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SEPTEMBER 2021

National News

1. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTRY TO CELEBRATE WEEK-LONG AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV FROM TODAY



- Department of Commerce will observe the 'Vanijya Saptah' beginning today.
- A slew of programmes and events are being organized across the country highlighting Aatmanirbhar Bharat, showcasing India as a rising economic force and green and Swachh SEZs.
- Handholding sessions are being organised focusing on 'From Farm to Foreign Lands' and exporter conclaves, 'Vanijya Utsav', covering all 739 districts of the country.
- During the Vanijya Utsav to be held on 24th and 26th September, exporter conclaves will be held in more than 700 districts.
- Another major campaign of the 'Vanijya Saptah' will be the 35 Export Promotion events being organized on 21st and 22nd September by all the 14 Export Promotion Councils showcasing India as a Rising Economic Force.
- Ministry of Commerce, Textiles and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution also Leader of Rajya sabha - Piyush Goyal(Member of Parlaiment, Rajya sabha, Maharashtra)

2. HM AMIT SHAH RELEASES 5 LAKH GAS CONNECTIONS FOR POOR FAMILIES OF MADHYA PRADESH.

- Mr. Shah was addressing the inauguration program of the second phase of Ujjwala Yojana in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- He released 5 lakh gas connections for the poor families of Madhya Pradesh and also symbolically provided free gas connections to 5 women.



- Ujjwala 2.0 scheme aims to cover 10 million more beneficiaries in the second phase of the scheme.
- Under Ujjwala 2.0, migrant workers can avail a free cooking gas connection on the basis of a self-declaration without any need for documents like address proof.
- Ujjwala 2.0 aims to provide deposit-free LPG connections to low-income families who could not be covered under the first phase of PMUY.
- Amit Shah - Home minister of India and Ministry of Co-Operation

3. CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI TO TAKE OATH TODAY, TWO DEPUTY CMS LIKELY TO BE NAMED.

- He is a member of the Indian National Congress. He was previously Minister of Technical Education and Training under Amarinder Singh and leader of the opposition in the Punjab Legislative Assembly.
- After a long spell of infighting in Punjab Congress, the party high command Saturday asked Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh to step down from his post. This comes after Navjot Singh Sidhu, Amarinder's bete noire, was appointed state Congress unit chief.
- Charanjit Singh Channi - MLA From Chamkaur sahib
- Governor of Punjab - Banwarilal Purohit



4. AGRICULTURE MINISTER NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR PARTICIPATES IN G-20 AGRICULTURE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

- Agriculture Ministerial meeting organized by Italy, which holds the Presidency of G20.
- Mr Tomar said, agricultural research has played an important role in tackling the problem of food security, improving the income of farmers and agriculturists and sustainable use of natural resources for the subsistence of the people
- He said, today, with an annual production of 308 million tonnes of food grains, India is not only in the realm of food security but is also catering to needs of other countries.



- The Agriculture Minister explained that by the year 2030-31, India's population is likely to exceed 150 crores, for which the demand for food grains is then estimated to be around 350 million tonnes.
- Narendrasingh Tomar- Minister of Agriculture(MP, Lok sabha, Morena, Madhya pradesh)
- G20 Members- 20
- G20 chairman- Mario Draghi(Italy) also PM of Italy

5. MORE THAN ONE CRORE PEOPLE REGISTER ON E-SHRAM PORTAL SO FAR



- Registration of unorganized workers has picked pace across the country, and more than one crore people have registered on the e-shram portal.
- As of today, over 1 crore 3 lakh 12 thousand workers have registered in the portal.
- Of these, around 43 percent of the beneficiaries are female and 57 percent are male.
- As per the latest data, Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are at the forefront of this initiative with the highest number of registrations.
- The largest number of workers registered are from agriculture and construction, given the sheer volume of these two sectors in employment generation in India.
- Ministry of Labour & Employment has launched e-Shram Portal to link Unorganised Workers with social security schemes being implemented by the Central and State Governments.

- Minister for Labour and Employment, Bhupender Yadav has launched the portal where 38 crore Unorganised Workers can register themselves and in turn benefit from various social security schemes.
- Minister of Labour and Employment and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change- Bhupendra Yadav (Member of Rajya sabha, Rajasthan)

6. AYUSH MINISTER SARBANANDA SONOWAL EMPHASIZES ON PROMOTION OF AYUSH AAHAR IN COUNTRY.

- Ministry promote Ayush Aahar throughout the country as it will also help saving the youth from the ills of junk food.



- It is noteworthy that the Ministry of Ayush is promoting Ayush based diet and lifestyle and is working in convergence with the Ministry of Women and Child Development in the Poshan Abhiyan to realize the ultimate goal of Suposhit Bharat.
- During the visit the Minister also released the book titled Quality and Safety of select Rasakalpa – Metal and Mineral based Ayurvedic Formulations, Volume:6.
- Sarbananda Sonowal Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Minister of AYUSH (MP From Lok sabha Lakhimpur)

7. MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE LAUNCHES EK PAHAL DRIVE ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO ENCOURAGE MASS REGISTRATION UNDER TELE-LAW

- As the nation celebrates “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”, Department of Justice launched the “Ek Pahal /,₹ पहल” drive across the country from 17th September till 2nd October to encourage mass registration under Tele-Law.
- The medium of Tele Law effectively provides pre-litigation advice / consultation to beneficiaries by Panel Lawyers through a huge network covering 51,434 Common Service Centres in 50,000 Gram Panchayats in 633 districts across 34 States and UTs.
- Tele-Law means the use of communications and information technology for the delivery of legal information and advice.



- Department of Justice has partnered with NALSA and CSC e-Governance Service India Limited for mainstreaming legal aid to the marginalized communities through Common Services Center (CSC).
- Ministry of Law- Kiren Rijiju(MP from Lok Sabha, Arunachal west)

8. INDIA'S 61ST SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARK CENTRE OPENED IN NAGALAND

- Nagaland's first and India's 61st Software Technology Park of India (STPI) centre was on Friday inaugurated at the state capital by Union Minister of State (MoS) for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar at the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication (DITC).
- Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) is a science and technology organisation established in 1991 by the Indian Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology with the objective of encouraging, promoting and boosting the export of software from India.
- Director General of Software Technology Park of India Omkar Rai
- Ashwini Vaishnav- Ministry of Electronics and Information and Technology, Ministry of Railways. (MP of Rajya Sabha from Odisha)



9. MANIPUR'S SIRARAKHONG CHILLI, TAMENGLONG ORANGE GET GI TAG



- Manipur's Tamenglong orange, a species of the mandarin family, and a unique fruit crop found in the state, along with Hathei, a special chilli variety, have acquired the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The GI status is an indication that identifies goods as produced from a particular area which has special quality attributable to its geographical origin.
- Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA) applied for GI tags for Tamenglong orange and Sirarakhong Hathei chilli in 2019. MOMA's project director K Debductta Sharma said the GI certificates will be issued shortly.
- Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh
- Governor: La. Ganesan.

Sports News

10. PANKAJ ADVANI WINS ASIAN SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP 2021.



- Defending champion Pankaj Advani of India reached the final of 36th Asian Snooker Championship on Thursday morning after subduing from Cheung Ka Wai of Hong Kong
- Yasin Merchant (1989, 2001), Alok Kumar (2004), Aditya Mehta (2012) were the other Indians who won the championship.

Book Release

11. RAJNATH AND PURI RELEASED BOOK “SHINING SIKH YOUTH OF INDIA”

- To commemorate 400th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib 10th ninth Guru of Sikhs book Titled “Shining Sikh Youth of India “ was authored by Dr Prabhleen Singh Administrative officer of Punjabi University Patiala was jointly released by Rajnath Singh Defence Minister of India and Hardeep Singh Puri Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister of India at DRDO Bhawan.
- Dr Prabhleen Singh has earlier written two books prominent six of India which was released by Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu and was published by Punjab University Chandigarh and second book prominent six of USA was release date Parliament of USA jointly by 15 congressmen three senators and Lieutenant governor of California.



Military exercise

12. INDO-NEPAL JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE SURYA KIRAN-XV TO BEGIN AT PITHORAGARH.



- 14-day 'Surya-Kiran 15' begins in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh
- The previous edition of the Exercise Surya Kiran was conducted in Nepal in 2019. The exercise was called off in 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The Indian Army and Nepali Army would share their experiences of various counter-insurgency operations, and familiarise themselves with each other's weapons, equipment, tactics, techniques and procedures of operating in a counter-insurgency environment in mountainous terrain

By Sameer Singhal

National News

1. CENTRE SIGNS MODEL MoU WITH CSC E-GOVERNANCE SERVICES INDIA LIMITED.

- Department of Food and Public Distribution under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has entered into a model MoU with CSC e-Governance Services India Limited to increase the business opportunities and income of Fair Price Shops by way of delivery of CSC services through interested Fair Price Shop dealers.



- The MoU was signed by Deputy Secretary Public Distribution Jyotsna Gupta and Vice President, CSC Sarthik Sachdeva in the presence of Secretary Food and Public Distribution Sudhanshu Pandey and Managing Director of CSC Dinesh Kumar Tyagi
- Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Minister of Textiles- Piyush Goyal (MP from Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra, Leader of Rajya Sabha)

2. SARBANANDA SONOWAL VIRTUALLY FLAGS OFF DWARF CONTAINER TRAIN SERVICE FROM JNPT



- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal today virtually flagged-off the dwarf container train service from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT).
- With this, the first consignment of laden Dwarf containers from Dwarf container depot (DCD) at the port was moved by train to ICD Kanpur.
- Furthermore, the 'Dwarf' containers provide a 67 percent increase in volume when double-stacked and can carry a weight of 71 tons, against 40 tons by an ISO container.
- The 'Dwarf Containers' are lesser in height by 660 mm than normal ISO containers, giving them a logistical edge. The Low height of dwarf container loaded on trailers can pass through rural, semi urban and urban roads, through limited height subways and level crossing in electrified sections.

3. NCW LAUNCHES CAPACITY BUILDING, PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

- National Commission for Women, NCW has launched a country-wide capacity building and personality development program for women Undergraduate and Post graduate students.
- The Commission is collaborating with Central and State universities for organizing sessions on Personal Capacity Building, Professional Career Skills and Digital Literacy and effective use of social media to prep women students for entering the job market
- NCW launched its first program in collaboration with the Central University of Haryana.



- NCW Chairperson, Rekha Sharma
- NCW Formed- 1992
- NCW H.Q.- New Delhi.

4. INDIA'S FIRST INDIGENOUS LUXURY CRUISE LINER TO BE LAUNCHED BY IRCTC



- The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will launch the country's first indigenous cruise liner from Saturday, in partnership with Cordelia Cruises – a private company.
- The luxury travel offering in the form of the indigenous cruise will take guests on-boards to some of the most popular Indian and international tourist destinations – such as Goa, Diu, Kochi, the Lakshadweep islands, and Sri Lanka.

Sports News

5. NATIONAL OPEN ATHLETICS: HARMILAN KAUR BAINS SETS NATIONAL RECORD IN 1500M

- Punjab's Harmilan Kaur Bains stole the thunder from the sprinters by breaking Sunita Rani's long-standing national record in the 1,500 metres on the second day of the 60th National Open Athletics Championships in the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Hanamkonda in Telangana
- 23-year-old athlete has passed the 19-year-old record held by Sunita Rani in 1500m at the 2002 Asian Games in Busan by clocking 4:06.03 Completing race in 4:05.39



Science and Technology

6. NITI AAYOG IN TIE-UP WITH ISRO, CBSE LAUNCH 'SPACE CHALLENGE' FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS



- Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission(AIM) in collaboration with ISRO and CBSE has launched 'Space Challenge' for school students across India.
- This challenge has been designed for all the school students, mentors and teachers across the country who not only are associated with schools having Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) labs but for all the non-ATL schools as well.
- This is to ensure that students of classes 6 to 12 are given an open platform where they can innovate and enable themselves to solve digital age space technology problems
- The ATL Space Challenge 2021 aligns with the World Space Week 2021 which is being observed from October 4-10 each year
- AIM Mission Director Chintan Vaishnav said the aim of this challenge is to enable innovation among young school students to create something in space sector.
- Director Capacity Building Programme Office (ISRO) Sudhir Kumar
- CBSE Chairman Manoj Ahuja

BANKING NEWS

7. HDFC BANK, PAYTM TO LAUNCH CO-BRANDED CREDIT CARDS

- HDFC Bank will partner with payment company Paytm to launch co-branded credit cards powered by Visa
- With the Paytm partnership, HDFC Bank seeks to gain lost share in the credit card segment.



- The Reserve Bank of India had banned India's largest private bank from issuing new credit cards as a penalty for its outages. It lifted the ban in August after more than eight months.
- Paytm has a reach of over 330 million consumers. The tie-up will enable a deeper reach for the bank in Tier II and Tier III markets.
- Paytm HQ: Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Paytm Founder & CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD and CEO of HDFC Bank: Sashidhar Jagdishan

INTERNATIONAL DAY

8. 21 SEPTEMBER :INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

- The International Day of Peace, sometimes officially known as World Peace Day, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed annually on 21 September.
- It is dedicated to world peace, and specifically the absence of war and violence, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone for humanitarian aid access.
- The day was first celebrated in 1981 and is kept by many nations, political groups, military groups, and people.
- And in 2001 21 september was Declared officially as IPD.
- The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is "Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World."
- International Day of Non-Violence- 2nd October(Started in 2007)



International News

9. IRAN'S MEMBERSHIP OF SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANISATION



- Iran's bid to become a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was approved after almost 15 years by the bloc's seven permanent members on Friday.
- After the technical and legal process concludes – which could take up to two years – Iran will formally join a group that accounts for about one-third of the world's land and exports trillions of dollars annually
- SCO Permanent members-India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
- SCO Headquarters- Beijing, China
- SCO Secretary-General- Vladimir Norov
- SCO Founded- 15 June 2001

10. WORLD BANK'S CALL TO DISCONTINUE 'DOING BUSINESS REPORT'

- The World Bank's decision to discontinue 'Doing Business Report'
- decision was taken by the Board of Executive Directors, World Bank Group management after data irregularities on Doing Business 2018 and 2020 were reported.
- Irked Pakistan as it was confident that the country would make a leap in the next report to improve the current ranking of 108th
- World Bank Headquarters- Washington, D.C., United States.
- World Bank Formation- July 1944.



- World Bank President- David Malpass.

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11. INDIA CLIMBS TO 46TH SPOT IN GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX-2021 RANKINGS



- India has climbed two spots and has been ranked 46th by the World Intellectual Property Organization in the Global Innovation Index 2021 rankings.

- India has been on a rising trajectory, over the past several years in the Global Innovation Index, from a rank of 81 in 2015 to 46 in 2021
- The Scientific Departments like the Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Science and Technology, the Department of Biotechnology and the Department of Space have played a pivotal role in enriching the National Innovation Ecosystem.
- Headquarter- Geneva, Switzerland
- Membership- 193 member states
- Daren Tang- Director General
- Formation- 14 July 1967

12. HEALTH MINISTER MANSUKH MANDAVIYA RELEASES FSSAI'S 3RD STATE FOOD SAFETY INDEX



- In an effort to galvanize States to work towards ensuring safe food for citizens Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya released Food Safety Index to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.
- Gujarat was the top ranking state, followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- Among the smaller states, Goa stood first followed by Meghalaya and Manipur. Among UTs, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and New Delhi secured top ranks.
- Mr Mandaviya also flagged off 19 Mobile Food Testing Vans Food Safety on Wheels to supplement the food safety ecosystem across the country taking the total number of such mobile testing vans to 109.

Awards

13. PRESIDENT KOVIND CONFERS NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AWARD 2020

- President Ram Nath Kovind today conferred the National Florence Nightingale Award 2020 to Deputy Director General of Military Nursing Service Brig S V Saraswati.
- Brig Saraswati as a renowned operation theatre nurse, has assisted in more than 3,000 lifesaving and emergency surgeries and has trained residents, operation room nursing trainees and auxiliary staff in her career.



Obituary

14. RENOWNED ASTROPHYSICIST THANU PADMANABHAN PASSES AWAY

- Padma Shri awardee collapsed after suffering a massive heart attack at his Pune residence
- He was a distinguished professor at the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA).
- He had authored over 300 research papers and several books, with important contributions in areas of gravitation, quantum gravity, and structure and formation of the universe.



National News

1. INDIA NOW HAS 10 INTERNATIONAL BLUE FLAG BEACHES: ENVIRONMENT MINISTER BHUPENDER YADAV

- Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav today announced that India now has 10 International Blue Flag beaches with the addition of Kovalam and Eden beaches this year and recertification for 8 beaches which got the tag last year.
- The Blue Flag is a certification by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) that a beach, marina, or sustainable boating tourism operator meets its standards.
- FEE's Blue Flag criteria include standards for quality, safety, environmental education and information, the provision of services and general environmental management criteria.
- The Blue Flag is sought for beaches, marinas, and sustainable boating tourism operators as an indication of their high environmental and quality standards.



- Foundation of Environmental Education- 1981
- HQ- Copenhagen, Denmark

2. UTTAR PRADESH GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH ELECTRONIC PARK

- The electronic park being set up by the UP government along the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) is expected to attract an investment of Rs 50,000 crore and will provide employment to thousands of local youths, YEIDA CEO Dr Arun Veer Singh.
- The park is likely to be developed on 250acre either in Sector 14 or Sector 10 of YEIDA near the upcoming Jewar Airport,”
- Electronics and IT Minister, Railway Minister- Ashwini Vaishnaw (MP From Rajya Sabha, Odisha)



3. EDUCATION MINISTRY FORMS NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS

- The Ministry of Education has formed the National Steering Committee for the development of National Curriculum Frameworks. The committee will be chaired by:
 - Former ISRO Chairman Dr K Kasturirangan
 - Chancellor of National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration Mahesh Chandra Pant
 - Chairman of National Book Trust Govind Prasad Sharma
 - Vice-Chancellor of the Jamia Millia Islamia University Najma Akhtar
 - First Vice-Chancellor of Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh T V Kattimani
 - Guest professor at IIT Gandhinagar and Indian author of French origin Michel Danino



- American mathematician of Indian origin Manjul Bhargava
- Are part of the 12 member committee.
- The Committee will finalise National Curriculum Frameworks after incorporating suggestions received from various stakeholders, states and UTs and also in the meetings of Executive Committee and General Body of the NCERT and Central Advisory Board on Education.
- Tenure of the National Steering Committee will be three years
- Education Minister and Minister of skill development and Entrepreneurship- Dharmendra prasad

4. VANIJYA UTSAV' BEING OBSERVED ACROSS COUNTRY

- A two-day Vanijya Utsav is being held across the country as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations to mark the 75th year of India's Independence.
- A slew of programmes and events are being organized highlighting Aatmanirbhar Bharat, showcasing India as a rising economic force and green and Swachh Special Economic Zones.
- Handholding sessions are being organised focusing on 'From Farm to Foreign Lands' and exporter conclaves, 'Vanijya Utsav', covering all 739 districts of the country.
- Minister of Commerce and Industry- Piyush Goyal



Appointment

5. FACEBOOK INDIA APPOINTS FORMER UBER EXECUTIVE RAJIV AGGARWAL AS HEAD OF PUBLIC POLICY



- Social media giant Facebook on Monday announced the appointment of former Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer, Rajiv Aggarwal as the director of public policy
- Aggarwal will be responsible for defining and leading policy development initiatives around user safety, data protection and privacy, inclusion and internet governance, for Facebook in India.
- He will be reporting directly to the vice president and managing director of Facebook India, Ajit Mohan

6. AIR MARSHAL VR CHAUDHARI TO BE NEXT CHIEF OF INDIAN AIR FORCE

- Government has decided to appoint Air Marshal V R Chaudhari, presently Vice Chief of Air Staff, as the next Chief of the Indian Air Force.
- He will assume charge after the retirement of Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria on 30th September 2021.
- Air Marshal Chaudhari is decorated with Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vayu Sena Medal.



International News

7. JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S LIBERAL PARTY NARROWLY WINS CANADA ELECTIONS BUT FALLS SHORT OF MAJORITY

- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party has narrowly won parliamentary elections, but it failed to secure a majority.

- This is Mr Trudeau's third federal election win.
- The Liberals are projected to win 158 seats, short of the 170 seats needed for the majority Mr Trudeau was seeking with his early election call.
- Hours after the results came in, Mr. Trudeau greeted the people. He told supporters in Montreal, you elected a government that will fight for you and deliver for you.
- Canada Capital- Ottawa
- Canada Currency- Canadian Dollar



8. CISF WOMAN SCALES MT KILIMANJARO, BECOMES 'FASTEST INDIAN' O SUMMIT 2 PEAKS



- CISF official Geeta Samota successfully scaled Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. With this, the 31-year-old became the "fastest Indian" to summit two peaks located in Africa and Russia
- Mt Elbrus (5,642 mts) is in Russia, the Kilimanjaro peak (5,895 mts) is located in Tanzania and is Africa's highest peak

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9. INDIA WILL BE 3RD LARGEST IMPORTER BY 2050: UK REPORT

- India is poised to become the world's third-largest importer by 2050 with a 5.9% share of global imports, following China and the United States (US), according to a new report by the UK'S Department of International Trade.
- Currently, India is on the eighth spot on the list of largest importing countries with a 2.8% share.
- The country will jump to the fourth position by 2030 with a 3.9% share, according to the report titled 'Global Trade Outlook'.

Upward trajectory

India is ranked eighth among largest importing nations with a 2.8% global import share and is set to become the fourth largest importer by 2030.

Rank	2019	2030	2050
1	 United States	China	China
2	 China	United States	United States
3	 Germany	Germany	India
4	 France	India	Germany
5	 UK	UK	UK
6	 Japan	Japan	France
7	 Netherlands	France	Netherlands
8	 India	Netherlands	Japan
9	 Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
10	 South Korea	Canada	Vietnam

Source: UK Global Trade Outlook

- Department for International Trade- Formed 14 July 2016
- HQ- London.

Naval Exercise

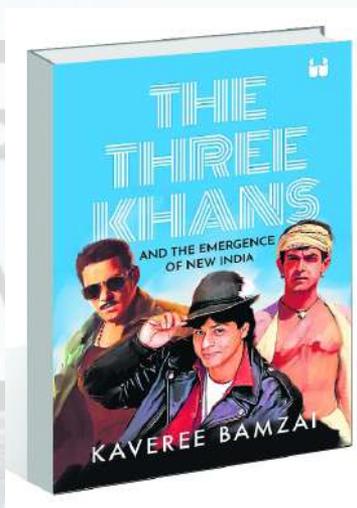
10. INDIAN & INDONESIAN NAVAL EXERCISE 3RD EDITION OF 'SAMUDRA SHAKTI'



- The Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy are taking part in a bilateral maritime exercise, known as 'Samudra Shakti'.
- The two-day exercise is being held near to Sunda Strait from 20 to 22 September.
- Third edition of Samudra Shakti, which aims to strengthen maritime cooperation between the two navies.
- The Indian Navy's multi-role guided missile stealth frigate INS Shivalik and anti-submarine corvette INS Kadmat are representing the service in the exercise.

Book Launch

11. KAVEREE BAMZAI'S BOOK 'THE THREE KHANS: AND THE EMERGENCE OF NEW INDIA'



- In the book, senior journalist, Kaveree Bamzai has juxtaposed the careers of the 3 Khans, Aamir, Shah Rukh, & Salman, with the most tumultuous times in the history of the republic.
- Art often responds to social and political dimensions, & in a country short of role models, film stars often play double roles.

International Day

12. WORLD RHINO DAY- 22 SEPTEMBER

- This special day provides the opportunity for cause-related organizations, NGOs, zoos, and members of the public to Protect all the five existing species of Rhinoceros, which are: Black Rhino, White Rhino, Greater one-horned Rhino, Sumatran Rhino and Javan Rhinos.
- World Rhino Day was first announced by World Wildlife Fund-South Africa in 2010 and is being observed internationally since 2011.



National News

1. LADAKH HIGHER EDUCATION DEPT & CONSORTIUM OF IIT DELHI, BOMBAY AND KANPUR SIGN EOI IN LEH



- Ladakh Higher Education Department (DoHE) and the consortium of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, Bombay and Kanpur have signed an Expression of Interest (EoI), in Leh in the presence of Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur.
- The partnership shall focus on providing innovation and entrepreneurship opportunities focused on Ladakh's ecosystem, skill development for enhancing employability, quality of education for increasing higher education opportunities and setting up of a quality engineering institution in Ladakh.
- Ladakh Higher Education Secretary Ms Padma Angmo has signed expression of interest for UT Ladakh.

2. ANURAG THAKUR TO INAUGURATE FIVE DAY HIMALAYAN FILM FESTIVAL AT LEH ON SEPTEMBER 24



- Information and Broadcasting Minister, Anurag Thakur will inaugurate a five day Himalayan Film Festival at Leh, Ladakh on 24th of this month.
- The inaugural of this first festival will witness the presence of makers and cast of the super hit movie Shershaah, including Director Vishnuvardhan and the lead actor Siddharth Malhotra.
- The festival will comprise of various segments to enthrall the audience and film buffs. They include the screening of popular films. workshops, master classes, in-conversation sessions and competition sections.

3. DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING SIGNS MOU WITH BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION



- Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying on Wednesday signed Memorandum of Understanding with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support India's livestock sector.
- Both will work together on sustainably improving India's livestock sector to support the nation's food and nutritional security, and protect the economic wellbeing of small-scale livestock producers.
- Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala said, government is committed to monitor and significantly improve animal health and production in the country.
- Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala (MP Rajya Sabha, Gujarat)

4. ASSAM SET UP A TEA PARK AT KAMRUP DISTRICT'S CHHAYGAON

- This tea garden will have rail and port connectivity, cargo and warehouse amenities, processing facilities like tea grinding, blending, packaging and other utility services under one roof.
- To boost the tea production in Assam, the state government will be setting up a Tea Park at Chayygaon in the Kamrup district of the state.
- Chandra Mohan Patowary - Minister of Transport, Parliamentary Affairs, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Industry and Commerce in Government of Assam
- Assam Governor: Jagdish Mukhi;
- Assam Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma.



Banking News

5. OECD MARGINALLY LOWERED INDIA'S FY22 GROWTH PROJECTION TO 9.7%



- India's growth projection for the ongoing fiscal to 9.7%, a reduction of 20 basis points (bps), and to 7.9% for the next financial year, down 30 bps from its May forecast
- According to OECD data, India is the worst hit among major economies, with its real GDP in the June quarter 15% lower than the pre-pandemic forecast and around 7% lower than the December quarter.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Headquarters: Paris, France
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Founded: 30 September 1961.

6. ADB CUTS INDIA GROWTH FORECAST TO 10%, SEES FASTER INFLATION AT 5.5%



- The Asian Development Bank has cut its forecast for India's GDP growth in 2021-22 to 10%, from 11% projected earlier.
- ADB's April forecast for 11% growth, the Bank expects the economy to 'rebound strongly in the remaining three quarters and grow by 10% in the full fiscal year before moderating to 7.5%' in 2022-23.
- President of ADB: Masatsugu Asakawa
- Headquarters: Manila, Philippines.

International Days

7. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGES: 23 SEPTEMBER

- International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is celebrated annually across the world on 23 September every year along with International Week of the Deaf.
- The theme for the 2021 International Day of Sign Languages is "We Sign For Human Rights"
- The choice of 23 September is the same date that the World Federation of the Deaf was established in 1951. The choice of 23 September is the same date that the World Federation of the Deaf was established in 1951.
- World Federation of the Deaf H.Q.- Helsinki, Finland.
- World Federation of the Deaf Founded- 23 September 1951, Rome, Italy.
- World Federation of the Deaf President- Joseph J. Murray.



International Day
of Sign Languages

Merger

8. ZEE TO MERGE WITH SONY; PUNIT GOENKA WILL BE CEO & MD OF COMBINED ENTITY

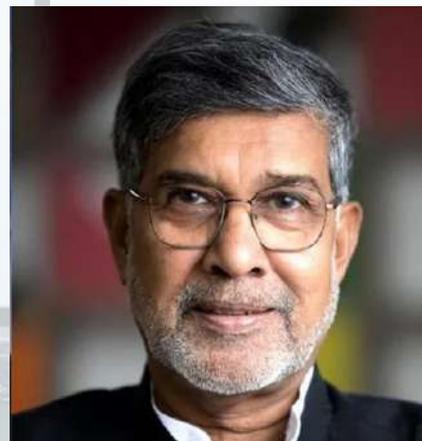


- Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL) has found a white knight in rival Sony with the latter agreeing to merge its India entertainment business
- ZEEL shareholders will own approximately 47 per cent in the merged entity, while the promoters of Sony India will hold 53 per cent after the infusion of growth capital
- Puneet Goenka, the CEO of Zee Entertainment, will be the MD and CEO of the merged entity for a period of 5 years.
- Sony Pictures Networks India Headquarters- Mumbai
- Sony Pictures Networks India Founded - 30 September 1995.

Appointment

9. UN APPOINTS NOBEL LAUREATE KAILASH SATYARTHI AS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ADVOCATE

- Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi has been appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocate in the 76th UN General Assembly.
- Antonio Guterres appointed Satyarthi along with, STEM activist Valentina Munoz Rabanal, Microsoft President Brad Smith and K-pop superstars BLACKPINK as new SDG Advocates.
- With this, the UN now has total of 16 SDG Advocates.
- The SDG Advocates are prominent leaders in the world who work to mobilise action to deliver the 17 SDGs by 2030, using their considerable spheres of influence.
- Kailash satyarthi awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 along with Malala yousufzai.



National News

1. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA INAUGURATES OPENING SESSION OF AAROGYA MANTHAN 3.0



- Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya today inaugurated the Opening Session of Aarogya Manthan 3.0 organised.
- It mark the Third Anniversary of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana scheme for its successful implementation across the country.
- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana was launched on 23rd September 2018 from Ranchi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the vision to achieve Universal Health Coverage.
- Mr Mandaviya virtually interacted with Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana beneficiaries from different states and UTs and also released the third edition of the NHA's Annual Report 2020-2021 along with the Lessons Learnt Booklet.
- Health Minister, Minister of Chemical and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya (M.P. Rajya sabha from Gujarat)

2. ODISHA TO HOST JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CUP HOCKEY FROM NOVEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 5



- Odisha will host the junior men's World Cup Hockey in coming November. Chief minister Naveen Patnaik announced this in capital Bhubaneswar last evening.
- s many as 16 countries will take part in the event that will be held in the Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar from the 24th November 5th December 2021.
- Odisha had hosted the 2018 men's hockey world cup

3. PIYUSH GOYAL LAUNCHES NATIONAL SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM FOR INVESTORS

- Minister said that this single window portal will become a one-stop-shop for investors for approvals and clearances.
- NSWS will usher in "Azadi" (freedom) from legacy of running to govt offices for approvals and registrations
- would bring transparency, accountability and responsiveness in the ecosystem and all information will be available on a single dashboard
- Piyush Goyal- Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and PDS Minister (MP From Rajya sabha, Maharashtra)



Appointment

4. AIR INDIA CHAIRMAN RAJIV BANSAL TO BE AVIATION SECRETARY



- Air India chairman Rajiv Bansal has been appointed as the new aviation secretary who will succeed incumbent PS Kharola when the latter retires this month-end.
- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) chief Arun Kumar has also been given the rank and pay of secretary to government of India by the appointments committee of the cabinet (ACC)

Awards

5. PRIME MINISTER OF BANGLADESH SHEIKH HASINA RECEIVES SDG PROGRESS AWARD



- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been conferred with the SDG Progress award for Bangladesh's steady progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

- Prime Minister Hasina is currently visiting the US to attend the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- The SDSN was set up in 2012 under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. Led by development economist Jeffery Sachs
- Total 17 SDG'S
- President of Bangladesh: Abdul Hamid
- Dhaka; Currency: Taka.

6. BANGLADESHI FAIROOZ FAIZAH BEETHER GETS 2021 CHANGEMAKER AWARD

- Fairooz Faizah Beether of Bangladesh has been chosen for the 2021 Changemaker Award for her work promoting good health and well-being by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Fairooz Faizah is co-founder of Moner School which is an anonymous online platform active in the field of mental health. It works with youth to educate them about the importance of mental health care
- The Changemaker Award is part of the Goalkeepers Global Goals award instituted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to accelerate progress towards attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN.



7. PHUMZILE MLAMBO-NGCUKA AWARDED GLOBAL GOALKEEPER AWARD 2021



- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced its annual Goalkeepers 'Global Goals Awards' 2021
- Goalkeepers is the foundation's campaign to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals).
- The award were given in following categories:
- The 2021 Global Goalkeeper Award- Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka(former United Nations under-secretary-general and executive director of UN Women)
- The 2021 Progress Award-Jenifer Colpas (Columbia)
- The 2021 Campaign Award- Satta Sheriff (Liberia)

Books and Authors

8. CHETAN BHAGAT RELEASES TRAILER FOR NEW BOOK, '400 DAYS'

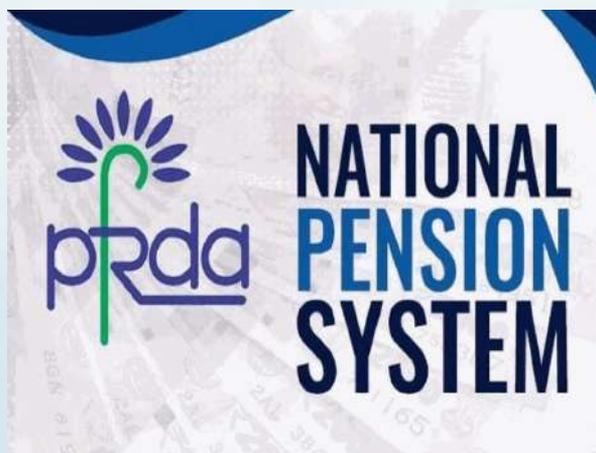


- The book, published by Westland, is the third story from the Keshav-Saurabh series after “The Girl in Room 105” and “One Arranged Murder”. It will be released on October 8.
- The trailer, though not cinematic like the previous instalments from the series featuring actor Vikrant Massey, saw Bhagat narrating the plot himself about a missing girl Siya

National Days

9. PFRDA TO OBSERVE NPS DIWAS ON OCTOBER 1

- The Pension Regulator will be observing 1st October 2021 as the National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas) to promote pension and retirement planning for a carefree ‘azad’ retirement.
- PFRDA is promoting this campaign on its social media platforms with #npsdiwas.
- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority is the regulatory body under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India for overall supervision and regulation of pension in India.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority Act was passed on 19 September 2013 and the same was notified on 1 February 2014.



Obituary

10. EX-DELHI POLICE CHIEF, WHO HANDLED BATLA HOUSE CASE, PASSES AWAY AT 70

- Former Delhi Police commissioner Yudhbir Singh Dadwal (70) died on Wednesday night at his Chattarpur home
- A 1974 batch IPS officer, Dadwal had joined the Delhi Police as an additional deputy commissioner. He became the Delhi Police commissioner in 2007 and was transferred to Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as its Director General in 2010.
- During his tenure with the Delhi Police, he was known for handling cases like the Batla House encounter in 2008 and maintaining high-level security in Delhi during the Commonwealth Games in 2010.



Sports

11. PANKAJ ADVANI WINS HIS 24TH WORLD TITLE IN DOHA



- Star Indian cueist Pankaj Advani on Tuesday grabbed his 24th world title when he triumphed at the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup with a victory over Pakistan's Babar Masih in the final.
- Advani, who won his 11th Asian title last week, started the final with a comfortable 42-13 win in the opening frame.
- World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA)- Bristol England

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National News

1. UNION MINISTER G. KISHAN REDDY INAUGURATES STATE SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN KOHIMA



- Union Minister of State for Tourism, Culture & DoNER, G. Kishan Reddy today inaugurated the State Soil Testing Laboratory at the Directorate of Social & Water Conservation in Kohima.
- Funded by North East Council, NEC Ministry of DoNER, the project cost is 371.70 lakh rupees with NEC share of 90 percent and 10 percent state share.
- He said PM Modi calls North eastern states as Ashtalakshmi states as they symbolize different source of wealth.
- Soil health dash board of the Agriculture ministry provides detailed information on various parameters such as nitrogen, phosphorus, PH, micro nutrients and others.
- special focus has been given to Northeast states for promoting oil palm farming. He said central government has allotted 12000 crore rupees of which 50 percent allotted to North east region.
- Ministry of DoNER-Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is a Government of India ministry, established in September 2001
- Functions as the nodal Department of the Central Government to deal with matters related to the socio-economic development of the eight States of Northeast India: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim.

2. NEW STEEL STOCKYARD LIKELY TO COME UP AT DECLARED SEZ AT SABROOM IN SOUTH TRIPURA: UNION MINISTER OF STEEL



- Union Minister of Steel Ram Chandra Prasad Singh while addressing media today here at Agartala said that a high level meeting has been held on the matter in the presence of the Steel Authority of India and officials of Tripura.
- Steel Authority of India Limited- Soma Mondal
- SAIL operates and owns five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Rourkela, Durgapur, Bokaro and Burnpur (Asansol) and three special steel plants at Salem, Durgapur and Bhadravathi.
- Governor- Satyadev Narayan Arya
- Chief Minister- Biplab Kumar Deb (BJP)

3. PM MODI TO ADDRESS 76TH SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK TODAY



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the 76th session of UN General Assembly in New York this evening.
- The 76th session of United Nations General Assembly is underway in New York.

- India's First Secretary Sneha Dubey, while addressing the UNGA, said the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh were, are and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India.
- US President Joe Biden was the first speaker as per the tradition. In his maiden speech to the UNGA, Mr Biden urged the nations to forge a global unity against common threats like COVID-19 pandemic, technological threats and autocratic nations.
- UN H.Q.- New York
- UN Established- 24th October 194

4. PM EXPRESSES HAPPINESS OVER PURATCHI THALAIVAR DR. M.G. RAMACHANDRAN CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION FOR BEING FULLY POWERED BY SOLAR ENERGY



- Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station, commonly known as the Chennai Central (station code: MAS), is the main railway terminus in the city of Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- The century-old building of the railway station, designed by architect George Harding, is one of the most prominent landmarks of Chennai.
- In 1996 it was renamed from Madras Central to Chennai Central, and then to honour the AIADMK founder and the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M. G. Ramachandran, it was renamed as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station on 5 April 2019.
- Railways Minister- Ashwini Vaishnaw

Defence News

5. INDIA SIGNS CONTRACT FOR ACQUISITION OF 56 C-295MW TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

- India has signed a contract with Airbus Defence and Space Company of Spain for acquisition of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force.
- The aircraft will give a major boost to tactical airlift capability of IAF, especially in the Northern and North-Eastern sector and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- The project will provide a major boost to the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan of the Centre that offers a unique opportunity for the Indian private sector to enter into technology intensive and highly competitive aviation industry.



- Out of 56, forty aircraft will be manufactured in India by TATA Consortium.

Inauguration News

6. HIGH POWER TRANSMITTERS AT WORLD'S HIGHEST RADIO STATION AT HUMBATINGLA IN KARGIL TO BE INAUGURATED

- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur will inaugurate high power transmitters at world's highest radio station at Humbatingla in Kargil.
- At an altitude of 13 thousand 300 feet from mean sea level, each 10kW High Power Transmitters of All India Radio FM radio station and Doordarshan will improve the transmission and the reach in the region especially in Kargil and Batalik sectors.
- Ladakh Capital- Leh



Defence News

7. SULUR IAF STATION COMPLETES SERVICING OF 100TH DORNIER AIRCRAFT

- The Air force Station Sulur passed out the hundredth Dornier Aircraft after major servicing yesterday. The hallmark event was presided over by Air Vice Marshal CR Mohan Air officer Engineer
- The key and the aircraft log books were handed over to the Operating Crew by Air Commodore PK Sreekumar, Air Officer Commanding of the Base Repair Depot.
- From a small beginning in 2000 for servicing of IAF Dornier Aircraft, the Base repair Depot has graduated to higher order servicing of the aircraft each year.



8. MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION RELEASES INDIA'S AIRSPACE MAP FOR DRONE OPERATIONS

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- The map is available on DGCA's digital sky platform, digitalsky.dgca.gov.in/home.
- The drone airspace map comes as a follow-through of the liberalised Drone Rules, 2021 released by the Central Government on 25th of last month, the PLI scheme for drones released on 15th of this month and the Geospatial Data Guidelines issued on 15th February this year.
- These include, agriculture, mining, infrastructure, surveillance, emergency response, transportation, geo-spatial mapping, defence, and law enforcement to name a few

International News

9. FIVE CLIMBERS DEAD AFTER A BLIZZARD ON EUROPE'S HIGHEST PEAK 'MOUNT ELBRUS'



- Thursday's incident struck when a group of 19 climbers were at an altitude of over 5,000 metres (16,000 feet).
- Elbrus, located in Russia's North Caucasus, is the highest mountain Europe at 5,642 metres (18,510 feet).
- The remaining 14 were taken down to the Azau valley below and the rescue was carried out in "the most difficult conditions" with strong winds, low visibility and sub-zero temperatures

Defence News

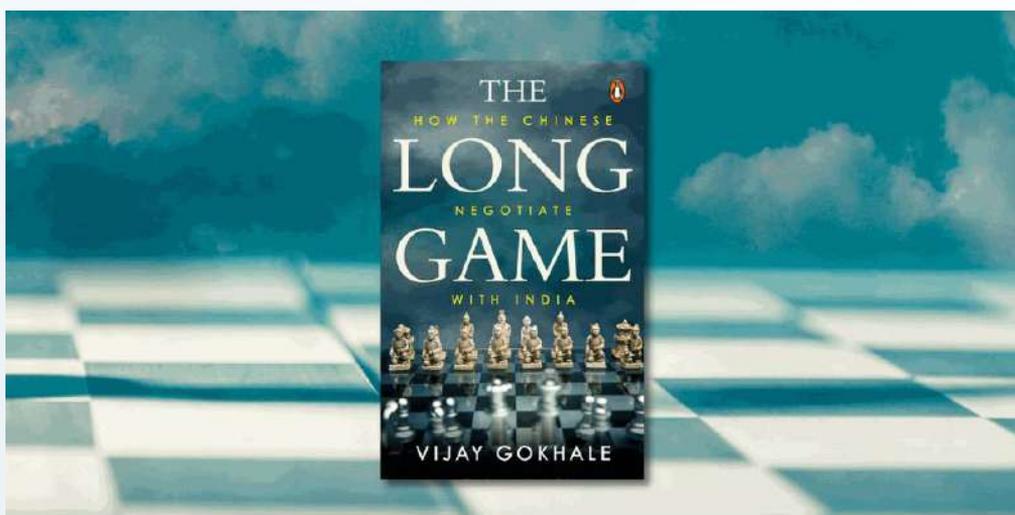
10. INDIAN ARMY TO ORGANISE CULTURAL FEST TO SHOWCASE LINKAGES WITH BANGLADESH DURING THE LIBERATION WAR



- The Indian Army will organise a festival from September 26-29 at Kolkata to showcase the cultural linkage between India and Bangladesh during the liberation war of 1971.
- The festival named 'Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav' is being organised by the Eastern Command of the Indian Army.
- Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande, Army Commander, Eastern Command will inaugurate the event at Rabindra Sadan on 26 September.

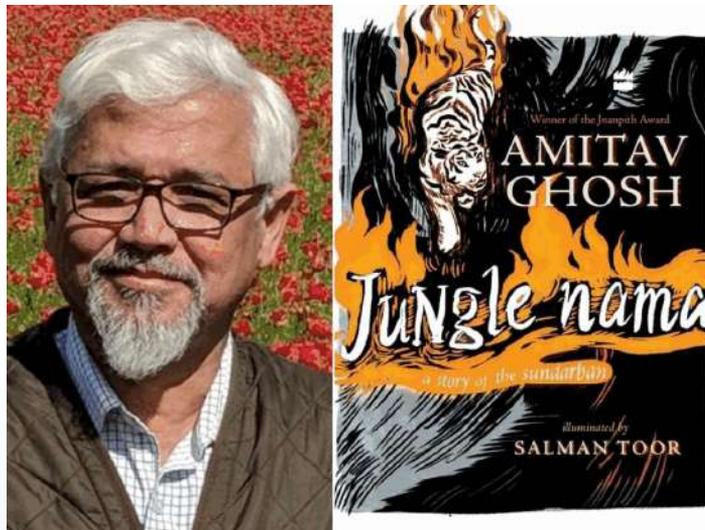
Books and Authors

11. THE LONG GAME: HOW THE CHINESE NEGOTIATE WITH INDIA BY VIJAY GOKHALE



- In this new book, former foreign secretary of India, Vijay Gokhale, unpacks the dynamics of India-China relations through the prism of six historical and recent events
- His 1st book is "Tiananmen Square: The Making of a Protest" was published earlier this month.

12. A AUDIOBOOK TITLE 'JUNGLE NAMA' RELEASED BY AMITAV GHOSH



- Amitav Ghosh's "Jungle Nama" has now been released as an audiobook with music and voice of US-based Ali Sethi.
- Jungle Nama is Amitav Ghosh's verse adaptation of an episode from the legend of Bon Bibi, a tale popular in the villages of the Sundarban, which also lies at the heart of the novel The Hungry Tide.
- With stunning artwork by the renowned artist Salman Toor.

National Day

13. ANTYODAYA DIVAS ON 25 SEPTEMBER

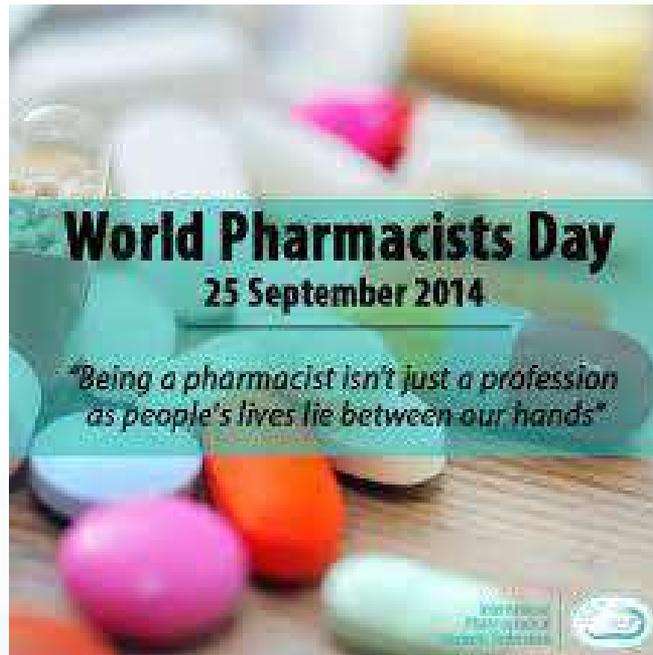
- Antyodaya Diwas is observed every year on September 25, to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, born in Mathura in 1916 was one of the key leaders of Bharatiya Jana Sangh later BJP.
- Deendayal Upadhyaya was a humanist, economist, journalist, philosopher and abled statesman.
- In the 1940s, Deendayal Upadhyaya launched 'Rashtra Dharma', a monthly journal, from Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow for spreading the ideology of Hindutva nationalism. Later, he started 'Panchjanya', a weekly magazine, and a daily, 'Swadesh'.



International Day

14. WORLD PHARMACIST DAY: 25 SEPTEMBER

- This day is celebrated to create awareness about the role of a pharmacist in improving health.
- This year's theme is "Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health".



- The day was designated in 2009 by the FIP Council (International Pharmaceutical Federation or Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique) at the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Istanbul, Turkey.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Founded: 25 September 1912.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Headquarters location: The Hague, Netherlands.

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