



CURRENT AFFAIRS 17th November 2021

National News

1. Union Minister Arjun Munda inaugurates TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav in New Delhi



- Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda yesterday inaugurated TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat in New Delhi, in the presence of Sukhram Munda, Grandson of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- TRIFED stands for Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India is a national level cooperative body under the administrative control of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
- It was established under the Multi-state co-operative societies act 1984 under the former Ministry of Welfare. Later it came under the control of Ministry of Tribal affairs.
- On the occasion olympic medalist and boxer Padma Vibhushan MC Marry Kom was declared as brand ambassador of the TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav.
- One Thousand tribal artisans from 26 states are participating in the 15 day Aadi Mahotsav and showcasing their products.

2. V Prez M Venkaiah Naidu to inaugurate Bengaluru Tech Summit



- The Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu will inaugurate the Bengaluru Tech Summit, the three days annual flagship programme in Bengaluru today.
- The Prime Minister of Israel Naftali Bennett and Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison will be virtually present during the inaugural event.
- Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai are also participating in the event.
- This 24th edition of the event which is being conducted in a hybrid format will see participation from 30 countries.

3. PM Modi to inaugurate First Global Innovation Summit of Pharmaceuticals sector



- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the First Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals sector ON 18 NOVEMBER at 4 PM through video conferencing.**
- **Chemical and Fertilizers Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya will also be present on the occasion.**
- **This is a distinctive initiative that aims to bring together key Indian and international stakeholders from the government, industry, academia, investors, and researchers to discuss and strategize priorities to foster a thriving innovation ecosystem in the pharmaceuticals industry in India.**
- **It will also highlight the opportunities in the Indian pharma industry that has huge growth potential.**
- **It will witness participation of leading members from domestic and global Pharma Industries, officials, investors and researchers from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins Institute, IIM Ahmedabad and other eminent institutes.**

4. Centre approves new Rajya Sainik Board for Ladakh



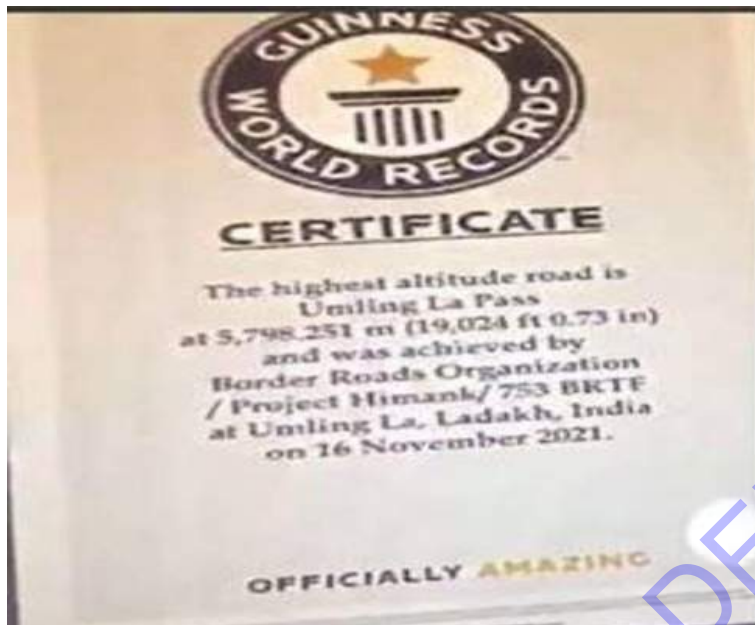
- Centre has approved a new Rajya Sainik Board for Ladakh. The Board will be an effective link between the Centre and the Ladakh Administration.
- Rajya Sainik Board will play an advisory role on the matters relating to the ex-servicemen, war widows, widows and non-combatants, including serving soldiers and their dependents.
- Zila Sainik welfare offices of Leh and Kargil will function under the newly constituted Rajya Sainik Board.
- The Board provides access to the welfare schemes under the Raksha Mantri Ex-servicemen Welfare Fund and welfare and resettlement of ex-servicemen.
- Approximately Sixty thousand retired and serving army personnel would benefit from establishment of Rajya Sainik Board in Ladakh.

5. Union Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurates 'Bhumi Samvaad' - National Workshop on DILRMP



- Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh inaugurated 'Bhumi Samvaad' - National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) in New Delhi.
- On this occasion, the Minister also launched National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) portal and Dashboard. which is advanced software application for the registration system.
- During the day-long workshop, the discussion was held primarily on the progress of different components of the Digital Land Record Modernization Programme and best practices undertaken by different States to share with other States.

6. Guinness World Records recognises achievement of BRO for constructing world's highest motorable road



- Director General of Border Roads Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry today received the Guinness World Records certificate for the achievement of Border Roads Organisation of constructing and black topping the world's highest motorable road.
- It has been constructed at 19,024 feet at Umlingla Pass in Ladakh.
- Official adjudicator of the Guinness World Records Rishi Nath acknowledged this remarkable achievement in a virtual ceremony.
- **Umling La (19,300 ft), which is one of the India-China Border Roads built as a part of Project Himank by BRO, surpassed Khardung La(17,582 ft) in elevation to become the world's highest motorable pass.**

7. Arunachal Pradesh Govt adopted 'Pakke Declaration'



- The Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet on Saturday adopted the 'Pakke Declaration' aimed at "climate resilient development" in the state.
- The cabinet meeting, chaired by Khandu, was held at Pakke Tiger Reserve in Pakke Kessang district — for the first time outside the state capital.
- The 'Pakke Declaration' focuses on a multi-sectoral approach to low-emission and climate-resilient development based on five broad themes, or Panch Dharas.
- Arunachal Pradesh Capital: Itanagar
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief minister: Pema Khandu
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor: D. Mishra

8. Arunachal approved “Kaiser-i-Hind” as state butterfly



- Arunachal Pradesh has approved the large, brightly coloured Kaiser-i-Hind as the State butterfly.
- Kaiser-i-Hind is scientifically known as *Teinopalpus imperialis*. In literal terms, it means Emperor of India.
- The butterfly is having a wingspan of 90-120 mm. It is found across six States along Eastern Himalayas at elevations from 6,000-10,000 feet in a well-wooded terrain.
- The Kaiser-i-Hind is protected under Schedule II of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- Arunachal pradesh CM: Pema Khandu
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor: B. D. Mishra.

9. PM Modi inaugurates 341km long Purvanchal Expressway



- This expressway is set to give a boost to the economic development of the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh especially the districts of **Lucknow, Barabanki, Amethi, Ayodhya, Sultanpur, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Mau and Ghazipur.**
- The expressway links state capital Lucknow with Ghazipur and has been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 22,500 crore.
- PM Modi landed on the Purvanchal Expressway airstrip in a military transport aircraft.
- The main feature of the Expressway is the 3.2 km long airstrip to enable landing and take-off of Indian Air Force fighter planes in case of emergency.

International News

10. US technology giant commits to invest 740 dollars in Australia



- **Google has announced that it will invest 740 million dollars in Australia over the next five years. It is the US technology giant's largest investment in the country till date.**
- **Google said the money will be used to build a research hub, increase its cloud computing capacity, and fund partnerships with local organizations.**
- **The move named the Digital Future Initiative is expected to directly create 6,000 jobs and support 28,000 overall**

11. UK unveils commemorative Mahatma Gandhi coin to mark Diwali



- **The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) has unveiled a £5 coin to commemorate the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi.**
- **It is the first time Mahatma Gandhi has been commemorated on an official UK coin.**
- **The coin is available in a range of standards, including gold and silver, The special collectors' coin was designed by Heena Glover.**
- **The coin features an image of a lotus, India's national flower, alongside one of Gandhi's most famous quotes – 'My life is my message'.**

12. India and Bangladesh to jointly hold the 2031 Cricket World Cup









- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has decided that India and Bangladesh will jointly host the 2031 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.
- The hosts were selected via a competitive bidding process which was overseen by a board sub-committee chaired by Martin Snedden along with Sourav Ganguly and Ricky Skerritt.
- **ICC Chair Greg Barclay said that it is exciting that countries like the USA will stage ICC events for the first time.**
- The USA and West Indies will jointly host the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup.

13. HDFC Bank launches the 2nd edition of “Mooh Band Rakho” campaign



- HDFC Bank Ltd has launched the second edition of its “Mooh Band Rakho” campaign to raise awareness on fraud prevention in support of International Fraud Awareness Week 2021 (November 14-20, 2021).
- HFC Bank aims to the awareness of its customers on all types of frauds and the importance of keeping your mouth shut to ensure their prevention and taking a pledge and not share confidential banking information with anyone.
- HDFC Bank will organise 2,000 workshops in the next four months under this campaign.
- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We understand your world

14. IQAir Air Quality Index

US AQI Level		PM2.5 (µg/m ³)		Health Recommendation (for 24hr exposure)
	Good	0-50	0-12.0	Air quality is satisfactory and poses little or no risk.
	Moderate	51-100	12.1-35.4	Sensitive individuals should avoid outdoor activity as they may experience respiratory symptoms.
	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101-150	35.5-55.4	General public and sensitive individuals in particular are at risk to experience irritation and respiratory problems.
	Unhealthy	151-200	55.5-150.4	Increased likelihood of adverse effects and aggravation to the heart and lungs among general public.
	Very Unhealthy	201-300	150.5-250.4	General public will be noticeably affected. Sensitive groups should restrict outdoor activities.
	Hazardous	301+	250.5+	General public is at high risk to experience strong irritations and adverse health effects. Everyone should avoid outdoor activities.

- According to the data from air quality and pollution city tracking service from IQAir, a Switzerland-based climate group, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai are among the top ten most polluted cities of the world.
- Delhi, India (AQI: 556)
- Lahore, Pakistan (AQI: 354)
- Sofia, Bulgaria (AQI: 178)
- Kolkata, India (AQI: 177)
- Zagreb, Croatia (AQI: 173)
- Mumbai, India (AQI: 169)
- Belgrade, Serbia (AQI: 165)
- Chengdu, China (AQI: 165)
- Skopje, North Macedonia (AQI: 164)
- Krakow, Poland (AQI: 160)
- IQAir is also a technology partner of the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP).

Obituary

15. **Legendary Author Wilbur Smith Passes Away**



- **World-renowned writer Wilbur Smith died at his home in South Africa on Saturday aged 88**
- **The global bestselling author has authored 49 novels and sold over 140 million copies worldwide in more than 30 languages.**
- **He rose to fame in 1964 with his debut novel “When the Lion Feeds” which turned in the movie with 15 sequels.**
- **Smith published his autobiography “On Leopard Rock” in 2018.**

16. IOCL and NTPC tied up to collaborate in Renewable Energy



- This is a first-of-its-kind initiative by two leading national energy majors of India, to support the country's commitment to achieving renewable energy targets and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- **This comes in the backdrop of Indian Oil announcing its plan to build the country's first green hydrogen plant at its Mathura refinery.**
- NTPC Limited Founded: 1975;
- NTPC Limited Headquarters: New Delhi, India;
- NTPC Limited Chairman & MD: Gurdeep Singh
- Minister of Power & Minister of New and Renewable Energy-Raj Kumar Singh

Important Days

17. World COPD Day 2021



- Lung attacks or lung exacerbations are experienced by about a third of those suffering from Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- People diagnosed with this chronic disease often find themselves having a tough time to breath.
- The World COPD Day 2021 falls on November 17, 2021. The 2021 theme is Healthy Lungs – Never More Important.

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