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### NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**National Gallery of Modern Art launches Audio-Visual Guide app**

- National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) virtually launched an **Audio-Visual Guide app** on **International Museum Day** (18 May).
- This app will make it possible for museum viewers to **listen to stories and anecdotes on their smartphones** of several treasured Indian Modern artworks displayed at the museum anywhere at any time.

**Haryana becomes the first state to allow reimbursement of GST on 'COVID items' donations**

- Haryana became the **first state in India** to allow reimbursement of **goods and service tax** paid by companies, non-governmental organisations and individuals on purchase of **15 items including COVID-19 vaccines, Remdesivir injections, ventilators and oxygen cylinders** that they have donated free of cost to the state government or state-run hospitals.

### BUSINESS & ECONOMY

**State Bank of India partners with HyperVerge for AI-powered online account opening**

- India's largest bank, **State Bank of India (SBI)**, partnered with **HyperVerge** to achieve a whopping **10x improvement** over the regular video KYC checks performed per day per agent.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** allowed banks to adopt the **Video Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)** from **January 2020**.

**HSBC launches its digital banking solutions 'HSBC SmartServe' and 'HSBC IntelliSign' for corporate customers**

- **HSBC India** announced the launch of **HSBC SmartServe** and **HSBC IntelliSign**, first-of-its-kind digital solutions aimed at ensuring a quick, secure and seamless onboarding process for corporate clients.
- The **API (Application Programming Interface)** enabled solutions is set to provide an accelerated onboarding experience, replacing the documentation process with a digital platform.

**IDBI Bank launches digital loan processing system for MSMEs and Agri borrowers**

- **IDBI Bank** launched its fully digitised loan processing system, offering over **50 products to MSMEs** and the agriculture sector.

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- The **Loan Processing System (LPS)** for MSMEs and **Agri products** seamlessly integrates with **data fintech, bureau validations, document storage, account management and customer notifications**, among others.

#### **RBI instructs PPI operators to enable PPI interoperability by March 2022**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has instructed **Pre-Paid Instrument (PPIs) operators** to enable full interoperability to **PPI cards and PPI e-wallets** for those customers who have fulfilled the entire **Know-Your-Customer (KYC) Payment companies** will need to enable PPI interoperability by March 2022.

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

#### **Suresh Mukund becomes the first Indian to win 'The World Choreography Award 2020'**

- **Emmy Award-nominated Indian choreographer Suresh Mukund** has won the **10th Annual 'World Choreography Award 2020'**.
- He is the director and choreographer of the Indian dance crew **'The Kings'**, which won the **2019 season of World of Dance**.

### **APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

#### **Indian hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was appointed as a member of the FIH Athletes' Committee**

- **India hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh** was appointed as a **member of the FIH (International Hockey Federation) Athletes' Committee** during the virtual meeting of the **world body's Executive Board**.
- The board also approved the appointment of **Steve Horgan (USA)** as the **new chair of the FIH Rules Committee**, succeeding **David Collier (England)**. He has led the Indian team in the past and was one of the four new members appointed by the Executive Board, which met two days before the **47<sup>th</sup> FIH Congress**.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### **World Metrology Day – 20 May**

- **World Metrology Day** is observed on **20 May** to celebrate the **International System of Units**.
- The day aims to create awareness of the important role measurement plays in health and thus in the wellbeing of every one of us. 2021 Theme: **"Measurement for Health"**.

#### **International Tea Day – 21 May**

- **International Tea Day** is observed on **21 May** every year. The day is observed primarily to **increase the consumption of tea**.
- The day was recognised by the **United Nations (UN)** on 21 December 2019.

#### **National Anti Terrorism Day – 21 May**

- **National Anti Terrorism Day** is observed on **21 May**. The day promotes **national peace and encourages unity** among the people.
- The day marks the death anniversary of **Rajiv Gandhi**, former Prime Minister of India.

#### **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – 21 May**

- The **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development** is observed globally on **21 May**.
- This day helps in spreading awareness among people regarding the richness of the world's cultures and highlights the significance of cultural diversity.

#### **National Endangered Species Day – 21 May**

- **National Endangered Species Day** is observed every year on the **third Friday of May**. This year (2021), the day falls on **21 May**.
- The day is celebrated to **raise awareness about endangered species and wildlife**. The first International Endangered Species Day was first celebrated in 2006.

### **SPORTS**

#### **Barcelona Women beat Chelsea Women to win the Women's Champions League 2021 trophy**

- **Barcelona** defeated **Chelsea** to win the **Women's Champions League 2021** in **Gothenburg, Sweden**.
- **Barcelona** becomes the **first club to win both the men's and women's Champions League titles**.