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INTERNATIONAL

1) SRESTHA-G project

- World Bank has approved USD 350 million as financial aid for the Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G) project.
- The SRESTHA-G project will be worth USD 500 million, with the World Bank contributing USD 350 million. The project will include transforming key health delivery systems in the state.

NATIONAL

1) 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB

- Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of New Development Bank through video conference.
- This Annual Meeting of NDB which was hosted/chaired by India this year was organised in virtual mode. This year's theme for the Annual Meeting was "NDB: Optimising Development Impact".

STATE NEWS

1) 'Lok Milni' scheme

- Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Mann launched 'Lok Milni' scheme, a first-of-its-kind public interaction programme.
- It was launched with the aim of providing a single-window platform to the people of the state for the redressal of the complaints that they have.

2) CSPACE

- The Kerala government is set to launch a state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform on November 1, offering film lovers an array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice.
- Kerala will become the first state in India to have a state-owned OTT platform.
- It is an initiative of Kerala State Film Development Corporation

3) Madame Tussaud's museum

- Madame Tussauds museum is set to launch in Noida.





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- 50 Indian and international luminaries from sports, entertainment, history, and music will be featured at the new venue. Madame Tussauds India will let visitors to get up up and personal with celebrities as well as some of their most iconic moments.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) India's first dental health insurance plan

- PNB MetLife India Insurance Company has launched India's first dental health insurance plan
- It covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) William E. Colby Award 2022

- Author Wesley Morgan has won the William E. Colby Award 2022 for his book "The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley."
- The Colby Award, a \$5,000 prize named for the former ambassador and CIA director William E. Colby, is given for "a major contribution to the understanding of military history, intelligence operations or international affairs."
- The Colby award was established in 1999.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Pieter Elbers

- Inter Globe Aviation Limited (Indigo) appointed Pieter Elbers as Chief Executive Officer.
- He will join IndiGo on or before 1 Oct 2022. He succeeds Ronojoy Dutta who has decided to retire on 30 September 2022.

SPORTS

1) Women's World Championships

- Nikhat Zareen beat Thai Olympian Jutamas Jitpong 5-0 and become the fifth Indian woman to win a World title at the Women's World Championships, Istanbul.
- Nikhat becomes only the fifth Indian women's boxer after Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL and Lekha KC to win a gold at the World Championships.





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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) 16th National Endangered Species Day

- Every year on the third Friday of May is observed as National Endangered Species Day. In 2022, the day is observed on 20th May.
- National Endangered Species Day is celebrated with the main emphasis on conserving our planet Earth's flora and fauna. Since 2006 third Friday of May is observed as National Endangered Species Day.
- Theme of 2022: "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration".

2) World Bee Day

- Globally, on 20th May, World Bee Day is observed. World Bee Day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem.
- Theme of 2022: 'Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems'.
- The day was first observed on 20th May 2018.

