



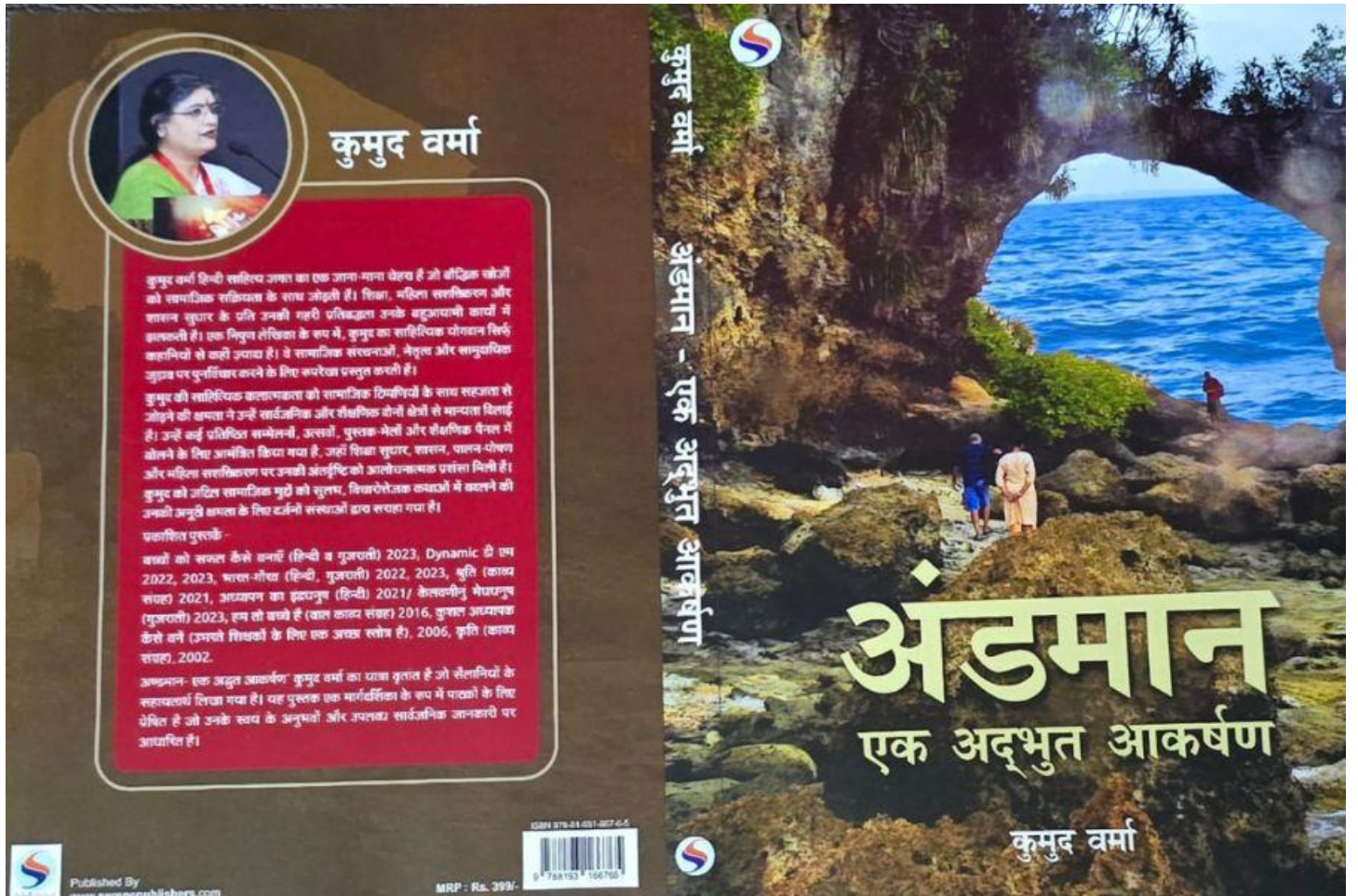
International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction : 13 October :-

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) is observed on October 13 each year. The day is dedicated to increasing awareness about catastrophes, their impact on living beings, and prevention strategies. This day is observed around the world to raise awareness about the underlying causes of disasters and injustice. The United Nations General Assembly commemorated the first International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction in 1989. Marking this day helps raise awareness about the different dangers related to disasters happening worldwide. This year's theme is 'Empowering the next generation for a resilient future'.



DigiLocker Partners with UMANG App for Seamless Access to Government Services :-

The National e-Governance Division recently unveiled the collaboration of the UMANG app with DigiLocker, giving residents easy access to a variety of government services. The Electronics and IT Ministry stated that this agreement will enable users to control different services from a single platform. It stated that the UMANG app is available to all Android users, and its services may be accessed via the DigiLocker app. The Ministry said DigiLocker is a flagship initiative under the Digital India program aimed at providing secure cloud-base storage of essential documents.



The Book 'Andaman: Ek Adbhut Akarshan' Launched at AILF-2024 :-

A appealing book combined with recollections, feelings, and suggestions for traveling about the Andaman, 'Andaman: Ek Adbhut Aakarshan' by renowned Hindi writer Kumud Verma, was published at the just- concluded 9th edition of the Ahmedabad International Literature Festival in Ahmedabad (Gujarat) in the Mrinalini Sarabhai auditorium of the stunning Centre for Environment Education campus. The book was released by her fellow travellers to Andaman in the recent trip, Umashankar Yadav - Founder of AILF, Prof. Sanjay Verma of IIMA and Umlsh Yadav and Serene Yadav.



Army Chief Launches "Agniastra" Multi-Target Detonation Device In Gangtok :-

General Upendra Dwivedi, Army Chief, officially introduced "Agniastra," a portable multi-target detonation device, amid the Army Commanders Conference in Gangtok. This device, invented by Major Rajprasad RS of the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers, is regarded as a significant breakthrough across conventional and counter-terrorism operations. On March 19, Major Rajprasad's innovation was granted a patent. According to Indian Army officials, the device holds "tremendous potential" for use in room interventions, remote bunker or hideout destruction, and reserve demolitions.



India's textile sector expected to grow \$350 billion by 2030 :-

India's textile market is estimated to reach about 350 billion dollars by 2030. According to the country's trade figures for August 2024, ready-made clothing are up 11 percent year on year. According to a statement from the Ministry of Textiles, the Indian government intends to attain this goal through a variety of schemes and policy measures. It said that over 90 thousand crore rupees of investment is expected to flow through the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park and Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes in the next three to five years.



UNGA Elects 18 New Members to Human Rights Council for 2025-2027 Term :-

The United Nations General Assembly selected 18 members to the 47-member Human Rights Council for the 2025-2027 session. The 18 countries, comprising Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Cyprus, Qatar, and Thailand, were chosen using a secret ballot. The elected members are given three-year terms commencing January 1 of next year. The Geneva-based Human Rights Council is an international body within the United Nations system tasked with promoting and safeguarding human rights around the world. About a third of its 47 members are replaced every year, ensuring that council members serve staggered three-year terms for the sake of continuity.



Honoring Ratan Tata: Bihar Postal Circle Releases Special Cover :-

The Bihar postal circle published a commemorative cover in memory of Ratan Naval Tata, an industrialist and philanthropist who died on October 9. The commemorative cover recognizes his achievements to the nation, society, and industrial progress. The unique cover, unveiled during a function organized by Bihar circle chief postmaster general (CPMG) Anil Kumar, sheds focus on Tata's visionary leadership and commitment to the social ideal of public welfare as the ultimate goal of all activities. Apart from being a tribute, the cover will also serve as a collector's item.



Nobuyo Oyama, voice of iconic 'Doraemon', passes away :-

Nobuyo Oyama, who voiced the iconic Japanese cartoon "Doraemon" for a generation of Asian youngsters, died at the age of 90, her agency reported. Oyama died on September 29 of old age, confirmed the Actors 7 agency. It apologized for the delay in releasing the message, adding, "We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the kindness you extended to the deceased during her lifetime." She voiced Doraemon from 1979 to 2005, winning over millions of admirers in Japan and around the world. The character of Doraemon, created by Fujiko F. Fujio in 1970, became a cultural phenomenon.



UPI Transactions Surge 52% to 78.97 Billion in H1 2024: Report :-

According to a research, transaction volumes for India's rapid payment method Unified Payments Interface (UPI) increased by 52% year on year in the first half (H1) of 2024, hitting 78.97 billion. In its India Digital Payments Report for the first half of 2024 (January to June), payment technology service firm Worldline found that UPI remains the dominant payment method and is rapidly expanding its reach. When comparing H1 2024 to the same period in 2023, UPI transaction volumes surged 52%, from 51.9 billion to 78.97 billion, according to the report.



World's Highest Imaging Cherenkov Telescope Unveiled in Ladakh :-

The world's highest imaging Cherenkov telescope, the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) observatory, was established in Hanle, the Union Territory of Ladakh, at an elevation of over 4,300 meters. The MACE observatory was formally opened here by Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), according to a representative for the organization. Built indigenously by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) with support from the Electronics Corporation of India Limited and other Indian industry partners, the MACE is the largest imaging Cherenkov telescope in Asia, he said.