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NATIONAL

1) 'The Himalayan Film Festival-2021'

The first edition of 'The Himalayan Film Festival-2021' will begin from 24 to 28 September at Leh, Ladakh. The film festival is being organised by the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh in collaboration with the Directorate of Film Festivals. The film festival will have active participation from the local filmmakers and showcase talent from across the 12 Himalayan states.

2) Ammonium Nitrate

The Government has amended the rules for Ammonium Nitrate to curb its pilferage, introduce fire-fighting provisions as well as improve ways to handle and store the chemical. Ammonium Nitrate is a nitrogen-rich white, crystalline chemical which is soluble in water. It is a common chemical ingredient of agricultural fertilisers.

STATE NEWS

1) Assam to set up a tea Park

Assam is setting up a tea Park at Chayygaon in Kamrup District. This tea garden will have rail and port connectivity, cargo and warehouse amenities, processing facilities like tea grinding, blending, packaging and other utility services under one roof.

2) 'Electronic Park'

Uttar Pradesh government has cleared a proposal to develop an 'Electronic Park', along the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) area, near Noida, to promote the electronics industry. The park is proposed to be developed in an area of 250 acres of the YEIDA near Jewar Airport.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) OECD lowered India's FY22 growth projection to 9.7%

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has marginally lowered India's growth projection for the ongoing fiscal to 9.7%, a reduction of 20 basis points. For FY23, OECD reduced India's growth projection by 30 basis points to 7.9%.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) 'Blue flag' certification

Two more beaches in India have been awarded "Blue Flag" certification, an international eco-level tag, taking the total number of such beaches in the country to 10. The two beaches to receive the certification this year are Kovalam in Tamil Nadu and Eden in Puducherry.

2) Cumbre Vieja volcano

The Cumbre Vieja volcano in La Palma, one of Spain's Canary Islands, erupted. The Cumbre





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Vieja volcano erupted for the first time in 50 years. The last time hot molten lava erupted and spread was in 1971. La Palma is the most north-westerly island of the Canary Islands, Spain.

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Rajiv Aggarwal

Facebook India has appointed former IAS officer Rajiv Aggarwal as the Director of Public Policy. He succeeds Ankhi Das, who quit the company in October last year. In his new role, Aggarwal will define and lead important policy development initiatives for Facebook in India on an agenda that covers user safety, data protection and privacy, inclusion and internet governance.

2) Justin Trudeau

Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has won the third term to serve as the PM of the country, after his party won the 2021 parliamentary elections on September 20, 2021. However, the Liberal Party of the 49-year-old Justin Trudeau could only manage to win minority seats in the election.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Rhino Day

World Rhino Day is observed globally on 22 September every year. This day provides the opportunity for cause-related organizations, NGOs, zoos, and members of the public to celebrate rhinos in their own unique ways. World Rhino Day was first announced by World Wildlife Fund-South Africa in 2010.

2) World Alzheimer's Day

World Alzheimer's Day is observed globally on September 21 every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the stigma that runs around Alzheimer disease and related dementia. The theme for World Alzheimer Day 2021 is "Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's".

SPORTS

1) Norway Chess Open 2021

D Gukesh (India) won his second consecutive tournament of this month, the Norway Chess Open 2021 Masters section. Gukesh scored an unbeaten 8.5/10 and finished a full point ahead of the competition to win the tournament. Iniyar secured sole second position with 8.5/10 points, finishing a half point ahead of top seed Dmitrij Kollars (Germany) and Valentin Dragnev (Austria).