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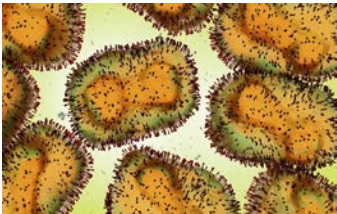
1. India surpasses United Kingdom to become World's 5th biggest economy



- PICIndia has surpassed the United Kingdom to become the world's 5th biggest economy.
- In a tweet, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, the International Monetary Fund's own forecasts show India overtaking the UK in terms on an annual basis this year.
- This has put India, the Asian powerhouse, just behind the US, China, Japan and Germany.
- Mrs Sitharaman said, a decade ago, India ranked 11th among the largest economies, while the UK was 5th.
- Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has said that with the mantra of reform, performance and transformation, New India is writing new pages of success under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- He said, the country is marching rapidly towards becoming an economic superpower.
- With India overtaking the UK and becoming the 5th largest economy in the world, Economist and CEO of EGROW

Foundation Dr. Charan Singh has said that it is good news for all Indians during the festive season.

2. New strain of monkeypox identified in United Kingdom



- **A new strain of Monkeypox has been identified in the UK, the country's health authorities said. British health authorities confirmed that an individual has been diagnosed with monkeypox linked to recent travel to West Africa.**
- **The individual has been admitted to the High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) unit at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital in line with standing advice from the Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens (ACDP).**
- **Contact tracing of close contacts of the individual is underway. So far, no further linked cases have been identified.**

3. Starbucks names Indian-origin Laxman Narasimhan as new CEO. 5 things to know



- The coffee giant Starbucks has appointed its new Indian-origin Chief Executive Officer, Laxman Narasimhan.
- He will join Starbucks on October 1, after replacing Howard Schultz who will continue as interim chief until April 2023.
- The 55-years-old Indian, Narasimhan, has served as chief executive of Lysol and Enfamil baby formula, UK-based Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC.
- Starbucks Corporation is an American multinational chain of coffeehouses and roastery reserves headquartered in Seattle, Washington.
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- Starbucks needed more workers to meet its growth goals. The company had said that it aims to open more than 20,000 cafes globally by the end of the decade.

4. Yamuna Kumar Chaubey gets charge of NHPC chairman and managing director



- Yamuna Kumar Chaubey takes over as Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC for three months beginning September 1. He succeeded Abhay Kumar Singh.
- Chaubey is currently Director (Technical) in NHPC & has been given additional charge of the post of CMD for a period of 3 months till a regular incumbent joins the post.
- Abhay Kumar Singh ceased to be the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the company with effect from August 31, 2022, upon attaining the age of superannuation.
- Chaubey, 59, is a graduate in Civil Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur. He joined NHPC Limited in 1985 as a Probationary Executive (Civil) at 540 MW Chamera Hydro-Electric Project, now Chamera-I Power Station, Himachal Pradesh.
- He is also serving as Chairman on the board of Bundelkhand Saur Urja Ltd and appointed as nominee director on the boards of Chenab Valley Power Projects

Private Limited and Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd from October 1, 2020 and June 1, 2021 respectively.

5. The Markham City of Canada has named a Street after Music Composer AR Rahman



- Oscar-winning music icon, AR Rahman recently had the honour of getting Canada's Markham city's street named after him. He is one of the most loved musicians worldwide.
- Known as the 'Mozart of Madras, Rahman has delivered several hit songs and compositions which will be remembered eternally. He had started his career with Mani Ratnam's Roja and has only excelled since then.
- Some of his hit and award-winning compositions include Dil Se, Jai Ho, Ek Ho Gaye Hum Aur Tum, Rang De Basanti, and Ay Hairathe among many more.
- Allah Rakha Rahman is an Indian film composer, record producer, singer and songwriter who works predominantly in Indian cinema (particularly Tamil and Hindi films) and occasionally international cinema.
- In 2010, the Indian government awarded him the Padma Bhushan, the nation's third-highest civilian award.
- Among Rahman's awards are six National Film Awards, two Academy Awards, two Grammy Awards, a BAFTA

Award, a Golden Globe Award, fifteen Filmfare Awards and seventeen Filmfare Awards South.

6. Cambodian, Japanese among winners of Magsaysay Awards 2022



- **The Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation (RMAF), which is widely regarded as the “Nobel Peace Prize of Asia,” recently announced this year’s awardees in a global announcement ceremony.**
- **The 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees are Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia), Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), Tadashi Hattori (Japan) and Gary Benchehib (Indonesia).**
- **The Ramon Magsaysay Award, established in 1957, is Asia’s greatest honour and distinction.**
- **The award is managed by RMAF. It is named after Ramon Magsaysay, the third president of the Philippines.**
- **The award is regarded around the world as “Asia’s Nobel Prize”.**
- **The prize is annually presented in a ceremonial ceremony in Manila, Philippines on August 31.**
- **The first Ramon Magsaysay Awards ceremony was held on 31st August 1958.**

7. World Junior Swimming Championships | Apeksha Fernandes becomes first Indian woman to reach final, finishes eighth



- Apeksha Fernandes became the first Indian woman to make the Junior World finals by finishing eighth overall.
- Apeksha Fernandes sets a new national record with a time record of 2:18.18.
- She finished eighth in the women's 200m butterfly finals by clocking 2:19.14 at the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2022.
- The previous National record was set in June 2022 at 2:18.39 which was set by Apeksha Fernandes. She has one of the fastest reaction times of 0.65s.
- In men's 200m freestyle heats, Vedaant Madhavan was disqualified due to a false start. Sambhavv Rama Rao also did not qualify for the eight-man final, he finished 27th overall in 1:55:71.
- David Popovici from Romania has crowned the junior World champion in 200m freestyle.

- **David Popovici** earlier won the **European Junior Championship, World Championship, and European Championship.**
- His time record for getting gold was **1:46.18** creating a new championship record.

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