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INTERNATIONAL

1) Hwasong-8

North Korea successfully tested a new hypersonic missile called Hwasong-8, in a bid to increase the nation's capabilities for self-defence. The missile was one of the five most important new weapons systems laid out by North Korea in the five-year military development plan.

NATIONAL

1) Prime Minister POSHAN scheme

The Union Cabinet has approved the PM- POSHAN for providing one hot cooked meal in Government and Government-aided schools. The scheme will replace the existing national programme for mid-day meal in schools or Mid-day Meal Scheme. It has been launched for an initial period of five years (2021-22 to 2025-26).

2) "AmritGrand Challenge Program"

Union Minister of State, Science & Technology, (Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh launched the "AmritGrand Challenge Program" titled "जनCARE". The Grand Challenge aims to identify 75 Start-Up and entrepreneurs, who come out with Innovative Ideas and Solutions for India's healthcare challenges.

3) NIDHI 2.0

The Speaker of Lok Sabha, Om Birla has inaugurated the NIDHI 2.0 (National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry) scheme, during an event organised by the Ministry of Tourism, on the occasion of 2021 World Tourism Day. The NIDHI 2.0 database will have more inclusivity, by not only including accommodation units, but also travel agents, tour operators, & others.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Prompt Corrective Action

Reserve Bank of India has announced the removal of Prompt Corrective Action restrictions on Indian Overseas Bank. This decision gives the bank more freedom for lending, especially to corporations and grow the network, subject to prescribed norms. IOB was placed under PCA in 2015. Recently, RBI has also removed PCA restrictions on IDBI Bank and UCO Bank.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Genes that can increase the grain size of sorghum

As per a report from the University of Queensland, Australia, genes that can increase the grain size of sorghum have been discovered. Bigger grain size can improve the usage value of the crop. The crop is used for human consumption, fodder and bioenergy generation.





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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) My Life in Full: Work, Family and our Future

Indra Nooyi's My Life in Full: Work, Family and our Future, focuses on the importance that organisational support plays in working women's lives. For instance, she lists the offer of three months of paid leave by BCG to take care of her father in India when he was diagnosed with cancer.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Ranveer Singh

The National Basketball Association has named Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh as its brand ambassador for India. He will work with the NBA to help grow the league's profile in India throughout its landmark 75th anniversary season in 2021-22. The NBA is a global sports and media business built around four professional sports leagues.

2) Najla Bouden Romdhane

Najla Bouden Romdhane has become the first female prime minister of Tunisia. Romdhane is a professor of geology at the National School of Engineers in Tunis. She was born in the year 1958 in Tunisia's central Kairouan province. Before appointed as prime minister, she was assigned to implement programmes with the World Bank

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award

A humanitarian organization from Yemen has been declared as the winner of the 2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award. The organisation named "Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development", founded in 2017 by Ameen Jubran has won the prestigious honour to support and provide a lifeline to tens of thousands of Yemenis people displaced by the country's conflict.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Translation Day

International Translation Day is observed on 30 September. The day aims to celebrate the work of language translation professionals which facilitates dialogue, understanding and cooperation, contributing to the development and strengthening of world peace and security. International Translation Day 2021 theme: "United in translation".

2) World Maritime Day 2021

World Maritime Day 2021 is observed globally on 30th September. The exact date of celebrating World Maritime Day is left to the individual governments but is usually celebrated during the last week in September. The theme of World Maritime Day 2021 is "Seafarers at the core of shipping's future".