

International

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- ❖ Thailand has announced the extension of visa-free entry till November 11, 2024.
- ❖ The Sri Lanka government has announced the extension of the facility till May 31, 2024.

National

India to formally convey to ATCM its plans to built new research station in Antarctica



- ❖ The 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) and the 26th Meeting of the Committee for Environment Protection will be held in Kochi from May 20-30 where countries engaged in research in the southern polar region will share the outcome of their scientific pursuits and also their future plans.
- ❖ The completion of construction is targeted by January 2029.
- ❖ Dakshin Gangotri, India's first research station in Antarctica, was commissioned in 1983.
- ❖ India has two active research stations—Maitri and Bharti—in Antarctica.

Supreme Court Grants Interim Bail To Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal In Excise Policy Case



- ❖ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was released from Tihar Jail this evening after being granted interim bail by Supreme Court till 1st June in excise policy case.
- ❖ As per bail conditions, Mr. Kejriwal will not visit the Office of the Chief Minister and the Delh Secretariat.
- ❖ He will not sign official files unless it is required and necessary for obtaining clearance or approval of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.

Economics

Mumbai and Delhi feature among the World's Top 50 Wealthiest cities



- ❖ According to the Henly report, the Indian financial capital city Mumbai has 58,800 millionaires, 236 centi-millionaires and 29 billionaires.
- ❖ Mumbai was ranked as the 24th wealthiest city in the world. The other city in the top 50 was Delhi, with 30,700 millionaires, 123 centi-millionaires, and 16 billionaires.
- ❖ The Wealthiest Cities Report 2024 has been compiled by Henley & Partners in collaboration with New World Wealth, a global data intelligence firm.

Appointment

SBI General Insurance names Jaya Tripathi as Head - Key Relations Group



- ❖ SBI General Insurance, one of India’s top general insurers, has named Jaya Tripathi as Head of Key Relations Group.
- ❖ Her new role will involve leading the expansion of new business prospects and alliances, driving sales team growth, and deepening partner relationships to increase profitability.
- ❖ SBI General Insurance - Kishore Kumar Poludasu

Sport

World wrestling body suspends Bajrang Punia until end of 2024 after NADA's suspension



- ❖ The United World Wrestling (UWW) has provisionally suspended Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia until December 31, 2024
- ❖ UWW's decision comes after national doping body provisionally suspended the wrestler
- ❖ Bajrang's hopes of taking part in Paris Olympics takes a hit

- ❖ suspension by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for his ‘refusal’ to provide a urine sample

Defence

Indian Army, IAF to jointly deploy Predator drones in Gorakhpur, Sarsawa air bases



- ❖ The Indian Army and the Air Force are planning to jointly deploy MQ-9B Predator drones at air bases in Sarsawa and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, for upgrading their surveillance capabilities all along the Line of Actual Control with China from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ IAF and Army to deploy Predator drones in UP for border surveillance
- ❖ Gorakhpur and Sarsawa air bases selected for their long runways
- ❖ Deal worth around USD 4 billion, with 31 drones to be procured

Obituary

Former Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Moosa Raza Passes Away



- ❖ Moosa Raza, a former Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir and a renowned educationist, passed away at the age of 87 in Chennai.

- ❖ Mr. Raza joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1960 and served in various capacities in the Gujarat and Central governments.
- ❖ He was instrumental in negotiations during the armed uprising in Jammu and Kashmir in the late 1980s and early 1990s.
- ❖ Mr. Raza was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2010

MOU

Strengthening EU-India Security Collaboration in the Indo-Pacific



- ❖ The security environment in the Indo-Pacific region and the EU's role as security actor in partnership/cooperation with India
- ❖ The European Union (EU) and India have found common ground in the Indo-Pacific, solidifying their commitment to security and defence cooperation.
- ❖ Main aim of these cooperation with India in the area of Maritime Security, Counter-terrorism, Cyber-security, Non-proliferation and Disarmament, other areas like Space, Hybrid and Cyber threats and security dimensions of Artificial Intelligence are possible areas of growth for EU-India cooperation."

Important day

11 May - National Technology Day



- ❖ National Technology Day is celebrated in India on May 11 every year.
- ❖ The day commemorates the successful nuclear test at Pokhran in 1998.
- ❖ National Technology Day, which was first marked on May 11, 1999, originated in India.
- ❖ The day was established by then-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Pokhran nuclear test, and it was announced by India's National Council for Technology Development.
- ❖ Theme :- "From Schools to Startups: Igniting Young Minds to Innovate"

