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NATIONAL NEWS

RE-HAB Project

- Shri Manoj Kumar, Chairman of KVIC launched the ambitious Reducing Human Attacks Using Honey Bees (Re-Hab) Project.
- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission launched the Re-Hab Project (Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, Government of India).
- In addition to the honey extractor, Shri Manoj Kumar distributed 330 bee boxes, bee colonies and toolkits to rural beneficiaries in Chausla village.
- The Re-Hab Project is currently active in seven states includes Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Assam and Odisha.
- The KVIC will manage the Re-Hab Project for a year in a specific area.

Chief Guest on Republic Day 2023

- President of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi will be the chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations on 26 January 2023.
- This is the first time that the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt will be the Chief Guest on Republic Day of the nation.
- Also, this is the first time India has invited a foreign dignitary to the event after the gap of the last two years due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- The year 2022 marks the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Egypt.
- Egypt has been invited as a 'Guest Country' during India's Presidency of G20 in 2022-23.

e-Vehicle Charging Stations

- The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) has developed a mobile app named KeMapp – 'Kerala E-Mobility App'.
- It will serve as a common platform for accessing the services of e-vehicle charging stations.
- Minister for Electricity K. Krishnankutty formally launched the app at 'ewaTTs '22,' an e-mobility conclave organized by the KSEB.
- The app is now in test mode and will soon be available for download on PlayStore.
- KeMapp replaces 4 software solutions for charging-station operations provided by different vendors who had established the stations for KSEB.
- Motorists can use the app to get the locations of charging stations, book lots and make the payment after charging.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mahatma Gandhi's Bust to be Inaugurated at UNHQ

- A bust of Mahatma Gandhi will be inaugurated as a gift from India to the United Nations during India's presidency of the Security Council in December 2022, the first sculpture of the Mahatma to be installed at the world body's headquarters.
- The bust was made by renowned Indian sculptor Padma Shree awardee Ram Sutar, who has also designed the 'Statue of Unity in Gujarat.
- It will be inaugurated on 14 December 2022, during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to the UN for India's Presidency of the Council for December 2022.
- Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar accepted the sculpture on behalf of the United Nations.

BANKING

Indian Overseas Bank Partners with SMC Global

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has entered into an agreement with broking partner SMC Global for the opening of 3 in 1 account (SB, demat account and trading account).
- While the SB and demat account will be with IOB, the trading account will be with SMC Global.
- As part of an expansion of services in addition to the existing full-service Brokerage Plan, SMC Global has offered a new brokerage plan named DISCOUNT BROKERAGE for its existing/new clients through our Bank.
- Discount Brokerage Plan facilitates the client to do trading at an attractive brokerage with a flat rate of Rs. 15 per order for intraday trades and Rs.0 on Delivery based trades.

Honda Cars India Signs MoU with IDBI Bank

- Honda Cars India Limited (HCIL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IDBI Bank to offer a host of finance schemes for its customers.

- The collaboration between HCIL and IDBI Bank will allow customers to avail of hassle-free affordable financing options and schemes for purchasing Honda Car models.

- The partnership will ensure providing a better customer experience in terms of product and procedures.

- The benefits will include attractive interest rates, minimum processing charges, maximum loan

amount and the maximum repayment period.

SPORTS

Rituraj Gaikwad Sets a World Record

- Ruturaj Gaikwad smashed a world record seven sixes in the 49th over of Maharashtra's Vijay Hazare Trophy quarter-final versus Uttar Pradesh at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- In the quarter-finals, Maharashtra's Rituraj Gaikwad became the first batsman in List-A cricket to knock seven sixes in one over.
- Gaikwad set this milestone against Uttar Pradesh in Ahmedabad.
- He stayed unbeaten after collecting 220 runs off 159 balls.
- His previous best score in List-A cricket was 187 not out.
- This is also his sixth century in the past eight innings of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

AWARDS & PRIZES

Kuvempu National Award

- Rashtraku Kuvempu Prathishtana Kuppali has chosen Tamil poet V Annamalai Imayam for the Kuvempu National Prize for the year 2022, which will be presented at Kuppali's 118th birth anniversary celebration on December 29 in Thirthahalli taluk.

- The 'Kannada National Poet Kwembu Rashtriya Puraskar Award,' named after the late poet Kwembu, has been announced by the Writer Institute for the Tamil language.

- The award includes a Rs 5 lakh cash reward, a silver medal and a citation.

- Annamalai has written seven novels, six short story collections and a novella under the pen name Imayam.

- Through his writings, Imayam has introduced new sensitivities to Tamil literature. Koveru Kazhudaigal and Pethavan, two of his books, have been translated into English and several other languages.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

Tata Consumer Products to Acquire Bisleri

- Tata Consumer Products Limited (TCPL) is set to acquire India's largest packaged drinking water company, Bisleri, for an estimated Rs 6,000-7,000 crore.
- The current management will continue for two years as part of the deal.
- The management team is led by a professional team headed by CEO Angelo George
- Originally an Italian brand, Bisleri was acquired by the Chauhans in 1969.
- Tata Consumer Products is an Indian fast-moving consumer goods company.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

First Nuclear-Powered Moon Base by 2028

- China plans to build its first base on the moon by 2028, ahead of landing astronauts there in subsequent years as the country steps up its challenge to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) dominance in space exploration.
- The lunar base will likely be powered by nuclear energy.
- Its basic configuration will consist of a lander, hopper, orbiter and rover, all of which would be constructed by the Chang'e 6, 7 and 8 missions.
- In 2019, China became the first country to land a rover on the far side of the moon and later brought back its first lunar samples.
- The base is intended to be the first outpost on the moon's South Pole, an area scientists think is the best place to find water.
- China aims to eventually expand the base into an international research station.