

An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road that curves through a dense, lush green forest. Several cars are visible on the road, including a white car, a blue car, and a white van. The road has white dashed lines for lane markings. The overall scene is captured from a high angle, looking down on the road and the surrounding trees.

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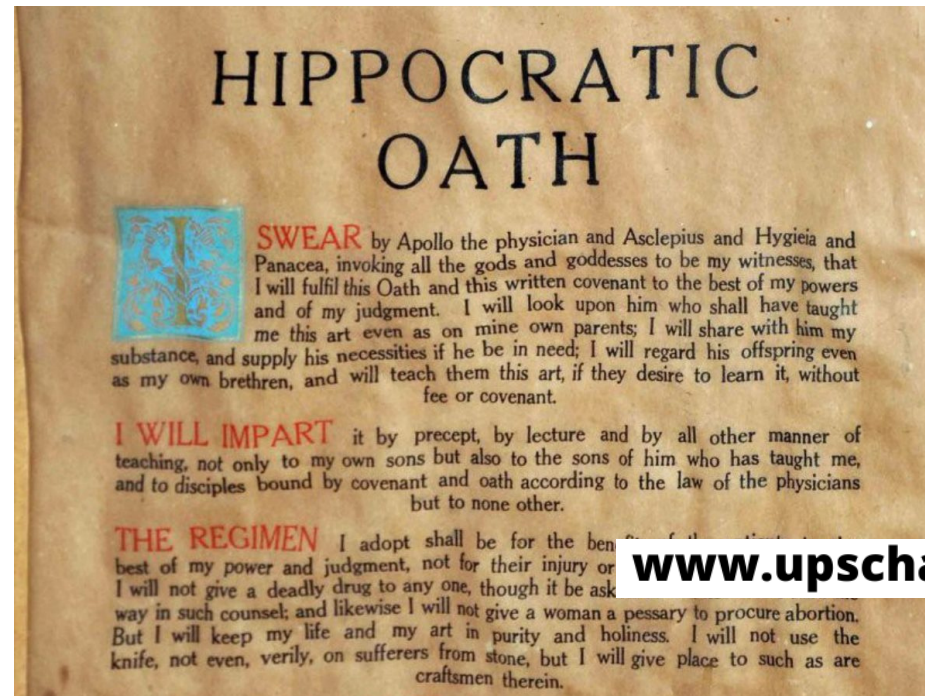
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DOXXING



- Meta's oversight board has suggested Facebook and Instagram to make strict doxxing rules. It urged Meta to consider doxxing as an offence which should prompt temporary account suspension.
- Doxxing is publishing and analysing others' personal information on the internet with a malicious intent that can reveal the person's real identity making them victims of harassments and cyber-attacks.
- The firm highlighted how doxxing is used to shame or punish people who would rather stay anonymous, because of their controversial beliefs or other types of non-mainstream activity.
- Doxxing can result in emotional distress, loss of employment and even physical harm or death.

HIPPOCRATIC OATH



- The National Medical Commission (NMC), the regulator for medical education and practices that replaced the Medical Council of India in 2020, has suggested to medical colleges that the traditional Hippocratic Oath should be replaced by a “Charak Shapath”.
- The Corpus Hippocraticum is a collection of 70 books on medicine; however, most scholars agree that the Hippocratic Oath was probably not the work of the individual identified as the historical Hippocrates, the “father of modern medicine”.
- Like several other sages mentioned in the literature of ancient India, the historicity of Charaka is uncertain, and the compendium of medicine that carries his name is unlikely to have been the work of a single individual.


- **The Charak Samhita is a medical pharmacopoeia and collection of commentaries and discussions on medical practices that is dated to the 1st-2nd centuries AD.**
- **Along with the compendium of Susruta (c. 4th century AD), which is about surgery, the Charak Samhita is considered the foundational text of ancient Indian medicine.**

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TILKA MANJHI



Tilka Manjhi led the first organized rebellion against the British in 1772. The revolt was against the exploitation of tribal resources in the wake of the 1770 famine in Santhal Parganas. Tilka united the Adivasis to defy the "Divide and Rule" policy of Lord Clive, using Sal leaves to spread the message. He continued to fight for 15 years. He was captured and tied to a horse and dragged all the way to Bhagalpur, Bihar.

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- The Nation is remembering revolutionary freedom fighter and tribal leader Tilka Manjhi on his 272nd birth anniversary.
- He organized Adivasis into an army and led the famous Santhal Hool in 1784 against the exploitative British.
- In 1770, there was a severe famine in the Santhal region and people were dying of hunger. Tilka Manjhi looted the treasury of the Company and distributed it among the poor and needy.
- Inspired by this noble act of Tilka, many other tribals also joined the rebellion. With this began his Santhal Hool, the revolt of the Santhals. He continued to attack the British and their allies.

- From 1771 to 1784, Tilka Manjhi never surrendered. Tilka Majhi attacked Augustus Cleveland, an East India Company administrator and fatally wounded him.
- The British surrounded the Tilapore forest from which he operated but he and his men held them at bay for several weeks.
- When he was finally caught in 1784, he was tied to the tail of a horse and dragged all the way to the Collector's residence at Bhagalpur, Bihar, India. There, his lacerated body was hung from a Banyan tree.

RIVER DEVIKA PROJECT



- **Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that the historic River Devika project, built at the cost of over Rs 190 crore, will be complete by June this year.**
- **North India's first river rejuvenation project will offer a unique destination both for pilgrim tourists as well as recreation tourists, in addition to being a state-of-the-art cremation centre.**
- **This will bring Udhampur in Jammu prominently on India's map. The Devika project was formally launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Jammu in early 2019.**
- **The project includes the construction of three sewage treatment plants of 8 MLD, 4 MLD and 1.6 MLD capacity, sewerage network of 129.27 km, development of two cremation ghats, protection fencing and landscaping, small hydropower plants and three solar power plants.**

- **On completion of the project, the rivers will see reduction in pollution and improvement in water quality.**
- **The country's first Highway Village being constructed by NHAI is coming up on fast track on Udhampur National Highway and the Centrally funded Medical College will start its classes next year through NEET selection.**

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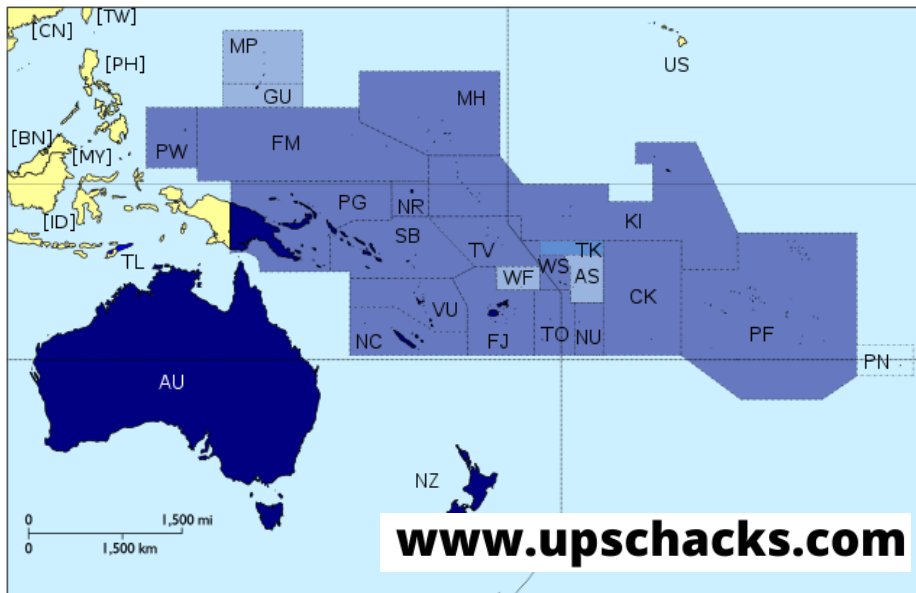
SOLOMON ISLANDS



- The U.S. says it will open an embassy in the Solomon Islands, laying out in unusually blunt terms a plan to increase its influence in the South Pacific nation before China becomes “strongly embedded.”
- The U.S. previously operated an embassy in the Solomons for five years before closing it in 1993.

- Since then, U.S. diplomats from neighboring Papua New Guinea have been accredited to the Solomons, which has a U.S. consular agency.
- The embassy would be located in the capital, Honiara.
- Solomon Islands is a sovereign country consisting of six major islands and over 900 smaller islands in Oceania, to the east of Papua New Guinea and northwest of Vanuatu.
- Its capital, Honiara, is located on the largest island, Guadalcanal.
- During World War II, the Solomon Islands campaign (1942–1945) saw fierce fighting between the United States, Commonwealth forces and the Empire of Japan, including the Battle of Guadalcanal.

PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM



- **Five Micronesian nations suspended breakaway plans from a crucial Pacific Islands political bloc as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in the region.**

- **The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau “have agreed to temporarily rescind their withdrawal” from the Pacific Islands Forum.**
- **The five territories announced a year ago they were quitting the group after their nominee lost the vote for a new forum secretary general.**
- **The Pacific Islands Forum is the region’s premier political and economic policy organisation.**
- **Founded in 1971, it comprises 18 members: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu**

JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE



- NASA's new space telescope has captured its first starlight and even taken a selfie of its giant, gold mirror.
- All 18 segments of the primary mirror on the James Webb Space Telescope seem to be working properly a month-and-half into the mission.
- The telescope's first target was a bright star 258 light years away in the constellation Ursa Major.
- Over the next few months, the hexagonal mirror segments will be aligned and focused as one, allowing science observations to begin by the end of June.
- The \$10 billion infrared observatory – considered the successor to the ageing Hubble Space Telescope – will seek light from the first stars and galaxies that formed in the universe nearly 14 billion years ago.

- It will also examine the atmospheres of alien worlds for any possible signs of life.
- Webb's 6.5-metre, gold-plated mirror is the largest ever launched into space.
- Webb blasted off from South America in December and reached its designated perch 1.6 million kilometres away last month.

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Critically endangered white-bellied heron spotted in tiger reserve in Arunachal



- A critically-endangered white-bellied heron has been spotted in the Kamlang Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The Kamlang Tiger Reserve took to Twitter to share a video of the bird perching on a rock near a water body and wrote, "Prefers undisturbed habitats."
- IUCN has categorized it under critically endangered species list, with an estimated 250 individuals in the world."

Himachal gets its first biodiversity park at Mandi's Bhulah valley



- Himachal Pradesh's first biodiversity park has come up at Mandi's Bhulah valley at a cost of ₹1 crore.
- The park aims to boost tourism activities and provide new opportunities for researchers to conduct in-depth exploration of various medicinal herbs found in the Himalayas. A herbal nursery has also been set up in the park.

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Switzerland rejects ban on animal testing in referendum



- The petition seeking a ban on animal testing was overwhelmingly rejected by voters in Switzerland which held a referendum on Sunday.
- According to the government, only 21% of voters voted in favour of the ban while 79% voted against it.
- "We are delighted with the clear rejection of this harmful initiative," said Interpharma CEO Rene Buholzer.