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INTERNATIONAL

1) Mohammed bin Salman

- Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been appointed as the prime minister by a royal decree.
- The crown prince, known as MbS, is promoted from defence minister and has been the de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter and a major U.S. ally in the Middle East.

2) Vladimir Putin grants Russian citizenship to Snowden

- President Vladimir Putin has granted Russian citizenship to former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden, nine years after he exposed the scale of secret surveillance operations by the National Security Agency (NSA).
- Snowden, a former employee of the U.S. National Security Agency, has been living in Russia since 2013 to escape prosecution in the US after leaking classified documents detailing government surveillance programs.

3) World Green Economy Summit

- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change attended Ministerial Roundtable for Green Economy at World Green Economy Summit in Dubai, UAE.
- World Green Economy Summit is one of the leading global forums on green economy. It aims to propel action to deliver a sustainable future.

NATIONAL

1) Swachh Toycathon

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched Swachh Toycathon under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav.
- The Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar, is MoHUA's knowledge partner for the initiative.
- It aims to explore solutions for use of waste in the creation or manufacturing of toys.

2) Ministry of Home Affairs bans PFI

- The Popular Front of India (PFI) and its affiliates were banned by the Centre for





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a period of five years, days after law enforcement agents tried in a campaign to suppress the activities of the group.

- The Ministry of Home Affairs used the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act to enact the ban, claiming that the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its affiliates pose a “major threat to internal security of the country” and are connected to terrorist organisations like the ISIS.

3) Ayushmann Utkrishta Award 2022

- Ayushmann Utkrishta Award 2022 has been given to Uttar Pradesh for adding several healthcare facilities to the health facility register.
- With 28728 new healthcare facilities added to the National Health Facility Register, Uttar Pradesh is the best performing state in the nation.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) World Bank and SIDBI to launch fund against loan default

- A \$1 billion fund may soon be launched by the government in collaboration with the World Bank, and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- The fund will be used to provide guarantees against defaults on loans taken to buy electric two or three-wheelers.
- The NITI Aayog will be the facilitating agency of the project. It will aim to facilitate faster and easier financing of EVs.

2) Union Bank of India inaugurated the Ethical Hacking Lab

- The Union Bank of India inaugurated the Ethical Hacking Lab at the Cyber Security Centre of Excellence in Hyderabad.
- The lab with a cyber defence mechanism will protect the bank’s information system, digital assets, and channels, against potential cyber threats. The lab was inaugurated by the bank’s managing director and CEO, A. Manimekhalai.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Heart Day

- Globally, on 29th of September, World Heart Day is observed.
- The day is observed to raise awareness about the rising concerns of heart health, cardiovascular illnesses, the impact of overexercising on the heart and how heart





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care is of utmost importance.

- The theme for World Heart Day 2022 is 'USE HEART FOR EVERY HEART'.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Vijay Jasuja

- Leading Fintech platform Stashfin has appointed BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) expert and former MD and CEO of SBI Cards, Vijay Jasuja as Non-Executive Independent Director. He also served as a Director at PNB Cards.

2) Lt General Anil Chauhan

- Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan, a retired general, is appointed as the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

- The appointment was made a few months after the nation's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Bipin Rawat, perished in a helicopter accident in the Nilgiris area of Tamil Nadu.

3) R Venkataramani

- Senior advocate R Venkataramani has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India. The President has appointed Mr Venkataramani as the new Attorney General for a period of three years from the 1st of October.

- Mr Venkataramani will replace current Attorney General KK Venugopal whose term ends on September 30, 2022.

SPORTS

1) Laver Cup 2022

- Team World defeated Team Europe to win the Laver Cup 2022 for the first time. Team World defeats Team Europe 13-8 to win the Laver Cup indoor tennis tournament.

- Frances Tiafoe and Felix Auger of Team World defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas & Novak Djokovic of Team Europe to win the competition.

- Laver Cup is an international indoor hard court tournament between Team Europe & Team World.

