



# CURRENT AFFAIRS 29th SEPTEMBER 2021

## National News

### 1. PM Narendra Modi launches 35 crop varieties to tackle climate change and malnutrition



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated 35 crop varieties with special traits through video conference to the nation.
- He also dedicated the newly constructed campus of the National Institute of Biotic Stress Management Raipur to the nation.
- 35 varieties include a drought tolerant variety of chickpea, wilt and sterility mosaic resistant pigeonpea, early maturing variety of soybean, disease resistant varieties of rice and biofortified varieties of wheat
- He informed that 11 crore Soil Health Cards were issued for the protection of the land.
- Soil Health Card-is a scheme launched by the Government of India on 19 February 2015.
- Under the scheme, the government will provide crop-wise recommendations of nutrients and fertilisers required for the individual farms to help farmers to improve productivity through judicious use of inputs.

## 2. Agriculture Minister N S Tomar launches Amul Honey



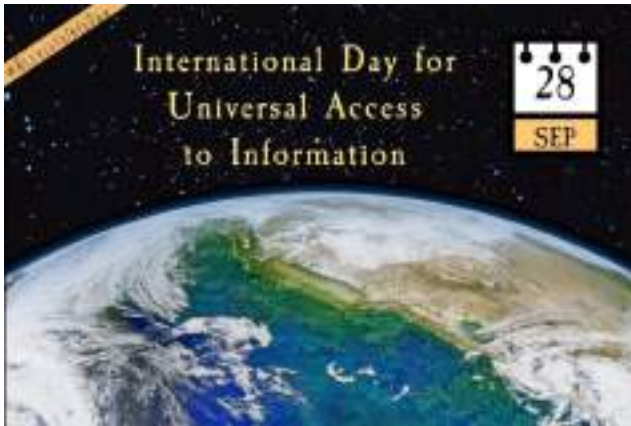
- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar today launched 'Amul Honey- a product of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. under active cooperation with 'National Bee Board'.
- Mr Tomar emphasized the importance of National Beekeeping and Honey Mission in increasing the income of small farmers.
- The Mission is being implemented in the country for doubling income of farmers and beekeepers through beekeeping with the budgetary allocation of 500 crores rupees.
- 'National Bee Board'-The committee was set up to identify ways of advancing beekeeping in India

### 3. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launches AmritGrand Challenge Program titled “जनCARE”



- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today launched the “AmritGrand Challenge Program” titled “जनCARE” to identify 75 Start-Up Innovations in Telemedicine, Digital Health, mHealth with BIG Data, AI, Block Chain and other technologies.
- 75 Best Chosen Startups will be an asset for India to lead the country in the next 25 years, during the celebrations of Centenary of India’s Independence.
- MOS(IC) DoNER- Dr. Jitendra singh (MP, Lok Sabha, Udhampur, J&K)

#### 4. International Day for Universal Access of Information will be observed on Sep 28



- The torrential flow of information is the result of the dominant paradigm considering the availability of abundant information assign of development. As a result, the common perspective, and rightly so, is that information is power.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) realized the phenomenon induced by information, and on 17 November 2015.
- The theme chosen for the 2021 IDUAI is “The Right to Know – Building Back Better with Access to Information.”

## Banking News

### 5. Cryptotech industry can add \$184B of economic value in India by 2030: NASSCOM report



- A report by the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), in association with Indian crypto exchange WazirX, today revealed that the cryptotech market in India has the potential to create an economic value addition of \$184 billion by 2030 in the form of investments and cost savings.
- The report, titled 'Crypto Industry in India', also stated the Indian crypto market could generate over eight lakh jobs by 2030.
- It added the global cryptotech industry is estimated to cross \$1.6 billion by 2021, and \$2.3 billion by 2026.
- Debjani Ghosh, President, NASSCOM
- National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) estb. In 1988
- Chairman of NASSCOM- Rekha M. Mennon
- H.Q.- Noida, UP

## 6. Icria revises up India's fiscal 2022 GDP growth forecast to 9%



- Ratings agency Icria on Monday revised up its 2021-22 real GDP growth estimate for India to 9 per cent from the earlier 8.5 per cent.
- It can be noted that after the 7.3 per cent contraction in 2020-21, there were expectations of a higher growth number in 2021-22.
- ICRA is Gurgaon based credit rating agency, owned by Moody's Corporation.
- ICRA Founded: 16 January 1991
- ICRA CEO: N. Sivaraman.



## 7. Sojat Mehndi and Judima rice wine gets GI tag



- Assam's rice wine Judima and Rajasthan's Sojat Mehndi (Henna) have been awarded the geographical indication (GI) tag.
- The colours of Rajasthan's renowned Sojat Mehndi will now be beautifying the world as it is the first in the world to get the GI (Geographical Indication) tag.
- The GI tag is covered under the law of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

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## 8. MCA extends the tenure of Company Law Committee by 1 year



- The tenure of the panel, which was set up by the corporate affairs ministry in September 2019, was extended last year also.
- The committee has the mandate for examining and making recommendations to the government on various issues related to implementation of the Companies Act and the Limited Liability Partnership Act.
- Currently, the 11-member committee is chaired by Corporate Affairs Secretary Rajesh Verma.
- Minister of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman.



## Important Days

### 9. World Heart Day- September 29



- The day which is celebrated annually creates awareness of Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) including heart disease & stroke and highlights the preventive and control measures.
- World Health Day was first founded in 1999 with the World Heart Federation (WHF) collaborating with the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- This year, the theme of World Heart Day is “Use Heart to Connect”.
- World Heart Federation Headquarters location: Geneva, Switzerland.
- World Heart Federation Chairman: Rajeev Gupta
- World Heart Federation Founded: 2000

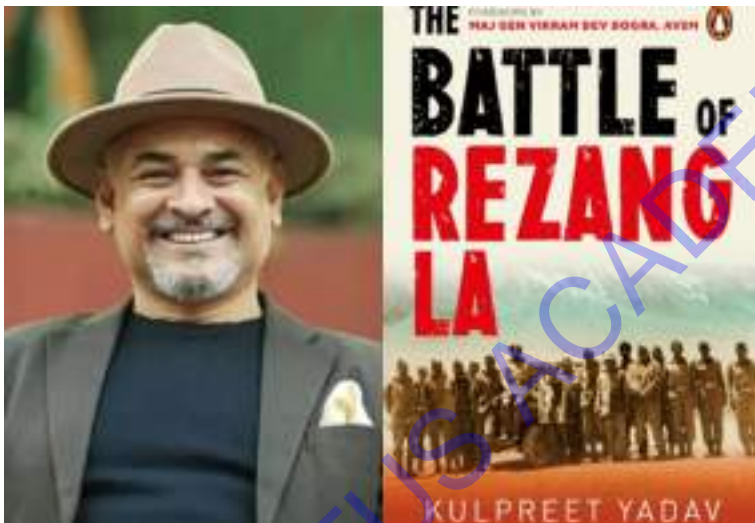
## 10. International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste



- **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste is celebrated on September 29, since 2020, to promote and implement global efforts to resolve the issue of food wastage.**
- **29th September Designated by UNGA as International Day of In 2019, the 74th United Nations General Assembly designated 29 September as the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste**
- **The theme for 2021 is Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet. The main objective of this day is to take steps towards responsible consumption and production as well as zero hunger**

## Books and Authors

### 11. “The Battle of Rezang La” written by Kulpreet Yadav



- A new book has titled “The Battle of Rezang La” written by Kulpreet Yadav. A new book tells the story of 110 Indian soldiers who put up a valiant fight against the 5,000-strong Chinese military troops in the 1962 Indo-China war, preventing a possible occupation of the entire Ladakh region.
- The Battle of Rezang La”, published under Penguin Random House’s ”Veer” imprint, is written by ex-naval officer and author Kulpreet Yadav.

## Appointments

### 12. Aveek Sarkar re-elected as Press Trust of India Chairman



- Aveek Sarkar, the Editor Emeritus and Vice Chairman of the Ananda Bazar Group of Publications, has been elected Chairman of Press Trust of India, the country's premier news agency.
- The Press Trust of India Ltd., commonly known as PTI, is the largest news agency in India. It is headquartered in New Delhi and is a nonprofit cooperative among more than 500 Indian newspapers.
- Aveek Sarkar (Chairman)
- Vijay Joshi (Editor-in-Chief)

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