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NATIONAL NEWS

DCPCR Launches Whatsapp Chatbot – Bal Mitra

- Delhi Deputy Chief Minister (CM) Manish Sisodia launched the WhatsApp chatbot named Bal Mitra.
- The Chatbot was developed by the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) which is an effort to enable two-way communication between people and the child rights panel.
- It is to provide accurate information about children and their rights while maintaining the confidentiality of information reported to it.
- The chatbot will provide authentic information on various issues related to children and their rights, while also ensuring the confidentiality of the cases reported through it.
- It will help citizens and the commission interact more effectively and it is an important initiative to make governance citizen-friendly.

Atal Innovation Mission Inaugurates ACIC-CBIT Centre

- Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog inaugurated the ACIC-CBIT centre in Hyderabad.
- The AIM team visited the centre to understand the different lab setups, technology and infrastructure for incubatees.
- ACIC-CBIT has been established with the aim to build a community innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem to nurture innovators and startups in unserved and underserved regions.
- ACIC CBIT focuses on Health-tech, Smart Engineering Products Renewable Energy and Environmental Sustainability.

BANKING

RBI Imposes Monetary Penalty on North East Small Finance Bank Limited

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹39.50 lahks on North East Small Finance Bank Limited.
- For non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on 'Prudential Norms on Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning about Advances – Divergence in NPA Accounts' and 'Prudential Guidelines on Capital Adequacy and Market Discipline-New Capital

Adequacy Framework (NCAF)'.
- This penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of Section 47 A (1) (c) read with Section 46 (4) (i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

SEBI Strengthened Framework for Green Bonds

- Markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) strengthened the framework for green bonds by introducing the concept of 'blue' and 'yellow' bonds as new modes of sustainable finance.

- Blue bonds relate to water management and the marine sector, while yellow bonds pertain to solar energy.

- These are sub-categories of green debt securities.

- These measures have been taken in the backdrop of increasing interest in sustainable finance in India as well as around the globe, and with a view to align the extant framework for green debt securities with the updated Green Bond Principles (GBP) recognised by IOSCO.

- SEBI defines Green Debt Securities as debt securities issued for raising funds that are to be utilised for projects or assets falling under certain categories.
- The GBP seeks to support issuers in financing environmentally sound and sustainable projects that foster a net-zero emissions economy and protect the environment.

Instant Personal Loan Launched by Fi Money

- Money management platform Fi Money has launched its lending services to offer users instant credit in partnership with Federal Bank.

- The instant personal loan service will provide borrowers with immediate access to credit through a paperless and pre-approved application process.

- The instant loans will be rolled out in a phased manner, with a certain number of users gaining initial access to avail credit from Rs 50,000 up to Rs 5 lakh, followed by a full-scale launch for all users in the coming weeks.

- Fi is a Neo Bank in India with a financial app that has a digital savings bank account with features that help you get better with your money.

SPORTS

Pakistani Wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal Announces Retirement

- Recently Pakistan's wicket-keeper batsman Kamran Akmal announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Kamran Akmal decided to retire after being made a part of the national selection committee by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).
- Akmal was recently appointed as the batting consultant for the Babar Azam-led side Peshawar Zalmi for the upcoming edition of the Pakistan Super League (PSL).
- Akmal made his Test match debut against Zimbabwe in November 2002 and he also made his ODI debut against Zimbabwe in November 2002.

RANKS, INDICES & REPORTS

Global Milk Production

- India is the world's largest milk producer, contributing 24 per cent to global milk production in the year 2021-22, according to production data from the food and agriculture organization corporate statistics database.
- India's milk production has registered a growth of 51 per cent during the last eight years - 2014-15 and 2021-22 and has increased to 220 million tonnes in the year 2021-22.
- The department of animal husbandry and dairying runs various schemes to benefit the economically weaker farmers in the dairy sector.
- The national program for dairy development aims to enhance the quality of milk and milk products and increase the share of organised procurement, processing, value addition and marketing.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IIT Patna Partners with Drone Destination

- Delhi-based Drone Destination (DD) Private Limited, has signed a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna to open Bihar’s first government-approved drone training hub.

- DD is the state-run Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Academy (IGRUA)'s partner for drone training and has several centers across India.

- IIT Patna has been at the forefront of being a technology-first institution and plans to develop a large Drone Centre of Excellence to propel the UAV ecosystem.

- Drone Destination became the first Drone Training Organisation to certify over 1,200 DGCA-certified Drone Pilots in the country along with our training partners IGRUA and Sanskardham.

- It became National Skill Development Corporation's (NSDC's) first Drone Training Partner and plans to jointly open 10 new drone hubs.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation

- International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation is observed every year on 06 February.

- The Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting was initiated by UNFPA and UNICEF in 2007 to accelerate the abandonment of the practice.

- In 2008, WHO and 9 other United Nations partners released a declaration titled "Eliminating Female Genital Mutilation: An Interagency Statement" regarding the abolition of FGM.

- The UN General Assembly in 2012 adopted a resolution A/RES/67/14 on the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

OBITUTARY

Former Indian National Team Footballer Parimal Dey

- Former Indian National Team footballer Parimal Dey passed away. He was at the age of 81.
- At the domestic level, he fondly called Jangla had the honour of winning the Santosh Trophy twice in 1962 and 1969.
- He made 5 appearances for India and scored a goal in the country's bronze medal finish in the 1966 edition of the Merdeka Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia & that was also his only goal for India.
- He also won the Durand Cup (1967, 1970) and Rovers Cup (1967, 1969, 1973).