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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) 6th Eastern Economic Forum

The Prime Minister of India addressed the plenary session of the 6th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF). The PM highlighted the importance of India-Russia relations and potential areas of cooperation in line with the 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership'. EEF was established by the decree of the President of the Russian Federation in the year 2015.

### 2) 'Global status report on the public health response to dementia'

The WHO released a report 'Global status report on the public health response to dementia'. Dementia is a syndrome – usually of a chronic or progressive nature – that leads to deterioration in cognitive function (i.e. the ability to process thought) beyond what might be expected from the usual consequences of biological ageing.

### 3) World University Rankings 2022

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022 has been announced. The University of Oxford is at the top of the list, followed by the California Institute of Technology and Harvard University at the second and third positions, respectively. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, is placed between the 301-350 position.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Defence Expo

Defence Expo will be hosted by Gujarat in 2022. This was announced by chief minister Vijay Rupani. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Department of Defence Production and the Gujarat Government in this regard. About 100 countries are expected to participate in this biannual event.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) 'Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Science Innovation City'

The Maharashtra Government has decided to set up a world-class science city at Pimpri-Chinchwad near Pune to develop a scientific outlook among the students and prepare them to become students in future. To be named as 'Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Science Innovation City', a science Centre will be developed on one acre area in an eight-acre complex in the PCMC area.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) HDFC Life to acquire Exide Life Insurance

HDFC Life has announced to acquire a 100 per cent stake in Exide Life Insurance Company in a stock and cash deal, for Rs 6,887 crore. Subsequently, Exide Life will be merged with HDFC Life, subject to regulatory approvals. Exide Life is a wholly-owned subsidiary of battery maker Exide Industries.





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## 2) Hurun India Future Unicorn List 2021

Hurun Research Institute has released the Hurun India Future Unicorn List 2021, as per which India is the third-largest Unicorn/startup ecosystem in the world. The USA is on top followed by China on second. India has 51 unicorns according to the list.

## GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

### 1) Bhitarkanika National Park

Environmental activists pointed out that Odisha's Bhitarkanika National Park, is under severe threat due to planned diversion of freshwater from the Brahmani river basin. Excess water allocation for industries, which is likely to reduce fresh water discharge to the sea.

### 2) International Climate Summit

India is all set to host a key conference as part of the International Climate Summit (ICS) 2020-21 to build a dialogue for India's transition to clean energy. Policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, experts, and scientists from across the globe are going to be a part of the climate summit.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Vartika Shukla

Vartika Shukla took charge as the first woman Chairperson and Managing Director of public sector enterprise Engineers India Ltd. She spearheaded the company's innovative energy programmes, including biofuels, coal gasification, waste to fuel and hydrogen energy, among others.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Behler Turtle Conservation Award

Indian biologist Shailendra Singh has been awarded the Behler Turtle Conservation Award for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction. The award was established in 2006, it is a major annual international award honoring excellence in the field of tortoise and freshwater turtle conservation.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) "Gauri Lankesh Day"

The Canadian city of Burnaby has declared September 5 as "Gauri Lankesh Day", as a tribute to the dead journalist on her death anniversary, her sister Kavitha Lankesh. The proclamation issued by the office of the Mayor of Burnaby Mike Hurley.

## SPORTS

### 1) Tokyo Paralympics 2020

In Paralympics 2020, India's ace archer Harvinder Singh has won the bronze medal in the men's





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individual recurve open. The 31-year old has become India's first-ever archer to win a medal in the Paralympics. Harvinder defeated South Korea's Kim Min Su 6-5 in a shoot-off to win India's third medal of the day at Tokyo 2020.

## 2) Tokyo Paralympics 2020

Indian shooters Manish Narwal and Singhraj Adhana clinched the gold and silver medal respectively in the P4 – Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 final at Asaka Shooting Range. The Russian Paralympic Committee's (RPC) Sergey Malyshev won the bronze medal.

