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National News

1. Nitin Gadkari to lay foundation stones for 25 National Highway Projects in Jammu



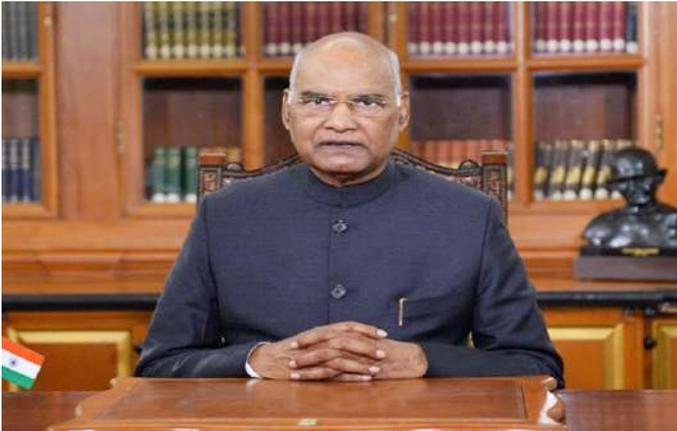
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari will lay Foundation Stones for 25 National Highway Projects of total Length of 257 kilometres with an investment of 11,721 crore rupees in Jammu.
- These projects will provide all-weather connectivity between Jammu and Kashmir valley.
- The projects will connect all major roads leading to various district headquarters and will help in generation of employment and self-employment opportunities.
- The projects will involve Rehabilitation and upgradation of some sections, construction of viaduct and tunnel and rectification of black spots.

2. PM Modi to lay foundation stone of Noida International Airport in Uttar Pradesh



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of Noida International Airport in Jewar Uttar Pradesh tomorrow.
- The development of the airport is in line with the vision of the Prime Minister towards boosting connectivity and creating a future-ready aviation sector.
- A special focus of this grand vision has been on the State of Uttar Pradesh that is witnessing the development of multiple international airports including the recently inaugurated Kushinagar airport and the under construction international airport at Ayodhya.
- Uttar Pradesh is poised to become the only state in India to have five international airports.
- For the first time, an airport in India has been conceptualised with an integrated multi-modal cargo hub, with a focus on reducing the total cost and time for logistics.

3. President Kovind to address Birth Centenary Celebrations of Chaudhary Harmohan Singh Yadav



- President Ram Nath Kovind will reach Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh this morning for a two-day visit to the city. Today, the President will grace and address the Birth Centenary Celebrations of Chaudhary Harmohan Singh Yadav.
- Mr Kovind will address the Centenary Celebrations of Harcourt Butler Technical University.
- He will take part in the function being organised to mark the Birth Centenary Celebrations of Ex-MP Chaudhari Harmohan Singh Yadav.
- Chaudhary Harmohan Singh Yadav was an educationist, social worker, independence activist and a politician.

4. Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw announces theme-based tourist circuit trains, Bharat Gaurav



- Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw has announced the introduction of Bharat Gaurav.
- It will be run, by both private sectors and IRCTC, in theme-based circuits. Speaking to the media, he said that these trains will help realize the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to showcase India's rich culture & heritage.
- Mr. Vaishnaw said the trains will take tourists to all the magnificent historical places.
- He adds that the core strength of the professionals of the tourism sector would be leveraged to develop and identify tourist circuits and run theme-based trains to tap the vast tourism potential of India.

5. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport to become 'Net Zero Carbon Emission' Airport by 2030



- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport is set to become Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030.
- This is much ahead of the IPCC's 2050 target adopted by all major industries all over the world.
- Videh Kumar Jaipuriar, CEO-DIAL announced this in a video message displayed by Airport Council International (ACI) in an event during COP26, titled, Delivering the Net Zero Airport of the Future.
- Delhi airport is the first airport in Asia Pacific Region to achieve Level 4 Accreditation under ACI's Airport Carbon Accreditation.
- DIAL has implemented various programmes at the airport such as use of renewable energy, development of green airport infrastructures and multiple passenger connectivity networks, energy conservation and efficiency improvements, and stakeholder partnership programs.
- DIAL CEO Videh Kumar

6. For fifth year, Indore ranked cleanest city; Chhattisgarh cleanest state

Cleanliness score | The table shows the 2021 Swachh ranking of major cities with over 10 lakh population

Rank in 2021	City	Rank in 2020	Rank in 2019
1	Indore	1	1
2	Surat	2	14
3	Vijayawada	6	12
13	Greater Hyderabad	65	35
28	Bengaluru Metropolitan	37	NA
37	Greater Mumbai	35	49
43	Chennai	45	61

- **INDORE HAS** been ranked India's cleanest city for the fifth year in a row by Swachh Survekshan 2021, the central government's annual cleanliness survey to promote sanitation in urban centres under the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Surat and Vijaywada were ranked second and third cleanest respectively in the category of cities with over 10 lakh population.
- Among the smaller cities with population between 1-10 lakh, New Delhi ranked first, followed by Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh and Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh
- Varanasi was ranked the cleanest in the "Ganga town" category
- Among the states with over 100 urban local bodies, Chattisgarh was ranked on top for the third consecutive year, followed by Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh; Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan were ranked last.
- Ahmedabad Cantonment was adjudged "cleanest cantonment", followed by Meerut Cantonment and Delhi Cantonment.

7. CII to organize 20th edition of 'Connect 2021' on 26th and 27th November



- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will organise its flagship event 'Connect 2021' from November 26 to 27 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Connect is an international conference and exhibition on information & communication technology (ICT). Theme: "Building a Sustainable Deep T'ech'N'ology Ecosystem".
- The main focus of 'Connect 2021' is to take the state's GDP to US\$ 1,000 billion by 2030.
- The event will be inaugurated by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on November 26, 2021. Australia and the United Kingdom are the partner countries for the event.

Awards and Honours

8. Col Santosh Babu awarded Maha Vir Chakra posthumously, Vir Chakra for five others



- **Colonel Bikumalla Santosh Babu was awarded the country's second-highest military gallantry honour, the Maha Vir Chakra, posthumously on Tuesday for fighting Chinese soldiers "till his last breath".**
- **Colonel Babu's mother and wife received the award from President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.**
- **The investiture ceremony also witnessed the awarding of five Vir Chakras, four of which were posthumous, for the fighting in Galwan Valley on June 15, 2020.**
- **Colonel Babu was the Commanding Officer of 16 Bihar regiment which was deployed in Galwan Valley for Operation Snow Leopard.**

9. NGO Pratham awarded Indira Gandhi Prize



- Pratham, the NGO working to expand the scope for education in India, has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for this year, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust
- “The 2021 price is awarded to Pratham for its pioneering work over more than a quarter century in seeking to ensure that every child has access to quality education, for its innovative use of digital technology to deliver education
- Set up in 1995 by Dr Madhav Chavan and Farida Lambay, Pratham is widely regarded for its annual surveys to assess education outcomes and learning deficiencies.
- The Indira Gandhi Prize, or the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize, also known as Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development, is the prestigious award accorded annually by Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust[1] to individuals or organisations in recognition of creative efforts toward promoting international peace, development and a new international economic order.

Banking News

10. SBI Research upgrades India's GDP growth estimate for financial year 2022



- SBI Research has upgraded India's GDP growth projection for financial year 2022 to the range of 9.3%-9.6% from its earlier estimates of 8.5%-9%.
- The revised GDP estimate of SBI Research is in-line with RBI's projection of 9.5% GDP growth for the current fiscal year.
- The projection comes as the country recorded only 11% increase in Covid-19 cases during the July-September quarter of 2021, second-lowest among the top 15 most affected countries
- Mentioning reasons behind its revised estimates, SBI Research said that India remained unscathed in Quarter 3 from the global situation, which is marred by supply disruptions, stubborn inflation and surges of infections during Q3 2021.

Books and Authors

11. A new book “India vs UK: The Story of an Unprecedented Diplomatic Win”



- Syed Akbaruddin, India’s Permanent Representative to the UN at the time, presents a behind-the-scenes account of India’s coming-of-age in world affairs through the prism of this momentous election.
- Senior Indian diplomat, Syed Akbaruddin has authored a new book titled “India vs UK: The Story of an Unprecedented Diplomatic Win”.
- The book features the behind-the-scenes details on India’s victory against the United Kingdom in the elections to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in 2017.

Important Days

12. Guru Tegh Bahadur's Martyrdom Day 2021



- Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day is observed every year on 24 November.
- He was the ninth of ten Gurus of the Sikh religion. He is revered as Hind ki Chadar by the Sikhs and also called Srisht-di-Chadar, or Shield of India.
- He laid down his life for the rights of a community of people who were not even of his religion.
- On November 24, 1675, Guru Teg Bahadur was publicly executed on the orders of Aurangzeb for refusing to convert to Islam. He was martyred in Delhi, at Chandni Chowk.
- In the Guru Granth Sahib, there are one hundred and fifteen hymns of Guru Tegh Bahadur.
- Guru Tegh Bahadur is remembered for his selfless service to people. He travelled across the country with the teachings of Guru Nanak – the first Sikh Guru.
- Guru Tegh Bahadur had set up community kitchens and wells for the local people wherever he went.
- Anandpur Sahib, the famous holy city and a global tourist attraction in the foothills of the Himalayas, was founded by Guru Tegh Bahadur.

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