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National News

1. CENTER TO LAUNCH WEEK-LONG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON SAFAIMITRA SURAKSHA CHALLENGE



- As part of the World Toilet Day celebrations, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development will launch a week-long awareness campaign on SafaiMitra Suraksha Challenge (SSC) today.
- A total of 246 cities are participating in week long SafaiMitra Suraksha Challenge starting from 14 November which is being conducted across the country.
- The Ministry had launched the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge on the occasion of World Toilet Day on 19th of November last year with the objective of eradicating the practice of hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks and promote mechanized cleaning of the same.
- World Toilet Day : 19 November

2. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL INAUGURATES IITF AT PRAGATI MAIDAN IN NEW DELHI



- Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal today said initiatives of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) is reflective of the resilience of the Indian economy bouncing back.
- Inaugurating the 40th IITF, Mr Goyal said with the trade fair one of the finest and country's largest convention centres will come up in the Pragati Maidan complex.
- Mr Goyal said today's launch of this trade fair reflects the five sutras of Indian economy, exports, infrastructure, demand and diversity.
- He complimented IITF organisers for consistently holding the fair and attracting lakhs of visitors.
- The theme of this year's fair is Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- The minister lauded the organisers for providing stalls free of cost for women and MSME entrepreneurs.
- He said other MSMEs including startups have been given a 40 per cent discount by ITPO.

3. UNION HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH CHAIRS 29TH SOUTHERN ZONAL COUNCIL MEET IN TIRUPATI



- Union Home Minister Amit Shah is chairing the Southern Zonal Council meeting at Tirupati in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh.
- Representatives from the southern states and union territories are attending the meeting.
- Southern Zonal Council comprises Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, and Union Territories of Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- The Southern Zonal Meeting will be discussing 26 key issues such as cooperation between States, conflicts, border issues, internal security, infrastructure development, industries, tourism development, and economic development.
- Each state is coming to this meeting with a different agenda.

4. PM MODI TO INAUGURATE REDEVELOPED RANI KAMLAPATI RAILWAY STATION IN BHOPAL



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the redeveloped Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Bhopal around 3 PM on his visit to Madhya Pradesh today.
- The redeveloped Rani Kamalapati Railway station, named after brave and fearless Queen Kamalapati of the Gond kingdom, is the first world class railway station in Madhya Pradesh.
- Redeveloped in Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, the station has been designed as a green building with modern world class amenities that also takes into account ease of mobility for divyangjans.
- The station is also developed as a hub for integrated multi-modal transport.

5. PRESIDENT RAM NATH KOVIND PROMULGATES TWO ORDINANCES EXTENDING TENURE OF CBI AND ED DIRECTORS FOR UP TO 5 YEARS

- President Ram Nath Kovind today promulgated two Ordinances to extend the tenure of Directors of probe agencies Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) up to five years.
- The Ordinances are, the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 and the Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Ordinance 2021.

- As per the ordinances, the Chiefs of the top agencies can be given extensions, every year for up to three years after they complete the two-year term.
- The ordinances said, no such extension will be granted after the completion of a period of five years in total including the period mentioned in the initial appointment.
- The present tenure of the Chiefs of the Central Agencies is two years.



International News

6. DUBAI AIRSHOW BEGINS AT AL MAKTOUM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



- The biggest-ever Dubai Airshow began at Al Maktoum International Airport, Dubai World Central, today with more than 1,200 exhibitors taking part in the five-day show.
- Dubai Airshow is also the largest of its kind since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The show also features more than 160 of the world's most advanced aircraft on the ground and in the air.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent is also taking part in the Dubai Air Show following invitation by the Government of UAE to participate with the Sarang and Suryakiran Aerobatics Teams.
- These teams will be performing along with some of the best aerobatics and display teams in the world, including the Saudi Hawks, Russian Knights and the UAE's Al Fursan.
- In addition, the IAF's Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas will be part of the aerobatics and static displays during the show.

Defence News

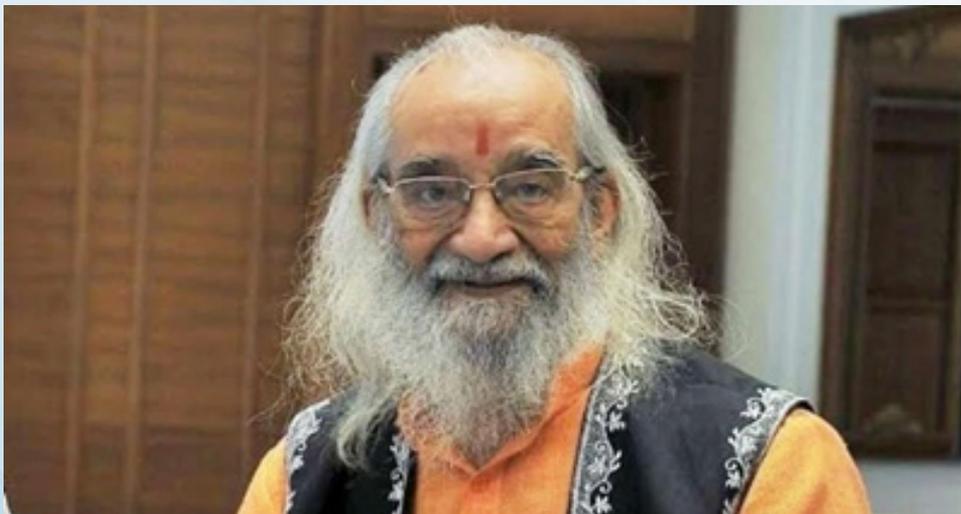
7. INDIA AND FRANCE TO HOLD 6TH EDITION OF BILATERAL ARMY EXERCISE



- The Navies of India and France will carry out the 6th edition of the biennial training exercise “EX SHAKTI 2021” from November 15 to 26, 2021 in Frejus, France.
- The Indian Army will be represented by the Gorkha Rifles Infantry Battalion and France Army will be represented by troops of the 21st Marine Infantry Regiment of the 6th Light Armoured Brigade.
- Apart from this, India and France will also carry out biennial airforce training exercise ‘Exercise GARUDA’, and biennial maritime training exercise ‘Exercise VARUNA’.

Obituary

8. RENOWNED HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR BABASAHEB PURANDARE PASSED AWAY IN PUNE



- Historian, Padma Vibhushan Babasaheb Purandare dies at 99 in Pune hospital PM Modi says, major void in the world of history and culture
- Babasaheb was a well-known orator, ballad singer, theatre artist, and history chronicler who inspired the modern-day youth to follow the footsteps of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

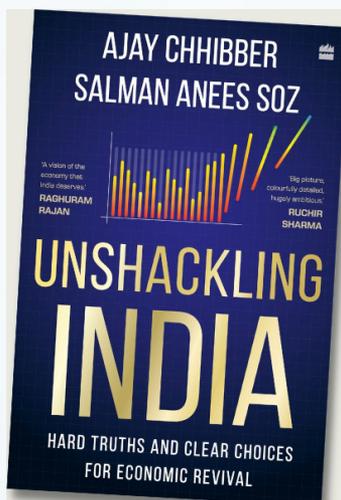
Books and Authors

9. DEFENCE SECRETARY RELEASES A BOOK TITLED 'FORCE IN STATECRAFT'



- Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar released a book titled 'FORCE IN STATECRAFT'.
- The book is a compilation of essays on topics including counter-insurgency operations, conflict in North East, air power and nuclear posture which give conceptual understanding and facets of India's national security.
- The contributors of the book are all stalwarts of the Armed Forces, who have vast operational experience and understanding of several important cornerstones of forces and its application.

10. "UNSHACKLING INDIA: HARD TRUTHS AND CLEAR CHOICES FOR ECONOMIC REVIVAL" BY AJAY CHHIBBER AND SALMAN ANEES SOZ



- A new book on Indian economy titled “UNSHACKLING INDIA : Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival” is set to be released on November 29, 2021.
- It presents a wide-ranging and thorough overview of the reforms needed for the Indian economy as well as a definitive roadmap to make India a genuinely developed economy by 2047.
- The book has been authored by Ajay Chhibber and Salman Anees Soz.

Important Days

11. NATION CELEBRATES THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF TRIBAL FREEDOM FIGHTER BHAGWAN BIRSA MUNDA AS JANJATIYA GAURAV DIWAS

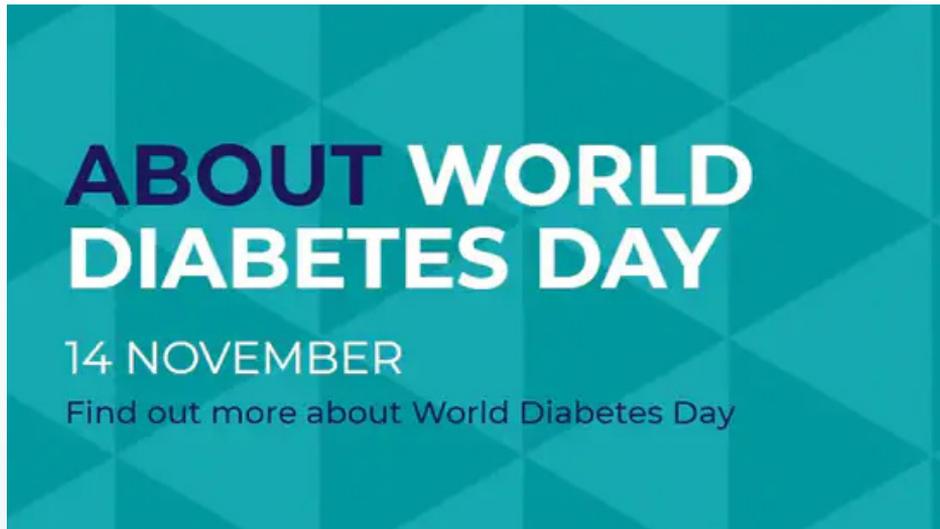


- Vice President, PM Modi and HM Amit Shah greets people of Jharkhand on state's foundation day, pays tribute to Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary
- Spread across an area of 38 acres of land, the state of art Bhagwan Birsa Munda Smriti Udayan Sah Swantantra Senani Sangrahalaya in Ranchi is ready to reverberate with the celebrations of the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda to be celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas across the nation.
- Today happens to be State Foundation Day as well. Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda himself has visited the Old Central Jail premises yesterday to ensure the final preparations before the inauguration of the Memorial park cum Museum.
- 25ft high statue of Bhagwan Birsa Munda is the major attraction while 9 ft high statue of 13 other freedom fighters of tribal movement will also play an important role in preserving and promoting tribal culture and history.
- About Birsa Munda:
- Birsa Munda(15 November 1875 – 9 June 1900) was an Indian tribal freedom fighter, religious leader, and folk hero.
- He spearheaded a tribal religious millenarian movement that arose in the Bengal Presidency (now

Jharkhand) in the late 19th century, during the British Raj, thereby making him an important figure in the history of the Indian independence movement

- His portrait hangs in the Indian Parliament Museum he is the only tribal leader to have been so honored.

12. WORLD DIABETES DAY 2021



- World Diabetes Day is celebrated every year on November 14 to mark the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who discovered the insulin hormone along with Charles Herbert Best in 1922.
- According to experts, an estimated 463 million people worldwide suffer from diabetes, with Type-2 diabetes that needs to be treated with insulin sensitizers making up about 90 per cent of the cases.
- The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23 is “Access to Diabetes Care – If Not Now, When?”

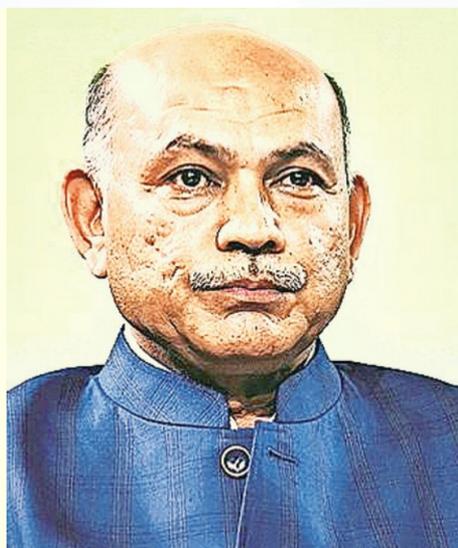
Appointments

13. INDIAN PROFESSOR ELECTED TO INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION FOR 5-YEAR TERM



- Professor Bimal Patel, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Raksha University and Member of National Security Advisory Board of India, has been elected to the International Law Commission for a five-year term starting January 1, 2023 in a hard-fought election at the United Nations.
- India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti tweeted, thanking all UN member states for overwhelming support to India's candidature.
- Patel garnered 163 votes in the UN General Assembly out of 192 members present and voting, topping the Asia-Pacific group that included candidates from China, South Korea and Japan.
- The International Law Commission was established by the General Assembly in 1947 to undertake the mandate of the Assembly to "initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of "encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification."

14. P.C. MODY MADE RAJYA SABHA SECRETARY GENERAL



- Mody, a former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), will be the new secretary-general of the Upper House of Parliament. Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu has signed an order to this effect.
- 1982-batch retired IRS officer and former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Pramod Chandra Mody was appointed new Secretary General Rajya Sabha, replacing P.P.K. Ramacharyulu.
- Ramacharyulu meanwhile has been reassigned as an advisor for one year term.

By Sameer Singhal

National News

1. PM MODI ADDRESSES FIRST AUDIT DIWAS AT CAG OFFICE PREMISES

- Addressing the first Audit Diwas at CAG premises in New Delhi today, he said, there are very few institutions that become stronger, more mature, and more relevant with the passage of time.
- He said, most institutions lose relevance after some decades, but CAG is a heritage and every generation should cherish it.

- PM also said it was CAG versus Government earlier, as Audit was associated with fear.
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India Girish Murmu said this day has been chosen to be the first Audit Diwas.
- He said, on 16th November 1860 the first Auditor-General took charge and from today onwards Audit Diwas will be celebrated on 16th of November every year.



2. INDIA ALLOWS QUARANTINE-FREE ENTRY OF FULLY VACCINATED FOREIGN TRAVELLERS FROM 99 COUNTRIES



- India has allowed the quarantine-free entry of fully vaccinated foreign travellers from 99 countries.
- Although travellers from the 99 countries have been exempted from mandatory quarantine, they will be required to follow certain norms that remain the same for all travellers.
- The government only requires such travellers to monitor their health for 14 days after arrival.
- Travellers from these countries have to submit a self-declaration of their fully vaccinated status on Air Suvudha portal, and also produce a negative RT-PCR test report, not older than 72 hours.

3. THREE-DAY 'RASHTRA RAKSHA SAMPARPAN PARV' TO BE HELD IN JHANSI



- Three-day Rashtra Raksha Samparpan Parv will be held in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh from the 17th of this month as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.
- Briefing media in New Delhi, Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will dedicate to the Nation a number of schemes at a grand ceremony being organised in the precincts of Jhansi Fort on 19th of this month.
- He said 19th of this month is the Birth Anniversary of Rani Lakshmi Bai, the epitome of bravery and courage and a great National icon of Rashtra Raksha and India's Independence struggle.

4. INDIA LAUNCHES 41ST SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA



- India has successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica with the arrival of the first batch of its contingent at the southern white continent.
- The first batch comprising of 23 scientists and support staff reached the Indian Antarctic Station Maitri last week.
- The 41st expedition has two major programmes. The first programme encompasses geological exploration of the Amery ice-shelf at Bharati Station.
- The second programme involves reconnaissance surveys and preparatory work for drilling of 500 metres of ice core near Maitri. It will help in understanding the Antarctic climate.
- The Indian Antarctic programme, which began in 1981, has completed 40 Scientific Expeditions so far.
- India has built three Permanent Research Base Stations in Antarctica, named Dakshin Gangotri, Maitri and Bharati.

5. PM MODI INAUGURATES REDEVELOPED RANI KAMLAPATI RAILWAY STATION IN BHOPAL



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the Nation various Railway projects in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. He dedicated to the nation the redeveloped Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Bhopal.
- The Prime Minister also flagged off two new MEMU trains between Ujjain-Indore and Indore-Ujjain.
- Mr Modi said, the country's first ISO certified, first PPP model-based Rani Kamalapati Railway Station has been dedicated to the nation. The facilities which were once available at the airport are now available at the Railway Station.
- Governor Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishanw were among those present on the occasion.
- Rani Kamalapati Railway Station, earlier known as Habibganj Railway Station

Banking News

6. GOVT AND ADB SIGN 61 M LOAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGARTALA



- The Union Government and Asian Development Bank, ADB today signed a 61-million dollar loan to improve livability, harness technology and promote new developments to accommodate the expanding population in Agartala city while building the capacity of State agencies for improved service delivery.
- Additional Secretary in Department of Economic Affairs under Finance Ministry Rajat Kumar Mishra signed the agreement for Government of India and Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission Takeo Konishi signed for ADB.
- After signing the loan agreement, Mr Mishra stated that the project is aligned to the vision of the Centre's Smart City Mission to upgrade urban infrastructure services and will improve livability in Agartala with the provision of better road connectivity, flood resilient measures and making tourist places more attractive.

7. RBI PROJECTS CPI INFLATION AT 5.3% FOR 2021-22



- India's retail inflation rate, measured by the Consumer Price Index or CPI, rose mildly in October to 4.48% year-on-year from 4.35% in September due to an uptick in food prices.
- The inflation was 7.61% in October last year.
- For the fourth month in a row, CPI has been below the Reserve Bank of India's six percent margin.
- The RBI has projected the CPI inflation at 5.3 per cent for 2021-22.
- According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, MoSPI data, inflation in the food basket rose to 0.85 percent in October, compared to 0.68 percent in the preceding month

8. BHARATPE LAUNCHES MERCHANT SHAREHOLDING PROGRAM



- It is a \$100 million worth program, under which the company offers its merchant customers an opportunity to buy BharatPe's equity shares and become a partner.
- The company plans a public listing by 2024 and targets a public listing value of \$1 billion.

- The merchant payments and financial services company will roll out the incentive to its more than 7.5 million existing merchant partners. The programme will also be offered to new merchants joining the platform.
- BharatPe Founded: 2018
- BharatPe Headquarters: New Delhi
- BharatPe CEO: Ashneer Grove

Obituary

9. EMINENT HINDI WRITER MANNU BHANDARI PASSES AWAY AT 90



- Eminent Hindi writer Mannu Bhandari passed away at a private hospital in Gurugram today.
- She was 90. Mannu Bhandari was suffering from age-related ailments and was admitted to the hospital for the past one week.
- She was the wife of late Hindi fiction writer Rajendra Yadav. Mannu Bhandari was known for her novels 'Aapki Banti' and 'Mahabhoj'.
- Her famous novel 'Yahi Sach Hai' was adapted into a Hindi movie 'Rajnigandha' in 1974.

Important Days

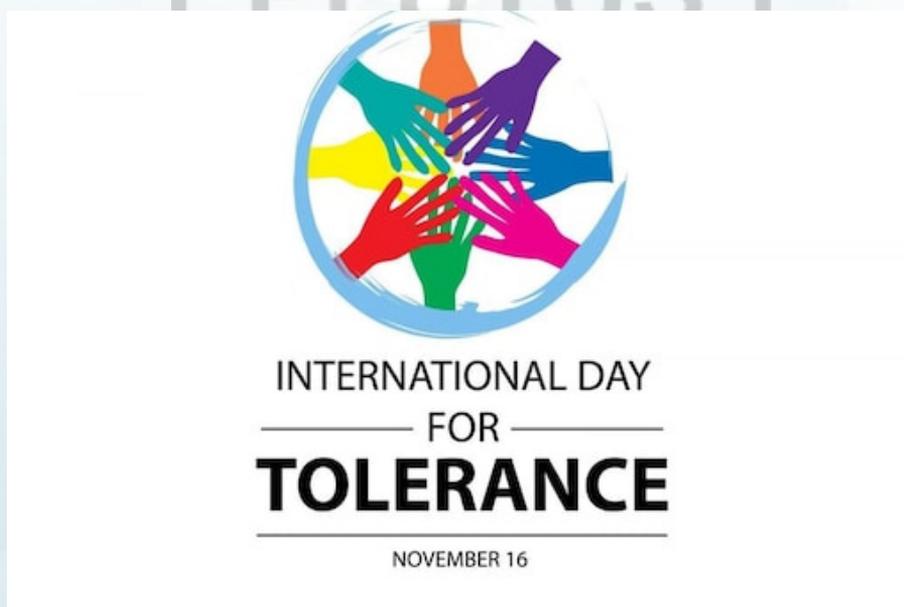
10. NATION CELEBRATES NATIONAL PRESS DAY TODAY

- Today is National Press Day. The day, observed on 16th of November every year, to commemorate a free and responsible press.
- It was on this day the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintains high standards and is not fettered by any influence or threats.

- Press Council of India has organized a seminar on “Who is Not Afraid of Media” to mark the occasion.



11. INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE 2021



- November 16 commemorates the International Day of Tolerance, every year.
- This is a UN declared day that aims at creating public awareness on the dangers of intolerance. What propelled the idea was the increasing need to ensure people are aware of the negativity that stems from intolerance.
- As a result, the UN General Assembly in order to promote tolerance as a staple of society amid general public and educational institutions came up with this.
- In 1995, the UN had declared a Year for Tolerance. The Declaration of Principles on Tolerance was formulated the same year by UNESCO on November 16.
- The UN decided to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi’s 125th birth anniversary that year by kickstarting the commemoration of International Tolerance Day in 1995.

Defence News

12. INDIA, THAILAND & SINGAPORE TO PARTICIPATE IN 3RD SITMEX TRILATERAL MARITIME EXERCISE



- The 3rd edition of the Singapore, India and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise (SITMEX – 21) commenced on Monday.
- The Trilateral Maritime Exercise will see the participation of indigenously built Missile Corvette Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk.
- The two-day exercise is being held in the Andaman Sea and is being hosted by the Royal Thai Navy (RTN).
- The SITMEX-21 is said to fortify the long-standing bond of friendship between the participating navies towards augmenting their overall maritime security.
- The maiden edition of SITMEX was hosted by IN off Port Blair in September 2019, which was a five-day exercise held at Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar
- Indian Navy's Ships Ranvir, a Missile Corvette, Sumedha, a Guided Missile Destroyer, Kora, and an offshore Patrol Vessel participated in the exercise.

Awards

13. INDIAN TEENAGE BROTHERS WIN 2021 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE FOR WASTE PROJECT.



- Two Delhi-based teenage brothers Vihaan (17) and Nav Agarwal (14) have won the 17th annual KidsRights International Children's Peace Prize for tackling pollution in their home city by recycling household waste.
- The duo received the prestigious award by Indian Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi.
- The International Children's Peace Prize is given annually by the International children's rights organization Kids Rights based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- It is given to a child who has made a significant contribution to advocating children's rights and improving the situation of vulnerable children

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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 VENKAI AH 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 Thawarchand 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 OM 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.'

Sports News

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 2023 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.

Banking News

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).
- HDFC Bank aims to raise 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

Index and Ranks

14. IQAIR AIR QUALITY INDEX

- 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).

US AQI Level		PM2.5 (µg/m³)		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.

Obituary

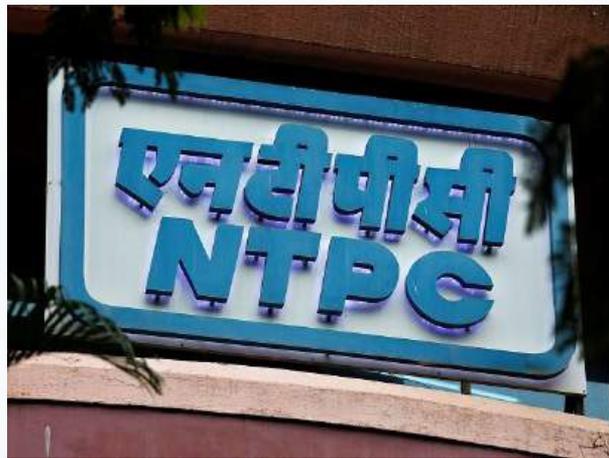
15. LEGENDARY AUTHOR WILBUR SMITH PASSES AWAY



- 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.

Business News

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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National News

1. JAL SHAKTI MINISTRY TO LAUNCH 'WATER HEROES' CONTEST FROM 1ST DECEMBER



जल शक्ति मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
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- This contest is aimed to encourage and collect best practices in water conservation and management from across the nation.
- It also aims to encourage such efforts across India to boost transformational action in the water sector.
- After the launch of the contest, entries would be invited for consideration of awards every month. A maximum of 10 entries can be considered for the awards.
- All selected entries will be awarded a cash prize of 10 thousand rupees each along with a certificate.
- To take part in the contest, the participants will have to post their success stories on water conservation and management by making a video having a duration between one to 5 minutes along with a write-up of up to 300 words.
- The participants can share their videos with the link of their YouTube video on the MyGov portal www.mygov.in

2. UNION MINISTER ANURAG THAKUR CONFERS FIRST-EVER SAI INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS TO 246 ATHLETES AND COACHES



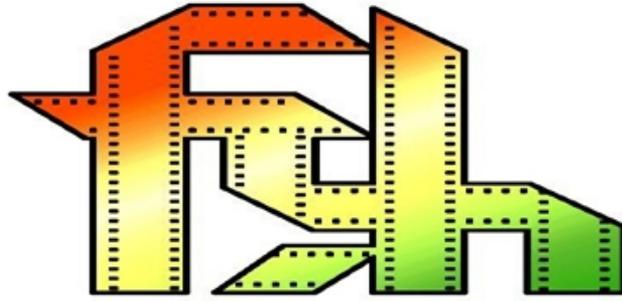
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur conferred the first ever Sports Authority of India's Institutional Awards to 246 athletes and coaches in New Delhi.
- A total of 162 athletes and 84 coaches have been conferred awards in the Outstanding Award and Best Award category for their performance in national and international competitions with cash awards.
- The awards acknowledge the exceptional performance of the SAI athletes and coaches under the various sports promotion schemes at the national and international level from 2016.

3. MIZORAM PAIRED WITH BIHAR UNDER EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT CAMPAIGN



- The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat campaign is a mantra that gives us inner strength towards binding people of different areas of the country with friendship and fraternity.
- Mizoram is paired with Bihar under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat campaign.
- Both states have apparently different cultures and languages too but many people from two states share a loving experience of cultural exchanges.

4. FILMS DIVISION TO PAY CINEMATIC TRIBUTE TO LALA LAJPAT RAI ON HIS 93TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY



- Films Division will pay a cinematic tribute to the doyen of Indian Independence movement, popularly known as Punjab Kesari on his 93th death anniversary today.
- Films Division will stream a 21-minute English biopic, “Lala Lajpat Rai” on its Website and YouTube channel.
- The biopic depicting the great activist’s life and his heroic relentless fight for India’s Independence, will stream for 24 hours today.
- This special screening will be a part of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’ celebration by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

5. UTTARAKHAND BUILDS ‘INDIA’S FIRST’ GRASS CONSERVATORY



- A grass conservatory spread across 2 acres and having 90 species of grass, which the Uttarakhand forest department claims to be the first of its kind in the country, was opened in Ranikhet, Almora District on Sunday for the public.
- This conservatory is funded under the Central Government’s CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) scheme and is developed by the research wing of the Uttarakhand Forest Department. To create awareness about the importance of grass species, promote their conservation, and facilitate research in the field.

6. WORLD BANK AND ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LAUNCHES 'WePOWER INDIA PARTNERSHIP FORUM'



- This important initiative was attended by 168 key energy sector stakeholders. The event was organized by the World Bank and Asian Development Bank in association with the India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF).
- The WePOWER India Partnership Forum was held through a virtual platform on November 9, 2021, to boost the South Asia Women in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER) in India.
- Initiated in 2019, WB in collaboration with ADB launched the WePOWER to promote gender equality in the Indian electricity sector.
- It is a network of 28 energy sector utilities and organizations. It also promotes normative change for women and girls in Science Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education.

7. INDIA'S FIRST FISHERIES BUSINESS INCUBATION CENTRE.



- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the country's first-of-its-kind, a dedicated business incubator to be known as LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC) in Haryana's Gurugram costing Rs. 3.23 crore to nurture fisheries start-ups under real market-led conditions.
- The incubator is known as LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC). It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala.

Sports News

8. JANETTE BRITTIN, MAHELA JAYAWARDENE AND SHAUN POLLOCK INDUCTED INTO ICC HALL OF FAME



- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced cricket legends Mahela Jayawardena (Sri Lanka), Shaun Pollock (SA), and Janette Brittin (England) were inducted into the hall of fame.
- The ICC Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history. 106 players have been inducted since its launch in 2009.
- Brittin, who died in 2017, was a mainstay of the England Test team for 19 years, helping pave the way for women's cricket from 1979 to 1998.
- ICC Deputy Chairman: Imran Khwaja
- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909

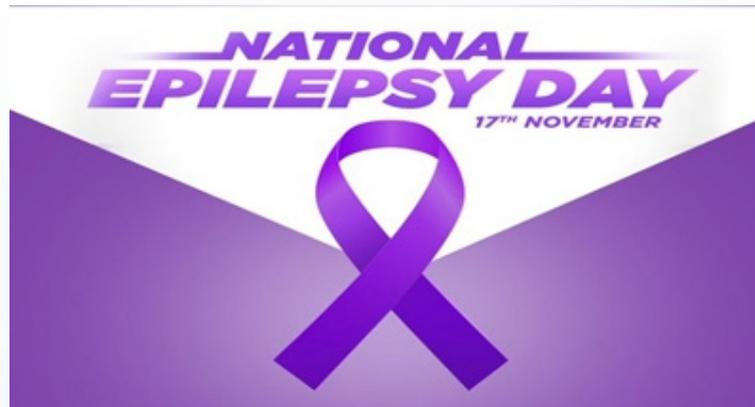
International Days

9. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY: 17 NOVEMBER



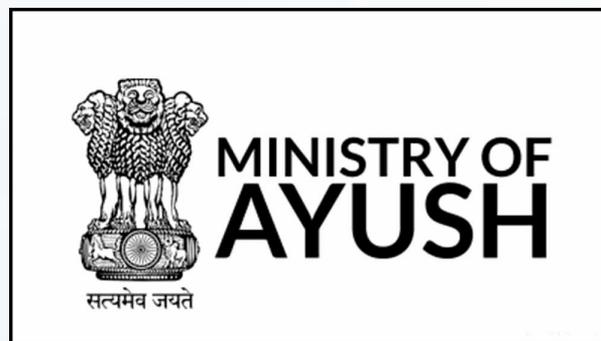
- The day is celebrated every year to focus on availing education for all students. The day aims to ensure that every student has access to education around the globe.
- This day was chosen to be commemorated as the International Students' Day due to the events that took place in Prague during World War-II.
- The mission for the day is to encourage students to think beyond traditional career opportunities, prepare for future careers and entrance into the workplace.

10. NATIONAL EPILEPSY DAY: 17 NOVEMBER



- Epilepsy is a chronic non-communicable disease of the brain that affects around 50 million people worldwide.
- It is characterized by recurrent seizures, which are brief episodes of involuntary movement that may involve a part of the body or the entire body and are sometimes accompanied by loss of consciousness and control of bowel or bladder function.
- Nearly 80 per cent of people with epilepsy live in low and middle-income countries.
- Therefore, it is significant to make people aware of the condition and reduce the number of affected people.

11. NATUROPATHY DAY: 18 NOVEMBER



- The National Naturopathy Day is observed in India on 18 November every year, to promote positive mental and physical health through a drugless system of medicine, called as Naturopathy.
- The day was declared by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India, on November 18, 2018.
- It was on this day in 1945, when Mahatma Gandhi became lifetime Chairman of the All India Nature Cure Foundation Trust.

- Minister of AYUSH: Sarbananda Sonowal
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of AYUSH: Munjapara Mahendrabhai.

Appointments

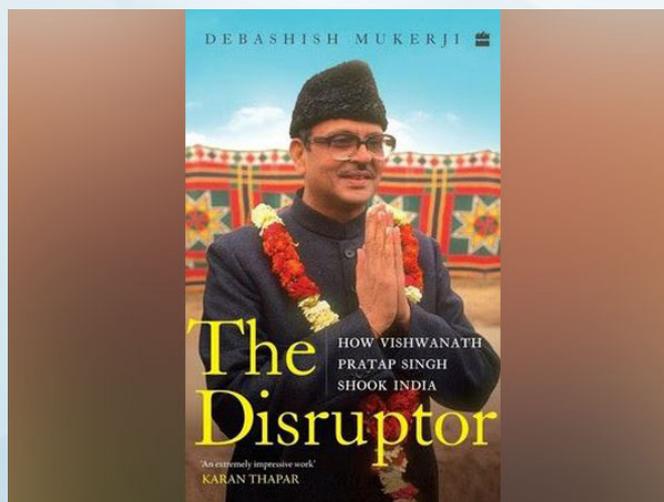
12. SOURAV GANGULY CHAIRMAN OF ICC MEN'S CRICKET COMMITTEE



- The President of BCCI, Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee, during the ICC Board Meeting. Ganguly will replace Anil Kumble who assumed the charge in 2012.
- Going forward the ICC Women's Committee will be known as the ICC Women's Cricket Committee and will assume all decision making the responsibility for women's cricket reporting directly to the CEC. Johnny Grave, CEO of Cricket West Indies has been appointed to the ICC Women's Cricket Committee.

Books and Authors

13. "THE DISRUPTOR: HOW VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH SHOOK INDIA": DEBASHISH MUKERJI



- HarperCollins India presents a richly detailed narrative of Vishwanath Pratap Singh's extraordinarily eventful life
- The book presents a detailed account on India's eighth Prime Minister (PM), Vishwanath Pratap Singh (V P Singh), who served as PM between December 1989 to November 1990.
- He also served as the Defence Minister of India & the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

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National News

1. GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO REPEAL ALL THREE FARM LAWS, SAYS PM MODI



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that the Government has decided to repeal all three farm laws. Addressing the Nation this morning, Mr Modi announced that the laws will be repealed in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament.
- He said, the three laws were for farmers' benefit but the Government couldn't convince a section of farmers despite best efforts.

2. RESEARCHERS AT IISC BENGALURU IDENTIFY BLOOD-BASED BIOMARKERS THAT CAN PREDICT DISEASE PROGRESSION IN BRAIN TUMOUR



- The researchers at the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru have analysed tumour and blood samples in persons with brain tumour.
- The study published in Onco Immunology has identified potential blood based biomarkers that can predict the disease progression in persons with brain tumour.
- The Assistant Professor in the Centre for Bio Systems Science and Engineering at the Institute Siddharth
- Jhunjhunwala says that their study suggests that the blood based biomarkers present in the immune cells can be used by the clinicians to understand the disease progression.

3. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES CELEBRATES 552ND GURU NANAK JAYANTI IN NEW DELHI



- National Commission for Minorities (NCM) today celebrated the 552nd Guru Nanak Jayanti in New Delhi on the eve of the auspicious occasion of his birth anniversary.
- On the occasion, NCM chairman Iqbal Singh Lalpura stressed on Guru Nanak Dev's teachings.
- He said, Guru Nanak Dev is respected as Vishwa Guru and his message was universal brotherhood.
- He said Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings enlighten us about how to lead life and enjoy life to the maximum.
- The Union Government set up the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.
- Six religious communities, viz; Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis) and Jains have been notified in Gazette of India as minority communities by the Union Government all over India.
- Original notification of 1993 was for five religious communities; Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis, Christians and Muslims, later in 2014, Jains community was also added.
- Minister responsible- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Ministry of Minority Affairs

4. UNION MINISTER NITYANAND RAI INAUGURATES FAMILY HOUSING COMPLEX OF CISF AT DWARKA

- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai today inaugurated the family housing complex of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at Dwarka, Delhi.
- Senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the CISF personnel and their families were also present on the occasion.

- In his address, Mr. Rai said, the Ministry of Home Affairs is engaged in a number of welfare efforts for the Central Police Forces.
- 768 new houses with major facilities have been constructed in the family residential complex for the members of CISF.



5. UNION MINISTER SARBANANDA SONOWAL ANNOUNCES REVISED MODEL CONCESSION AGREEMENT 2021 FOR PPP PROJECTS AT MAJOR PORTS



- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal today announced the revised Model Concession Agreement (MCA) - 2021 for Public Private Partnership, PPP projects at Major Ports.
- In a statement, he said, new MCA will be applicable to all the future PPP projects at major ports, as well as projects which are already approved by the Government but are still under the bidding stage.
- He said, at present, there are more than 80 PPP or landlord projects in the sector with investment of over 56 thousand crore rupees at various stages.
- Of these 53 projects of 40 thousand crore rupees are under operation, whereas 27 projects of more than 16 thousand crore rupees are at the implementation stage.

6. PM MODI LAUNCHED 'RATION AAPKE GRAM' SCHEME & 'SICKLE CELL MISSION' IN MP



- PM Modi launched a welfare scheme named 'Ration Aapke Gram' scheme & 'Sickle Cell Mission' of Madhya Pradesh.
- He also laid the foundation stone for the construction of 50 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools across India.
- The Indian Government decided to celebrate 15th November as the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' or 'Tribal Gaurav Diwas', every year starting from 2021. Modi referred to his long association with the tribal society.
- Madhya Pradesh Capital: Bhopal
- Madhya Pradesh Governor: Mangubhai C. Patel
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

7. INDIA'S FIRST FOOD MUSEUM OPENS IN THANJAVUR (T.N.)



- Union Minister, Piyush Goyal virtually launched India's first Digital Food Museum in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.
- It is a 1,860-sqft museum first of its kind co-developed by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museums, Bengaluru (Karnataka)

- This museum showcases the Indian food evolution from nomadic hunter-gatherers into settled agriculture producers.
- The measures of the government will make the country top the list of largest agricultural exporters in the world.
- The museum will showcase the history of people from being foragers to producers, the story of the first harvest, the rise of villages and the preparation of demand days

8. INDIA RE-ELECTED TO UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2021-25 TERM WITH 164 VOTES



- India on Wednesday was re-elected to the executive board of the UN's cultural and education organisation for the 2021-25 term with 164 votes.
- India was re-elected to Group IV of Asian and Pacific States which also include Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Cook Islands and China.
- UNESCO Executive Board consists of 58 member-states each with a four-year term of office.
- The executive board of the UN's cultural and educational organisation is one of three constitutional organs of the UN agency. The other two are the General Conference and the Secretariat.

9. UNWTO SELECTS POCHAMPALLY IN TELANGANA AS ONE OF THE BEST TOURISM VILLAGES



- Pochampally village in Telangana about 50 km from here has been selected as one of the best Tourism Villages by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), an official release from the office of Union Minister G Kishan Reddy.
- Congratulating the people of the village, Reddy, Union Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), said the prestigious award will be given on the occasion of the 24th session of the UNWTO General Assembly on December 2, 2021 in Madrid, Spain.
- Pochampally is often referred to as the silk city of India for the exquisite sarees that are woven through a unique style called Ikat.
- This style, Pochampally Ikat, received a Geographical Indicator (GI status) in 2004 and is also known as Bhoodan Pochampally to commemorate the Bhoodan movement that was launched by Acharya Vinobha Bhave from this village on April 18, 1951.

Books and Authors

10. VICE PRESIDENT RELEASES THE BOOK 'SRIMADRAMAYANAM' IN HYDERABAD



- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu today called upon youth to draw inspiration from Lord Rama's life in fulfilling their duty towards motherland.
- Releasing the book 'Srimadramayanam' written by Sasikiranacharya in Hyderabad this evening, the Vice President reflected on the life of Lord Rama and said as a ruler, Rama epitomized the highest qualities of leadership, good governance and observance of the rule of law.

Awards and Honours

11. INDIAN FILM PERSONALITY AWARD TO BE GIVEN TO HEMA MALINI & PRASOON JOSHI AT IFFI

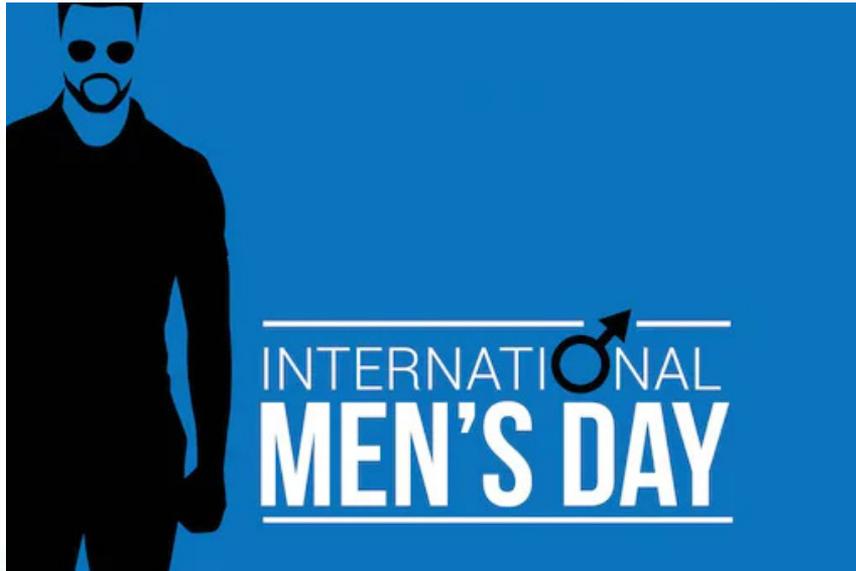


- Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has announced that the Indian Film Personality Award for the year 2021 will be given to Hema Malini and Prasoon Joshi.
- Mr. Thakur said, their contributions to the field of Indian cinema spread over decades and their work enthralled audiences across generations.
- Addressing a press conference in Shimla today, he said, Hema Malini and Prasoon Joshi are Indian cinematic icons who are admired and respected the world over.
- Hema Malini is an Indian actress, writer, director, producer, dancer and politician. She made her acting debut in 1963 with the Tamil film Idhu Sathiyam
- Prasoon Joshi is a poet, writer, lyricist, screenwriter and communication specialist and marketer. He published his first book of prose and poetry at the age of 17.
- Mr. Joshi entered Indian cinema as a lyricist in 2001 with Rajkumar Santoshi's Lajja. He received the National Film Award for Best Lyrics twice for his work in Taare Zameen Par and Chittagong.

Important Days

12. INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY 2021

- International Men's Day 2021: November 19 is International Men's Day (IMD).
- The day honours the positive contributions that men make to the world, their households, and their societies. The day also promotes positive role models and spreads awareness about men's wellness.
- There are six pillars of International Men's Day, and one of them focuses on improving gender relations and promoting gender equality for men and women alike. "Better relations between men and women" is the theme for IMD 2021.



13. WORLD TOILET DAY 2021: 19 NOVEMBER



- World Toilet Day 2021: World Toilet Day is observed all over the world on November 19 each year, to spread awareness about hygienic bathroom etiquettes and safe sanitary practices.
- Bathrooms are an ideal place for various germs to thrive in.
- The nether regions of our bodies contain a lot of bacteria. Our faces, for example, contain bacteria like Salmonella, Shigella and E.coli strains, as well as fungus and yeast.
- These germs are always present on the surfaces of our latrines and the bathroom floor.
- World Toilet Day 2021 theme: “valuing toilets”.
- World Toilet Organization Headquarters: Singapore.
- World Toilet Organization Founded: 19 November 2001

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National News

1. PM MODI TO INAUGURATE 'INFINITY FORUM' ON DECEMBER 3



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 'InFINITY Forum', a two -day thought leadership Forum on FinTech, on 3rd of December.
- The event is being hosted by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) under the aegis of Government of India in collaboration with GIFT City and Bloomberg in virtual mode.
- Indonesia, South Africa and the United Kingdom are partner countries in the first edition of the forum.
- InFINITY Forum is IFSCA's flagship financial technology and global thought leadership event where pressing problems, progressive ideas, innovative technologies from across the world gets discovered, discussed and developed into solutions.

2. FM SITHARAMAN TO LEAD SECRETARIES TEAM TO DISCUSS INDIA'S MAIDEN IFSC AT GIFT CITY, GANDHINAGAR



- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will lead a team of Secretaries to discuss matters of development and growth of India's maiden International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar today.

- The discussions will focus on the role of GIFT-IFSC as a gateway to global financial services for Indian corporates within India, attracting global financial business to India and growth as Fintech global hub.
- Ms. Sitharaman will also be visiting key infrastructure facilities at GIFT City and interacting with various stakeholders and entities having a presence in the IFSC.
- The visit underlines the commitment of the Centre towards developing GIFT-IFSC as India's premier financial services centre and dominant gateway for global financial flows into and out of India.

3. WORLD'S MOST SOPHISTICATED MRI FACILITY LAUNCHED AT NATIONAL BRAIN RESEARCH CENTRE IN MANESAR HARYANA



- Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh on Friday launched first of its kind, latest, world's most sophisticated MRI facility at the National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), Manesar in Haryana.
- It is India's premier institute dedicated to Neuroscience Research and Education.
- On the occasion, the Minister said, with this facility, India embarks on new frontiers of human Neuroscience with a unique and powerful 3-T MRI platform of outstanding performance.
- He informed that MRI Scanner Prisma from Siemens, Germany, is being used by several international initiatives, like Brain initiative of USA, the European human brain project.
- Dr Singh said, this new facility can run intense scanning modalities very fast, which reduces the scanning time for patients by almost a quarter from earlier-generation machines.

4. BASANT GARH POLICE STATION IN UDHAMPUR AS 'ONE AMONG 10 BEST POLICE STATIONS' IN COUNTRY

- In a great achievement for the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs yesterday adjudged Basant Garh Police Station in Udhampur district of Jammu division as 'one among 10 Best Police Stations' in the country in the Annual Ranking of Police Stations for the year 2021.
- Our correspondent reports that as per an assessment by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Sadar Bazar Police Station of North Delhi tops the list of best-performing Police Stations while Basant Ghar Police Station of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir bagged 9th rank in the list.
- The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) had conducted a Performance Measurement system for grading the Police Stations.

4. THE RANK HOLDERS	
1	Sadar Bazar PS, North District, Delhi
2	Gangapur PS, Ganjam, Odisha
3	Bhattu Kalan PS, Fatehabad, Haryana
4	Valpoi PS, North Goa, Goa
5	Manvi PS, Raichur, Karnataka
6	Kadmat Island PS, Lakshadweep
7	Shirala PS, Sangli, Maharashtra
8	Thottiyam PS, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
9	Basantgarh PS, Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir
10	Rampur Chauram PS, Arwal, Bihar

5. NOIDA'S FIRST ANTI-SMOG TOWER ALONG DND FLYWAY BECOMES OPERATIONAL



- The first anti-smog tower along the Delhi-Noida-Direct (DND) Flyway near Film City in Noida became operational
- Air pollution has reached toxic levels and filtration of the polluted air is the need of the hour, said Noida authority officials. Noida recorded an Air Quality Index reading of 345, in the “very poor”
- The Air Pollution Control Tower (APCT) prototype has been developed by state-run Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (Bhel).
- Mahendra Nath Pandey, Union minister for heavy industries, Krishan Pal Gurjar, Union minister for state for power and heavy industries, local MP Dr Mahesh Sharma, Noida MLA Pankaj Singh, and other officials were present at the launch of this tower.
- UP Capital: Lucknow
- UP Governor: Anandiben Patel
- UP Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath

Banking News

6. ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL TO PM PROJECTS GROWTH RATE OF 7% TO 7.5% IN 2022-23



- Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has projected a real rate of growth of 7 to 7.5 per cent and a nominal rate of growth of more than 11 per cent in 2022-23.
- Members of the EAC-PM has expressed optimism about real and nominal growth prospects in 2022-23 in a meeting held in New Delhi today.
- Members felt that contact intensive sectors and construction should recover in 2022-23 and once capacity utilization improves, private investments should also recover

Important Days

7. WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 2021: 20 NOVEMBER



- World Children's Day is observed annually on November 20 to commemorate the day of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child by the UN General Assembly on the same day in 1959.

- The day is celebrated globally to promote the rights of children besides improving their standard of living.
- It also promotes international togetherness and raises awareness among children to improve their welfare.
- World Children's Day 2021 Theme: A Better Future for Every Child

Defence News

8. PM MODI HANDS OVER LIGHT COMBAT HELICOPTERS TO IAF CHIEF



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday handed over the indigenously built light combat helicopters (LCH), developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, to the Indian Air Force chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari.
- He also handed over indigenously developed drones and UAVs during the 'Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv' in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi to the Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Headquarters: Bengaluru
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Founded: 23 December 1940, Bengaluru.

Sports News

9. BWF GIVES PADUKONE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- Indian badminton legend Prakash Padukone has been selected for the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021 by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council.
- The former world no 1 has already been honoured with the Badminton Association of India's (BAI) Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.
- Badminton World Federation President: Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen
- Badminton World Federation Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Books and Authors

10. SMRITI IRANI TURNS AUTHOR WITH DEBUT NOVEL 'LAL SALAAM'



- The novel, inspired by the tragic killings of 76 CRPF personnel in Dantewada in April 2010, is a tribute to the exceptional men and women who have given a lifetime of service to the country, especially in confronting the challenges in the red corridor.
- It will hit the stands on 29 November.
- 'Lal Salaam' is the story of a young officer, Vikram Pratap Singh, and of the challenges he faces against a system that is steeped in backroom politics and corruption.

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