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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) “Infrastructure for Resilient Island States”

India, Australia, and the UK in collaboration with small island developing states, have planned to launch a new initiative “Infrastructure for Resilient Island States”, on the sidelines of the Conference of Parties (COP26). The IRIS platform aims at creating an infrastructure that can withstand disasters and lessen economic losses in island nations.

## NATIONAL

### 1) “Innovations for You”

The Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog has launched a Digi-book named “Innovations for You”. The sector in focus in this Digi-book is Healthcare. “Innovation for you” is an initiative of Niti Aayog to share success stories of Atal Innovation Mission’s Startups in different domains.

### 2) World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies

Invest India, a young startup within the Government of India has been unanimously elected as the President of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies for 2021-2023. Invest India is the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency to help investors looking for investment opportunities and options in India.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) UP Government has decided to rename the Faizabad Junction to Ayodhya Cantt railways station

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to rename the Faizabad Junction to Ayodhya Cantt railways station. Opened in 1874, the Faizabad railway station comes under the Northern Railway zone. It falls under the Lucknow-Varanasi section.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) ICICI Bank surpasses HUL

Private sector lender ICICI Bank has crossed the market capitalisation of Hindustan Unilever to become the fifth-largest company by market value. According to BSE data, ICICI Bank’s market capitalisation (m-cap) stood at ₹5.83 lakh crore, just above HUL’s ₹5.76 lakh crore.

### 2) QR Code Sound Box

India’s Largest Small Finance Bank AU Small Finance Bank has launched QR Code Sound Box to boost its digital payments while making it the first bank to launch such a product. The QR Sound Box will help small merchants to run their operations smoothly without the hassle of reading SMS every time when a customer makes a payment.





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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1) India's 1st State government-owned Wildlife DNA testing analysis laboratory

Uddhav Thackeray, inaugurated India's 1st State government-owned Wildlife DNA testing analysis laboratory at Regional Forensic Science Laboratory in Nagpur, Maharashtra. At present, there are 2 Wildlife DNA testing laboratories at Dehradun & Hyderabad, which are fully owned by the Central Government, whereas the newly launched is the 1st in India to be owned by a state government.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) 2022 Joseph A. Cushman Award

Dr. Rajiv Nigam has been selected for the 2022 Joseph A. Cushman Award for Excellence in Foraminiferal Research. Dr. Nigam is the first Indian Citizen to be selected for the prestigious award. He has been chosen for his outstanding lifetime contributions to the field of foraminifera (microfossil) research.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) Disarmament week

Disarmament Week is observed annually to promote awareness and understanding of the issues of disarmament in several countries. The week aims to reduce the use of weapons, specifically nuclear weapons, to bring peace in society. This year, the disarmament week will be starting on October 24. The week-long observance will continue till October 30.

## SPORTS

### 1) World's biggest cricket bat

Former India captain and now Hyderabad Cricket Association president Mohd Azharuddin has unveiled what is certified by the Guinness Book of World Records to be the biggest cricket bat, designed by Pernod Ricard India (P) Ltd, on Tank Bund. The bat measures 56.10 feet, weighs 9-tonnes and is made of poplar wood.

### 2) Mens' single 2021 Denmark Open

Danish Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen won the Mens' single 2021 Denmark Open Badminton held at the Odense Sports Park, Denmark. He defeated world number one Kento Momota of Japan. Akane Yamaguchi of Japan won her second title in the women's category defeating An Se-young (South Korea).

### 3) 2021 United States Grand Prix

Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the 2021 United States Grand Prix held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, United States. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)





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stood second while Sergio Perez (Mexico- Red Bull) came third.

#### 4) Two new teams in IPL announced

Ahmedabad and Lucknow are the two new teams that will be part of the Indian Premier League (IPL) from 2022. Hence taking the total number of teams in the competition to ten. RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group (RPSG) is the owner of the Lucknow team while CVC Capital Partners is the owner of the Ahmedabad team.

