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INTERNATIONAL

1) 2021 TRACE global Bribery Risk Rankings

India has slipped to 82nd position (drop by 5 slots from 2020) with a risk score of 44 in the global list of 2021 TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix (TRACE Matrix) that measures business bribery risks, which was released by TRACE International. In 2020, India ranked 77 with a score of 45.

2) India has been re-elected to the Executive Board of UNESCO

India has been re-elected to the Executive Board of UNESCO for the term 2021-25. India received 164 votes to get re-elected to a four-year term of office. Apart from India, Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Cook Islands and China have also been elected in Group IV Asian and Pacific States category.

NATIONAL

1) Border Roads Organisation has received the Guinness World Record

The BRO has received the Guinness World Record for constructing & blacktopping the world highest motorable road passing through the 19,024 feet 0.73 inches high Umlingla Pass in the Union Territory of Ladakh. The 52-kilometre long Chisumle to Demchok tarmac road was developed under Project HIMANK of BRO.

2) The Sydney Dialogue

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has delivered the keynote address at The Sydney Dialogue, via video conferencing. PM addressed the event on the theme 'India's technology evolution and revolution'. The Sydney Dialogue has been organised from November 17-19, 2021 by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

3) Centre to Repeal 3 farm laws

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that his government will repeal the three contentious agricultural laws and requested protesting farmers to go back to their fields and homes. The announcement came on the Gurupurab/Prakash Utsav festival, when Sikhism founder Guru Nanak's birthday is celebrated in the country.

STATE NEWS

1) First air pollution control tower of the state of Uttar Pradesh

Union Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey has inaugurated the first air pollution control tower of the state of Uttar Pradesh in Noida. The Air Pollution Control Tower prototype has been developed by state-run Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. The tower will help to mitigate the rising air pollution problem in the city.



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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) MC Mary Kom

The Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat in New Delhi. On the occasion, Olympic medallist and boxer Padma Vibhushan MC Mary Kom was declared as the brand ambassador of the TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Zircon hypersonic cruise missile

Russia has carried out another successful test of its Zircon hypersonic cruise missile, one the latest additions to the country's arsenal of weapons called "invincible" by President Vladimir Putin. Hypersonics can travel more than five times the speed of sound.

OBITUARY

1) Novy Kapadia

Football journalist and sports commentator Novy Kapadia has passed away due to health complications. He was often called as 'the voice of Indian football'. The noted commentator had covered nine FIFA World Cups, as well as Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Guru Nanak Jayanti

Guru Nanak Jayanti is observed every year as the birth anniversary of the Sikh founder, Guru Nanak Dev Ji. This year marks the 552nd birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, also known as Prakash Utsav or Guru Purab, as it marks an important festival for the Sikh community.

2) National Newborn Week

In India, the National Newborn Week is observed every year from 15 to 21 November. The main purpose of the week is to reinforce the importance of newborn health as a key priority area of the health sector and reduce the infant mortality rate by improving healthcare conditions for babies in the neonatal period.

SPORTS

1) Vienna Open 2021

Alexander "Sascha" Zverev (Germany), won the 5th ATP title of the season (2021) and 18th overall at the Vienna Open 2021 or Erste Bank Open 2021 defeating Frances Tiafoe of the United States of America (USA). At present, Alexander Zverev is ranked 3rd in the ATP World Ranking.

2) Jamshedpur Football Club

The SBI has signed a strategic agreement with Jamshedpur Football Club, a fully owned

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subsidiary of Tata Steel, to promote and support football in India. This is the first of its kind of agreement by SBI in the game of football.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Antimicrobial Awareness Week

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week is celebrated every year from 18-24 November. The purpose of the week is to increase awareness of global antimicrobial resistance, encourage best practices among the general public, health workers. Theme of 2021 is Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance.

