Shahnawaz Pradhan, best known for featuring in series Mirzapur and movie Raees, has passed away. He was in his late 50s. He has played character roles in films M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story, Khuda Haafiz, Raees and Phantom; web series The Family Man and Hostages, and TV show Krishna and 24 among others.

2) Famous Yakshagana singer and screenwriter Balipa Narayan Bhagwat passed away

- Famous Yakshagana singer and screenwriter Balipa Narayan Bhagwat passed away at the age of 85. He had mastered a unique style of singing, due to which fans have given it the name of 'Balipa Style'.
- Rich in voice, Bhagwat has written more than 30 Yakshagana 'Prasanga' (scripts). He was well versed in over 100 Yakshagana episodes, which he composed by heart.
- He had served in the field of Yakshagana for about 60 years. He was the chief Bhagwat of Kateel Durgaparameshwari Prasadita Yakshagana Mandali (Kateel Mela).

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