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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) 1st ever Global strategy to defeat “Meningitis”

The World Health Organization along with its partners have launched the 1st ever Global strategy to defeat “Meningitis”. The strategy “Global Roadmap to Defeat Meningitis by 2030” was launched by WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. Meningitis is an inflammatory disease that affects the membranes that surrounds the Brain & Spinal cord.

### 2) ‘Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index 2021’

India has retained its 3rd rank in the 58th edition of Ernst & Young Global Limited’s ‘Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index 2021’. RECAI is a biannual report being released since 2003.

## NATIONAL

### 1) “Ex Yudh Abhyas 2021”

The 17th edition of the Joint Military Training Exercise “Ex Yudh Abhyas 2021” between the Indian Army and the United States Army, is scheduled to take place in October 2021 at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska in USA. The Indian contingent will comprise of 350 personnel of an Infantry Battalion Group.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) Uttar Pradesh Tops in Funding Units Under PMEGP

Uttar Pradesh became top in India by financing the highest number of units under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme. PMEGP scheme is implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) PayPal signs MoU with IIFT to launch India Digital Trade Facilitation Forum

Digital payments firm PayPal signed a MoU with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade to increase the knowledge base of Indian micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs). It will be done through the launch of India Digital Trade Facilitation Forum for MSMEs.

### 2) Indian Bank and Fisdom Joined Hands for Digital Wealth Management Products

Indian Bank made a tie up with a fintech company Fisdom for its mobile banking app to manage the new digital wealth management products. Fisdom offers financial products, such as mutual funds, insurance and National Pension Scheme on its platform.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) C K Prahlad award

Microsoft CEO, Satya Nadella has won the prestigious C K Prahlad award for Global Business





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Sustainability Leadership for the year 2021, along with three other top leaders of Microsoft. The four top Microsoft leaders have received the Award for their collaborative leadership to transform Microsoft into a carbon negative company by 2030 and remove all its historical emissions by 2050.

## 2) PETA India award for 'Vegan Leather'

The Forest & Environment Minister of Meghalaya, James Pangsang Kongkal Sangma received the Progressive Business Concept Award of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) India 2021 for his Vegan Leather initiative. He started an initiative to make 'Vegan Leather' from Pineapples in the northeastern states of India.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Day of Rural Women International Day of Rural Women

The International Day of Rural Women is observed globally on 15 October each year. The day recognizes the crucial role of women and girls in ensuring the sustainability of rural households and communities, improving rural livelihoods and overall well-being. This International Day, under the theme "Rural women cultivating good food for all".

### 2) World Student's Day

World Student's Day is celebrated every year on October 15. The day is celebrated in honour of the birth anniversary of the former president of India, Late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. 2021 theme of World Students' Day is "Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace".

## SPORTS

### 1) 'Our Goal for All' – Tagline for 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup Unveiled

Asian Football Confederation and the Local Organising Committee unveiled 'Our Goal for All' as the official tagline for the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022. 'Our Goal for All' implies the unity and collective effort of the Asian football members to create a glorious future for women's football.

