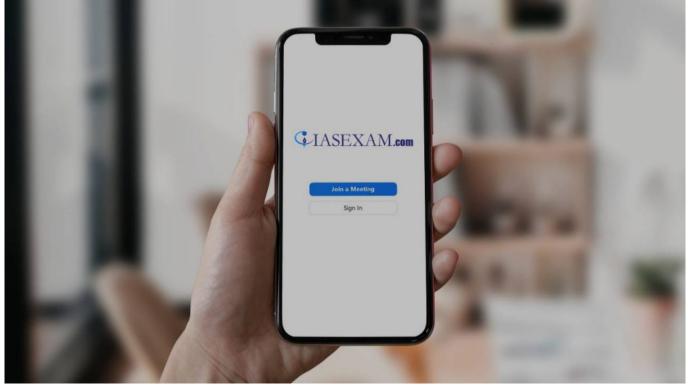
Headlines at a Glance - 3rd January 2022

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Edu Minister launches 100-day reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat'

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched a 100-day reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat' on Saturday. The launch of the 100 Days Reading Campaign is in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 which lays emphasis on the promotion of joyful reading culture for children by ensuring the availability of age-appropriate reading books for children in local/mother tongue/regional/tribal language. The Minister while launching the campaign has underlined the importance of reading that children need to develop to ensure continuous and lifelong learning.

SOURCE: Hindustan Times

India, Pakistan exchange list of nuclear installations and facilities

India and Pakistan on Saturday exchanged a list of their nuclear installations that cannot be attacked in case of an escalation in hostilities, as part of an annual ritual that has been in practice between the two neighbours for more than three decades. The two countries also exchanged lists of prisoners held in each other's prisons, which include civilians, defence personnel and fishermen, a statement released by the Ministry of External Affairs said. The lists of nuclear installation and facilities were exchanged as per the provisions of the Article-II of the Agreement on Prohibition of Attacks against Nuclear Installations and Facilities, signed on December 31, 1988 and ratified on 27 January 1991.

SOURCE: The Indian Express

China says Arunachal Pradesh 'inherent part' of its territory

China on Friday defended the renaming of 15 more places in India's northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh, claiming that the southern part of Tibet is an "inherent part" of its territory. India on Thursday strongly rejected China renaming 15 places in Arunachal Pradesh and asserted that the state has "always been" and will "always be" an integral part of India and that assigning "invented" names does not alter this fact. India's reaction came in response to China's Ministry of Civil Affairs announcing Chinese names for 15 more places in Arunachal Pradesh which Beijing claims as South Tibet. China claims Arunachal Pradesh as South Tibet which is firmly rejected by the External Affairs Ministry which has asserted that the state is an "inseparable part of India". SOURCE: Business Standard

World grew by 74 million over past year, says US Census Bureau

The world's population is projected to be 7.8 billion people on New Year's Day 2022, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That represents an increase of 74 million people, or a 0.9% growth rate from New Year's Day 2021. Starting in the new year, 4.3 births and two deaths are expected worldwide every second, the Census Bureau estimated.

Meanwhile, the U.S. grew by almost 707,000 people over the past year, and the nation's population is expected to be 332.4 million residents on New Year's Day 2022, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The Census Bureau estimate represents a 0.2% growth rate from New Year's Day 2021 to New Year's Day 2022.

SOURCE: Business Standard