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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **1) Ecuador declares state of emergency over crime wave**

Ecuador's President Guillermo Lasso has declared a 60-day state of emergency in the South American country, due to the rise in violent drug crimes. President Lasso has pointed to drug trafficking and consumption as the main drivers behind an increase in murders, home burglary, thefts of vehicles and goods, and muggings.

### **2) 2021 Production Gap Report**

The 2021 Production Gap Report was released by the leading research institutes and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The Production Gap Report, first launched in 2019, tracks the discrepancy between governments' planned fossil fuel production and global production levels consistent with limiting warming to 1.5°C or 2°C.

## **NATIONAL**

### **1) "Future Tech 2021"**

The Confederation of Indian Industry has organised an International Conference and Exhibition on Digital technologies, "Future Tech 2021- a Journey of digital transformation to technology adoption and acceleration" from October 19 to 27, 2021. The focus theme of the International conference is "Driving technologies for building the future, we all can trust".

### **2) Mount Harriet**

The Union government has renamed Mount Harriet of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to Mount Manipur. Mount Harriet, the third-highest island peak in A&N Islands, where Manipur's Maharaja Kulchandra Singh and 22 other freedom fighters were imprisoned during the Anglo-Manipuri war (1891).

## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

### **1) NPCI Tokenization**

The National Payments Corporation of India has launched the NPCI Tokenization system to further enhance the safety of customers and provide a seamless shopping experience to consumers. The NPCI Tokenization System (NTS) will support the tokenisation of RuPay cards, to provide an alternate for storing card details with merchants.

## **GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **1) Georissa mawsmiensis**

A micro snail species named Georissa mawsmiensis has been discovered in Mawsmi Cave in Meghalaya. The new species is unique from Georissa sarrita (a member of the same genus discovered in 1851) in its shell morphology. The members of the Georissa genus are widely distributed across and reported from Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.



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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) UNESCO's Martial Arts Education Prize 2021

The well known Kung Fu Nuns of the Drukpa order of Buddhism has won the inaugural UNESCO's Martial Arts Education Prize 2021, for their brave and heroic acts of service and championing of gender equality across the Himalayas.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) A Balasubramanian

A Balasubramanian has been elected as the new Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India. He replaces Nilesh Shah, the Managing Director of Kotak Mutual Fund. Meanwhile, Radhika Gupta, the MD and CEO of Edelweiss AMC, has been appointed as vice-chair of AMFI.

### 2) Imtiaz Ali

Director-producer Imtiaz Ali has been appointed as the ambassador of the Russian Film Festival in India. As part of the festival, ten notable Russian films of various genres are being premiered for Indian audiences on Disney+ Hotstar from October 16 to November 27.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) Police Commemoration Day

The Police Commemoration Day is observed on October 21 every year. The day is marked to remember and honour the brave policemen who have laid down their lives in the line of duty. Police Commemoration Day commemorates the day in 1959.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) "The Stars in My Sky: Those Who Brightened My Film Journey"

Divya Dutta has come up with her second book titled, "The Stars in My Sky: Those Who Brightened My Film Journey". The book, published by Penguin Random House India.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Bandula Warnapura

Sri Lanka's first-ever Test captain Bandula Warnapura passed away, following a brief illness. He was 68. A right-handed batsman, he led his country when it faced England in its first-ever Test match in 1982.

## SPORTS

### 1) James Pattinson

Australian fast bowler James Pattinson has retired from international cricket after realising that he won't be in the reckoning for the Ashes series due to fitness issues. The 31-year-old, who has played 21 Tests and 15 ODIs.

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