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## KARNATAKA ISSUES

- **Karnataka agriculture department** has proposed about 26 potential areas for investors and come out with fresh guidelines to regulate tourist activities on farms as interest surges. **Agritourism** or agrotourism involves any agriculturally based operation or activity that brings visitors to a farm
- To ensure that quality healthcare is accessible to all citizens, the existing Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and referral hospitals under BBMP will be converted to '**Smart Clinics**'. They will be executed by the Bengaluru Smart City Ltd. (BSCL)
- The first consignment of **Kashmiri walnuts** was recently flagged off from Budgam. A truck carrying 2,000 kgs was **despatched to Bengaluru, Karnataka** under **the One District, One Product (ODOP)** Initiative of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- Two **new smog towers** have been recently inaugurated in Delhi. **Bengaluru and Chandigarh** also installed smog towers this year.
- **Karnataka legislators to get Constitution Club** for at **Balabrooie guest house**
- **Covid warriors** to receive **Namma Bengaluru Awards**
- A book on life of **Shivaram Karanth** called "**GROWING OF KARANTH**" was recently released. Kota Shivarama Karanth was an Indian polymath, who was a novelist in Kannada language, playwright and an ecological conservationist.
- As senior citizens continue to face a plethora of problems induced by the pandemic, NGOs have urged the State Government to step in. Among their demands are reinstating the **State Council for Senior Citizens** and addressing insurance coverage for elders. State Council was headed by the Minister for Women and Child Development, Director - Department of Differently Aabled and Senior Citizens Empowerment and also involved representatives from NGOs and senior citizens. It was formed in 2007, but the implementation has not been there
- **Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi**, a senior judge of the Allahabad High Court's Lucknow Bench, will now be the **Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court**. As per **article 217**, the Chief Justice of the high court is appointed by the President in consultation with the Chief justice of India as well as the Governor of the state in question.



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- To equip students pursuing higher education courses in Karnataka with industry-aligned skills, the **state government** announced its **official collaboration** with the **National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)**. This partnership is expected to benefit more than 5 lakh students (studying in government and private institutions) every year. NASSCOM is non-profit global trade association of Indian Information Technology (IT) and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry
- India Meteorological Department (IMD) has put the city on yellow alert with the forecast indicating that Bengaluru and several other parts of the state are likely to witness heavy rains
- **Mahiti Kanaja**, a web portal providing **Karnataka government information**, now has 160 services and 50 departments in its fold.
- Experts feel that peak load management of power in summer months may be affected if the Karnataka State continues to draw hydel power in excess for some more time.
- **Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA)** has attributed the repeated tremors experienced in Vijayapura and Kalaburagi districts between September 4 and October 11 to a phenomenon called **hydro-seismicity**. In hydro-seismicity, water from heavy rainfall enters small fractures in rocks and causes pressure within them. It is described as one of the major reasons for earthquake swarms in peninsular India
- According to data from **KSNDMC**, between October 1 and 13, as many as 16 districts had rainfall in '**large excess**', which means 60% and above rainfall.
- Over one lakh pages of manuscripts at **Moorusavir Mutt at Hubballi** have been scanned and stored in digital format.
- Pepper growers of Mangaluru are worried as the crops are being affected by '**Soragu Raga**' (bacterial wilt) following incessant rainfall in the region. The wilting disease Manifested by wilting the leaves and stems of affected plants. It causes the sudden stop of sap circulation in the vessels of diseased plants because of several possible species of pathogenic bacteria can lead to the rapid death of plants.
- An unprecedented spike in container costs by seven times, from around ₹1.5 lakh to ₹11 lakh, is threatening to put a spanner in the works just as global trade is gathering steam.

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The government has to act immediately before this spike in tariff begins to hurt the economy, according to Karnataka Small Scale Industries' Association (KASSIA).

- **Indian Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM) Bengaluru**, in association with Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, UK, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia and Faculty of Management Sciences, Suratthani Rajabhat University, Thailand, had organised a one-day International Conference on Challenges, Opportunities and Innovations in Agriculture, Plantations and Allied domains posed by the Pandemic
- Defence minister inaugurated a three-day Indian Air Force (IAF) conclave to commemorate 50 years of India's victory in the 1971 India-Pakistan War, which is being celebrated as Swarnim Vijay Varsh in Bengaluru. It was held under theme 'Birth of a Nation: Congruence of Politico-Military Thoughts and Goals'.
- **Teleindia Networks** unveiled its greenfield hyperscale data centre — **DataSamudra** — in Bengaluru in line with the growing market demand and to offer value differentiation in data centre market.
- The **Karnataka Religious Structures (Protection) Act**, which was passed in the state assembly in September, has come into effect following the assent of Governor. It aims at Protection of religious constructions on a public place constructed before the date of commencement of this Act, in order to protect communal harmony and not hurt the religious sentiments of the public . It Defines an illegal religious structure as a "temple, church, mosque, gurudwara, Bodh vihar, Majar etc, constructed on a public place without authority of law
- Karnataka govt to set up fair price shops for every 100 ration cardholders
- All state-run temples and religious institutions under the Muzrai department have been directed to conduct a 'gau puja' on the occasion of Deepavali/Bali Padyami on November 5.
- **Mysuru Zoo** gets orangutans. **Orangutans** were brought under an animal exchange scheme from **Singapore and Malasiya**
- The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday directed the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to conduct tests of water samples from various locations in the limits of Mangaluru City Corporation and at the entry and exist points at Maravoor dam to ascertain the level of contamination caused due to mixing of leachate from the Pachchanady landfill site.
- Tourism Minister of Karnataka urges centre to **develop Hampi under iconic tourist destination scheme**. Iconic Tourist Destination Scheme is a central sector scheme under Tourism Ministry for the development of identified iconic destinations in the country following a holistic approach. Hampi was capital of vijayanagara empire
- Conservationists want the Karnataka government to appoint full-time RFO at Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary. **Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary** is in Khanapur Taluk of Belagavi District.



- **Enterotoxemia** caused the death of 35 sheep in Shivamogga district recently. Enterotoxemia is a bacterial disease in sheep and goats.

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## NATIONAL ISSUES

- **Ministry of Labour and Employment** launched **DigiSaksham** - a digital skills programme to enhance the employability of youth by **imparting digital skills** that are required in an increasingly technology driven era. It is a **joint initiative with Microsoft India**.
- **Ministry of Social Justice** launched Senior Able Citizens for Re Employment in Dignity (**SACRED**) Portal. It aims at providing **employment to Senior citizens**.
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has extended the deadline till December 31 for NGOs to apply for renewal of their **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA)** registration certificates.
- The monsoon is likely to begin withdrawing from the mainland from October 6, said the India Meteorological Department as the country recorded an average of nearly 87 cm of rainfall across subdivisions, just short of the nearly 88 cm it normally receives during the monsoon.
- **India** has extended **support for protecting the Antarctic environment and for co-sponsoring the proposal of the European Union for designating East Antarctica and the Weddell Sea as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)** at a high-level ministerial meeting. An MPA is a protected area that provides protection for all or part of its natural resources. Certain activities within an MPA are limited or prohibited to meet specific conservation. It is designated by CCAMLR. Google Doodle celebrates SIVAJI GANESAN
- **IFSCA**, in its endeavour to develop the required eco-system has constituted an **Expert Committee** to recommend approach towards **development of Sustainable Finance Hub** and provide road map for the same. The expert committee is being chaired by **Shri C.K. Mishra**, Former Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The committee consists of leaders across the sustainable finance spectrum, including international agencies, standard setting bodies, funds, academia, and consultancies
- **R. Sheikh** assumed charge as first Director General of the **Ordnance Directorate (Co-ordination and Services)**. It is the successor organization of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
- Air Chief Marshal **VR Chaudhari** took over as **The Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)**



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- **NITI Aayog** released a **performance assessment report of district hospitals** in India, titled Best Practices in the Performance of District Hospitals. The report is an outcome of collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and WHO India. The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers, a constituent board of the Quality Council of India, conducted the on-ground data validation.
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has simplified the process for Indians who want to **renounce their citizenship**. **Citizenship act 1955** mentions ways of acquiring and termination of citizenship.
- Prime Minister launched the second phases of the **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban** and the **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation**. The Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 intends to make India's cities garbage-free. AMRUT 2.0 aims at ramping up sewage treatment as well as providing 100 per cent water supply coverage to all households.
- **Panchayati Raj Ministry** launched **People's Plan Campaign 2021- Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas** along with the Vibrant Gram Sabha Dashboard. It is a step to improve peoples participation in Panchayat
- The **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** celebrated its Fifth Annual Day. It is insolvency regulatory body established under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- The centre will use **Chacha Chaudhary**, the popular comic book character, for sensitising children and youths about the cleaning of Ganga and other rivers under **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)**
- In a move to curb and abate the air pollution levels arising from the Construction and Demolition (C&D) activities in **the National Capital Region (NCR)**, the **Commission for Air Quality and Management (CAQM)** will periodically review compliance of dust mitigation measures at Construction & Demolition sites in the National Capital Region
- Birth Anniversary of **Lal Bahaddur Shastri** celebrated.

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- **Canada** marked its **first ever National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on 1 October** to honour the lost children and survivors of the country's indigenous residential schools, their families and communities. The aim of the holiday is to educate and remind the citizens of the history of indigenous children and remember their suffering. All citizens were encouraged to wear the colour orange to highlight how indigenous children were robbed of their culture and freedoms.
- **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**, under the AYUSH ministry, has developed "**Bal Raksha Kit**" which is an immunity boosting kit.
- "**Nata-Sankirtana**" festival was started at the Mandap of Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy (JNMDA), Imphal. In classical Ragas, Nata sankirtana is a hymn of lord Krishna that synthesizes several indigenous rhythms. Sankirtana follows a strict code in its performance with rhythms pattern and costumes that are determined by specific rules & regulation. Sankirtana is performed to mark important occasions in person's life such as from birth to death. UNESCO had recognized Manipur Nata Sankirtana in 2013.
- India's highest science award called "**Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award 2021**" was presented to the 11 scientists on the occasion of 80th foundation day of Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR).
- The **Council Of Scientific And Industrial Research -National Geophysical Research Institute** (CSIR-NGRI) has launched an '**Environmental Seismology**' group to develop a 'Landslide and Flood Early Warning System' for the Himalayan region based on real-time monitoring with dense seismological networks, coupled with satellite data, numerical modelling and geomorphic analysis.
- A British-era bungalow on a hillock that used to be the 17th century military office of the Ahom rulers has been converted into a heritage centre depicting life along the Brahmaputra. It has been named **Mahabahu Brahmaputra River Heritage Centre**.
- **Election commission** of India allots election symbols to parties for By poll elections in Bihar. It is allotted in terms of **Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order of 1968**.
- **Defence Minister** felicitated the winners of '**Dare to Dream 2.0**' Contest organised by Defence Research & Development Organisation
- The Prime Minister has paid tributes to **Shyamji Krishna Varma** on his Jayanti.
- Health Minister launched the ICMR's drone response and outreach in the north-east (i-Drone)
- 53rd Foundation Day celebrations of the **Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)** was recently held

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- The fourth Conclave in DD News' Conclave series was held on the topic '**Yuva Shakti: From Sports to Startups**'.
- Minister of State for Tourism flags off the **Buddhist Circuit Train FAM** Tour from New Delhi today to help tap potential of **Buddhist tourism**
- **Anshu Malik** has become the **first Indian woman wrestler** to reach the final of 2021 **World Wrestling Championships**.
- Union Cabinet has given its approval, to set up seven **PM MITRA parks**, accomplishing the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to establish Atmanirbhar Bharat. It stands for "Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel" park. It will benefit unemployed with seven lakh direct jobs as well as 14 lakh indirect jobs.
- The **heaviest semi-cryogenic propellant tank (SC120-LOX)** ever fabricated by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been delivered to the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro).
- Researchers at the **Central University of Kerala (CUK)** have found that **domestication of sheep** had taken place in the Indian subcontinent, especially in **Indus Valley civilisation** regions in the 6th or 7th millennium BC.
- Ministry of culture to provide financial push to Buddhist circuit. **Buddhist Circuit** was announced in 2016, Under the Ministry of Tourism's flagship Swadesh Darshan scheme. Sites - **Bodh Gaya, Nalanda, Rajgir, Viashali, Sarnath, Shravasti, Kushinagar, Kaushambi, Sankisa and Kapilavastu**.
- **Tanzanian novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah, 72**, won the **2021 Nobel Prize in Literature** "for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee"
- The **spices growers of Kanniyakumari** have obtained the **Geographical Indication Tag** for the **clove** being grown in the hilly regions of the district as it is known for its rich aromatic oil content.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** on Friday said it was halting its bond buying under the **G-Sec Acquisition Programme (GSAP)** for now, stressing that the measure had succeeded in ensuring adequate liquidity and stabilising financial markets.
- **India joins HIGH AMBITION COALITION (HAC) FOR NATURE AND PEOPLE**. It is a group of more than 70 countries encouraging the adoption of the global goal to protect 30x30, which aims to halt the accelerating loss of species, and protect vital ecosystems that are the source of our economic security.
- Death anniversary of freedom fighter **Jayaprakash Narayan** recently celebrated.



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- **Jim Corbett National Park**, a world-renowned tiger reserve in Uttarakhand, may be renamed as Ramganga National Park in the future.
- The 5th edition of the **bilateral maritime exercise JIMEX, between Japan and India**, was conducted in the Arabian Sea from 06 – 08 October 2021.
- **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** and **GIFT City** launched I-Sprint'21, the global FinTech Hackathon Series of IFSCA on 7th October 2021 at 11.30 AM IST. The first Sprint of the series "**Sprint01: BankTech**" is focussed on FinTechs for the Banking sector.
- **National Mission of Clean Ganga (NMCG)** has signed an MoU with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Institute (**WASH Institute**) to conduct a series of **trainings to enhance the quality of service of officials in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)**.
- In an interview the representative and country director of the **United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)**, Bishow Parajuli, said Eliminating social taboos with regard to food diversification is crucial for improving nourishment levels among the Indian population. World Food Programme is the food assistance branch of the United Nations and the world's largest humanitarian organization addressing hunger and promoting food security launched in 1961 (1963 in India).
- The Labor Bureau released the results of the All-India **Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (QES)** for the first quarter (FQ) of 2021 (April to June).
- The Delhi government, in a move to provide an alternative to stubble burning and combat air pollution, will start its campaign to use **bio-decomposer – PUSA solution** on farmlands under its winter action plan. The decomposer was developed by **Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI)**. It is essentially a fungi-based liquid solution that can soften hard stubble to the extent that it can be easily mixed with soil in the field to act as compost.
- Based on research over **KATOL meteorite** researchers have unravelled the composition expected to be present in the Earth's lower mantle which is at about 660 km deep. It reports existence of new mineral called **BRIDGMANITE**, which is present in Earth's lower mantle around 80%.
- Popular since the early 20th century, the rail link between Nepal and India is ready to resume on the neighbouring country's first-ever broad gauge passenger service. The first stretch is ready: a 34-km line between **Bihar's Jayanagar and Nepal's Kurtha**, with the Hindu pilgrimage city of Janakpur Dham in between.
- The second phase of the **Malabar naval war gaming exercise** with the four Quad members – India, US, Japan and Australia – will take place in the Bay of Bengal from October 12 till October 15.
- A recent analysis by the Mahamana Centre of Excellence in Climate Change Research (MCECCR) at Banaras Hindu University (BHU), in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences, has found a spatial shift of heatwaves in India, with this weather event now occurring in new regions in the country.
- 300th birth anniversary of **Bhai Taru Singh Ji** celebrated. Bhai Taru Singh (1720 – 1745) was a prominent Sikh martyr known for sacrificing his life, in the name of protecting Sikh values, by having had his head scalped rather than cutting his hair and converting to Islam. Gurdwara Shaheed Bhai Taru Singh or Gurdwara Shahidi Asthan Bhai Taru Singh ji is a Sikh



Gurdwara at Naulakha Bazaar in Lahore, Pakistan, which commemorates the spot where Bhai Taru Singh was martyred.

- **Rajasthan's marriage registration Bill** passed last month by the Rajasthan Assembly, which amended a 2009 law on mandatory registration of marriages, including child marriages, has been embroiled in controversy. It has been criticized for registration of child marriage
- Aviation venture **SNV Aviation**, which is planning an airline under the **Akasa brand**, has received a no-objection certificate from the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the **Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2021** — often incorrectly referred to as the Nobel Prize in Economics — to three US-based economists.
- 28th anniversary of **NHRC** recently celebrated. It is a statutory body established on 12th October, 1993 Under the **Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993**.
- **Retail inflation** falls to 4.35% in September . Retail inflation is the general rise in the retail prices of goods and services measured by Consumer price index (CPI).
- Govt. of India accorded '**Maharatna**' status to the state-owned **Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC)**, thus giving PFC **greater operational and financial autonomy**.
- The Prime Minister has expressed grief over the passing away of Chairman IFFCO, **Sardar Balvinder Singh Nakai Ji**.
- **Prime Minister Gati Shakti National Master Plan** has been launched recently. This will bring together 16 Ministries and seven core infrastructure sectors, on a single platform in order to synergise project planning across stakeholder ministries for avoiding duplication, plug gaps and expedite clearances at the right time.
- Birth Anniversary of **APJ Abdul Kalam** celebrated

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- Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India, addressed the Ministerial session of the **Green Grids Initiative-One Sun One World One Grid Northwest Europe Cooperative Event**.
- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting launched **MyParkings app** for region of **Delhi**. It is created by Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL) with South Delhi Municipal Corporation with the purpose to digitize all authorized parking under SDMC municipal limits.
- In order to extend the facility for booking community halls of Cantonment Boards online without any physical application, a **'Community Hall Booking module'** has now been made live on the **eChhawani portal** for greater ease of living for Cantonment residents.
- Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Shri Giriraj Singh today jointly launched **Climate Resilience Information System and Planning (CRISP-M)** tool for integration of climate information in **Geographic Information System (GIS)** based watershed planning under **Mahatma Gandhi NREGA**
- The 8th Edition of annual **'Dilli Series' Sea Power Seminar**, was conducted online recently . The theme of this year's Webinar was **'Maritime History of the Indian Ocean Region'**.
- Riding on the back of quality content and digital first approach, **Prasar Bharati's** digital platforms from southern region of India have come a long way in just over a couple of years. While **DD Chandana (Karnataka)** has become the first from the region to achieve 1 Million subscribers milestone on YouTube, **DD Saptagiri (Andhra Pradesh)** and **DD Yadagiri (Telangana)** are swiftly marching towards Half a Million landmark.
- As part of the ongoing Indo-US Defence Cooperation, the Joint Military Training Exercise **"Ex Yudh Abhyas 2021"** will be conducted at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska (USA) from 15 to 29 October 2021.
- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** - a PSU under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has announced the launch of **"UFill"** - a **digital customer experience** which delivers on BPCL's promise of ensuring that their customers have complete control over Time, Technology and Transparency as part of their fuelling experience. With UFill, the invitation to customers is to **"Fast forward your fill"**, leveraging the latest in digital technology which obviates the need for looking at zero or final reading and such offline manual interventions.

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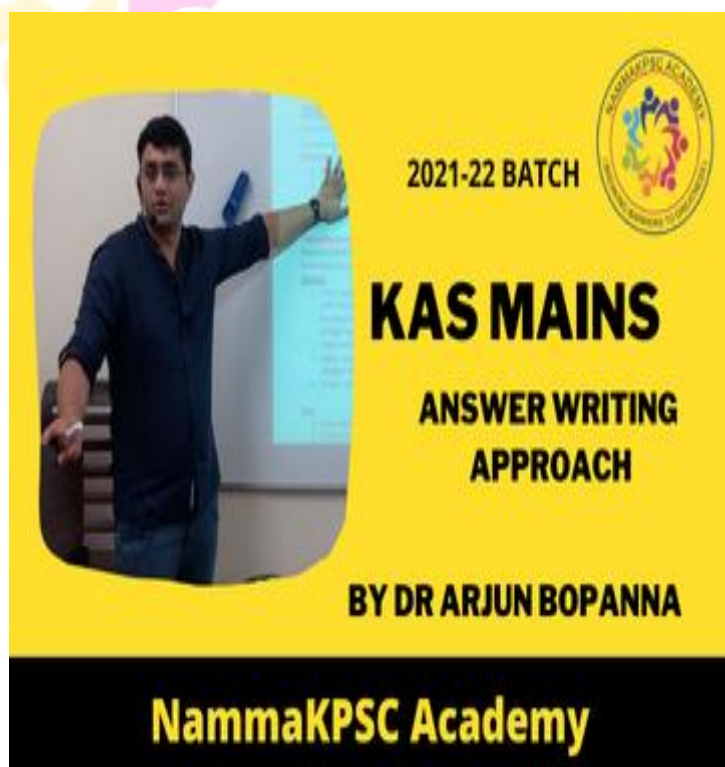
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- There is a 70% reduction in instances of stubble burning in Punjab and 18% in Haryana from last year, according to a report on Friday by the **Commission for Air Quality Management**. **STUBBLE BURNING** is a common practice followed by farmers to prepare fields for sowing of wheat in November as there is little time left between the harvesting of paddy and sowing of wheat.
- Union Ministry of Power has asked Kerala to provide support by increasing generation at storage-based hydroelectric stations, such as the 780 MW Idukki
- The government has notified new rules under which the **gestational limit for termination of a pregnancy has been increased from 20 to 24 weeks** for certain categories of women under newly amended **Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021**
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has **extended the jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF) up to 50 km inside the international borders** in Punjab, West Bengal and Assam.
- **Dr R R Gangakhedkar**, former head of epidemiology and communicable diseases at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has been selected for the World Health Organisation's (WHO) expert group that will examine the origins of emerging and re-emerging pathogens of epidemic and pandemic potential, including SARS-CoV-2.
- **Chennai Super kings** clinch fourth IPL title
- The Prime Minister has expressed deep grief over the demise of the Chairman of **Dainik Jagran Group Yogendra Mohan Gupta Ji**.
- **'Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Prerana Sthal'** was inaugurated at Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam on October 15, 2021 on the occasion of 90th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India and to commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The NSTL is the premier naval research laboratory of **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)**.
- Heavy rain and landslides are occurring all over southern Kerala. A low pressure system developed in the east-central Arabian Sea on October 14, moved closer to Kerala coast and triggered severe weather.
- Birth Anniversary of **Sir Syed Ahmad Khan** celebrated recently
- **Vidyut Mohan led Takachar's innovation** of India was recognised for its affordable technology to convert crop residues into sellable bio-products was awarded with **Prince William's inaugural Earthshot Prize**
- **India crowned SAFF champions** for 8th time as Sunil Chhetri leads Blue Tigers to 3-0 win over Nepal. The





2021 SAFF Championship is the 13th edition of the competition since its inception in 1993. It is a biennial international men's football championship and this time hosted in Male, Maldives.

- Every year, the **World Food Day** is celebrated on **October 16**. To commemorate World Food Day, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under the **Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme**, organised the Food Tech Summit. The Food Tech Summit 2021 aimed at setting the stage for all food-tech stakeholders to impart, discuss and acquaint micro enterprises on the new emerging trends in food processing and technological innovation.
- An **Audio-Visual Song** by renowned singer **PadmaShri Kailash Kher** to promote the **vaccination drive** across the country, was launched recently
- Opposition is mounting against the proposed amendments to the **Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980**, with environmentalists and activists arguing that it will lead to further degradation of forests, especially in ecologically sensitive areas such as the Western Ghats. The amendment make it easier to divert forest for non-forest use, however the cause of concern was considering any private area as forest as it would restrict the right of an individual to use his/her own land for any non-forestry activity
- **Election Commission** of India halts the **Dalit Bandhu scheme** in Huzurabad Assembly constituency citing the October 30 byelection. Dalit Bandhu scheme is a flagship programme introduced by the government of Telangana. It is a welfare scheme that aims at empowering and promoting the welfare of Dalits in the state.
- **Valmiki Jayanti** celebrated. He is known as Adikavi , first Sanskrit poet & composed Ramayana
- **Bhaskarabda** to be added to **official calendar of Assam**. It is a calendar Uses a **lunisolar system** based on moon phases, solar year. The era counted from the date of the ascension of a seventh century local ruler, will be added to Saka and Gregorian eras in the official calendar of the Assam Government. This era began when Bhaskaravarman was crowned ruler of the Kamrupa kingdom. He was a contemporary and political ally of northern Indian ruler Harshavardhana.
- **Election commission** issues a statement for enforcement of **Model Code of Conduct (MCC)** during bye-elections being conducted. They are Guidelines issued regarding conduct of political parties and candidates during election
- A rise in **Dengue cases** among children is being noticed in various cities. Dengue fever is Mosquito-borne illness that occurs in tropical and subtropical areas of the world.





- **Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)** has achieved success in improving the numbers of **Pygmy hogs**. This breakthrough is done through captive genetic inbreeding of endangered species
- The excessive rain and the landslides in Uttarakhand, as well as other states such as Kerala, is linked to the **changing patterns of monsoon**
- **NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has launched – "Innovations for You"** an attempt to showcase the success stories of Atal Innovation Mission's Startups in different domains. These startups have worked to create new, disruptive and innovative products, services, and solutions that can pave a path for a sustainable future.
- Government of India celebrated **UDAN day** on **October 21**. Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) was launched as a Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation in October 21 2016 to develop the regional aviation market.
- The Central Government has notified the **Indian Telegraph Right of Way (Amendment) Rules, 2021** on 21st October 2021 to incorporate the provisions related to nominal one-time compensation and uniform procedure for establishment of Overground Telegraph Line in the Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016.
- An analysis has found that **e-cigarette use** — even on a daily basis — did not help smokers successfully stay off cigarettes. An electronic cigarette (or e-cig) is a battery-powered vaporizer that mimics tobacco smoking that works by heating up a nicotine liquid, called "juice."
- The Union Minister for Culture, Tourism unveiled the **UNESCO World Heritage** Listing plaque at **Ramappa - Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple** in Palampet, Telangana
- As the annual **International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa**, returns in a hybrid format on November 20, it tries to generate interest with some international personalities and talked-about titles of the year. It is 52 edition of film festival
- An **acute shortage of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) in Haryana** has seen desperate farmers pelting stones at the police, blocking roads in protest, and even resorting to "loot" the fertilizer from a private dealer's outlet in Mahendragarh district of south Haryana. DAP so important is Basic nutrient for Rabi crops which has to be sprinkled at the time of sowing crops like mustard and wheat.
- **Kerala wins award for city with most sustainable transport system.** The award has been given in recognition of the projects implemented — like Kochi Metro, Water Metro and e-mobility — to enhance the transport facilities in the city of Kochi. The formation of the **Kochi Open Mobility Network**, which digitized and integrated various transport facilities, helped to win the award which is given in recognition of the transport facilities in various states and Union Territories of India by Union Ministry for Housing and Urban Affairs. Kochi Open Mobility Network is an initiative of the Kochi Metropolitan Transport Authority to support the local community in Kochi.
- The Gujarat High Court has reprimanded the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) and the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) for the **pollution on the Sabarmati riverfront.**
- The Prime Minister has paid tributes to cartoonist **RK Laxman** on his 100th birth anniversary



- Govt panel chaired by Union Education Minister is all set to oversee **NIPUN Bharat progress**. NIPUN is a initiative of the Ministry of Education, Implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy. The Target is **Ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27**.
- Prime Minister is set to inaugurate **Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission**, what is being touted as **“India’s largest scheme to scale-up health infrastructure”**. The Aim is ensuring a robust public health infrastructure in both urban and rural areas, capable of responding to public health emergencies or disease outbreak.
- With an aim to “speed-up” the process of clearing the Ghazipur landfill site, the East Delhi Municipal Corporation on Monday passed a proposal to implement the bio-mining of “50 lakh tonnes” of legacy waste. **Bio mining** is extraction of minerals from ores by using microorganisms.
- **Drug price regulator National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)** said it has fixed the ceiling prices for 12 anti-diabetic generic medicines.
- The Supreme Court directed the Supervisory Committee to take an immediate and firm decision on the maximum water level that can be maintained at Mullaperiyar dam.
- On the banks of the Sarayu in Ayodhya, acres of green space, mostly known as Ram Katha Park, have been through a major beautification exercise. Once inaugurated on November 4, the spruced-up space will be known as **Queen Heo Hwang-ok Memorial Park**, after a Korean queen believed to have had Indian roots.
- IIT-Delhi announced the launch of M.Tech in **Machine Intelligence & Data Science (MINDS)** to be offered by the School of Artificial Intelligence (ScAI), It is a industry-sponsored programme where students will be expected to work on industry-relevant AI problems.
- The **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** has urged the central and state governments to increase the **minimum legal age to buy tobacco products** from 18 to 21. It is to ensure young adolescents are protected from getting addicted to them. This needs a amendment in Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act
- The Union Minister of Commerce & Industry reviewed the progress on **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) initiative** of DPIIT. ONDC is globally first-of-its-kind initiative that aims to democratise Digital Commerce, moving it from a platform-centric model to an open-network.







- Union Health Ministry has rushed a high level multi-disciplinary team to Uttar Pradesh where a case of **Zika Virus Disease** case has been reported. The Zika virus is predominantly transmitted by infected mosquitoes from the Aedes genus, mainly Aedes aegypti. The Aedes mosquitoes also spread dengue, chikungunya and yellow fever.
- **Raksha Mantri** chairs **Ambassadors' RoundTable for DefExpo 2022**. It is a Premier event in the international aerospace and defence calendar, has witnessed year-on-year growth, both in the quantity and quality of participation
- The report '**Mapping India's Climate Vulnerability – A District-level Assessment**', which has been supported by the India Climate Collaborative and Edelgive Foundation was released by **Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)**. It states Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Bihar are the most vulnerable to extreme climate events such as floods, droughts and cyclones
- The sea phase of maiden Tri-Service exercise '**Konkan Shakti 2021**' between the Armed Forces of **India and United Kingdom (UK)** is being held off the Konkan coast in the Arabian Sea.
- **Telangana government** has red-flagged encroachment of forests by non-tribals, who are indulging in the practice of shifting agriculture which is called **PODU**.
- SC sets up committee to examine **Pegasus allegations**. Stressing that the power of the state to snoop in the name of national security into the "sacred private space" of individuals is not absolute, the Supreme Court on Wednesday appointed an expert technical committee overseen by former **Supreme Court judge R.V. Raveendran** to examine allegations on Centre
- India successfully test-fired surface-to-surface ballistic missile **Agni-5**.
- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind paid homage to **Shri K.R. Narayanan**, former President of India
- **World Occupational Therapy Day** is annually observed across the globe on **October 27th** to create awareness about occupational therapists and the global impact of occupational therapy. On this day NIMHANS announced introduction of adaptive clothing .Adaptive clothing is designed to meet the needs of individuals with cognitive, physical and sensory disabilities.
- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a low-cost and effective method to detect adulterants in milk. Their method analyses deposition patterns after evaporation.

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- The Delhi Cabinet has decided to add Ayodhya to the list of pilgrimage sites under the '**Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojna**'. The scheme, which facilitates free pilgrimage for senior citizens residing in the Capital, had been halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It would recommence within a month
- **NITI Aayog** has approved a proposal to conduct a study on the use of **facial recognition technology in India**.
- The **75th Infantry Day** to commemorate the contributions of Infantry, the largest fighting arm of the Indian Army was celebrated on 27 October 2021. This day has a unique significance for the Nation, as it was on this day in 1947 that Infantrymen from Indian Army, led by 1 SIKH, landed at Srinagar Airfield and saved the State of J&K from a ruthless and treacherous Pakistani invasion. The Infantry since time immemorial has displayed fortitude, indomitable resoluteness and dogged determination all through its chequered history. The fighting spirit of Indian Army's versatile 'Infantry' has always been appreciated by all over the world.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued the notification for draft amendments to **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016**, and invited feedback.
- On the invitation of the Chairman, Central Election Commission of Uzbekistan, (CEC-U), Chief Election Commissioner of India, **Shri Sushil Chandra** led a three member delegation to **Uzbekistan** in order to observe the conduct of Presidential elections held on October 24, 2021. This election, conducted under the new election code, was keenly watched by the international community.
- Indigenously built **Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Sarthak'** was commissioned and dedicated to the nation. ICGS Sarthak will be based at Porbandar in Gujarat and operate on India's Western Seaboard under the Operational and Administrative Control of the Commander, Coast Guard Region (Northwest). ICGS Sarthak is 4th in the series of five OPVs being built by Goa Shipyard Limited for the ICG. These OPVs are multi-mission platforms capable of undertaking concurrent operations. The 105-meter-long ship displacing 2,450 tons is propelled by two 9,100 kilowatt diesel engines designed to attain a maximum speed of 26 knots. The ship is fitted with state-of-the-art equipment, machinery, sensors and weapons which enables it to function as a command platform and undertake mandated Coast Guard charter of duties including search & rescue, combating maritime crimes and preserving & protecting the marine environment. Indian Coast Guard is a pioneer in inducting indigenous platforms and ICGS Sarthak is a glowing example of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.



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## INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

- **Najla Bouden Romdhane** has become the **first female prime minister of Tunisia**
- **Russia** has successfully test-fired Hypersonic missile from a nuclear submarine for the first time on October 4, 2021. The missile, named **Zircon missile**, was launched from the Severodvinsk. submarine. Zircon hit a designated target in the Barents Sea.
- **Japan's** parliament on Monday elected **Fumio Kishida**, as Prime Minister.
- U.S. scientists David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian on Monday won the **Nobel Medicine Prize** for discoveries on receptors for temperature and touch.
- **World Animal Welfare Day** is observed all over the world every year on October 4.
- **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** announced its plan to send a probe on an asteroid between Mars and Jupiter for collecting data regarding origins of the universe.
- **French President** unveiled a five-year, **€30 billion (\$35 billion) investment plan** for developing innovative technology and industrial activity, including building small nuclear reactors, electric cars and greener airplanes.
- **China** has pledged to **inject \$233 million** into a new fund to **protect biodiversity** in developing countries, despite disagreements among major donors on the initiative.
- Prime Minister of India participated virtually in the **G20 Extraordinary Summit on Afghanistan**. The Meeting was convened by Italy, which currently holds the G20 Presidency
- **World Standards Day** is observed on **14 October** annually
- **Museum Rietberg**, based in Zurich, Switzerland, has established a unique research centre and fellowship programme with a **focus on Indian art**. The GBF Centre is meant for scholars, curators, and artists who specialise in Indian painting. The GBF Centre has named Sonika Soni as its first research fellow.
- **Japan's new prime minister** Fumio Kishida on Friday unveiled a **flagship council**, which will be responsible for strategizing how to tackle wealth disparities and redistribute wealth to households
- A Russian actress and a film director returned to Earth on Sunday after spending 12 days on the International Space Station (ISS) shooting scenes for the first movie in orbit.
- **India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates and the United States** have decided to launch a new **quadrilateral economic forum**
- The **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** retained **Pakistan in the 'greylist'**. Pakistan is needed to further demonstrate that investigations and prosecutions were being pursued against the senior leadership of UN-designated terror groups, which include the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), al-Qaeda and the Taliban.
- **Journalist Maria Ressa from the Philippines** is one of two journalists to have been awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize for 2021**, along with Russian Editor **Dmitry Muratov**. **Ms. Ressa**, who is the author of upcoming book *How to Stand Up to a Dictator* speaks about her battles with the Philippines Government and 'Big Tech' social media companies. It is



not since 1935 that the Nobel Peace Prize went to a journalist. Carl Von Ossietzky, who wrote about the Nazi regime and Germany's remilitarisation plan, won that year.

- **Hurricane Rick** to hit **Coast of Mexico**. The US National Hurricane Centre said Rick had winds as high as 85 miles per hour (140 kph) and was expected to hit somewhere around the seaport of Lazaro Cardenas and the resort of Zihuatanejo. Hurricanes are large, swirling storms that produce winds of 119 kilometers per hour (74 mph) or higher that form over warm ocean waters.
- The Center for Strategic and International Studies notes that hunger in Afghanistan has increased substantially since 2014 due to major droughts, floods and economic and security challenges.
- Amid the military standoff with India in eastern Ladakh, China's national legislature 23, 2021, adopted a new Land Border Law for the protection of the land border areas

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