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NATIONAL NEWS

G20 Cyber Security Exercise and Drill

- Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, inaugurated the G20 Cyber Security Exercise and Drill.
- It was inaugurated for over 400 domestic and international participants under India's G20 Presidency in New Delhi.
- This cyber security exercise and drill was conducted in hybrid mode (physical and virtual) by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team.
- International participants from more than 12 countries participated in it through online mode.
- Domestic participants from various sectors such as Finance, Education, Telecom, Ports & Shipping, Energy and IT/ITES participated in person as well as in virtual mode.
- The first table top exercise focused on Crisis Management and Crisis Communication was conducted for the Board and Top Management on the theme ‘Synergy to Counter Global Cyber Crisis’.

New Delhi to Host 5-Day PlastIndia Exhibition

- The 11th edition of the International Plastics Exhibition, conference and convention – PlastIndia 2023 will be held at the revamped Pragati Maidan in New Delhi from 01 February to 05 February 2023.

- PlastIndia 2023, organised by Plastindia Foundation which is devoted to promoting excellence in the field of plastics, will focus on innovation, sustainability and growth.

- The 5-day event will provide an excellent opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their innovations in processing, machinery, moulds and dyes, auxiliary equipment, printing and packaging, raw material and more.

- PlastIndia is usually held once in three years with the last one held in 2018.

Visakhapatnam to be Andhra Pradesh’s New Capital

- Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister (CM) Shri YS Jagan Mohan Reddy announced that Visakhapatnam popularly known as Vizag will be the new capital of the AP at the International

Diplomatic Alliance meeting in New Delhi.

- The CM further announced that the AP government is organising the 'Global Investors Summit' in Visakhapatnam on 03 March and 04 March 2023.

- The announcement of the new capital comes 9 years after the formation of Telangana state and Hyderabad being given as its capital.

BANKING

India's First Payments Platform to Process Retail CBDC Transactions

- Infibeam Avenues's flagship payments brand – CCAvenue, has become the first payment gateway player to process Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee transactions for online retail merchants.
- CBDC, is a robust, efficient, trusted and legal tender based real-time payment option.
- The aim of the Indian government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in launching the Digital Rupee is to reduce the ₹32 lakh crore of cash in circulation and to save costs associated with cash like currency printing, solve fake currency problems, avoid wear and tear, etc.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has identified 8 banks for phase-wise participation in the retail pilot project for CBDC.

ULIP Product 'Wealth Edge'

- Canara HSBC Life Insurance has launched 'Wealth Edge', a Unit-Linked Individual Savings Insurance Plan (ULIP).

- Wealth Edge has been designed to help fulfil the life goals of an individual by providing utmost flexibility.

- The policy also offers options of single pay and limited pay for all three plans, along with death and maturity benefits.

- The product offers 3 different plans depending on an individual's need and current requirements.

- For Invest Plus, the minimum and maximum entry ages are 0 years and 70 years, respectively.

- For Premium Plus and Life Plus, the minimum entry ages are 18 years, while the maximum

entry ages are 50 years and 70 years, respectively.

- The maturity ages for Premium Plus are minimum 28 and maximum 80 years, while for Life Plus, the maturity age is up to 100 years.

SPORTS

Shane Warne Men's Test Player of The Year Award

- Australia's Usman Khawaja bagged the inaugural Shane Warne Men's Test Player of the Year award following brilliant performances in the last 12 months.
- The left-hander has been Australia's leading run scorer in Tests since making a comeback in January 2022.
- Khawaja amassed 1020 runs at an average of 78.46.
- Khawaja was also part of the ICC Test Team of the Year alongside teammates Nathan Lyon, Pat Cummis and Marnus Labuschagne announced last week.

AWARDS & PRIZES

Lifetime Achievement Honour in UK

- Former prime minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh was conferred a Lifetime Achievement Honour by the India-UK Achievers Honours in London for his contribution to economic and political life.
- The award will be handed over to Dr Singh in New Delhi by the National Indian Students and Alumni Union (NISAU) UK.
- The India-UK Achievers Honors is organised by the National Association of Indian Students and Alumni UK in partnership with the British Council in India and the UK's Department for International Trade (DIT).
- The 'Life Time Achievement Honor' recognizes Dr Manmohan Singh's contribution to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

First Female Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea

- Equatorial Guinea has appointed Manuela Roka Botey as prime minister.
- She is the first woman in the country to reach this position.
- She was appointed by President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo who has ruled the country since 1979.
- Botey, who was the deputy minister of education in the West African country, replaced Francisco Pascual Obama Asue, who held the position of prime minister for nearly eight years.

Men's Hockey Team Chief Coach Graham Reid Resigns

- Indian men's hockey team head coach Graham Reid resigned from his post following the host nation's exit from the recently concluded World Cup.
- The 58-year-old Australian coach submitted his resignation to Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey.
- Reid, who was appointed India's coach in April 2019, led the team to a historic bronze medal win at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.
- Under his leadership, the Indian men's hockey team was successful in winning the silver medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 held in Birmingham and India finished third in the FIH Pro League 2021-22.

CEO of Unilever

- Consumer goods giant Unilever appointed Mr Hein Schumacher as its new chief executive officer (CEO), set to take on the role on 01 July 2023.
- This is the first time Unilever has appointed a CEO from outside the company.
- Mr Hein will replace Mr Alan Jope, who announced in September 2022 his intention to retire from Unilever.
- He joined Unilever in October, 2021 as non-executive director and currently he is the CEO of global dairy and nutrition business Royal FrieslandCampina.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Wetlands Day

- World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on 02 February.
- It aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and the planet.
- The World Wetlands Day 2023 theme of this year is ‘It’s Time for Wetlands Restoration,’ which highlights the urgent need to prioritize wetland Restoration.
- This day also marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 02 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar.