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NATIONAL

1) NMDC Ltd, has signed a MoU for drone-based mineral research with IIT Kharagpur

The country's largest iron ore producer, NMDC Ltd, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for drone-based mineral research with IIT Kharagpur. The National Mining and Development Corporation (NMDC) is increasingly dependent on technical innovation and the digitisation of its exploration and mining database.

2) 'Cold Response 2022'

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation has organised the massive military drill 'Cold Response 2022' in Norway from March 14, 2022, and will continue till April 01, 2022. The exercise is held in Norway every second year, for NATO Allies and partners.

3) 'UPI 123PAY' system

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, a 'Maharatna' and Fortune Global 500 company, has teamed up with UltraCash Technologies Pvt. Ltd. to provide BharatGas customers with a voice-based digital payment option for booking LPG cylinders. Customers who do not have access to a smartphone or the internet can use this feature to book cylinders and pay via the 'UPI 123PAY' system.

STATE NEWS

1) 35th edition Surajkund International Crafts Mela

The Governor of Haryana, Bandaru Dattatraya and Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar formally inaugurated the 35th edition of the world-famous Surajkund International Crafts Mela at Surajkund in Faridabad district of Haryana. In 2022, the 'Theme State' in Jammu & Kashmir and Uzbekistan is the partner nation.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'Road to 1000'

Sportstar and The Hindu group released a coffee-table book, 'Road to 1000', at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards at The Taj Mahal Palace hotel. The book is a 520-page, special collection with 1000 pictures to commemorate Indian cricket's journey. India played its 1,000th ODI against the West Indies in Ahmedabad, becoming the first team to record the feat.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 'Sportstar of the Year (Male)' award

Tokyo Olympic gold medallist, Neeraj Chopra claimed the coveted 'Sportstar of the Year





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(Male)' award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards. Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who claimed the silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics, received the 'Sportstar of the Year (Female)' award.

2) 'Sports Icon' award

Suresh Raina has been awarded the prestigious 'Sports Icon' award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022. The Maldives government felicitated Raina for his various achievements throughout his career.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Central Reserve Police Force

Central Reserve Police Force has celebrated its 83rd Raising Day with zeal and ceremonial fervour on 19 March 2022. The 83rd Raising Day parade was organised at the Maulana Azad Stadium in Jammu. This was for the first time that the CRPF celebrated its Raising Day outside the national capital.

2) International Day of Forests

The International Day of Forests (also known as World Forestry Day) is celebrated every year on March 21. The main aim of the day is to raise awareness of the significance of all types of forests. The theme for 2022 is "Forests and sustainable production and consumption."