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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **1) Iran to allow nuclear surveillance by IAEA**

Iran agreed to allow nuclear surveillance by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Iran has allowed the international inspectors to install new memory cards into surveillance cameras across its sensitive nuclear sites and to continue filming there.

## **NATIONAL**

### **1) Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana**

According to the Union Tribal Affairs minister, Arjun Munda, Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana will be started in 36000 villages of India. Under it, villages having 50 percent tribal population would be given priority. PMAGY was launched with the aim of overall development of selected SC majority villages.

### **2) NHRC issued notices to four states over farmers protest**

The National Human Rights Commission issued notice to four states over complaints by industrial units and transportation affected by farmers' protest at Delhi border. Notice was issued to Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan governments.

### **3) Task Force for Coal-Based Hydrogen Production**

The Union Government constituted a Task force and Expert committee to prepare a road map for coal-based hydrogen production (Black Hydrogen). The Task Force is also responsible for coordination with the Coal Gasification Mission and NITI Aayog.

## **STATE NEWS**

### **1) "Medicine from the Sky"**

Civil aviation minister Jyotiradiya Scindia has launched a first of its kind "Medicine from the Sky" project in Telangana. The project has aimed at transporting vaccines and other essential products to remote areas using drones.

## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

### **1) WPI inflation increases to 11.39 per cent in August**

The wholesale price-based inflation increased marginally to 11.39 per cent in August 2021 due to higher prices of manufactured goods, even though the prices of food articles softened. WPI remained in double-digit for the 5th consecutive month. In July 2021, WPI inflation was 11.16%.

### **2) India-Singapore announces to link UPI and PayNow**

India and Singapore have announced the linking of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow, in order to enable users to make instant, low-cost fund transfers. The project to link





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the fast payment systems of both the countries was announced by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).

## GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

### 1) Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

A herd of Elephants from Shuklaphanta National Park reached the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (Uttar Pradesh) and damaged crops of farmers. The Shuklaphanta National Park is a protected area in the Terai of the Far-Western Region, Nepal.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Africa Food Prize for 2021

International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) has been awarded the Africa Food Prize for 2021 for improving food security in sub-Saharan Africa. The improved seeds benefitted over 25 million farmers in climate-resilient approaches.

## SPORTS

### 1) 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics

North Korea was formally suspended from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics by the International Olympic Committee as punishment for refusing to send a team to the Tokyo Games citing the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 2) MS Dhoni

BCCI announced that the former India captain MS Dhoni will mentor the team for the tournament, which will be played in UAE and Oman in October and November. Dhoni, who leads Chennai Super Kings, is a three-time IPL-winning captain and has brought home three major ICC trophies — World T20, Champions Trophy and World Cup.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) 'Human Rights and Terrorism in India'

A book has titled 'Rights and Terrorism in India' authored by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy. He has come out with a book "Human Rights and Terrorism in India" which traces how the combating of terrorism can be harmonised with human and fundamental rights.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Oscar Fernandes

Veteran Rajya Sabha MP and former Union minister Oscar Fernandes has passed away. The senior Congress leader had served as the Union Cabinet Minister for Transport, Road and Highways and Labour and Employment, in Manmohan Singh's UPA government.

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