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National News

1. PM Modi congratulates India on crossing 100 crore vaccinations



- India has achieved the major milestone of administering 100 crore doses COVID vaccines under the Nationwide Vaccination Drive. Union Health Ministry said, more than 48 lakh vaccine doses were administered in the last 24 hours.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Ram Manohar Lohia, RML Hospital in New Delhi this morning as the country achieved the milestone of 100 crore COVID vaccination coverage. Mr Modi was received by Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
- Meanwhile, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has congratulated the countrymen on the achievement of administering 100 crore doses of COVID vaccines. In a tweet, Mr Mandaviya said that this is the result of the able leadership of visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

2. Police Commemoration Day: Tributes pour in for braveheart cops



- Every year, October 21 is celebrated as the Police Commemoration Day, to pay tributes to all police personnel who died in the line of duty. Last year, tributes were also paid to the cops who lost their lives due to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic.
- On the occasion of Police Commemoration Day, we pay homage to the brave hearts who lost their lives for the country in the line of duty. The nation will never forget their sacrifices,” the Indian Police Service (Central) Association tweeted.
- The Police Commemoration Day remembers the ultimate sacrifice of 10 police personnel who lost their lives on October 21, 1959 in Ladakh while fighting the Chinese army.

3. Delhi's Rojgar Bazaar 2.0



- The Delhi government floated tenders for developing a portal called “Rojgar Bazaar 2.0” that will be a job matching platform for entry-level jobs for youth of the national capital. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has issued tenders for developing the portal.
- It is a digital platform being created by the Delhi government which will list available jobs to help people of the national capital. The site will use artificial intelligence to draw up the best job matches.
- According to Delhi government, it will offer end-to-end employment related information to those on the lookout for jobs in the city.
- Delhi government had launched the ‘Rojgar Bazaar 1.0’ in August 2020. It turned out to be “a lifeline for small businesses and unemployed youth of Delhi”. On this portal, 10 lakh jobs and 14 lakh job-seekers have already been advertised.

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Month	Unemployment Rate (%)		
	India	Urban	Rural
Sep 2021	6.86	8.62	6.06
Aug 2021	8.32	9.78	7.64
Jul 2021	6.96	8.32	6.34
Jun 2021	9.17	10.08	8.75
May 2021	11.84	14.72	10.55
Apr 2021	7.97	9.78	7.13
Mar 2021	6.50	7.27	6.15
Feb 2021	6.89	6.99	6.85
Jan 2021	6.52	8.09	5.81
Dec 2020	9.06	8.84	9.15
Nov 2020	6.50	7.07	6.24
Oct 2020	7.02	7.18	6.95

Unemployment Rate (%)

States (India)	Sep 2021
Andhra Pradesh	6.3
Assam	3.5
Bihar	10.0
Chhattisgarh	4.4
Delhi	16.8
Goa	7.4
Gujarat	1.3
Haryana	20.3
Himachal Pradesh	8.7
Jammu & Kashmir	21.6
Jharkhand	13.5
Karnataka	3.1
Kerala	8.9
Madhya Pradesh	3.2
Maharashtra	4.5
Meghalaya	2.1
Odisha	2.8
Puducherry	11.2
Punjab	9.3
Rajasthan	17.9
Tamil Nadu	7.0
Telangana	3.7

4. What are Green Crackers?



- Amid the Covid-19 pandemic related situation and concerns regarding increasing pollution due to firecrackers during festive season, many states have imposed certain rules on fireworks in the year 2021.
- States have imposed either a complete or partial ban on firecracker sales.
- In these states, government has permitted the sale of 'green crackers' instead.
- 'Green crackers' are low-emission fireworks that Supreme Court in 2017 had permitted for celebrations to a moderate level during festivals & relaxed the 'complete ban' on fireworks. Green crackers were researched and developed by CSIR-NEERI (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – National Environmental Engineering Research Institute).
- These crackers are produced with less harmful raw materials and they suppresses the dust when they are burnt, reducing the emissions.

5. M.P: Mukhyamantri Ration Aapke Dwar Yojana



- Mukhya Mantri Ration Aapke Dwar Scheme will be implemented to benefit the poor tribal families.
- It will be implemented in tribal development blocks of state excluding those blocks which fall under districts which are undergoing bypolls.
- The scheme is going to benefit tribal families of around 7511 villages in 74 development blocks of 16 districts.
- Ration will be distributed from headquarters village as well as by transporting it through vehicle across other villages attached to the shop.
- Collector will fix the days of each month for distribution in the village.

6. Rajasthan's 'Prashasan Gaon Ke Sang' Campaign Will Allow Remote Villages To Locally Access Services



- Rajasthan Government has launched a mega campaign named 'Prashasan Gaon Ke Sang' till December 17, 2021, to provide local access to government services in the remotest villages of the state. Officials from 22 Departments of the local administration will reach out to the rural parts of every gram panchayat to offer on-spot solutions to the applicants.
- The campaign will be conducted on the observation of the respective district collector, for on spot disposal of applications.
- While the campaign is intended to bring departments closer to residents, large-scale awareness efforts are being held ahead of time to guarantee that citizens can take full use of the services provided at the camps.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot
- Governor: Kalraj Mishra.

International News

7. China launches Astronaut crew on 6-month mission



- China launched a three-person crew for a mission of six-month on board the Shenzhou-13 spaceship to its space station
- The crew is planned to set up new record for the time spent in space by Chinese astronauts as China moves for completing the orbiting structure.
- Shenzhou-13 spaceship is carrying three astronauts.
- It was launched by a Long March-2F rocket.
- The spacecraft is expected to complete docking with “Tianhe module” within six hours.
- The mission will continue the work of first three-person crew that already spent 90 days on board.

8. Kung Fu Nuns won UNESCO Martial Arts Education Prize 2021



- The world-renowned Kung Fu Nuns of the Drukpa order of Buddhism has won the prestigious Martial Arts Education Prize 2021 from the UNESCO International Centre for Martial Arts for their brave acts of service.
- Prize was given to them from the UNESCO International Centre for Martial Arts to honour their brave acts of service.
- The Prize recognises the historic “acts of service and championing of gender equality in Himalayas” by the Kung Fu Nuns.
- The Kung Fu Nuns belongs to the Drukpa Lineage of Indian Buddhism.
- They started learning Kung Fu in building strength and confidence. They now use those skills to serve others by means of unimaginable acts of bravery including recent 2500 km “Bicycle Yatra for Peace” from Kathmandu, Nepal to Ladakh

9. 4th General Assembly of International Solar Alliance begins



- The 4th General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will be held virtually from October 18 to 21, 2021, that will deliberate on key initiatives in the solar energy sector including the operationalization of India's One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG) initiative.
- The Assembly will be presided over by President of the ISA Assembly RK Singh, who is also the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy.

Key Initiatives:

- Operationalisation of the OSOWOG (One Sun One World One Grid) initiative, the \$1-trillion Solar Investment Roadmap for 2030.
- Approval for a Blended Financial Risk Mitigation Facility.
- Strategic Plan of the ISA for the next five years.
- Country Partnership Framework.
- Strategy for Private Sector Engagement.

Appointment

10. Amit Rastogi: CMD of National Research Development Corporation



- **Commodore Amit Rastogi (Retd), after being into service to Indian Navy for 34 years, has taken charge as Chairman & Managing Director of National Research Development Corporation.**
- **He holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from JNU.**
- **He did his M.Sc. in Defence & strategic studies from Madras University while Master's degree in Electronics & Telecommunication form Poona University.**
- **He is also an alumnus of College of Defence Management, Secunderabad and Defence Services Staff College Wellington.**
- **He has held diverse portfolios in Indian Navy, state-of-the-art technology intensive combat systems and carries rich experience in induction of missile systems.**

11. Sahdev Yadav elected as Indian Weightlifting Federation president



- The veteran sports administrator was unanimously elected as president of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF) for a four-year term.
- The election also saw the appointment of S.H. Anande Gowda and Naresh Sharma as the new Secretary-General & Treasurer of IWLF. 10 new Vice Presidents, 4 Joint Secretaries & 7 executive committee members were also elected, in the election conducted by Returning Officer Narinder Paul Kaushik, Delhi District Court.
- Indian Weightlifting Federation Headquarters: New Delhi.

12. Ayushmann Khurrana joins CoinDCX for 'Future Yahi Hai' campaign



- Ayushmann Khurrana has become the latest celebrity to venture into the cryptocurrency space through his association with CoinDCX's 'Future Yahi Hai' campaign.
- Khurrana joins A-listers like Amitabh Bachchan, Ranveer Singh and Salman Khan to be associated with various crypto exchanges and crypto trade platforms like Chingari and Coin SwitchKuber.

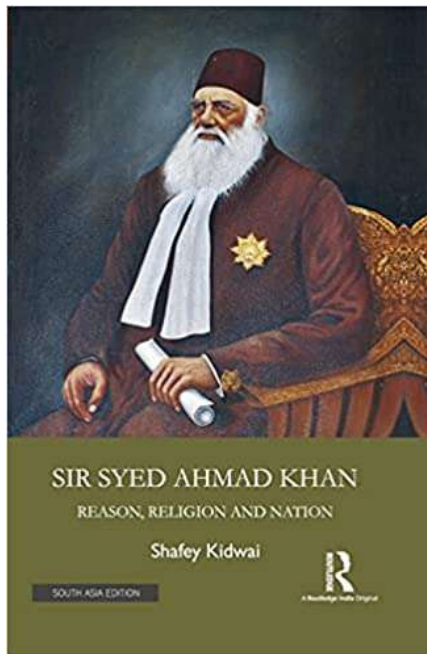
13. Imtiaz Ali appointed as ambassador of Russian Film Festival in India



- Director-producer Imtiaz Ali has been roped in as the ambassador of the Russian Film Festival in India.
- As part of the festival, ten notable Russian films of various genres are being premiered for Indian audiences on Disney+ Hotstar from October 16 to November 27. Russia and India are cooperating in the field of cinematography through the BRICS.
- The festival brings celebrated and popular romances, dramas, and comedies from Russia like Ice , On the Edge , Tell Her , Doctor Liza , The Relatives , Another Woman! , Jetlag among others.

Books and Authors

14. A book 'Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Reason, Religion And Nation' by Prof Shafey Kidwai



- Sahitya Akademi awardee Professor Shafey Kidwai has authored a new book titled “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Reason, Religion And Nation”. The objective of the book is to analyse Sir Syed Ahmad Khan the founder of Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College that grew into Aligarh Muslim University.
- The book is published by Routledge India. The foreword of the book is written by professor Irfan Habib. The book was released ahead of the 204th birth anniversary (17th October 2021) of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

Index and Ranks

15. India at 71st on Global Food Security index 2021 of 113 nations



- India is ranked at 71st position in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021 of 113 countries, but the country lags behind its neighbours Pakistan and Sri Lanka in terms food affordability, according to a report.
- Pakistan (with 52.6 points) scored better than India (50.2 points) in the category of food affordability. Sri Lanka was even better with 62.9 points in this category on the GFS Index 2021, a global report released by Economist Impact and Corteva Agriscience on Tuesday said.
- **List of Indian Rank in Different Index:**
- Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021: 20th
- Global Manufacturing Risk Index 2021: 2nd
- Global Innovation Index (GII) 2021: 46th
- World Press Freedom Index, 2021: 142nd
- World Competitiveness Index 2021: 43rd
- Global Peace Index 2021: 135th
- Henley Passport index 2021: 90th
- Global Hunger Index 2021: 101st
- Economic Freedom Index 2021: 121st
- World Happiness Report 2021: 139th
- International Intellectual Property (IP) Index 2021: 40th

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