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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **1) World's Best Employers 2021 rankings**

Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries has topped the Indian corporates in the World's Best Employers 2021 rankings published by Forbes. Globally, Reliance is placed at 52nd position among 750 global corporates. South Korean giant Samsung Electronics has topped the overall ranking as World's Best Employers 2021.

### **2) Global Hunger Index**

India's rank has dropped to the 101st position among 116 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2021. In 2020, India was placed at 94th spot, out of 107 countries. The 2021 GHI score of India is recorded at 27.5 out of 50, which comes under the serious category.

## **NATIONAL**

### **1) Varanasi to become first Indian city to use ropeway services for public**

Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) will become the first city in India to use ropeway services in public transportation. Overall, Varanasi will be the third city in the world after Bolivia and Mexico City to use ropeway in public transportation. The total cost of the ropeway project is Rs 424 crore. The total distance of 4.2 km will be covered in just 15 minutes.

### **2) "Vishwakarma Vatika"**

The Government of India has decided to set up a "Vishwakarma Vatika" at every "Hunar Haats" to protect, preserve and promote India's glorious legacy of centuries-old skills of artisans and craftsmen. The first such "Vishwakarma Vatika" has been set up in "Hunar Haat" at Rampur, Uttar Pradesh.

### **3) 'MyParkings' app**

The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the 'MyParkings' app. The IOT technology-enabled app has been developed by Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited with South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) to digitize all authorized parking under SDMC municipal limits.

### **4) Climate Resilience Information System and Planning tool**

The Climate Resilience Information System and Planning tool for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme was launched. It will help embed climate information in the Geographic Information System based planning and implementation of MGNREGS.

## **STATE NEWS**

### **1) India's first smartphone-based eVoting solution**

Telangana has developed India's first smartphone-based eVoting solution considering the





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Covid-19 pandemic. The system will undergo a dry run in the form of a dummy election being conducted in Khammam district. The eVoting solution has been developed by Telangana State Election Commission

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) "UFill"

The Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has launched an automated fuelling technology called "UFill", to provide a swift, secure and smart experience to its customers at outlets by providing them with control of fuelling. The UFill functionality can be used with any payment app like GPay, PayTM, PhonePe etc as well as offers real-time QR and voucher codes through SMS.

## GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

### 1) Endosulfan

Protestors at Periya Plantation Corporation godown in Kasaragod, Kerala have called for returning endosulfan (an organochlorine pesticide) to the manufacturing firm for safe disposal. In 2011, the Supreme Court banned endosulfan throughout India. Use of endosulfan causes a great threat to the balance of the environment.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) A K Goel

A K Goel, managing director and chief executive of UCO Bank has been elected as the chairman of Indian Bank's Association for 2021-22. He has replaced Rajkiran Rai G, MD & CEO, Union Bank of India.

### 2) Ritesh Chauhan

Ritesh Chauhan has been appointed as the chief executive officer of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Joint Secretary, Agriculture under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. He is a 2005-batch IAS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre. He will succeed Ashish Kumar Bhutani.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Food Day

World Food Day is celebrated every year on 16 October across the globe to eradicate worldwide hunger from our lifetime. WFD also commemorates the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945. Theme 2021: "Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow".