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NATIONAL

1) National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri has launched an innovative project National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN) in New Delhi.
- It is an initiative to train over one lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes and provides them with work opportunities in foreign countries also.

2) Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics University in Bengaluru.
- He also showcased 150 'Technology Hubs' at the ceremony, which were created by revamping Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) around Karnataka.

3) Single-use plastic banned from 1st July, 2022

- Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has defined a list of items that will be banned from 1st July, 2022.
- As per notification, manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single-use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited from the 1st July, 2022.

4) Pink Bollworm

- Pink Bollworm Infestation has been reported at the early stage of the cotton crop cycle in Punjab and Haryana.
- Pink Bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*) is an insect known as pest of cotton, possibly a native of eastern Indian Ocean region.
- It is resistant to first generation transgenic BT Cotton, and insecticides.

5) Pradhan Mantri Aadi Adarsh Gram Yojana

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched Pradhan Mantri Aadi Adarsh Gram Yojana for faster development of tribal villages.
- It's objective is to Convergence and coordination of programs and schemes across Departments/Ministries and implement them properly at bottom level.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Hybrid Securities

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has set up a 20-member committee under KV Kamath on Hybrid Securities.
- Hybrid Securities are investment instruments that combine two or more different financial instruments, commonly the equities and bonds (debt) characteristics.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Gustavo Petro

- Colombia's presidency has been won by Gustavo Petro. Petro will become Colombia's first left-wing president if he wins the presidential runoff election.
- He received 50.4 percent of the vote, while his opponent, construction magnate Rodolfo Hernandez, received 47.3 percent.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Women's Prize for Fiction

- US-Canadian author, film-maker and Zen Buddhist priest, Ruth Ozeki has won the Women's Prize for Fiction this year for her novel 'The Book of Form and Emptiness'.
- Ozeki's fourth novel, 'The Book of Form and Emptiness' tells the story of a thirteen-year-old boy who, after the tragic death of his father, starts to hear the voices of objects speaking to him.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India"

- The biography of Gautam Adani, titled "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India" is set to release in October.
- The book is authored by journalist-author RN Bhaskar.

OBITUARY

1) R. Raveendran

- Veteran photojournalist, R. Raveendran passed away at the age of 69. He was known for his iconic photo of Rajiv Goswami setting himself on fire during the Mandal agitation in the Capital. He has worked in AFP and ANI.



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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice

- International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice is observed globally on 21st June. This day bring awareness about solstices and equinoxes and their significance for several religions and ethnic cultures.
- The Summer Solstice is the day of the year when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky. It happened on June 21st this year.

2) World Music Day

- World Music Day is celebrated every year on June 21. The day gives respect to the art form of music that binds people across culture, region, language and religion.
- Theme of 2022: "Music on the intersections".

3) International Yoga Day

- International Yoga Day is celebrated on June 21 every year to spread awareness about the invaluable benefits of Yoga.
- Theme of 2022: "Yoga for Humanity"

SPORTS

1) Sunil Chhetri scored his 84th International goal

- Indian Men's football team captain, Sunil Chhetri scored his 84th International goal against Hong Kong during the Asian Football Confederation Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers and equalled the record of Real Madrid and Hungarian Football Legend Ferenc Puskás.
- Sunil Chhetri has scored 84 goals in 129 matches.

2) Canadian Grand Prix 2022

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen claimed his sixth victory of the Formula 1 season after withstanding pressure from Ferrari's Carlos Sainz in the closing stages of the Canadian Grand Prix.
- Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton grabbed his second podium this campaign in third.