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Eight High Courts to get new Chief Justices

The Government notified the appointments of **eight** and transfer of **five chief justices of high courts**. **Eight High Courts** will get new Chief Justices, and **five Chief Justices** have been transferred. The clearance in the 13 High Courts was considered crucial as some of them have been making do with Acting Chief Justices.

Five Chief Justices have been transferred:

- The government cleared the transfer of Tripura High Court Chief Justice **A.A. Kureshi** to the Rajasthan High Court.
- Justice **Indrajit Mahanty**, Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court, would take over as Tripura Chief Justice.
- Chief Justice **Mohammad Rafiq** of Madhya Pradesh has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.
- Chief Justice **Biswanath Somadder** of the Meghalaya High Court has been transferred as the Chief Justice of the Sikkim High Court.
- Justice **A.K. Goswami** has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court. He is presently the Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

Newly appointed Chief Justice:

- Justice **Rajesh Bindal**, Acting Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.
- Justice **Ranjit V. More** has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.
- Justice **Satish Chandra Sharma**, Acting Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.
- Justice **Prakash Srivastava**, a Madhya Pradesh High Court judge, has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court.
- Justice **R.V. Malimath** has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.
- Justice **Ritu Raj Awasthi** has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court.
- Justice **Aravind Kumar** has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court.
- Justice **Prashant Kumar Mishra** would take over as the Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

Reliance Industries tops in Forbes World's Best Employer 2021 Ranking

Mukesh Ambani-led **Reliance Industries** has topped the Indian corporates in the **World's Best Employers 2021 rankings** published by **Forbes**. Globally, Reliance is placed at **52nd** position among 750 global corporates. **South Korean** giant **Samsung Electronics** has topped the overall ranking as World's Best Employers 2021, followed by US giants IBM, Microsoft, Amazon, Apple, Alphabet and Dell Technologies.

About the World's Best Employers 2021:

- The World's Best Employers 2021 has been prepared by Forbes in partnership with market research company Statista.
- The ranking is based upon surveying 1,50,000 full-time and part-time workers from 58 countries working for multinational companies and institutions, where employees rated their employers on numerous points.
- Parameters used during the survey for the ranking include the image, economic footprint, talent development, gender equality and social responsibility.

India ranks 101 in Global Hunger Index 2021

India's rank has dropped to the **101st position** among **116 countries** in the **Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2021**. In 2020, India was placed at **94th** spot, out of 107 countries. The 2021 GHI score of India is recorded at 27.5 out of 50, which comes under the serious category. Neighbouring countries like **Nepal (76)**, **Bangladesh (76)**, **Myanmar (71)** and **Pakistan (92)** are also in the 'alarming' hunger category but have fared better at feeding its citizens than India, according to the report.



Top countries in the Index

A total of 18 countries, including **China, Kuwait and Brazil**, shares the top rank. The GHI score of these 18 nations is less than 5. This means that these countries suffer very less from hunger and malnutrition.

About the Global Hunger Index:

The Global Hunger Index (GHI) measures and tracks hunger at global, regional, and national levels. The index is published jointly by Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and Concern Worldwide. Based on current GHI projections, the index states that the world as a whole will not achieve a low level of hunger by 2030.

GHI scores are determined based on values of four indicators:

- Undernourishment (share of the population with insufficient caloric intake),
- Child wasting (share of children under age five who have low weight for their height, reflecting acute undernutrition),
- Child stunting (share of children under age five who have low height for their age, reflecting chronic undernutrition), and
- Child mortality (mortality rate of children under age five, partly reflecting the fatal mix of inadequate nutrition and unhealthy environments).

National Affairs

- Union Minister of Civil Aviation, **Jyotiraditya M. Scindia** has flagged off the **Doon Drone Mela 2021** in **Dehradun, Uttarakhand**. Minister flagged off the event with a paragliding demonstration and also interacted with the drone companies exhibiting their prototypes at the Doon Drone Mela.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **Indian Space Association (ISpA)** via videoconferencing. Its founding members include Bharti Airtel, Larsen & Toubro, Nelco (Tata Group), OneWeb, Mapmyindia, Walchandnagar Industries and Ananth Technology Limited. Other core members include Godrej, Hughes India, Azista-BST Aerospace Private Limited, BEL, Centum Electronics and Maxar India. First Chairman: **Jayant Patil**, L&T-NxT Senior Executive Vice President for Defence.

- The Centre government has launched '**MyPortApp**' in **Kolkata** for digital monitoring of port operation. It has been launched for promoting transparency and to provide port-related information. The app has been launched for those port users who want to use various port services. It includes all facts about the port digitally.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has addressed the **28th NHRC Foundation Day programme**, through video conferencing on October 12, 2021, in the presence of Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** and NHRC chairperson. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India is a Statutory public body constituted on 12 October 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act 1993, for the promotion and protection of human rights and dignity of the marginalised.
- With the vision of holistic and integrated infrastructure development in the country, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated **PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan**, from **Pragati Maidan in New Delhi**. The **Rs 100 lakh crore** PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan aims to provide multi-modal connectivity to economic zones in the country.
- The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, **Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated the '**MyParkings**' app. The IOT technology-enabled app has been developed by **Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL)** with South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) to digitize all authorized parking under SDMC municipal limits.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated seven new **Defence PSUs**, carved out of OFBs, to the nation. These 7 new companies have been formed following the dissolution of the 200-year-old **Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)** w.e.f October 01, 2021. Under the OFB there were 41 factories and 9 ancillary bodies. **The seven new defence PSUs includes:** Munition India Ltd, Armoured Vehicles Nigam Ltd, Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Ltd, Troop Comforts Ltd, Yantra India Ltd, India Optel Ltd, Gliders India Ltd.

States in the News

- The nine-day floral festival has begun in **Telangana**. The festival began with excitement as the women were dressed in traditional clothes and colourful processions were carried out in Telangana, the **Bathukamma festival** is celebrated during **Durga Navratri**. Bathukamma festival begins on the day of **Mahalaya Amavasya** and the festival continues till nine days, ending on the day of Durgashtami.
- Facing farmers' protests over new farm laws for over a year now, the **Haryana government** has banned the participation of its **employees in politics and elections**. A notification has also been issued from the office of the chief secretary in this regard while implementing **Haryana Civil Services (Government Employees Conduct) Rules, 2016**.
- Telangana** has developed India's first smartphone-based **eVoting solution** considering the **Covid-19 pandemic**. The system will undergo a dry run in the form of a dummy election being conducted in **Khammam district** with the registration on the application open from October 8-18 and the dummy voting on October 20.
- Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh** will become the **first city in India** to use **ropeway services in public transportation**. Overall, Varanasi will be the third city in the world after **Bolivia and Mexico City** to use ropeway in public transportation. The total cost of the ropeway project is Rs 424 crore. The total distance of 4.2 km will be covered in just 15 minutes.

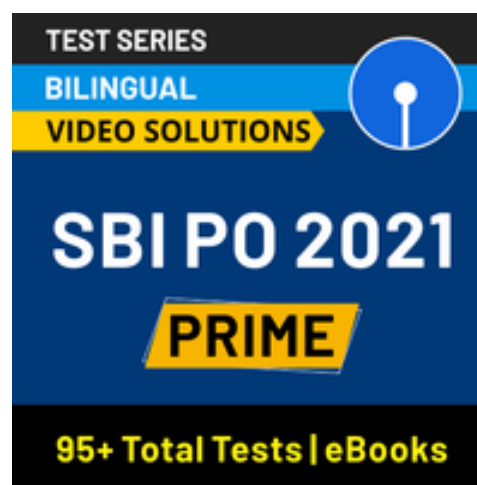
International Affairs

- Alexander Schellenberg** was elected as Austrian Chancellor after the resignation of **Sebastian Kurz**. Sebastian Kurz resigned because of his involvement in a corruption scandal. Apart from Alexander, Michael Linhardt joined in for the role of foreign minister.
- International Energy Agency (IEA)** has invited **India** to become its full-time member. This membership invitation was given in the light that, India is the world's third-largest energy consumer. If this proposal is accepted, it will require India to increase its strategic oil reserved to 90 days requirement.

- German rail operator, Deutsche Bahn and industrial group, **Siemens** launched the **first automated & driverless train of the world**. The self-driving train was launched in the city of Hamburg. This project is being developed by '**Siemens and Deutsche Bahn**'.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- India** announced a **\$200-million** line of credit for **Kyrgyzstan** and signed an agreement to carry out small but high impact projects for community development in the Central Asian state. The two initiatives were among several measures announced by external affairs minister **S Jaishankar** at the end of a two-day visit to Kyrgyzstan.
- The **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) & Croatia's Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster**. AIIA is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ayush. The MoU with Croatia is a significant step towards bolstering India's ties with other countries and promoting academic research, clinical & educational activities, medical education, etc.
- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbanand Sonowal** has announced forming of a Special Purpose vehicle (SPV) for development of a **Multimodal Logistics Park (MMLP)** at VOC Port in Chennai. The MMLP to be developed through PPP with the SPV providing land and connectivity and the actual MMLP infrastructure to be developed by a private developer.



Books and Authors

- Former Chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI) **Rajnish Kumar** has come out with his memoir titled '**The Custodian of Trust - A Banker's Memoir**'. The book has been published by Penguin Random House India. It gave a rare insight of how the financial system in our country works. The Custodian of Trust presents Kumar's journey from a modest house in the old city of Meerut to being a probationary officer in SBI in 1980 and growing to the post of Chairman in 2017.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has launched '**6S Campaign**' under a customer outreach programme to extend financial services at a concessional rate during the festival season. The '**6S Campaign**' encapsulates different schemes such as - **Swabhiman, Samruddhi, Sampark and Shikhar, Sankalp and Swagat**. The objective is to drive a special awareness campaign for the development of financial services in the country and to accelerate credit growth, improve penetration of social security schemes and drive digital banking push.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has granted a banking licence to **Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd (USFBL)**, which was established jointly by the **Centrum Financial Services Ltd (CFSL)** and **Resilient Innovations Private Limited (BharatPe)**, to carry on a SFB business in India. It is the first time ever that two partners are uniting equally to build a Bank. The proposed business model is one of collaboration and open architecture, uniting all its stakeholders to deliver a seamless digital experience.
- IndusInd Bank** has announced, that it has been authorised by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** for the collection of **Direct and Indirect Taxes**, on behalf of the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** and the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**. With this, its customers will be able to pay their Direct and Indirect taxes through 'Indusnet' and 'Indusmobile' platforms.
- The private lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd** has announced the launch of **Micro ATMs** across the country. Customers of all banks who possess a debit card can use a Kotak Micro ATM for key banking services such as cash withdrawals and checking account balances. A mini version of an ATM, micro ATMs are small handheld devices. The bank will use its extensive **Business Correspondents (BC)** network to launch micro ATMs.
- Gautam Adani-led **Adani Group** has taken over the responsibilities of the **Jaipur International Airport** from the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)**. The airport has been leased out to the group by the government of India for a period of 50 years.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has announced an increase in its climate financing goals **2019-2030** for developing member countries (DMCs) by **\$20 billion to \$100 billion**. Earlier in 2018, ADB had announced an **\$80 billion** goal for climate financing for developing countries in Asia during 2019-2030.
- The **Government of India** has accorded '**Maharatna**' status to the state-owned **Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC)**. The new status will give PFC greater operational and financial autonomy. PFC was incorporated in 1986, as an Indian financial institution under the ownership of the **Ministry of Power**. It is the largest Infrastructure Finance Company in India, exclusively dedicated to Power Sector.
- The **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** has launched an automated fuelling technology called "**UFill**", to provide a swift, secure and smart experience to its customers at outlets by providing them with control of fuelling.
- India's GDP** is expected to grow at **9.1 per cent** in 2021-22 as the economic recovery, post the second wave of the pandemic, seems to be holding ground. The survey was conducted in **September 2021** and drew responses from leading economists representing the industry, banking and financial services sector.

- **Retail inflation** declined to **4.35 per cent** in **September**, mainly due to lower food prices, according to government data released. The **Consumer Price Index-based (CPI) inflation** was at **5.30 per cent** in August and at **7.27 per cent** in September 2020. As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the inflation in the food basket eased to 0.68 per cent in September 2021, significantly down from 3.11 per cent in the preceding month.
- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has estimated the Indian economy to grow by **9.5%** in the current fiscal year, i.e **2021-22 (FY22)** and **8.5%** in **FY23 (2022-23)**, in its latest World Economic Outlook report, released on October 12, 2021. Meanwhile, IMF expects the **global gross domestic product (GDP)** to grow by **5.9 per cent** in 2021 and **4.9% in 2022**.

Appointments/Resignations

- The Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) **KV Subramanian** has decided to return to academia after the completion of his three-year term in the **Finance Ministry of India**. KV Subramanian had taken over the charge of Chief Economic Adviser on December 7, 2018. The appointment was made nearly five months after his predecessor Arvind Subramanian had stepped down.
- The fintech startup, **BharatPe** has appointed former State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman **Rajnish Kumar** as the **Chairman** of its board. The former SBI chairman will work closely with the top officials of the company on key business and regulatory initiatives. He will also take part in defining BharatPe's long-term and short-term strategy.
- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, a joint venture of Public Sector Undertakings under the **Ministry of Power** has announced the appointment of **Arun Kumar Mishra** as **chief executive officer (CEO)** on deputation. He will be responsible for EESL's operations across the nation.
- Former bureaucrat **Amit Khare**, who last month retired as higher education secretary, has been appointed as **advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi** for two years on contract basis. Mr Khare, a 1985 batch (retired) IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre, had superannuated on September 30.

- Indian wearable brand **Fire-Boltt** has named cricket captain **Virat Kohli** as its **new brand ambassador**. The skipper will participate in different marketing, ad and endorsement campaigns of the homegrown brand. Fire-Boltt had a few months earlier brought on board actor **Vicky Kaushal** as its first brand ambassador.
- **World Steel Association (WSA)** has elected **Sajjan Jindal**, Chairman and Managing Director of JSW Steel Ltd, as Chairman for the year 2021-22. Jindal is the first representative from India to serve as Chairman of the WSA.
- Hospitality firm **Oravel Stays Ltd (OYO)** has appointed **Deepa Malik**, an Indian athlete and a silver-medalist at the **2016 Paralympic Games**, as an independent director on the company's board of directors.
- Senior bureaucrat **Ritesh Chauhan** has been appointed as the **chief executive officer (CEO)** of the **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)** and Joint Secretary, Agriculture under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
- **A K Goel**, managing director and chief executive (MD & CEO) of **UCO Bank** has been elected as the **chairman of Indian Bank's Association (IBA)** for 2021-22. He has replaced **Rajkiran Rai G**, MD & CEO, Union Bank of India.

Defence News

- The **17th edition** of the Joint Military Training Exercise "**Ex Yudh Abhyas 2021**" between the Indian Army and the United States Army, is scheduled to take place from **October 15 to 29, 2021** at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, **Alaska in USA**. The Indian contingent will comprise of 350 personnel of an Infantry Battalion Group.



Schemes and Committees News

- Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** has launched a programme under which students of **Delhi government schools** will be provided guidance on career choices by citizens who are successful in their respective fields. The '**Desh ke mentor**' programme entails 'adopting' one to 10 government school students who can be mentored by citizens who are successful in their respective fields. The Delhi government had in August announced that Bollywood actor Sonu Sood will be the brand ambassador for the mentors' programme.

Awards and Recognitions

- The **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** has decided to award the **Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences** in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2021 with one half to **David Card** (University of California, Berkeley, USA) "for his empirical contributions to labour economics". The other half jointly to **Joshua Angrist** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA) and **Guido Imbens** (Stanford University, USA) "for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships".
- Well-known Malayalam writer Benyamin has bagged the **45th Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literary Award** for his book "**Manthilirile 20 Communist Varshangal**". The prestigious award, instituted by the Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Trust, comprises a cash prize of **Rs 1 lakh**, a sculpture designed by renowned sculptor Kanayi Kunhiraman and a citation.
- Secretary DDR&D and Chairman DRDO **Dr G Satheesh Reddy** has been conferred the prestigious **Aryabhata Award** by the **Astronautical Society of India (ASI)** for his outstanding lifetime contribution to the promotion of astronautics in India. Dr Reddy is a pioneer in the area of R&D of advanced avionics, navigation, and missile technologies.

- Well-known Telugu filmmaker **B Gopal**, alias **Bejawada Gopal**, has been chosen for the fourth **Satyajit Ray Award** for his overall contribution to Indian cinema. Gopal has directed 30 films Telugu films and two Hindi movies. He was selected by a panel comprising Malayalam filmmaker Balu Kiriya, music director Perumbavoor G Raveendranath and others.
- The Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** presented the **22nd Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence** to the eminent pulmonologist and Director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), **Dr Randeep Guleria** at Upa-Rashtrapati Nivas. He lauded Dr Guleria's devotion to duty and in nurturing the Department of Pulmonary Medicine and Sleep Disorders in AIIMS.
- Indian American Microsoft CEO, **Satya Nadella** has won the prestigious **C K Prahlad award for Global Business Sustainability Leadership for the year 2021**, along with three other top leaders of Microsoft. Apart from Nadella, Microsoft's President and Vice-Chair **Brad Smith**, Chief financial officer **Amy Hood** and chief environment officer **Lucas Joppa** have shared the award for Global Business Sustainability Leadership.

Ranks and Reports

- The **2021 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) Report** was jointly released by **UNDP** and the **Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI)**. The report provides estimates on multidimensional poverty across 109 developing countries (with data from surveys ranging 2009-2019/2020); These include 26 low-income countries, 80 middle-income countries and 3 high-income countries. The index measures each person's deprivations across 10 indicators divided into three equally weighted dimensions.
- India** has retained the **third position** in the **58th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI)** released by the consultancy firm **Ernst & Young (EY)**. According to the report, the **US**, mainland **China** and India continue to retain the top three rankings and Indonesia is a new entrant to the RECAI.

Sports News

- **Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes-Finland) has won the **F1 Turkish Grand Prix 2021**, held on October 10, 2021. This is his first title of this season. **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) came second while **Sergio Perez** (Mexico- Red Bull) finished third. Meanwhile, Lewis Hamilton finished fifth.
- World football body, **FIFA** has unveiled the official mascot of the U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 "**Ibha**" an Asiatic lioness representing women power. The tournament will be held in India from October 11-30 next year. The announcement coincided with the International Day of the Girl Child.
- The 2021 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) **Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun** was held at **Lima in Peru**. The Indian shooters claimed a historic win with **43 medals** to stand atop in the medal table. These included **17 Gold, 16 Silver and 10 Bronze** medals. The **USA** finished second on the medal table with 21 medals including six gold, eight silver and six bronze.
- Ireland's **Amy Hunter** hit **121** not out on her **16th birthday** against **Zimbabwe**, making her the youngest batter to score an ODI century in either men's or women's cricket. The Belfast batter – who was playing in only her fourth ODI – broke the record previously held by India's **Mithali Raj**, scorer of a century against Ireland in 1999 when she was 16 years 205 days.



Important Days

- The **World Day Against the Death Penalty** is observed every year on **10 October**. It is a day to advocate for the abolition of the death penalty and to raise awareness of the conditions and the circumstances which affect prisoners with death sentences. The theme for 2021 is "**Women Sentenced to Death: An Invisible Reality.**"
- **World Mental Health Day** is observed every year on **10 October** globally for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. The theme for World Mental Health Day 2021 is '**Mental health in an unequal world**'.
- In India, the **National Postal Day** is celebrated annually on **10 October**, as an extension of World Post Day, which is celebrated on **9 October**. The Day aims to commemorate the role played by the Indian postal department for the past **150 years**, which was founded in **1854** by **Lord Dalhousie**. Indian postal service is an integral part of India. The postal services in India have given the best performance despite the diversity in culture, tradition and difficult geographical terrains.
- The **International Day of the Girl Child** (also known as Day of Girls and the International Day of Girls) is observed annually on **October 11 since 2012**. This international observance day was declared by the United Nations to raise awareness of issues facing girls internationally surrounding education, nutrition, child marriage, legal and medical rights. The theme for 2021 International Day of the Girl Child is "**Digital generation. Our generation**".
- The **World Arthritis Day** is observed every year on **October 12** to raise awareness about arthritis, an inflammatory condition that causes pain and stiffness in joints that can worsen with age. This day was started by **Arthritis and Rheumatism International (ARI)** in **1996** in order to spread awareness about arthritis and encourage policymakers to help reduce the burden of arthritis. The World Arthritis Day theme 2021 is **Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work..**
- The United Nations **International Day for Disaster Reduction** is held annually on **13 October** since 1989. The theme of the 2021 International Day for Disaster Reduction is "**International cooperation for developing countries to reduce their disaster risk and disaster losses**".

- **World Standards Day or International Standards Day** is observed globally on **14 October** every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of standardisation to the global economy among consumers, regulators and industry. World Standards Day 2021 theme is **"Standards for sustainable development goals - shared vision for a better world"**.
- The **International E-Waste Day (IEWD)** is celebrated on **14 October** every year since 2018, to promote the correct disposal of e-waste throughout the world with the aim to increase re-use, recovery and recycling rates. The theme for 2021 IEWD is **"Consumer is the key to Circular Economy!"**. The day was developed in 2018 by the WEEE Forum, an international association of e-waste collection schemes, with the support of its members.
- **World Student's Day** is celebrated every year on **October 15**. The day is celebrated in honour of the birth anniversary of the former president of India, Late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. Since 2010, the United Nations Organisation (UNO) has marked October 15 as World Student's Day in an attempt to acknowledge the efforts of Dr Kalam toward education and his students. The current year's (2021) theme of World Students' Day is **"Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace"**.
- The **International Day of Rural Women** is observed globally on **15 October** each year. The day recognizes the crucial role of women and girls in ensuring the sustainability of rural households and communities, improving rural livelihoods and overall well-being. In India, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare observes the day as the **Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas since 2016**, to increase the active participation of women in agriculture.
- **World Food Day (WFD)** is celebrated every year on **16 October** across the globe to eradicate worldwide hunger from our lifetime. WFD also commemorates the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945. Theme 2021: **"Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow"**.

Obituaries

- **Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan**, the man regarded as the **"Father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb"**, has passed away. He was 85. The atomic scientist, Dr Khan was hailed as a national hero for transforming Pakistan into the world's first Islamic nuclear power and for his contributions in enhancing the country's defence capabilities.
- **Abolhassan Banisadr**, Iran's first president after the country's **1979 Islamic Revolution** who fled Tehran after being impeached for challenging the growing power of clerics as the nation became a theocracy, died. He was 88. He was elected president in 1980, Banisadr was impeached 16 months after taking office for challenging the growing power of clerics.
- National Award-winning actor **Nedumudi Venu** has passed away. He won three National Film Awards, and six Kerala State Film Awards for his performances.
- Fertiliser major IFFCO's Chairman **Balvinder Singh Nakai** has passed away. He was an eminent farmer - cooperator and was deeply involved in providing strength to the Indian cooperative movement for the last three decades. He made pioneering contributions towards empowering farmers.

Miscellaneous News

- The unique clove spice grown in the hills of **Kanyakumari district** in **Tamil Nadu** has been awarded a geographical indication (GI) as **'Kanyakumari clove'**. In India, the total production of cloves is 1,100 metric tons and of this, 1,000 metric tons is produced in Tamil Nadu every year while 750 metric tons of cloves are produced in the Kanyakumari district alone.
- The **Indian Railways** has launched two long haul freight trains **"Trishul"** and **"Garuda"** - which are twice or multiple times longer than the normal composition of freight trains. These long haul trains provide a very effective solution to the problem of capacity constraints in critical sections.
- India's 1st **Atal Community Innovation Center (ACIC)** was inaugurated at **Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur (VGU)**. It will be the first centre in the country to be set up by the **Government of India, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog**.

- The **Government of India** has decided to set up a “**Vishwakarma Vatika**” at every “**Hunar Haats**” to protect, preserve and promote India’s glorious legacy of centuries-old skills of artisans and craftsmen. The first such “**Vishwakarma Vatika**” has been set up in “Hunar Haat” at Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, organised from **October 16 to 25, 2021**. The name is derived from the Hindu deity “Vishwakarma” who is worshipped as the God of architects.

Static Takeaways

- Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission: Justice Arun Kumar Mishra;
- National Human Rights Commission Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Austria Capital: Vienna;
- Austria Currency: Euro.
- International Energy Agency Members: 30 (eight associate nations);
- International Energy Agency Full membership: Colombia, Chile, Israel and Lithuania;
- International Energy Agency Headquarters: Paris, France.
- Germany Capital: Berlin;
- Germany Currency: Euro;
- Germany President: Frank-Walter Steinmeier;
- Germany Chancellor: Angela Merkel.
- Telangana Capital: Hyderabad;
- Telangana Governor: N. Chandrababu Naidu;
- Telangana Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao.
- Haryana Capital: Chandigarh;
- Haryana Governor: Bhupinder Singh Hooda;
- Haryana Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Kyrgyzstan Capital: Bishkek;
- Kyrgyzstan Currency: Kyrgyzstani som;
- Kyrgyzstan President: Sadyr Japarov.
- Punjab National Bank Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Punjab National Bank MD and CEO: S. S. Malhotra.
- Punjab National Bank Founded: 19 May 1894, Lahore, Pakistan.
- The IndusInd Bank CEO: Sumant Kathpalia;
- The IndusInd Bank Headquarters: Pune;
- The IndusInd Bank Owner: Hinduja Group;

- The IndusInd Bank Founder: S. P. Hinduja;
- The IndusInd Bank Founded: April 1994, Mumbai.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Establishment: 2003;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank MD & CEO: Uday Kotak.
- RNESE Headquarters location: Mumbai;
- RNESE Founded: 2021.
- Adani Group Headquarters: Ahmedabad;
- Adani Group Founder: Gautam Adani;
- Adani Group Founded: 20 July 1988.
- President of ADB: Masatsugu Asakawa; Headquarters: Manila, Philippines.
- Power Finance Corporation Ltd Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Power Finance Corporation Ltd Founded: 16 July 1986;
- Power Finance Corporation Ltd Chairman & MD: Ravinder Singh Dhillon.
- Chief Executive Officer of BharatPe: Ashneer Grover;
- Headoffice of BharatPe: New Delhi;
- BharatPe Founded: 2018.
- EESL Headquarters location: New Delhi;
- EESL Founded: 2009;
- EESL Chairman: K. Sreekanth.
- World Steel Association established: 1967;
- World Steel Association headquartered: Brussels, Belgium.
- President of Astronautical Society of India: Dr K Sivan;
- The Astronautical Society of India (ASI) was set up in 1990;
- Astronautical Society of India HQ: New Delhi.
- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Founded: 21 May 1904.
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- International Shooting Sport Federation Headquarters: Munich, Germany;
- International Shooting Sport Federation Founded: 1907;
- International Shooting Sport Federation President: Vladimir Lisin.
- Indian Post Secretary: Vineet Pandey.
- Indian Post Headquarters: New Delhi.
- International Organization for Standardization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Organization for Standardization Founded: 23 February 1947, London, United Kingdom. • International Organization for Standardization President: Ulrika Francke. • Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai; • Tamil Nadu Chief Minister: MK Stalin; • Tamil Nadu Governor: R.N.Ravi; • Tamil Nadu State Dance: Bharathanatyam. • Union Minister of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw. • Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal; • Lieutenant Governor of Delhi: Anil Baijal. • Indian Bank's Association Headquarters location: Mumbai; • Indian Bank's Association Founded: 26 September 1946. • CMD Of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd: Arun Kumar Singh; • Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai; • Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd Founded: 1952. • UP Capital: Lucknow; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UP Governor: Anandiben Patel; • UP Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath. • FICCI Founded: 1927; • FICCI Headquarters: New Delhi; • FICCI President: Harshvardhan Neotia; • FICCI CEO: Sangita Reddy. • IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C. U.S; • IMF Managing Director and Chairman: Kristalina Georgieva; • IMF Chief Economist: Gita Gopinath. |
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