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KARNATAKA ISSUES

- **Karnataka is the first State** in the country to start a **door-to-door survey to detect TB among COVID-19-recovered** individuals and their household contacts. Based, on the results, state government will issue an advisory asking people to mandatorily get screened for TB if they have symptoms
- A recent data revealed that the **Bengaluru** is the **most linguistically diverse district in the country**. The data culled from the 2011 census shows that city is home to 107 scheduled and non-scheduled languages, attesting to its cosmopolitanism
- Scientists of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, will **geotag the spot-billed pelicans** at **Kokkrebelle** in Mandya district to track their flight path and study their migratory patterns.
- Union Finance Minister laid the foundation stone for the office building of the **Income Tax Department in Bengaluru**. The new building will have an exclusive public relations office to address public grievances, **Aaykar Seva Kendra** for providing taxpayer services and will be constructed by the Bangalore Project Circle, CPWD. The Aaykar Seva Kendra represents a single window system for registration of all taxpayer application/return.
- Karnataka government launched **RAITA VIDYA NIDHI** scheme to help children of Farmers who discontinued their studies due to financial difficulties. Students will receive scholarship according to courses.
- **ASER report** on Karnataka showed a Huge drop in learning levels in both reading and numeracy, especially for primary classes. It is conducted by NGO Pratham.
- Education Ministry launched the sixth edition of the **NIRF** in which IIT-Madras, **IISc-Bangalore**, and IIT-Bombay have emerged as the country's top three higher education institutions. NIRF is conducted to rank higher education institutions (HEIs) in the country.
- State government sent a proposal to the Centre seeking **Ramsar site tag** for the Ranganathittu bird sanctuary in Mandya district, Aghanashini estuary in Uttara Kannada, Magadi-Shettikeri tanks in Gadag and Ankasamudra in Ballari. Wetlands are the transitional zone between land and water, where saturation with water is the dominant. A Ramsar site is a wetland site designated to be of international importance under the



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Ramsar Convention. Ramsar identifies wetlands of international importance, especially those providing waterfowl habitat.

- The government of Karnataka proposes to **revolutionise mobility systems** and put an end to the culture of agencies working in silos with the **Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) Bill**. The authority will take consolidated decisions on bus, trains, metro and “any other mode” of transport. It will be headed by CM
- The report by CAG said Karnataka’s spending on health, education lesser than other south Indian states.
- **Engineers Day 2021** was observed on **September 15**, to mark the birthday of Sir **Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya**. Born in 1861 Sir MV, as Sir Visvesvaraya is also known, made contributions to several technical projects in his career in Hyderabad, Mysore, Maharashtra and Orissa.
- Data from the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2020** shows that among the 19 metro cities in the country, **Bengaluru** has the ignominy of recording the maximum number of cybercrimes against children. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is a government agency responsible for collecting and analyzing crime data as defined by the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Special and Local Laws (SLL).
- **Central Sahitya Akademi award** for Nataraj Budalu, Srinath Perur from Karnataka. It is a literary honour in India conferred by Sahitya Akademi which is India’s National Academy of Letters.
- **Jedi Mara Junction** on Bannerghatta Road is set to get back the cashew trees it is named after. The name Jedi Mara is said to be a colloquial reference to **cashew trees** that once lined up the intersection. The name was first given to the bus stop.
- The High Court of Karnataka upheld the constitutional validity of **exemption** from some of the provisions of the **Arms Act** to “every person of **Coorg race** and every Jamma tenureholder in Coorg”.
- In order to harness the vast export potential of Karnataka, and as a part of the series of programmes being organized by **APEDA** under the “Aazadi Ka Amrith Mahotsav” celebrations, APEDA Bangalore Regional Office organized an “**Exporters Conclave**” cum Exhibition in Bangalore.
- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru**, and six Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are among 12 Indian institutions that have figured in the top 500 universities in **QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022**. It is a leading global career and education network for ambitious professionals looking to further their personal and professional development.



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- The Legislature **Committee on Privileges**, state legislative of Karnataka has dropped its proceedings against IAS officer. **Article 194** deals with the powers, privileges and immunities of the State Legislatures, their Members and their committees.
- Former Chief Minister **B.S. Yediyurappa** was on Friday presented with the **award for best legislator instituted by the Legislative Assembly**. The award was presented to him by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at a special programme held in the Assembly
- Union Minister for Ayush, Ports, Shipping and Waterways inaugurated today **Rathnashree Arogyadhama**, a new unit of Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Ayurveda Hospital at Udupi, Karnataka
- The Karnataka government has decided to renovate 11 schools, where **Jnanpith awardees studied**. It is the highest literary award of the country.
- The Karnataka legislature has passed a Bill to amend the **Karnataka Police Act, 1963** in order to **ban all forms of gambling in the state**, including online gambling to strengthen the Karnataka Police Act to make gambling a cognizable and non-bailable offence and "curb menace of gaming through the Internet, mobile apps"
- In order to facilitate early detection of crime and expedite investigation, the State government will set up **Forensic Science Laboratories (FSL)** in six cities in Karnataka, including Hubballi-Dharwad, Kalaburagi, and Mysuru.
- The **Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru**, has awarded the Professor Peraiah Foundation Award for 2021 to Dr Shraavan Hanasoge of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) in Mumbai for his work on deciphering the internal structure of the sun, stars and the earth
- **STEMI** (ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction) is Heart attack management system in Semi-urban and Rural areas conceptualized by **Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences**. It has been stalled.
- The **Karnataka High Court** this ordered the state government to issue necessary instructions to remove encroachments from the water bodies in accordance with the Land Revenue Act.
- The State government of Karnataka announced the **Mahatma Gandhi Seva Award** for 2020 and 2021 to freedom fighter Meera Bai Koppikar from Mudhol of Bagalkot district, and Sri Siddaganga Institute of Education and Sri Siddaganga Mutt, Tumakuru district, respectively. The award is given to people or institutions in recognition of service to society based on Gandhi's ideals. The selection committee was headed by retired High Court judge Ashok B. Hinchageri. Ms. Koppikar, a nonagenarian, is currently living in Vatsalya Dhama in Mudhola. The award carrying ₹5 lakh each along with citation will be presented on October 2 at Gandhi Bhavan in Bengaluru.
- **Bengaluru's air pollution**, already three times above the WHO guidelines, will double within the next 10 years if the Union government goes ahead with the planned expansion of coal fleet by 28 per cent, a report by C40 Cities has warned.



NATIONAL ISSUES

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** is planning to enable international settlement of transactions in government securities (G-secs) through **International Central Securities Depositories (ICSDs)**, to help expand the investor base for the G-secs market. A Central Securities Depositories (CSD) is a financial organisation that specialises in holding securities.
- Migrations of **Latham's Snipe shorebirds**, those fly non-stop from **Japan to Australia** twice in a year, started. The bird takes five days to cover the distance of thousands of kilometres of ocean for their survival.
- **Russia** issued a warning about the possibility of rise in cases of **West Nile Virus** infections this autumn because mild temperatures and heavy precipitation are the favourable circumstances for mosquitos carrying the virus. West Nile virus is **single-stranded RNA virus** causing West Nile fever. It is a member of family **Flaviviridae**. Primary hosts are birds. There is No specific vaccines or treatments.
- The **Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR)** has launched a regular **Jungle Tea Toy Train Safari** on the **Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Route**. It is Expected to boost the tourism sector in the region. Locals will be having the opportunity to participate in weekend tours regularly.
- **Indian Royal Jelly** has been found to surpass top-quality sellers, including those produced in Thailand and Taiwan. It is a pearly white or pale yellow-coloured cohesive mixture of honey and secretions from the hypopharyngeal and mandibular glands of worker honeybees.
- **Ladakh** adopted two endangered species, **snow leopard** and **black-necked crane**, as the State animal and the State bird.
- Lok Sabha speaker, inaugurated a **parliamentary outreach programme** to empower Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the union territory of **Jammu and Kashmir**. It is a unique initiative to strengthen the institutions of governance and planning at the grassroot level.
- Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has decided to celebrate **the POSHAN MAAH** throughout the month September with different themes every week. It is focused and assimilated approach in order to improve Holistic Nutrition and ensure speedy and intensive outreach.
- Ladakh MP inaugurated the **world's highest motorable road** at 18,600 ft connecting **Leh to the Pangong Lake**. The road stretches through the Kela Pass.

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- According to United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), use of leaded petrol has been eradicated from the globe.
- Scientists of Indian Institutes of Technology, Ropar and Kanpur and Faculty of Management Studies of Delhi University have developed a living-plant based **air purifier “Ubreathe Life”** that amplifies the air purification process in the indoor spaces. These indoor spaces can either be hospitals, schools, offices and your Homes.
- Amidst reports of rising numbers of **“breakthrough infections”**, India SARS-CoV-2 Genome Consortium (INSACOG) said these numbers are on expected lines but did not officially quantify the extent of such infections. There have been several cases of Covid-19 vaccinated people, even those who have received both doses, testing positive for the virus. Such cases are referred to as “breakthrough” infections.
- NAGA Battalion group contingent of 200 Army personnel will participate in the multinational Exercise **ZAPAD 2021** being held at Nizhniy, Russia from September 3 to 16.
- Forty Central universities will kick off implementation of innovative measures such as the **academic credit bank and the glue grant** meant to encourage multidisciplinary. Academic Bank of Credit is a virtual storehouse that keep records of academic credits secured by a student. It offers several services to these students. Under glue grant scheme Institutions in the same city would be encouraged to share resources, equipment and even allow their students to take classes from each other.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB)** has launched a new initiative that enables Google Pay users to book fixed deposits (FDs) on Google Pay in just 2 minutes without opening a bank account.
- Chief Minister of Manipur virtually launched the **e-ILP platform** for effective regulation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system in the state. It is a document that Indian citizens from other states are required to possess in order to enter states like **Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland and Manipur** and it is issued by the concerned State Government and can be issued for travel purposes solely.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** Lieutenant Governor launched the Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme called **‘Saath’** for Self Help Group (SHG) women.
- Government in Tamil Nadu has announced the construction of a memorial in Villupuram to people killed in police firing and clashes in 1987, during a movement demanding reservation for the Vanniyar community. **VANNIYARS** are one of the largest and most consolidated backward communities in the state. They had raised massive protests in the mid-1980s demanding 20% reservation in the state, and 2% in central services.

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- **Avani Lekhara** has become the 1st Indian women to win two Paralympic medals at a single edition of the Paralympics.
- **India** has become the **first Asian Country to launch a Plastics pact**. It is developed by World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to promote a circular system for plastics.
- **Amazon India** announced the launch of Kisan Store. It is a Online platform that enable farmers of India to get access of more than 8,000 agriculture inputs like farm tools & accessories, seeds, plant protection, nutrition etc.
- **Kerala** reports mortality due to **Nipah**. Nipah virus (NiV) is a zoonotic virus.
- The centre signed a tripartite agreement- "**Karbi Anglong Agreement**" with representatives of Karbi outfits. Karbis is a major ethnic community of Assam, which is presently splintered into various groups and factions. Originally, they are one of Northeast India's tribal groups, largely inhabiting the Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao (formerly North Cachar) hills districts.
- The Prime Minister has remembered freedom fighter **V. O. Chidambaram Pillai** on his Jayanti. In 1906, V.O.C decided to establish an Indian shipping company called the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company.
- Government of **Tamil Nadu** recently announced its plan to set up **India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay** on the southeast coast. Dugong is a endangered mammal under IUCN protected under Schedule I of the Wild (Life) Protection Act, 1972.
- Delhi sees rise in **Dengue cases**. It is transmitted by several species of mosquitoes within the genus Aedes. Symptoms include fever, headache, muscle, and joint pain, and a characteristic skin rash that is similar to measles.
- **Parkash Purab of Guru Granth Sahib** celebrated. The occasion marks the **completion** of the holy book of Sikhs, Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, under the supervision of the **fifth Guru Arjan Dev ji in 1604 at Gurdwara Ramsar Sahib**.
- **SUHAS YATIRAJ** is 1st IAS Officer to win Paralympics Medal under Badminton.
- PM Launched **Vidyanjali Portal**. It aims at facilitating education volunteers, donors and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) contributors for school development.
- The Union Cabinet approved a **Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the textiles** sector. High value Man-Made Fibre (MMF) fabrics, garments and technical textiles will be promoted.
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Chamber of Auditors of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed a MOU relating to establishing the Mutual Co-operation in the areas of accounting.
- **Environment Ministry** launches **Prana Portal** under the **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)** in Non-Attainment Cities (NAC), cities which didn't meet Ambient Air Quality Standards under NCAP. It will support tracking of physical as well as financial status of city air action plan implementation, and disseminate information on air quality to the public.
- **Tamil Nadu government** has decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of reformist leader **E V Ramasamy Periyar** as "**Social Justice Day**".
- State of **Tamil Nadu** and **Denmark** have planned to create an **energy island** in **Gulf of Mannar** that lies between the west coast of Sri Lanka and south-eastern tip of



India. Energy islands act as a hub for electricity generation from offshore wind farms and distribute the power to surrounding areas.

- **'MAIN BHI DIGITAL 3.0'** is campaign for Digital Onboarding and **Training** for street vendors under **PM SVANidhi scheme** across 223 cities by Ministry of Housing and urban Affairs(MoHUA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).
- The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has cleared procurement of 56 **C-295 MW** medium transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force under the **Make-in-India initiative** in the aerospace sector. The C-295MW aircraft will be purchased from **Airbus Defence and Space S.A., Spain.**
- Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and U.S. Secretary of Energy, co-chaired a virtual Ministerial meeting and launched the revamped **U.S.-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP)**. The revitalized SCEP emphasises on electrification and decarbonization of processes and end uses, scaling up and accelerating deployment of emerging clean energy technologies, and finding solutions for hard-to-decarbonize sectors.
- **KYC-VS** is a new application programming interface (API) launched on the CoWIN platform. The new feature will enable entities to check an individual's status of vaccination through CoWIN.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has handed over the **first deliverable Firing Unit (FU) of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) System** to Indian Air Force (IAF).
- The Prime Minister has paid rich tributes to **Acharya Vinoba Bhave** on his Jayanti.
- **Melanistic Tigers** are black striped tigers . Increased development of melanin pigment in the body causes black stripes. NCBS study of 'black tigers' has shed light on genetic mystery. This is the result of a rare mutation in one gene, **Transmembrane Aminopeptidase Q or Taqpep**, recessively inherited variants of which are responsible for the marks in domestic cats and king cheetahs.

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- The latest **IPCC report** has warned that increasing global warming will result in reductions in **Arctic permafrost** and the **thawing** of the ground is expected to release greenhouse gases like methane and carbon dioxide. Permafrost is defined as ground (soil, rock and any included ice or organic material) that remains at or below zero degree Celsius for at least two consecutive years.
- **PRECISION-GUIDED STERILE INSECT TECHNIQUE** is a CRISPR technique that alters genes linked to male fertility—creating sterile offspring—and female flight in **Aedes aegypti** to prevent further spread of diseases.
- On recommendation of the syllabus committee, the "**applied philosophy of Shri Ramcharitmanas**" has been introduced as an elective (optional) course under the philosophy subject for first-year students of graduation (BA) from the academic session of 2021-22 in **Madhya Pradesh**. It was composed by **Bhakti poet Tulsidas**.
- Recently, the Union Home Minister addressed the '**Connect Karo 2021**' - **Towards Equitable, Sustainable Indian Cities**' Event. It is part of a global series of events that World Resources Institute (WRI) India organizes and hosts, to bring together Indian and global leaders, and other stakeholders committed towards designing inclusive, sustainable and climate forward Indian cities.
- **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)** has removed over 20,000 kg of **TARBALLS** from Juhu and Versova beaches in Mumbai recently. Tarballs are dark-coloured, sticky balls of oil that form when crude oil floats on the ocean surface. They are formed by weathering of crude oil in marine environments.
- NITI Aayog, with RMI and RMI India's support, launched **Shoonya—an initiative to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry**. The campaign aims to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the urban deliveries segment and create consumer awareness about the benefits of zero-pollution delivery.
- Indian Railways took a leap in advancement of Skill India Mission by launching the "**Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana (RKVY)**" under the aegis of "**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)**". Under Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana, training will be provided to 50,000 candidates over a period of three years.
- Paving the way for a major clean-up of bad loans in the banking system, the Union Cabinet has cleared a ₹30,600-crore guarantee programme for securities to be issued by the newly incorporated '**bad bank**' for taking over and resolving non-performing assets (NPAs) amounting to ₹2 lakh crore.





- **GST council** which met recently has come up with effected several long-pending tweaks in tax rates including an increase in the GST levied on footwear costing less than ₹1,000 as well as readymade garments and fabrics to 12% from 5%. Petroleum products has not been included under GST. The GST council is **the key decision-making body that will take all important decisions regarding the GST.**
- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) discovered remains of an ancient temple dating back to the Gupta period (5th century) in a village in Uttar Pradesh's Etah district recently. **Shankhalipi or "shell-script"** is a term used by scholars to describe ornate spiral characters assumed to be Brahmi derivatives that look like conch shells or shankhas.
- **QCI** launched the **Prof. S.K. Joshi Laboratory Excellence Award.** This is country's first-of-its-kind Laboratory Excellence Award. This Award has been instituted to promote Laboratory Quality and performance improvement in the country.
- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission** launched **SPIN scheme** to Facilitate **potters to get easy loans.** Bank loans will be provided under Pradhan Mantri Shishu Mudra Yojana.
- Recently, the **Ministry of Power** has issued an order for the setting up of **District Level Committees** to improve the quality of electricity supply in the country.
- Union Transport minister concluded review on **Mumbai-Delhi expressway.** It will be the world's longest highway once completed and is expected to be **completed by March 2023.**
- Recently, the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** has seized two tonnes of **sea cucumber**, a banned marine species, in the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay areas in Tamil Nadu. They are marine invertebrates found on sea floor.
- The **helicopter-launched Nag Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM), Helina**, being developed indigenously, has completed all trials and the process for issuing of acceptance of necessity (AoN) by the Army. It is 3rd generation lock on Before Launch (LOBL) fire and forget class missile.
- Recently, the **NITI Aayog** launched an initiative with **BYJU'S** (an edutech giant) to provide free access to **tech-driven learning programmes** to children from India's **112 aspirational districts.**
- **Nothern Coalfields Ltd (NCL), a Singrauli based Coal India arm** under the Ministry of Coal is all set to start 75 **"FulwariCenters"** in the **Singrauli district** of Madhya Pradesh. It is a part of the Company's sustainable business practices for iitigation of malnutrition in Singrauli District.

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- A newly found fossil indicates that otters called **Vishnuonyx** had travelled as far as Germany. The discovery has been described in the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology.
- **India** scores **46th rank** in the **Global Innovation Index 2021**. It is released annually by Cornell University, INSEAD, and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).
- The **Botanical Survey of India**, in its new publication Plant Discoveries 2020 has added 267 new taxa/ species to the country's flora. Among the new discoveries this year, nine new species of balsam (Impatiens) and one species of wild banana (Musa pradhanii) were discovered from Darjeeling and one species each of wild jamun (Syzygium anamalaianum) from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu and fern (Selaginella odishana) were recorded from Kandhamal in Odisha.
- **Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA)** signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) for installing public charging station for electric vehicles in Punjab
- **Kerala** has bagged the **Vayoshreshta Samman** instituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for **geriatric care**. It is a award to eminent senior citizens and institutions in recognition of their services towards the cause of elderly persons, especially indigent senior citizens by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Recently, the **Jammu and Kashmir government** has decided to implement the **Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006**, which will elevate the socio-economic status of a sizable section of the 14-lakh-strong population of tribals and nomadic communities. FRA that was passed in December 2006, deals with the rights of forest-dwelling communities over land and other resources. Grants legal recognition to the rights of traditional forest dwelling communities.
- Recently, the Trifed (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India) inked an agreement with the Jharkhand-based Purty Agrotech for the promotion of pearl farming in tribal areas.
- **Assam** will mark **World Rhino Day — September 22** — with a special ceremony by burning a stockpile of nearly 2,500 horns of the one-horned rhinoceros. The ceremony has been publicised as a “milestone towards rhino conservation” aimed at “busting myths about rhino horns”. It shares a loud and clear message to the poachers and smugglers that such items have no value. It is in accordance with Section 39(3)(c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972.
- **Kovalam beach in Tamil Nadu and Eden beach in Puducherry** receive ‘**Blue Flag**’ certification for 2021. Blue Flag Certification is a globally recognised eco-label accorded by “Foundation for Environment Education in Denmark” based on 33 stringent criteria.
- **CSIR-CMERI** has handed over the “**CSIR-CMERI developed Solar DC Cooking System**” to **Asansol Braille Academy in West Bengal**. This Solar DC Cooking System is a “Solar Energy based Cooking System” that comprises of solar PV panel, battery bank, charge controller and cooking oven. It has a potential to save 1 ton Carbon Dioxide emissions per year per household.
- **Leh** is all set to host the first edition of the **Himalayan Film Festival**. This festival is being organised by Leh in association with the Directorate of Film Festivals with the aim of



creating an interactive and exposure platform in order to promote aspiring local filmmakers as well as to showcase Ladakh as an attractive film destination.

- According to India’s federal cyber security agency, **CERT-In**, a banking Trojan malware has been detected in Indian cyberspace. This trojan is lurking to attack bank customers using Android phones
- The **President of India** presented the **National Service Scheme Awards** for the year 2019-20 NSS awards was Instituted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in 1993-94 to reward outstanding contributions towards voluntary community service reward outstanding contributions towards voluntary community service.
- **SAUBHAGYA** completes FOUR years of successful implementation. **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana** – ‘Saubhagya’ scheme was Launched in September, 2017 with a aim of universal household electrification in all parts of the country.

- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) Thursday said it has placed an order worth over Rs 7,500 crore to Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Chennai for supply of 118 units of Main Battle Tank (MBT) **Arjun's Mark-1A** variant for the Indian Army.

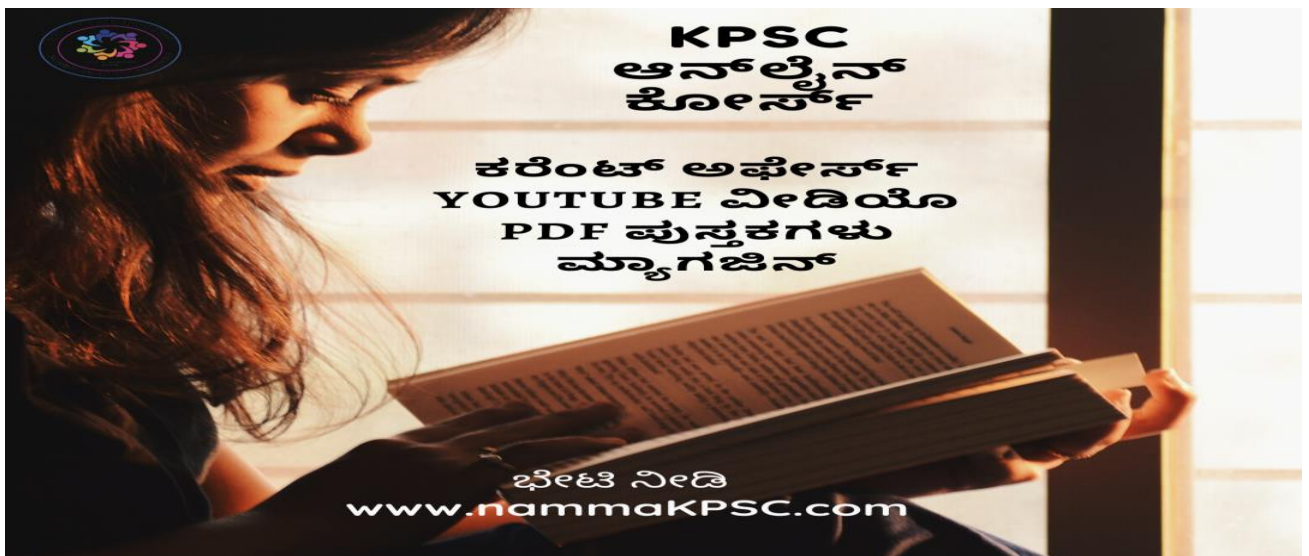
- The chief marketing officer of United Breweries, **Debabrata Mukherjee**, was unanimously elected chairman of the **Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)** for 2021-2022

- **Ministry of tourism** launched **NIDHI 2.0** portal. It stands for National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry

- **World’s highest EV charging station** was opened at Kaza town, which is located in of **Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh**
- **Central bank of China** has declared all the **Cryptocurrency transactions illegal**
- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has set up **Odisha’s first ever tussar silk yarn production centre** at Choudwar in Cuttack district.
- **Italy** has recognised **Covishield** vaccine against the Coronavirus. It is developed by Oxford University in collaboration with Astrazeneca. Pune-based Serum Institute of India is their manufacturing and trial partner.
- **Ministry of Civil Aviation** released an “**interactive digital airspace map**” for flying drones, that demarcates areas into different zones for flying drones across India.

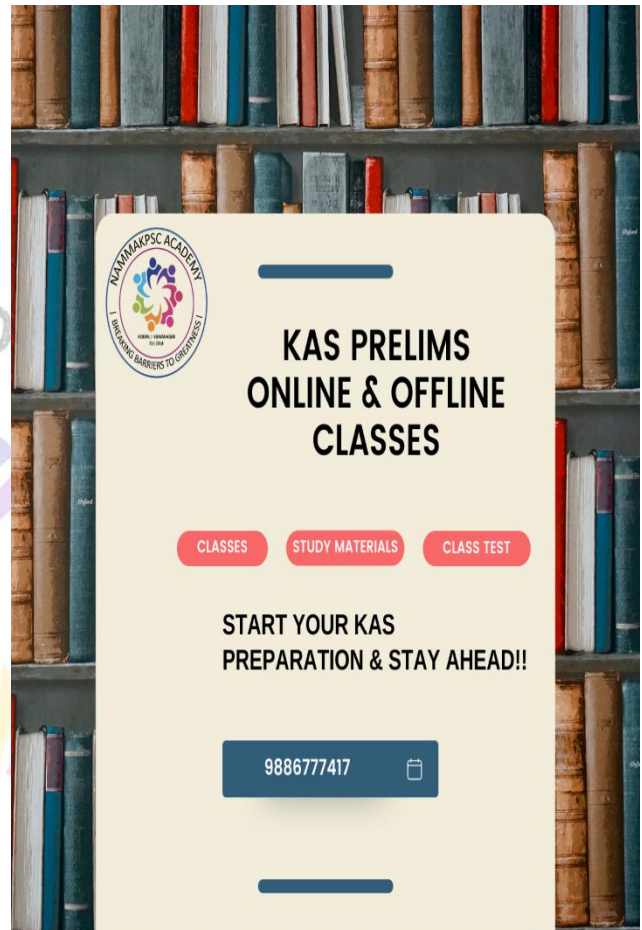


- IAF show named **“Give wings to your dream”** was conducted in **Dal lake** after 14 Years. The show saw a display by the IAF’s Surya Kiran Aerobatics Team, Paramotor and powered hang-glider display, flypast by MiG-21 Bison and aerobatics by Su-30 aircraft. It also included the Akashganga skydiving display, IAF symphony orchestra display and a photo exhibition depicting the history of IAF.
- The **right of an institution**, whether run by a majority or minority community, to **get government aid** is not a fundamental right. Both have to equally follow the rules and conditions of the aid, the Supreme Court held in a judgment. It is mentioned in **article 30** of Indian Constitution.
- The Union Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy recently reviewed the progress of the **PM-KUSUM scheme** and reaffirmed the government’s commitment to accelerating solar pump adoption
- Prime Minister launched **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**. It connects the digital health solutions of hospitals across the country with each other. Every citizen would now get a digital health ID and their health records would be digitally protected.
- The **Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)** has developed the **country’s first-ever non-GM (genetically modified) herbicide-tolerant rice varieties**. They are named **Pusa Basmati 1979 and Pusa Basmati 1985**.
- With advanced technologies and newer experiments, and researchers of **XENON1T** have made the first putative direct detection of **dark energy**.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully tested a new version of the Akash surface-to-air missile **Akash Prime** from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, Odisha
- **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** launched the seventh consecutive edition of **Swachh Survekshan**. It is World’s largest urban cleanliness survey conducted by Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban.
- India’s **foreign trade policy (FTP)** will be extended for six months, till March 31, 2022.
- 17th Foundation Day celebrations of **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** was recently celebrated. It is Headed by the Prime Minister of India and is apex body for Disaster Management in India.





- The 34th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)**, the PSU under Ministry of New & Renewable Energy was held recently.
- **NASA** launched **LANDSAT-9**. It will help monitor climate change .
- PM pays tributes to **Shaheed Bhagat Singh** on his Jayanti.
- **National Commission for Women (NCW)** launched a nationwide training and capacity building programme for women in dairy farming.
- The **Uttarakhand Forest Department** inaugurated the **first Palmetum** of the state. It has been developed in Haldwani area of Nainital district. This Palmetum was inaugurated with the aim promoting conservation & research and creating awareness regarding the importance and ecological role of various palm species.
- **Facebook** Inc is set to invest \$50 million to partner with organizations in order to build **metaverse**
- The **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)** has completed the first 3D (three-dimensional) mapping of an administrative ward in Mumbai which largely covers Worli area.
- The **mid-day meal scheme** will now be known as **PM POSHAN**. The scheme has increased ambit as per NEP 2020 to increase nutritional status of children.
- Prime Minister chaired the **38th PRAGATI meeting**. ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Centre and State governments.
- Instances of **drug resistant malaria** are increasing in India. It is a Mosquito-borne infectious disease, caused by various species of the parasitic protozoan microorganisms called Plasmodium.
- Defence Ministry has issued an order to dissolve the **Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)**, with a aim of transforming it into productive and profitable assets, deepening specialization in product range, enhancing competitiveness and improving quality & cost-efficiency.



INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

- The **United Nations Security Council**, under the **Presidency of India**, adopted a resolution on the situation in Afghanistan. The resolution demanded that the war-torn country,



Afghanistan, not be used to threaten or attack any nation or shelter terrorists. It was put forward by the US, UK and France.

- **Sri Lankan** President has declared an **economic emergency** to contain soaring inflation after a steep fall in the value of the country's currency caused a spike in food prices
- The new Afghan government is yet to announce its position on this issue of **Durand line**. It is an important international boundary line between the countries of **Pakistan and Afghanistan**.
- **INSPIRATION4** is **First all-civilian, non-governmental spaceflight** by **SpaceX**. It involves circling the Earth for three days, and then splashing down into the Atlantic Ocean.
- Every year **September 5th** is celebrated worldwide as **International day of charity** in remembrance of **Mother Theresa**.
- **British teenager Emma Raducanu** becomes the first British woman in 44 years to win a Slam crown in **US Open finals tennis Grand Slam**.
- **World's largest plant** that has been designed to **suck carbon dioxide (CO2)** from air and turn it into rock in **Iceland**.
- **BRICS Bank admits UAE, Bangladesh, Uruguay as new members**. It is a Multilateral development bank operated by the BRICS states (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). It was agreed to by BRICS leaders at the 5th BRICS summit held in Durban, South Africa in 2013 and was established in 2014.
- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)**, in its first-ever update since 2005, has tightened **global air pollution standards** in recognition of the emerging science in the past decade that the impact of air pollution on health is much more serious than earlier envisaged.
- Every year, **16th September** is observed as the **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone layer (World Ozone Day)** to celebrate **Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the ozone layer** which was signed by almost every country in 1987. Theme for 2021 Montreal Protocol – Keeping us, our food, and vaccines cool
- The **General Sherman trees** are now being threatened by **Wildfires of California**. They are **world's largest trees**.
- US administration has announced a new trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific. Security partnership was done between **Australia, United Kingdom and United States**. This security grouping called **AUKUS** with a focus towards advancing strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The **21st meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State** was held recently in **Dushanbe**. The original Shanghai Five were China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan. The SCO was formed in 2001, with Uzbekistan included. It expanded in 2017 to include India and Pakistan. SCO has focused on regional non-traditional security, with counter-terrorism as a priority.
- The **World Bank** would **discontinue** the practice of issuing '**Doing Business report**' following an investigation reported "**data irregularities**" in its 2018 and 2020 editions (released in 2017 and 2019, respectively) and possible "ethical matters" involving bank staff.



- The 6th Edition of **SCO Exercise Peaceful Mission : 2021 hosted by Russia** started at Orenburg Region of South West Russia today. The aim of the exercise is to foster close relations between SCO Member States and to enhance abilities of the military leaders to command multinational military contingents. An Indian military contingent comprising of an all arms combined force of 200 personnel from Indian Army and Indian Air force is participating in the exercise.
- **World Alzheimer Day** was observed across the world on **September 21** with the objective of raising awareness of the disease, common symptoms and risk factors. Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain condition which gradually deteriorates memory and cognitive abilities. It is the most frequent cause of dementia in older people. This condition is a progressive illness which causes brain cells to deteriorate and die.
- The **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** has named a Lunar crater at the south pole of the moon after the Arctic explorer **Matthew Henson**.

