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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **1) 'Global TB report' for 2021**

World Health Organisation released the 'Global TB report' for 2021, where it highlighted the effects of COVID-19 which led to a huge reversal in the progress of Tuberculosis (TB) elimination. The report also mentioned India as the worst-hit country in TB elimination, where the detection of new TB cases saw a huge impact in 2020.

## **NATIONAL**

### **1) RailTel & C-DOT Signed MoU to Boost Expansion of Telecom Services in India**

RailTel Corporation of India Ltd has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Centre for Development of Telematics, a research centre under the Department of Telecommunication, to cooperate in diverse areas of telecom with a focus on boosting modernisation and expansion of community networks in India. Its aim is to promote indigenous telecom technologies under "Atmanirbhar Bharat".

### **2) PM Narendra Modi Launched 7 DPSUs Carved out of OFB**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 7 new Defence Public Sector Undertakings that were carved out of the Ordnance Factory Board and dedicated them to the nation. The 7 DPSUs include – Munitions India Ltd, Armoured Vehicles Nigam Ltd, Gliders India Limited, Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Ltd, Troop Comforts Ltd, Yantra India Ltd, and India Optel Ltd.

## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

### **1) Advisory committee on settlement orders**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India constituted a 4-member advisory committee on settlement orders and compounding of offences. The advisory committee will be chaired by Vijay C Daga, retired judge of the High Court of Bombay.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **1) China Launched 1st Solar Exploration Satellite**

China has successfully launched its 1st solar exploration satellite into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern Shanxi Province aboard a Long March-2D rocket. The Satellite has entered its planned orbit.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

### **1) E. R. Sheikh**

The 1984 batch Indian Ordnance Factory Service officer, E.R. Sheikh assumed charge as 1st Director-General of the Ordnance Directorate (Co-ordination and Services), which is the successor organization of OFB.



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## 2) Alexander Schallenberg

Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen Presided over the Swearing in Ceremony of Alexander Schallenberg as the new Chancellor of Austria at the Hofburg palace in Vienna, Austria. Alexander Schallenberg, who is currently serving as the foreign minister, has replaced Austria's Chancellor Sebastian Kurz.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed every year on 17 October across the globe. The day aims to raise awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution around the world, particularly in developing countries. 2021 Theme: Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet”.

### 2) Raising Day of National Security Guard

The National Security Guard force, popularly known as Black Cats, observes its Raising Day on October 16, every year. The year 2021 marks the 37th anniversary of the establishment of the NSG. NSG is an elite counter-terrorism unit under the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs.

## SPORTS

### 1) '2021 Cambrian Patrol Exercise'

Indian Army's Team of 4/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) that represented India in the '2021 Cambrian Patrol Exercise' has won Gold medal. Exercise Cambrian Patrol is an annual international military exercise conducted to test the ultimate human endurance, thus it is sometimes referred to as the 'Olympics of Military Patrolling'.

### 2) Indian Premier League 2021

Chennai Super Kings won their 4th IPL Title, after defeating Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the finals of the 14th Edition of Indian Premier League or IPL 2021 or Vivo IPL 2021. Final was held at Dubai International Cricket Stadium, UAE. Faf Du Plessis (South Africa), was awarded the 'Man of the Match' award for his match winning 86 runs.

