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## SEPTEMBER 2021

### National News

#### 1. PM MODI LAUNCHES AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIGITAL MISSION, HEALTH ID FOR EVERY CITIZEN



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Under this, a unique digital health ID will be provided to the people, which will contain all the health records of the person.
- The pilot project of the National Digital Health Mission was announced by the prime minister from the ramparts of the Red Fort on August 15, 2020.
- The drive to strengthen the health facilities of the country, in the last 7 years, is entering a new phase today.
- Currently, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is being implemented in pilot phase in six Union Territories. These UTs are Andaman and Nicobar, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Ladakh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

#### 2. NAGA CUCUMBER FROM NAGALAND GETS GI TAG

- Naga cucumbers are juicy, soft and sweet and is grown completely organically.
- Cucumber has been traditionally cultivated by Naga farmers in their Jhum fields as a mixed crop mainly during the Kharif season (April –May).
- It is one of the important component crops in the jhum cultivation.

- Some tribes like Konyak are found to grow cucumber all throughout the year by seed to seed method depending upon the soil type



### 3. IMD ISSUES RED ALERT FOR 'CYCLONE GULAB'

- The Cyclonic Storm 'Gulab' over northwest and adjoining west central Bay of Bengal moved nearly westwards during last six hours and lies centered over northwest and adjoining west central Bay of Bengal.
- Pakistan proposed this name
- Odisha and north coastal Andhra Pradesh. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is also likely at isolated places over Telangana and heavy falls at isolated places over north interior Odisha and Chhattisgarh.
- Indian Meteorological Department- New Delhi
- Established- 1875



## International News

### 4. BANGABANDHU-BAPU DIGITAL EXHIBITION OPENS IN DHAKA



- The Bangabandhu-Bapu digital exhibition was opened for public viewing in Dhaka on Saturday.
- Education Minister of Bangladesh Dr. Dipu Moni, State Minister for Culture K.M.Khalid and High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami opened the exhibition at the Shilpkala Academy in Dhaka.
- The exhibition showcases in a thematic manner the lives of the father of the nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi.
- The exhibition has been specially curated by the two governments to commemorate the Mujib Boarsho, birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib and 150 years of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi as well as the golden jubilee of India-Bangladesh bilateral relations.

## Appointment

### 5. FORMER UK PRIME MINISTER GORDON BROWN APPOINTED WHO AMBASSADOR FOR GLOBAL HEALTH FINANCING

- Mr Brown is widely credited with preventing a second Great Depression through his stewardship of the 2009 London G20 summit.
- He mobilized world leaders to commit an additional \$1.1 trillion to restore credit, growth and jobs to help the world economy through the global financial crisis.
- WHO founded: 7 April 1948.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- President of the World Health Organisation: Tedros Adhanom.



## Launch

### 6. APPLE CO-FOUNDER STEVE WOZNIAK LAUNCHES SPACE START-UP PRIVATEER

- Apple's co-creator Steve Wozniak has launched a new space start-up called Privateer Space, increasing competition to a field dominated by billionaires Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and Richard Branson.
- Privateer will be represented at the Advanced Maui Optical and Space Surveillance Technologies Conference, scheduled to run from September 14-17 in Hawaii.
- Bank of America predicts the space economy will have more than tripled in size by 2030, with a \$1.4 trillion market value.
- Mr Wozniak co-founded Apple Computers in 1976 with fellow college dropout Steve Jobs and businessman Ronald Wayne.



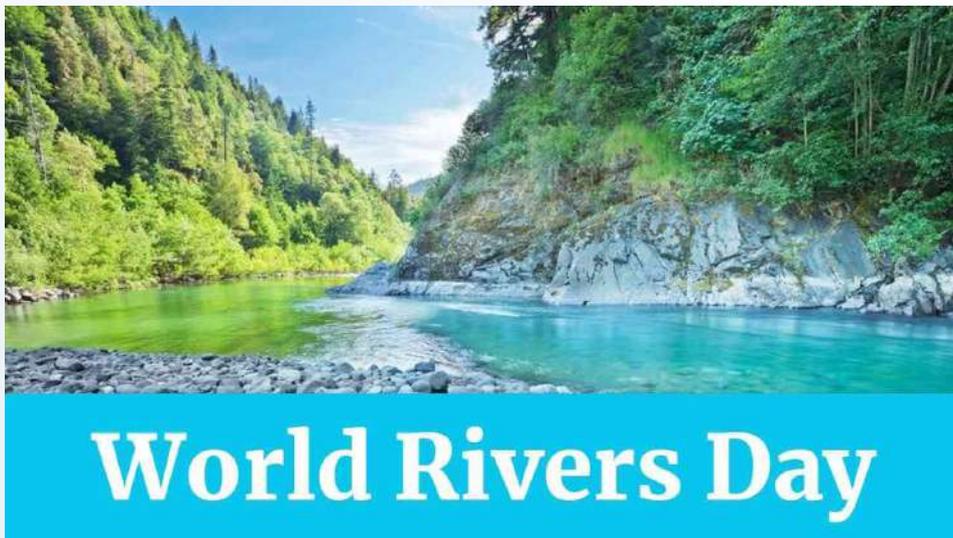
## 7. WORLD'S HIGHEST EV CHARGING STATION INAUGURATED IN HIMACHAL PRADESH



- The world's highest electric vehicle charging station has been inaugurated in Kaza village of Lahaul and Spiti district in Himachal Pradesh.
- There is a good response for battery-operated small electric vehicles like e-scooter, electric three-wheelers, e-rickshaws, e-carts, and e-bikes in the country.
- Himachal Pradesh CM- Jai Ram Thakur.
- Himachal Pradesh Governor- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

### Important Days

## 8. WORLD RIVERS DAY 2021: 26 SEPTEMBER



- Every year on the fourth Sunday of September, World River Day is observed to raise awareness regarding water bodies and to promote their conservation.

- This year, it falls on September 26.
- Mark Angelo, a well-known river environmentalist, addressed the United Nations in 2005 during its Water for Life campaign, a decade-long effort to raise awareness about vulnerable water supplies throughout the world. Angelo called for an annual World Rivers Day to help the cause gain traction.
- Theme for World Rivers Day 2021 is “Waterways in our communities”

## 9. WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY: 26 SEPTEMBER



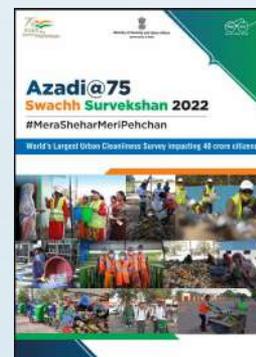
- World Environmental Health Day 2021 is observed annually on September 26 to spread awareness globally regarding the health of the environment.
- The central idea behind celebrating this day is that the health of the human race is irrevocably intertwined with the health of the environment.
- The theme for this year is ‘Prioritising Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery.’
- The day was marked by the International Federation of Environmental Health in 2011. The main aim is the well being of people across the globe.

By Sameer Singhal

## National News

### 1. HARDEEP SINGH PURI LAUNCHES SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE EDITION OF SWACHH SURVEKSHAN

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri today launched the seventh consecutive edition of Swachh Survekshan in New Delhi.
- It is the world’s largest urban cleanliness survey conducted by Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban. Designed with People First as its driving philosophy, Swachh Survekshan 2022
- The Minister said that Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 will be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 1st of October.



- Swachh Survekshan 2022 has incorporated specific indicators that drive cities to improve working conditions and livelihood opportunities for these frontline soldiers in urban India's sanitation journey.
- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs - Hardeep Singh Puri (MP, Rajya Sabha, Uttar Pradesh)

## 2. PLI SCHEME FOR DRONE WILL BOOST DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING OF DRONE.

- Government approved Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Drone Industry with a budgetary outlay of 120 crore to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities in drone and its components.
- The PLI scheme for Drones and Drone components industry, will lead to investments worth 5,000 Crore, increase in eligible sales of 1500 crore and create additional employment of about 10,000 jobs over a period of next three years.
- Secretary Ministry of civil aviation- Mr. Pradip Singh Kharola



## 3. HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH TO INAUGURATE 17TH FORMATION DAY OF NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



- Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the 17th Formation Day of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in New Delhi.
- The theme of this year's Formation Day is Cascading effects of disaster events in the Himalayan region.
- NDMA was established through the Disaster Management Act enacted by the Government of India on 23 December 2005.
- It is headed by the Prime Minister of India and can have up to nine other members.
- National Disaster Response Force- Director General-SN Pradhan, IPS

## 4. SUPREME COURT INTRODUCES FASTER SYSTEM

- Supreme Court of India has approved an electronic system named FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records).



- The FASTER system will be used for transferring e-authenticated copies from courts to prisons.
- A three-judge bench of Chief Justice N.V. Ramana, Justice Nageswara Rao and Justice Surya Kant has instructed the prisons to make arrangements for the same.
- Under the FASTER system, courts can send e-authenticated copies of bail orders, stay orders, interim orders and proceedings through secured electronic communication to duty officers at prisons.

#### **5. SHANTI SWARUP BHATNAGAR PRIZE CEREMONY**

- The prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology (2021), awarded to scientists annually for outstanding research work.
- The award, instituted by the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) India, in the name of its late founder-director Dr (Sir) Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, carries a cash award of five lakh.
- During the ceremony, vice president M Venkaiah Naidu advised CSIR to reinvent itself and turn futuristic while pursuing the science of the highest order.
- Total 11 scientists Awarded in ceremony.



## **Defence News**

#### **6. DRDO SUCCESSFULLY FLIGHT TESTS AKASH PRIME MISSILE**

- A new version of the Akash Missile, Akash Prime was successfully flight tested yesterday from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha.
- The missile intercepted and destroyed an unmanned aerial target mimicking enemy aircrafts, in its maiden flight test after improvements.
- In comparison to the existing Akash System, Akash Prime is equipped with an indigenous active Radio Frequency seeker for improved accuracy.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO, Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Defence Public Sector Undertaking and industry for the successful trials of Akash Prime Missile.



- Chairman of DRDO Dr G. Satheesh Reddy congratulated the team for the successful flight trial of Akash Prime Missile.

### **7. LT GEN GURBIRPAL SINGH TAKES OVER AS DG NCC**

- Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh today took over as the 34th Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC).
- He was commissioned into the PARACHUTE REGIMENT in 1987. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Indian Military Academy, Dehradun as well as NCC.
- The National Cadet Corps is the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces with its headquarters in New Delhi, India. It is open to school and college students on voluntary basis as a Tri-Services Organisation, comprising the Army, the Navy and the Air Wing, engaged in grooming the youth of the country into disciplined and patriotic citizens.
- NCC Day- 4th Sunday of November.



### **8. 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.
- The programme will include film screenings, plays, musical concerts and band performances
- The event is being organised as part of the Swarnim Vijay Varsha celebrations to commemorate the 50 years of liberation of Bangladesh and India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war.
- Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande, Army Commander, Eastern Command will inaugurate the event at Rabindra Sadan on 26 September

## International News

### 9. GERMANY'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WINS LARGEST SHARE OF VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTION



- Germany's left-leaning Social Democratic Party (SPD) has won the largest share of the vote in federal election, putting them in leading position to form the country's next coalition government.
- Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) along with their affiliated Bavarian Christian Social Union, suffered their worst general federal election result ever and were defeated by the left-leaning Social Democrats (SPD).
- The SPD, Germany's oldest party, won 25.7 per cent of the vote, up five percentage points from the 2017 federal election, ahead of Merkel's CDU/CSU (Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union).
- Olaf Scholz's Social Democrats (SPD) said Germany always has coalition governments and it was always stable. Angela Merkel will step down as Germany's chancellor once a new coalition deal is agreed.

### 10. CONSULTANCY CONTRACT SIGNED BETWEEN INDIA & BANGLADESH FOR A NEW RAILWAY LINE FROM BOGURA TO SIRAJGANJ

- A new direct rail line from Bogura to Sirajganj in Bangladesh will be developed under a government of India Line of Credit (LoC). As a first step towards this an agreement between Bangladesh Railway and a joint venture company of India was signed



- The agreement was signed in the presence of the Railway Minister of Bangladesh Md. Nurul Islam Sujan and High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami at Rail Bhawan in Dhaka.
- The Bogura-Sirajgnaj Dual Gauge Link will provide a shorter route between the Western and Northern parts of Bangladesh and the Eastern and Southern parts of the country, via the capital city, Dhaka.
- This new route will reduce the rail distance by about 112 kilometres saving travel time of about 3 hours from Dhaka to the northern districts.

## Important Days

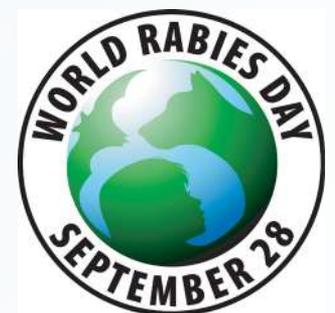
### 11. WORLD TOURISM DAY-27TH SEPTEMBER

- World Tourism Day is being celebrated on 27th september with a view to create awareness regarding its roles on social-cultural, political and economic values globally.
- Tourism Ministry will launch National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry, NIDHI 2.0 and India Tourism Statistics - At a Glance, 2021.
- This year the theme of World Tourism Day is ‘Tourism for Inclusive Growth’. It aims to help people associated with the tourism sector in every possible way.
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and DoNER- G. Kishan Reddy



### 12. WORLD RABIES DAY: 28 SEPTEMBER

- World Rabies Day is celebrated annually on 28th September to raise awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals.
- 2021 is the 15th edition of World Rabies Day
- Provide information and advice on how to prevent the disease and take efforts to control rabies.
- The theme for the WRD in 2021 is ‘Rabies: Facts, not Fear’.



- The day also marks the death anniversary of the French chemist and microbiologist, Louis Pasteur, he developed the first rabies vaccine.
- Global Alliance for Rabies Control Founded: 2007
- Global Alliance for Rabies Control Headquarters: Manhattan, Kansas, United States.

## Sports News

### 13. ENGLAND ALL-ROUNDER MOEEN ALI DECIDES TO RETIRE FROM TEST CRICKET



- England all-rounder Moeen Ali has decided to retire from Test Cricket. This was stated in a release today by the England and Wales Cricket Board.
- The 34-year-old said that he is happy and content with what he had achieved in the longest format of the game.
- Moeen Ali has represented England in 64 Tests, scoring 2,914 runs at an average of 28.29. The left-handed batsman has five centuries and 14 half-centuries in the longest format.

## Banking News

### 14. HDFC BANK MOST OUTSTANDING COMPANY IN INDIA: ASIAMONEY 2021 POLL.

- No. 1 Among Banks in India for 4th year in a row HDFC Bank Ltd. has been voted 'Overall Most Outstanding Company in India,' in a poll conducted by reputed publication Asiamoney.
- The poll, known as Asia's Outstanding Companies Poll, is designed to acknowledge listed companies that have excelled in areas such as financial performance, management team excellence, investor relations, and CSR initiatives.



- Headquarters of HDFC Bank- Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD and CEO of HDFC Bank-Sashidhar Jagdishan
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We understand your world.

### 15. RBI FIXES MINIMUM TICKET SIZE TO ISSUE SECURITISATION NOTES



- The Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines regarding the Securitisation of Standard Assets. As per the guidelines, the minimum ticket size for the issuance of securitization notes will be Rs. 1 crore.
- Securitisation involves transactions where credit risk in assets are redistributed by repackaging them into tradable securities with different risk profiles which may give investors of various classes access to exposures which they otherwise might be unable to access directly.
- For underlying loans with an original maturity of 24 months or less, the MRR (Minimum Retention Requirement) shall be 5% of the book value of the loans being securitised.
- For underlying loans with an original maturity of more than 24 months as well as loans with bullet repayments, the MRR shall be 10% of the book value of the loan By Sameer singhal

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## National News

### 1. PM NARENDRA MODI LAUNCHES 35 CROP VARIETIES TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE AND MALNUTRITION



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

### 2. AGRICULTURE MINISTER N S TOMAR LAUNCHES AMUL HONEY



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

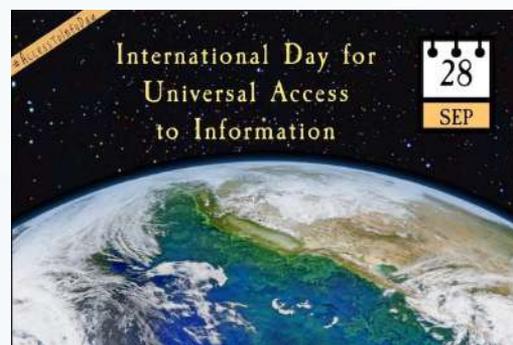
### 3. UNION MINISTER DR JITENDRA SINGH LAUNCHES AMRITGRAND CHALLENGE PROGRAM TITLED “जनCARE”



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

### 4. INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS OF INFORMATION WILL BE OBSERVED ON SEP 28

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



## Banking News

### 5. CRYPTOTECH INDUSTRY CAN ADD \$184B OF ECONOMIC VALUE IN INDIA BY 2030: NASSCOM REPORT



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

### 6. ICRA REVISES UP INDIA'S FISCAL 2022 GDP GROWTH FORECAST TO 9%

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



## 7. SOJAT MEHNDI AND JUDIMA RICE WINE GETS GI TAG



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

## 8. MCA EXTENDS THE TENURE OF COMPANY LAW COMMITTEE BY 1 YEAR



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

## Important Days

### 9. WORLD HEART DAY- SEPTEMBER 29



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

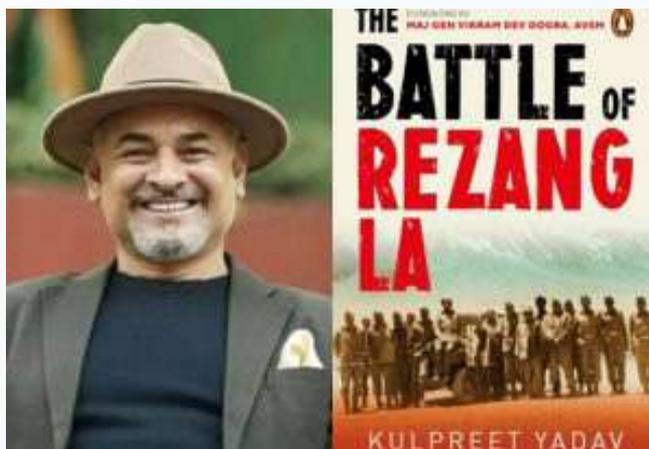
### 10. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS OF FOOD LOSS AND WASTE



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

## Books and Authors

### 11. “THE BATTLE OF REZANG LA” WRITTEN BY KULPREET YADAV



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

## Appointments

### 12. AVEEK SARKAR RE-ELECTED AS PRESS TRUST OF INDIA CHAIRMAN

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



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## National News

### 1. MODI GOVT STARTS WORK TO DEVELOP 'PARSHURAM KUND' IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH



- The Modi government has started work for the development of 'Parshuram Kund', a Hindu pilgrimage site on the Brahmaputra plateau in the lower reaches of the Lohit river in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The project costing Rs 37.88 crore was sanctioned under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism, said a senior officer of the Tourism Minister
- The 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) is a Central Sector Scheme launched in 2014-15 with complete financial assistance by the Government of India.
- Arunachal pradesh CM- Pema Khandu
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor- B. D. Mishra

### 2. LOK SABHA SPEAKER LAUNCHES 'NIDHI 2.0' SCHEME OF MINISTRY OF TOURISM



- The Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla inaugurated the NIDHI 2.0 (National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry) scheme, during an event organised by Ministry of Tourism, on the occasion of 2021 World Tourism Day on September 27, 2021.
- The NIDHI scheme was launched by the Ministry of Tourism to facilitate digitalization of tourism sector and promote ease of doing business for hospitality & tourism sector
- Ministry of Tourism and DoNER- G. Kishan Reddy(MP, Lok Sabha, Secundrabad)

### 3. TOLL FREE HELPLINE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS ELDERLINE (14567) BECOMES OPERATIONAL IN SEVERAL STATES



- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched India's first Pan-India helpline for senior citizens named 'Elder Line' for which the toll-free number is 14567.
- The platform will allow senior citizens to connect and share their concerns, get information and guidance on problems that they face on a day-to-day basis.
- Tata Trusts and NSE Foundation are the technical partners for "Elder Line".
- Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment- Dr. Virendra Kumar Khatik(MP, Lok sabha, Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh)

## Appointment News

### 4. ACTOR RANVEER SINGH NAMED NBA BRAND AMBASSADOR FOR INDIA

- The National Basketball Association (NBA) has named Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh as its brand ambassador for India.
- He will work with the NBA to help grow the league's profile in India throughout its landmark 75th anniversary season in 2021-22.

- The NBA is a global sports and media business built around four professional sports leagues: the National Basketball Association, Women's National Basketball Association, the NBA G League and the NBA 2K League.
- NBA Head Quarter- New York, USA



### **5. CAVINKARE CMD CK RANGANATHAN TAKES OVER AS AIMA PRESIDENT**

- CavinKare Chairman & Managing Director C K Ranganathan has been appointed as President of All India Management Association (AIMA) for a period of one year.
- AIMA is the national apex body of the management profession in India. It works closely with industry, government, academia and students to further the cause of the management profession in India.
- He takes over from Harsh Pati Singhan, vice chairman & managing director, JK Paper Ltd.



## **Awards**

### **6. JEEL ALBENA ASSOCIATION WORKING FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE IN YEMEN WINS UNHCR AWARD**

- The organisation named “Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development”, founded in 2017 by Ameen Jubran has won the prestigious honour to support and provide a lifeline to tens of thousands of Yemenis people displaced by the country's conflict.



- The UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award honours individuals, groups or organizations for going above and beyond the call of duty to protect refugees, other displaced and stateless people.

## Defence News

### 7. GOVERNMENT INCREASES THE INCOME LIMIT OF DISABLED DEPENDENTS FOR FAMILY PENSION

- Ministry of Defence, Government of India has taken a decision to enhance the income criteria for grant of family pension to children/siblings suffering from mental or physical disability.
- The child/sibling will be eligible for family pension for life if his/her overall income from sources other than a family pension is less than 30% of the last pay drawn by the deceased government servant/pensioner concerned plus the dearness relief admissible thereon.
- The financial benefit in such cases will accrue with effect from 08 February 2021.



Ministry of Defence,  
Government of India

## Banking News

### 8. RBI IMPOSES 2 CR PENALTY ON RBL BANK FOR DEFICIENCIES IN REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

- The Reserve Bank on Monday imposed a penalty of Rs 2 crore on private lender RBL Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliances and non-compliance of the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act.
- RBI said the penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in it under the provisions of section 47 A (1) (c) read with section 46 (4) (i) of the Act
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) also fined the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) State Co-operative Bank, Srinagar with an Rs 11 lakh penalty for inadequacy in regulatory adherence.
- RBL Bank Founded- August 1943



- RBL Bank Headquarters- Mumbai;
- RBL Bank MD & CEO- Vishwavir Ahuja

## Important Days

### 9. WORLD MARITIME DAY 2021

- The International Maritime Organization (IMO) observes World Maritime Day every year. Individual governments determine the precise day, although it is normally observed during the final week of September, usually on the last Thursday of the month.
- This year, the day will be marked on September 30.
- The theme of World Maritime Day 2021 is “Seafarers at the core of shipping’s future”.
- During World Maritime Day, public attention is drawn to maritime safety and the marine environment, as well as IMO initiatives in a particular area.
- International Maritime Organization Secretary-General Kitack Lim
- International Maritime Organization Founded- 17 March 1948.
- International Maritime Organization Headquarters location: London, United Kingdom



### 10. INTERNATIONAL TRANSLATION DAY- 30 SEPTEMBER

- Thus, on 24 May 2017, the General Assembly adopted resolution 71/288 on the role of language professionals in connecting nations and fostering peace, understanding and development, and declared 30 September as International Translation Day.



- International Translation Day is meant as an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals, which plays an important role in bringing nations together, facilitating dialogue, understanding and cooperation
- 30 September celebrates the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator, who is considered the patron saint of translators.

## International News

### 11. SRI LANKA BANS IMPORT OF ORGANIC FERTILISERS MANUFACTURED IN CHINA

- Sri Lanka has banned the import of organic fertilisers manufactured in China after state agriculture authorities detected harmful bacteria in them for the second time.
- Director-General of Agriculture Ajantha De Silva urged the government to cancel the fertiliser contract with China and insisted that he would never allow organic fertiliser with harmful bacteria to enter the country.
- Agriculture experts warned that China's organic fertiliser importation would create an agricultural disaster in the island nation.
- President- Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- Prime Minister- Mahinda Rajapaksa
- Capital-Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative),
- Capital- Colombo (executive and judicial)



## 12. JAPAN: FUMIO KISHIDA WINS GOVERNING PARTY LEADERSHIP ELECTION, SET TO BE NEXT PM



- Japan's former Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida has won the governing party leadership election and is set to be the next prime minister.
- Kishida replaces outgoing party leader Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, who is stepping down after serving only one year since taking office last September.
- Kishida beat Taro Kono, the vaccinations minister, in a runoff after moving ahead of two female candidates Sanae Takaichi and Seiko Noda in the first round.
- Capital and largest city- Tokyo
- Emperor- Naruhito
- Prime Minister- Yoshihide Suga

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## National News

### 1. PM MODI CHAIRS 38TH PRAGATI MEETING

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today chaired the 38th PRAGATI meeting, the ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Centre and State governments.
- In the meeting, eight projects were reviewed. Four of these projects were from the Ministry of Railways, two from the Ministry of Power and one each from Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Banking News



## Banking News

### 2. INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK SHARES JUMP 20% AS RBI REMOVES IT FROM PCA FRAMEWORK



- The Reserve Bank on September 29 removed Indian Overseas Bank from the Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF), following improvement in various parameters and a written commitment that the state-owned lender will comply with the minimum capital norms.
- On a review of the performance of the IOB, the Board for Financial Supervision on the basis of the published financial results for 2020-21, found that the bank was not in breach of the PCA parameter
- Indian Overseas Bank Founded: 10 February 1939.
- Indian Overseas Bank CEO: Partha Pratim Sengupta
- Indian Overseas Bank Headquarters: Chennai

### 3. IFSCA CONSTITUTES PANEL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE FINANCE HUB



- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) set up an expert panel headed by former Environment and Forest Secretary C K Mishra to suggest a framework to develop a world-class sustainable finance hub at IFSC.
- The committee consists of a total of 10 members including the chairperson and the member secretary.
- IFSCA was established by the Ministry of Finance on April 27 2020, as a unified regulator of all financial products, financial services, and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) in India. It has its headquarter at GIFT city in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

## Index and Ranks

### 4. MUKESH AMBANI TOPS HURUN RICH LIST 2021, SPOTLIGHT ON GAUTAM ADANI'S 261% WEALTH GROWTH



- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman Mukesh Ambani continues to be India's richest man for the 10th straight year with a net worth of Rs 7,18,000 crore, according to the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2021.
- Mukesh Ambani's daily wealth creation increased to Rs 163 crore from 2020 due to sharp growth in digital business during the pandemic.
- The Hurun India Rich list 2021 has named the richest individuals in the country with a wealth of Rs 1,000 crore or more as on September 15, 2021.
- The Hurun India Rich List 2021, features as many as 1,007 individuals across 119 cities with a net worth of Rs 1,000 crore. As per the report, India has 237 billionaires, up 58 compared to last year.

## Important Days

### 5. WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY: 01 OCTOBER

- The World Vegetarian Day was established by the North American Vegetarian Society (NAVS) in 1977 and was further endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978.



- October 1 is set as the official date to commemorate World Vegetarian Day according to NAVS
- The full week between October 1–7 is observed as the International Vegetarian Week (IVW).
- Vegetarianism was frequently referred to as a Pythagorean Diet, before the popularization of the term ‘vegetarian’ in the mid-1800s.
- Ancient Greek philosopher and mathematician Pythagoras was an early advocate for the diet hence, it was named

## 6. INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY: 01 OCTOBER



- International Coffee Day is celebrated on October 1 all over the day with the intention of identifying the plight of the farmers of coffee beans and expressing our love for the aromatic drink.
- First initiated in Japan, it was officially declared as International Coffee Day in 2015.
- The day also promotes fair trade of coffee across the world and appreciates the farmers for the length they go to for producing the beans.
- International Coffee Organisation, set up in 1963 in London

## 7. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS



- International Day of Older Persons, celebrated on October 1 each year, creates awareness about mental and physical health issues affecting the elderly and the abuses they face.
- The event also highlights their contributions to our society.
- The theme of International Day of Older Persons 2021: Digital Equity for All Ages.
- On 14 December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly designated October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons (resolution 45/106).

## Sports News

### 8. INDIAN HOCKEY STAR RUPINDER PAL SINGH ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



- India hockey player Rupinder Pal Singh has decided to hang his boots and make way for the young brigade. Having been a part of India's historic journey to a bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics
- The 30-year-old Rupinder represented the Indian hockey team in 223 matches in his 13 years hockey career. Rupinder was part of the Indian hockey team that won the bronze medal in the 2020 Summer Tokyo Olympics, held in July – August 2021.

### **9. PADMAJA CHUNDURU APPOINTED MD, CEO OF NATIONAL SECURITIES DEPOSITORIES**



- Padmaja Chunduru has been appointed managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of National Securities Depositories (NSDL).
- Her appointment has been ratified by the shareholders of NSDL at its meeting held on September 29
- GV Nageswara Rao was the previous MD & CEO of NSDL. Chunduru has served as MD & CEO of Indian Bank between September 2018 and August 2021

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