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NATIONAL

1) "National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers

- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri has launched an innovative project called "National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers" (NIPUN).
- It was launched for skill training of 100,000 construction workers.
- Under the scheme, construction workers will be trained through fresh skilling and upskilling programs.

2) Jagannath Rath Yatra

- The Jagannath Rath Yatra begins in Puri, Odisha.
- Jagannath Rath Yatra is an annual festival that celebrates the journey of Lord Jagannath, his elder brother Lord Balabhadra, and his younger sister Goddess Subhadra from their home temple in Puri, Odisha to their aunt's temple in Gundicha, about three kilometres away.

3) 'Knowledge Sharing' platform

- National Highways Authority of India has launched a 'Knowledge Sharing' platform on its website to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices in areas such as road design, construction, road safety, and environmental sustainability.
- It aims to foster the holistic development of the National Highway infrastructure encouraging the adoption of innovative practices and sustainable approaches.





















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STATE NEWS

1) "Kerala Migration Survey 2022-23"

- Pinarayi Vijayan, the chief Minster of Kerala has announced to conduct "Kerala Migration Survey 2022-23".
- As a part of the survey, a "Malayali Pravasi Portal" will be launched, which will be used to link Insurance and other welfare schemes for expatriates.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Union Bank has launched four specialised bank accounts

- Union Bank of India has launched four specialised bank accounts. These are women, women entrepreneurs and professionals, pensioners, and cooperative housing societies.
- The first account, called Union Unnati, is a current account designed specifically for women entrepreneurs and professionals.
- Another account that targets women is the Union Samriddhi, which empowers women through a safe and convenient savings and financial management outlet.
- The Union Samman is a savings account intended for pensioners.
- Union SBCHS recognises the importance of cooperative housing societies, providing discounts in loan processing fees for purchasing solar lights.

2) "Critical information infrastructure"

The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of HDFC bank, ICICI Bank, and NPCI as 'critical information infrastructure (CII)'.























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According to Information Technology Act of 2000, "Critical Information Infrastructure" is a "computer resource". Incapacitation or destruction of such resource have debilitating impact on national security, public health, economy, or public safety".

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Petteri Orpo

- Petteri Orpo has been elected as the Finland's prime minister by the parliament. Orpo will lead a coalition government comprising four parties, including the far-right Finns Party, which intends to implement strict measures on immigration.
- Finland is a Nordic country located in Northern Europe. The capital and largest city is Helsinki.

2) Gustavo Petro

Gustavo Petro has become the first leftist President of Colombia. He secured 50.5% of vote in second round of the presidential election.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Giant stingray

- Recently, in the Mekong River of Cambodia, scientists have caught the world's largest recorded freshwater fish, named giant stingray.
- The fish was captured under "Wonders of the Mekong" project, which is a joint Cambodian-US research project.





















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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Yoga Day 2023

- International Yoga Day 2023 is celebrated on 21st June every year to promote the numerous benefits of practicing yoga.
- The chosen date coincides with the summer solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. Theme of 2023: "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".

2) World Music Day

- The World Music Day is celebrated on 21st June every year. The day advocates for the influence of music and its universal ability to connect people.
- Theme of 2023: "Music on the intersections."

3) World Sickle Cell Awareness Day

World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is celebrated on 21st June every year. The day is to raise awareness about sickle cell disease (SCD) and its profound impact on individuals, families, and communities worldwide.

SPORTS

1) C.A. Bhavani Devi

- C.A. Bhavani Devi, an Olympian from Chennai, made history by securing India's first-ever medal at the Asian fencing championships held in Wuxi, China.
- Bhavani Devi faced off against Uzbekistan's Zaynab Dayibekova. The intense encounter concluded with a narrow defeat for Bhavani, as she lost 14-15.













