

National News

RBI and UAE central bank sign MoU to promote innovation in financial products and services

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote innovation in financial products and services.
- According to this, the two central banks will work together to explore digital currencies and interoperability between the CBDCs of CBUAE and RBI.

Ministry of Steel to sign MoU with selected companies under PLI scheme

- The Ministry of Steel has organized an event at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi to sign MoUs with companies selected under the PLI scheme for Special Steel.
- 57 MoUs from 27 companies covering 20 sub-sectors will be signed during the event.

International news

Singapore has top the list of best airports in the world

- The list of best airports in the world has been published by Skytrax. Singapore's Shanghai International Airport has topped the list of the best airports in 2023.
- This is followed by Doha Airport, Tokyo's Haneda Airport, Seoul's Incheon Airport, and Paris's Charles de Guelly Airport.

Exercise sea dragon 23

- An Indian Navy aircraft has reached the US city of Guam to participate in the joint exercise Sea Dragon 23 conducted by the US Navy. This remote exercise against submarines of the enemy.
- US, Japan, Canada and Korea participated in this joint exercise where Indian Navy's P8I and P8A aircrafts are participating in this exercise.

State news

Goa Chief Minister Launches Artificial Intelligence Traffic Management

- Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched the first artificial intelligence (AI) based traffic management system in North Goa's Mercus state.
- The purpose of this new system is to monitor the traffic movement and allow the traffic through the signals accordingly. It can detect emergency vehicles such as ambulances and route them accordingly.

Appointment

Eric Garcetti as US ambassador to India

- The US Senate has approved the appointment of Eric Garcetti as the US Ambassador to India. He was nominated by US President Joe Biden in 2021.
- Eric Garcetti, the former mayor of Los Angeles, has become the first youngest elected mayor in the 100-year history of the United States.

Ravi Chaudhary sworn in as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force

- The US Senate has appointed Indian-origin Ravi Chowdhury as the Assistant Secretary of the US Air Force.
- Ravi Chowdhury has been responsible for the development of commercial space transport missions and implementation of research projects. He is the first Indian-American to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Awards

Saraswati Samman Award to writer Sivashankari

- Author Sivasankari has been selected for the 2022 Saraswati Samman Literary Award. She is given this award for his book 'Suriya Vamsam - Memoirs'.
- Considered one of the highest awards in India, the Saraswati Samman Literary Award has been presented by the KK Birla Foundation since 1991.

Sports news

World women's boxing championship

- World Women's Boxing Championship in Delhi. 324 players from 65 countries are going to participate in this tournament.
- Neetu Kangas, Nikath Zareen, Sakshi Chowdhury, Preeti, Manisha Moun, Jasmine Lamboria, Sashi Chopra, Manju Bhamboria, Sanamasa Sanu, Lovelina, Savethi Pura and Nubur Sheoran are participating in the event. Last time India won 3 medals including 1 gold.

Important day

Phool Dei Festival

- It is one of the harvest festivals celebrated every year in the state of Uttarakhand.
- Phooldei event is also known as Lok Pal Parve as children participate in this celebration. It is celebrated every year on the 14th or 15th of March, the first day of Chaitra month.