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BANKING / FINANCIAL / ECONOMICAL NEWS

State Bank of India, Indian Oil Corporation launch co-branded RuPay debit card

State Bank of India (SBI) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Thursday launched a co-branded contactless RuPay debit card. A customer, anywhere in the country, can get the card by visiting the SBI's home branch, the bank said in a release. It is a contactless card and transactions up to Rs 5,000 can be paid for with just a tap. "We believe this co-branded card, with 'tap and pay' technology, several attractive benefits and associated offers, would...provide a rewarding experience on purchase of fuel to the cardholders," the bank's Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara said in the release.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Marathi Journalism Day: 6 January

Marathi Journalism Day was celebrated across Maharashtra on 6 Jan 2021. On 6th January 1832, Balshastri Jambhekar, known as the father of Marathi journalism started the first newspaper 'Darpan'. Since then this day is being celebrated as the Marathi Journalism day in the state.

SPORTS

Ice Hockey tournament begins in Kargil

In Kargil, Ladakh, Khelo India Ice Hockey Tournament is being organized at Chiktan from 6 January 2021. For the first time, the women team of Chiktan also participated in the Khelo India Games in the Kargil district.

APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

Indian-American becomes US Army's first Chief Information Officer

Indian-American Dr Raj Iyer has taken over as the first Chief Information Officer of the US Army, after the Pentagon created the position in July 2020. One of the highest ranking Indian-American civilians in the US Department of Defense, Iyer, who holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, serves as the principal advisor to the Secretary of the Army and directs representation of the secretary in matters relating to information management/information technology (IT).

Hima Kohli sworn in as CJ of Telangana HC

Justice Hima Kohli was sworn in as the Chief Justice (CJ) of Telangana High Court on 7 Jan 2021. Governor Dr Tamilesai Sounderarajan administered the oath of office.

Arup Kumar Goswami: Chief Justice of AP HC

Arup Kumar Goswami was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court on 6 Jan 2021. Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan administered the oath of office to Justice Goswami at a brief function in Vijayawada.



SCHEMES AND POLICIES

J&K LG launches Rs 28,400-cr industrial scheme for J&K

Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha announced a Rs 28,400-crore industrial development scheme on Thursday that he said would usher in socio-economic development of the Union Territory. The scheme, Sinha said, would encourage new investments and expansion, nurture existing industries and ensure employment to 450,000 people. Addressing a presser in Jammu, he said the scheme would take industrial development to the block level and promote far-flung areas of J&K. The scheme will be applicable from the date of notification to 2037, and it will focus on job creation, skill development and sustainable development.

Govt signs 2 loan agreements with NDB

The government has signed two loan agreements of USD 646 million with New Development Bank. They have been signed for upgrading state highway network and district road network in Andhra Pradesh. The first project is the Andhra Pradesh Roads and Bridges Reconstruction Project. The second project is the Andhra Pradesh Mandal Connectivity and Rural Connectivity Improvement Project.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

NO MAJOR UPDATES

NATIONAL

Economists to hold virtual meet with PM Modi, FM Sitharaman and MoS Finance Anurag Thakur

Top economists and experts will hold virtual interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday on the state of Indian Economy. The meeting will be hosted by NITI Aayog. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, minister of state for finance Anurag Thakur, vice chairman of NITI Aayog Rajiv Kumar besides members and CEO of the Aayog will be other key government officials who will be present at the meeting. Top economists and experts who will brainstorm with the government will include Arvind Panagariya, the first vice chairman of NITI Aayog and KV Kamath who is chairing a government set up committee on loans restructuring.

PM Modi fixes fresh deadlines for 6 infra projects in metros and Jammu & Kashmir

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has fixed fresh deadlines for six major infrastructure projects in major metros including Delhi and Mumbai as well as the Union Territory of J&K that he reviewed last week, ranging between mid-2021 and 2025. The biggest of the projects is the 272-km long Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla railway line in J&K worth Rs 28,000 crore which will join the Kashmir valley with the rest of the country.

Madhya Pradesh govt to ban supply of poultry

Madhya Pradesh government has decided to ban the supply of poultry from Kerala and certain other southern states. Control rooms have been set up in every district to monitor the spread of the virus.

Govt offices to be declared 'green' in Kerala

A total of 10,000 state government offices and public sector undertakings in Kerala will be declared "green" on January 26, 2021, the Republic Day. Those offices, which avoid using plastic and disposable items in day-to-day activities and encourage the use of articles that can be reused and recycled, would get the green tag.

India's first Fire Park comes up in Odisha

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated the 'Fire Park', a first of its kind initiative in the country, to bring awareness on fire safety measures. Located in Bhubaneswar, the Fire Park will be open to the public every Saturday from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

INTERNATIONAL

MoC approved between India and Japan

The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between Indian and Japan. It is for a basic framework for the partnership for proper operation of the system pertaining to 'Specified Skilled Worker'.

DEFENCE

NSG commandos, CRPF tableau part of Republic Day parade 2021

A contingent of the NSG 'black cat' commandos and a tableau of the country's largest paramilitary force CRPF will be part of the forthcoming Republic Day parade in the national capital, official sources said on Thursday. Marching and band contingents of the Delhi Police, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and the famed camel-mounted band of the Border Security

Force will also be part of the annual parade on January 26 that is going to be curtailed this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Bullet proof jackets handed over to Army

Minister of State for Defence Shripad Yesso Naik handed over one lakh bulletproof jackets to the Indian Army Chief General M M Naravane in New Delhi, on 6 January 2021. They have been manufactured by SMPP Private Limited and have been delivered four months ahead of the delivery schedule.



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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Lava launches world's first customisable smartphone developed in India

Home-grown mobile device maker Lava International on Thursday unveiled the world's first customisable smartphone that will allow customers to choose the components -- camera, memory, storage capacity and colour -- on their own from the company's website. The customisable smartphone series, branded as MyZ, has been developed indigenously at Lava's facility and will be available for purchase from January 11, Lava International, president and business head, Sunil Raina said while announcing the launch.

OBITUARIES

NO MAJOR UPDATES

MISCELLANEOUS

PhonePe joins hands with ICICI Prudential

PhonePe has joined hands with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to unveil a new term insurance policy. The premium starts from as low as Rs.149 per annum. The policy insures the users for a sum ranging from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.20 lakh, depending on the premium amount. Customers can avail the insurance policy instantly on the PhonePe application without any health check-ups.

IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGIES

SBI = State Bank of India

IOC = Indian Oil Corporation

IT = information technology

CJ = Chief Justice

NSG = National Security Guard

CRPF = Central Reserve Police Force

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