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### National News

#### 1. India's newest Tiger Reserve, No. 4 in Chhattisgarh



- National Tiger Conservation Authority has approved the Chhattisgarh government's proposal to declare the combined areas of the Guru Ghasidas National Park & Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve.
- It is located in the northern part of the state, bordering Madhya Pradesh & Jharkhand.
- This is the 4th Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh others are namely (Udanti-Sitanadi, Achanakmar, Indravati).
- CM of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel
- Governor of Chhattisgarh: Anusuiya Uikey

## 2. Railways successfully operated two long haul freight trains Trishul, Garuda for 1st time



- Railways has successfully operated two long haul freight trains Trishul and Garuda for the first time over South-Central Railway.
- Trishul is the first long haul of South-Central Railway comprising of three freight trains of 177 wagons.

## 3. Bathukamma festival begins in Telangana



- The nine-day floral festival has begun in Telangana. The festival began with excitement as the women were dressed in traditional clothes and colourful processions were carried out in Telangana, the Bathukamma festival is celebrated during Durga Navratri.
- Telangana Capital: Hyderabad
- Telangana Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan
- Telangana Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao

## Banking News

### 4. PNB launches '6S Campaign' under customer outreach programme



- The '6S Campaign' encapsulates different schemes such as – Swabhiman, Samruddhi, Sampark and Shikhar, Sankalp and Swagat.
- The objective is to drive a special awareness campaign for the development of financial services in the country and to accelerate credit growth, improve penetration of social security schemes and drive digital banking push
- Through **Swabhimaan**, the Bank aims to aggressively push the financial inclusion agenda
- Under the **Samruddhi** scheme, Bank aims to drive credit outreach for the agricultural sector
- Under **Shikhar, Sankalp and Swagat schemes**, the Bank has devised special rates of interest to drive credit offtake in the retail and MSME sector.
- Within the ambit of Digital Outreach and Service Delivery, Bank would run a **Sampark** campaign
- Punjab National Bank MD and CEO: S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao
- Punjab National Bank Headquarters: New Delhi

## 5. IFSCA launches Global FinTech Hackathon Series 'I-Sprint'21'



- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and GIFT City launched I-Sprint'21, the global FinTech Hackathon Series of IFSCA
- The IFSCA is a unified authority for the development and regulation of financial products, financial services and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) in India.
- IFSCA was established by the Ministry of Finance on April 27 2020, as a unified regulator of all financial products, financial services, and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) in India.
- It has its headquarter at GIFT city in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

## 6. National Postal Day- 10 October



- The Day aims to commemorate the role played by the Indian postal department for the past 150 years, which was founded in 1854 by Lord Dalhousie.
- PIN in Pincode stands for Postal Index Number. The 6-digit PIN system was introduced by Shriram Bhikaji Velankar, an additional secretary in the Union Ministry of Communications on 15 August 1972.
- Indian Post Secretary: Vineet Pandey
- Indian Post Headquarters: New Delhi

## 7. World Mental Health Day 2021



- **World Mental Health Day, celebrated every year on October 10, is aimed at raising awareness and spreading education about mental health issues across the globe**
- **Mental health has come to focus in pandemic times like never before as people of all age groups and occupations bear the brunt of the 'new normal'.**
- **Health and other frontline workers, students, people living alone, and those with pre-existing mental health conditions have been particularly affected.**

## 8. India-UK Joint Company Level Military Exercise 'Ajeya Warrior' begins



- The 6th Edition of India–UK Joint Company Level Military Training EXERCISE AJEYA WARRIOR has commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- The troops of the two countries will also share the experiences that they have learnt during the conduct of several military operations in their respective countries and overseas engagements.

## Obituary

### 9. Father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb' A. Q. Khan passes away



- Nuclear scientist, Dr Khan was hailed as a national hero for transforming Pakistan into the world's first Islamic nuclear power and for his contributions in enhancing the country's defence capabilities.
- Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, the man regarded as the "Father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb"