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INTERNATIONAL

1) Leaded Petrol

The United Nations Environment Programme announced that the use of leaded petrol has been eradicated from the globe. The main difference between leaded and unleaded fuel is the additive tetraethyl lead. Lead is a heavy pollutant that does damage not only to the environment but also to the people who are exposed to it.

NATIONAL

1) National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Palm

The Prime Minister announced a National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Palm, with an investment of over Rs 11,000 crore over a five-year period. NMEO-OP is a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme. It is proposed to have an additional 6.5 lakh hectares for palm oil by 2025-26.

2) Dara Shikoh

The Ministry of Culture set up a seven-member panel of the Archaeological Survey of India to locate the grave of the Dara Shikoh. He (1615-59) was the eldest son of Shah Jahan. He is known as a pioneer of the academic movement for interfaith understanding in India.

STATE NEWS

1) "Mission Vatsalya"

Maharashtra government launched a special mission called "Mission Vatsalya" in order to help women who lost their husbands to COVID-19. Mission Vatsalya will provide several services and some 18 benefits under one roof to those women.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) #FollowPaymentDistancing

RuPay has launched a strategic campaign titled – #FollowPaymentDistancing to promote and encourage contactless payments among customers. RuPay's #FollowPaymentDistancing campaign encourages consumers to start 'payment distancing' and switch to contactless digital payments with RuPay Contactless Cards which is safe as well as time-conserving.

2) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority has increased the entry age for the National Pension System

The PFRDA has increased the entry age for the NPS from 65 years to 70 years. Earlier the eligible age to invest in NPS was 18-65 years which has now been revised to 18-70 years. As per the revised norms, any Indian Citizen, resident or non-resident and Overseas Citizen of India between the age of 65-70 years can join NPS.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) West Nile Virus Infections





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Russia warned of a possible increase in West Nile Virus (WNV) Infections this autumn as mild temperatures and heavy precipitation create favourable conditions for the mosquitos that carry it. It is a member of the flavivirus genus and belongs to the Japanese encephalitis antigenic complex of the family Flaviviridae.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Kilauea Volcano

A surge of earthquakes and the ground swelling at the southern part of the crater was noticed at Hawaii's Kilauea volcano. A volcano is an opening on the surface that allows material warmer than its surroundings to escape from its interior.

2) Latham's Snipe

Urban development continues to threaten Latham's Snipe habitats as several snipe sites in eastern Australia are at risk from housing developments and large infrastructure projects. Latham's Snipe was formerly known as the Japanese Snipe. Latham's Snipe is the largest snipe in Australia, with cryptic, mainly brown, plumage.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Rajnish Kumar

Rajnish Kumar has been appointed as an independent director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Asia entity. He has also been appointed as a member of the Audit Committee and Risk Committee of the company. He was the former SBI chairman.

SPORTS

1) Stuart Binny

Indian all-rounder cricketer, Stuart Binny has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He had represented Team India in six Tests, 14 ODIs and three T20Is, scoring a total of 459 runs and 24 wickets. Binny is the son of Roger Binny, a former India selector.

2) Tokyo Paralympics 2020

India's greatest paralympian, Devendra Jhajharia won the silver medal in the men's javelin throw – F46 final event. The 40-year-old Devendra performed his best throw of 64.35, for the silver. In the same event, Sundar Singh Gurjar won the bronze medal, with his best throw of 64.01.

3) Yogesh Kathuniya

India's discus thrower Yogesh Kathuniya has clinched the silver medal at the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics in the men's Discus Throw F56 final event. Yogesh claimed the second spot with a throw of 44.38m. Batista dos Santos from Brazil won gold.





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OBITUARY

1) Buddhadeb Guha

Eminent Bengali writer Buddhadeb Guha, has passed away. He was the author of many notable works such as “Madhukari” (Honey Gatherer), “Koeler Kachhe” (Near the Koel bird) and “Sobinoy Nibedon” (Humble Offering). He also won several awards including Ananda Purashkar in 1976, Shiroman Purashkar and Sharat Puraskar.

2) Vasoo Paranjape

Former India cricketer and coach, Vasoo Paranjape has passed away. He was considered a mentor of stalwarts like Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Vengsarkar, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar and Rohit Sharma to name a few. He also gave Gavaskar the nickname ‘Sunny’.

