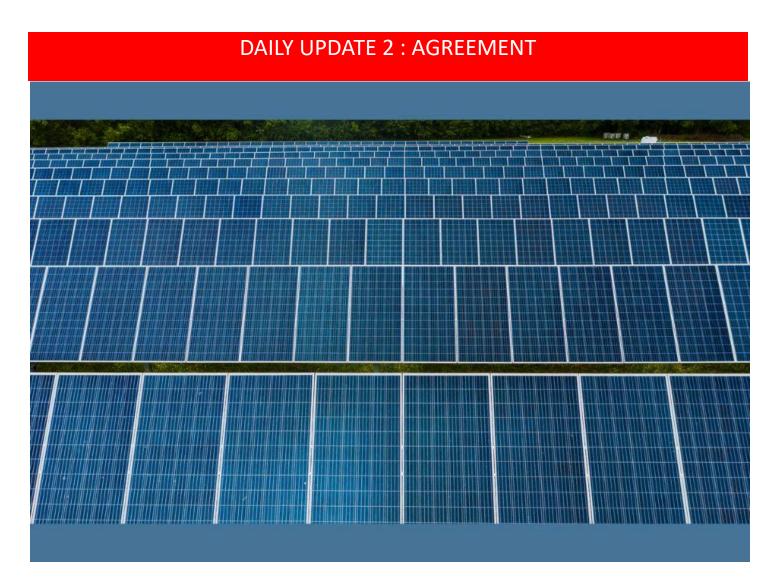
DAILY UPDATE 1 : IMPORTANT DAY



International Stuttering Awareness Day : 22 October :-

International Stuttering Awareness Day is an annual event conducted on October 22. The International Stuttering Association (ISA) formally created International Stuttering Awareness Day on October 22, 1998, coinciding with the birthday of Sir George Bernard Shaw, a well-known English novelist and playwright who also stuttered. Stuttering, known as stammering or childhood-onset fluency disorder in medical terms, is a speech impediment that affects countless individuals worldwide. This year, the International Stuttering Awareness Day theme is "The Power of Listening".



Karnataka, Australia sign MoU for clean energy :-

Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) has inked a Memorandum of Understanding with the Smart Energy Council of Australia. The agreement seeks to strengthen collaboration in clean energy, renewables, green hydrogen, battery energy storage technologies, and other related areas. According to Energy Department Minister K J George, the MoU was struck to develop renewable energy and green hydrogen activities. The collaboration will strengthen Karnataka's ties with Australian companies. As part of the MOU, KREDL will promote and support integrating Australian technologies into local markets.





Indian Overseas Bank launches Mahila Shaksham scheme to empower women entrepreneurs :-

The public enterprise Indian Overseas Bank launched the 'Mahila Shaksham' scheme to finance individual Women Self-Help Group members as part of the Centre's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission project. The plan, which aims to promote women entrepreneurs by assuring financial self-reliance, is similar to the Ministry of Rural Development's 'Lakhpati Didi Yojana' scheme, which is intended to strengthen the financial position of

women self-help group members. It also promotes the financial independence of women and aims to deepen credit outreach to self-help group members, the statement added.

DAILY UPDATE 4 : DEFENCE



India and Oman Conduct Joint Naval Drill 'Naseem Al Bahr' off Goa :-

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The Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman recently completed their bilateral naval exercise, 'Naseem Al Bahr', off the coast of Goa. The exercise ran from October 13 to October 18. The Indian Navy announced the specifics of the naval drill on the social media site X. According to the press statement, the exercise was divided into two phases: the harbour phase, which lasted from October 13 to October 15, and the sea phase, which ran from October 16 to October 18. As part of harbour activities, personnel from both Navies engaged in professional interactions, including Subject Matter Expert Exchanges and planning conferences.

DAILY UPDATE 5 : ECONOMY



Chennai Metro Rail to Launch Trial Run of Driverless Train for Phase II Project :-

Chennai Metro Rail's first three-coach driverless train for the Rs 63,246 crore phase II project is expected to make its debut on October 26. Chief Minister M K Stalin and Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar have been requested to flag off the first train, according to sources. According to Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) authorities, the three coaches of the driverless train arrived from Sri City at the depot facility for the phase II project at Poonamallee early on October 17. CMRL has built some new features in the phase II trains including new digital displays for showing routes and charging points.

DAILY UPDATE 6 : INTERNATIONAL



Subianto Announces Indonesia's Largest-Ever Cabinet :-

Indonesia's newly elected President Prabowo Subianto unveiled the country's largest Cabinet ever, with 109 members signifying his vow for a strong government. He dubbed his Cabinet of Ministers, Vice-Ministers, and heads of state agencies the "Red and White Cabinet," a reference to the colors of Indonesia's flag. Mr. Subianto's predecessor Joko Widodo's Cabinet included 34 Ministers and heads of government agencies. Mr. Subianto has said earlier that he needs a strong administration, even though analysts said that his "fat" Cabinet would bloat the bureaucracy.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : MISCELLANEOUS



Saharanpur, Rewa, and Ambikapur Airports Launched by PM Modi :-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually opened three airports in India: Surguja in Chhattisgarh, Rewa in Madhya Pradesh, and Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh. The airports were built as part of the Central Government's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), and flight operations are set to begin soon. The Chhattisgarh government believes the air connectivity will provide easier access to residents of Surguja as well as nearby districts such as Jashpur, Surajpur, Balrampur, Korea, and Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur to major cities across the country.



India Doubles Grant to Enhance Education in Sri Lanka's Plantation Sector:-

India has increased its donation to ₹172.25 million to assist education in Sri Lanka's plantation districts for Indian-origin Tamils. Santosh Jha, the Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, and J.M. Thilaka Jayasundara, Secretary of Sri Lanka's Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology, signed and exchanged diplomatic letters to formalize the arrangements. "The project envisages the upgrade of infrastructure of nine plantation schools identified by the Government of Sri Lanka. These include six schools in the plantation areas of Central Province and one school each in Uva, Sabaragamuwa and Southern Province," Mr. Jha said.





Bala Devi Becomes First Indian Woman to Score 50 International Goals :-

Bala Devi, known as the "goal machine" of Indian women's football, made history as the first Indian woman to score her 50th international goal against Pakistan during the 2024 SAFF Women's Championship in Nepal. Bala is known not only for her achievements, but also for making history. In 2020, she became the first Indian female footballer to sign a professional contract with a European team. She joined Rangers WFC, the women's team of the Scottish club Rangers FC, marking a significant milestone in Indian football.

DAILY UPDATE 10 : SPORTS



New Zealand Wins ICC Women's T20 World Cup:-

Sophie Devine, in her last assignment as captain of the New Zealand women's team, led the Kiwis to their first T20 World Cup title, defeating South Africa in Dubai. New Zealand opened their World Cup campaign with a crushing victory over India in their first encounter, defeating one of the favourites to go to the knockout stages. It was a massive 58-run victory,

as the White Ferns piled on 160 runs in the first innings, before restricting Harmanpreet Kaur's team and bowling them out for 102.