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NATIONAL

1) 'Cyclone Gulab'

The India Meteorological Department has issued a red alert for Odisha and Andhra Pradesh after the 'Cyclone Gulab' made landfall over Northwest and adjoining West-central Bay of Bengal. Cyclone Gulab was named by Pakistan.

2) Bronze Nataraj figure

As many as 157 artefacts and antiquities were handed over to the Prime Minister by the United States including a bronze Nataraj figure. The list has a diverse set of items bas-relief panel of Revanta in sandstone made in the 10th century, 56 terracotta pieces, several bronze figurines and copper objects, among others which mainly belong to 11th and 14th centuries.

STATE NEWS

1) Chennai Central railway station will get 100 per cent of energy through Solar Energy

Dr MG Ramachandran Central or Chennai Central railway station will get 100 per cent of energy through Solar Energy. The Chennai Central railway station comes under the South Central Railway zone and which is going to become the world's largest green railway network.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) "Crypto Industry in India"

The crypto industry in India has the potential to add \$184 billion of economic value, in the form of investments and cost savings, by 2030. The report, entitled "Crypto Industry in India," was published by the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) in conjunction with Binance-owned crypto exchange WazirX.

2) ICRA revise GDP growth of India to 9.00% in FY 2022

ICRA has revised up the gross domestic product growth rate of India for the financial year 2021-22 (FY22) to 9 per cent. Earlier this rate was 8.5%. It can be noted that after the 7.3 per cent contraction in 2020-21, there were expectations of a higher growth number in 2021-22.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) 'Akash Prime'

The Defence Research and Development Organisation has carried a successful maiden test flight of a new version of the Akash Missile named 'Akash Prime' from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha. The success of the test flight demonstrates the competence of DRDO in the design and development of world-class Missile systems.

2) Pusa Basmati 1979 and Pusa Basmati 1985

The Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed the country's first-ever non-GM





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(genetically modified) herbicide-tolerant rice varieties (Pusa Basmati 1979 and Pusa Basmati 1985). These varieties can be directly seeded and significantly save water and labour compared to conventional transplanting.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh

Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh has taken charge as the 34th Director-General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC). He succeeds Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Aich. Lt Gen Singh has been a Company Commander in the counter-insurgency environment in Nagaland and the Siachen Glacier.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for science and technology 2021, were announced during the 80th foundation day of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. Every year, CSIR presents this award to scientists below 45 years of age for their contributions in biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, medicine, engineering and earth, atmosphere, ocean and planetary sciences. The award comprises a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "The Battle of Rezang La"

A new book has titled "The Battle of Rezang La" written by Kulpreet Yadav. A new book tells the story of 120 Indian soldiers who put up a valiant fight against the 5,000-strong Chinese military troops in the 1962 Indo-China war, preventing a possible occupation of the entire Ladakh region.

SPORTS

1) Ostrava Open

India's Sania Mirza and her Chinese partner Zhang Shuai won the women's doubles title in the women's doubles final at the Ostrava Open in Ostrava, Czech Republic. The second-seeded Indo-Chinese duo defeated the third seeded pair of American Kaitlyn Christian and New Zealander Erin Routliffe 6-3 6-2 in the summit clash in one hour and four minutes.

2) 2021 World Archery Championships

The team India archers settled for three silver medals at the 2021 World Archery Championships, held in Yankton, South Dakota, United States.

- Women's Compound Individual: Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- Women's Compound Team: Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Muskar Kirar and Priya Gurjar
- Compound Mixed Team: Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- Vennam Jyothi Surekha became the first Indian woman archer to win three silver medals at a world championship.



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3) Moeen Ali

England cricket all-rounder Moeen Ali has announced his retirement from the Test match career. The 34-year-old Ali made his debut in Test cricket in 2014 and represented England in 64 Test matches. He took 195 Test wickets including 5 five-wicket hauls and scored five-Test match centuries during his Test career.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day for the Universal Access to Information

The International Day for the Universal Access to Information (commonly known as Access to Information Day) is observed globally on 28th September every year. Universal access to information means that everyone has the right to seek, receive and impart information for healthy and inclusive knowledge societies.

2) World Rabies Day

World Rabies Day is celebrated annually on September 28 to raise awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals, provide information and advice on how to prevent the disease and take efforts to control rabies. The theme for the WRD in 2021 is 'Rabies: Facts, not Fear'.

