



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 29th November 2021

### National News

#### 1. Govt asks people not to subscribe Elon Musk-backed Starlink Internet Services



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Department of Electronics and IT  
Ministry of Communications & Information Technology  
Government of India

- The Ministry of Communications has said that Starlink Internet Services is not licensed to offer satellite-based internet services in India as being advertised to the public.
- In a statement, the Ministry said, it has come to notice that Starlink has started pre-selling or booking of the satellite based Starlink Internet Services in India and the same is also evident from the website of Starlink
- [www.starlink.com](http://www.starlink.com)
- wherein satellite-based internet services can be booked by users in Indian territory.
- It said, for rendering satellite-based services in India, requisite licenses from Department of Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications is required.
- The Ministry informed the public at large that the company has not obtained any license or authorization for rendering satellite-based internet services that are being booked on their website.

## 2. Hunar Haat receives India International Trade Fair, 2021 Silver Medal



- The HUNAR HAAT, organized by the Ministry of Minority Affairs at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, received the prestigious India International Trade Fair, 2021 Silver Medal for strengthening commitment to “Vocal for Local” and its strong presence at the Trade Fair.
- International Trade Fair, the Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi visited the HUNAR HAAT and said, lakhs of people visited “Hunar Haat” at Pragati Maidan where sale of indigenous products worth crores of rupees took place.
- He said, the sale of products has encouraged artisans and craftsmen from across the country.
- Mr. Naqvi said, over 550 artisans and craftsmen from more than 30 States and Union Territories participated and set up more than 300 stalls in the 33rd HUNAR HAAT.

### 3. 7th IISF 2021 to be held in Panaji from 10-13 of Dec



- The 7th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2021 will be held in Panaji, Goa from 10th to 13th of next month.
- The 4 days festival will be organized by the Ministry of Earth Sciences in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Department of Atomic Energy, the Department of Space and the Government of Goa.
- More than 100 scientists from different fields will participate and 740 science films from 70 countries will be screened.
- The festival theme will be based on Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with the motto of Celebration of science and its promotion by all.

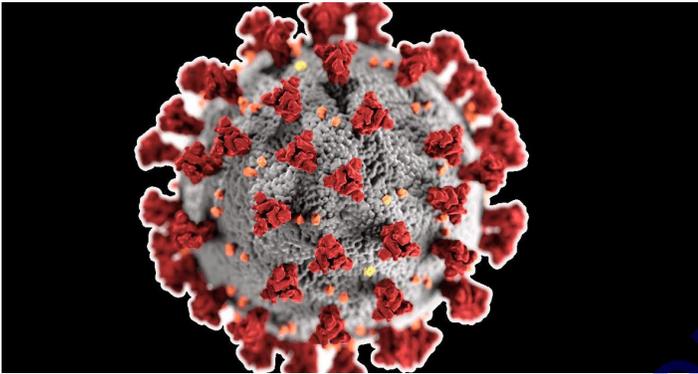
#### 4. MakeMyTrip tied up with Civil Aviation Ministry to promote Regional Air Connectivity



- MakeMyTrip partnered with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to promote regional air connectivity through the UDAN scheme. MakeMyTrip will now power UDAN flights on the 'AirSewa portal' and market them on its platform to promote its services.
- The Govt. has identified 21st October as UDAN Day, the day on which the scheme document was first released.
- MakeMyTrip Founded: 2000
- MakeMyTrip Headquarter: Gurugram, Haryana

## **International News**

### **5. Classification of Omicron (B.1.1.529): SARS-CoV-2 Variant of Concern**



- **World Health Organisation (WHO) has classified the new COVID-19 variant B.1.1.529 as Omicron.**
- **New variant was first reported to WHO from South Africa on 24 November 2021.**
- **According to WHO, the strain may spread more quickly than other forms. It has a large number of mutations.**
- **The classification puts Omicron into the most-troubling category of COVID-19 variants, along with the globally-dominant Delta, plus its weaker rivals Alpha, Beta and Gamma.**
- **WHO Director General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**
- **WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.**

## Appointments

### 6. PM Modi congratulates newly appointed Czech Republic PM Petr Fiala



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday extended his greetings to newly appointed Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Petr Fiala. He further said he looked forward to working with Fiala to further enhance ties between the two countries.
- Czech President Milos Zeman on Sunday swore in Fiala as the country's new Prime Minister following last month's parliamentary election.
- The swearing-in ceremony was performed by Zeman from a plexiglass cubicle after testing positive for Covid-19.
- Fiala is leading a bloc of five centre and centre-right opposition parties that won an election in October, ousting the incumbent premier Andrej Babis and his allies.

## **7. Ace mountaineer from Uttarakhand becomes first woman president of Indian Mountaineering Foundation**



- **Noted mountaineer from Uttarakhand, Harshwanti Bisht has earned the distinction of being elected the first woman president of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF).**
- **Bisht, 62, who hails from a village named Sukai in Pauri district, says promoting mountaineering and other adventure sports, and bringing more women into the field will be among her priorities.**
- **Bisht, who did a course in mountaineering from the Uttarkashi-based Nehru Institute of Mountaineering in 1975, scaled the Nanda Devi peak in 1981 which earned her the Arjuna award. She was also a member of an expedition team to Mount Everest in 1984.**
- **A professor of economics, Bisht recently retired as the principal of PG College, Uttarkashi.**

## 8. IRS officer Vivek Johri appointed CBIC chairman



- **1985-batch Indian Revenue Service officer Vivek Johri has been appointed as the chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs CBIC.**
- **Mr Johri is currently working as the member in the CBIC. He succeeds M Ajit Kumar who is completing his tenure tomorrow.**
- **The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) is the nodal national agency responsible for administering Customs, GST, Central Excise, Service Tax & Narcotics in India.**
- **The Customs & Central Excise department was established in the year 1855 by the then British Governor General of India, to administer customs laws in India and collection of import duties/land revenue.**
- **It is one of the oldest government departments of India.**

## Important Days

### 9. NCC celebrating 73rd anniversary



- National Cadet Corps (NCC) will celebrate its 73rd anniversary of its raising on 28 November.
- The raising day is being celebrated all over the country with cadets participating in marches, blood donation camps and social development programmes.
- In the year gone by, NCC has successfully overcome the restrictions imposed by COVID-19 Pandemic and effectively executed the assigned mission.

## Defence News

### 10. Army chief observes military exercise 'Dakshin Shakti' in Jaisalmer



- The Dakshin Shakti was conducted by the Southern Command of Indian Army with an aim to ensure integrated application of forces in multidomain operations and upholding the nation's military aims over the entire spectrum of conflict.
- During the past one week, units and formations of the Indian Army practiced tactical and operational manoeuvres by its infantry, mechanised formations and airborne troops in a fluid battlefield environment, operationalising future technologies.
- The exercise began in the deserts of Jaisalmer. T-72, T-90 as well as Vijayanta tanks of the Army and the IAF's Dhruv and Rudha helicopters, and the Jaguar fighter aircraft participated in the joint exercise.

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