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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **1) Global Climate risk index 2021**

The international environmental think tank 'Germanwatch' released the Global Climate risk index 2021. This is the 16th Edition of the Index. It is published annually. India has improved its rankings from last year. It is ranked 7th in the 2021 Index as compared to 5th in 2020 Index.

## **NATIONAL**

### **1) PM Gati Shakti Scheme**

The government of India has launched the ambitious Gati Shakti scheme or National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity plan, with the aim of coordinated planning and execution of infrastructure projects to bring down logistics costs. The Gati Shakti scheme will subsume the Rs 110 lakh crore National Infrastructure Pipeline that was launched in 2019.

### **2) 28th anniversary of the National Human Rights Commission**

The 28th anniversary of the National Human Rights Commission was observed on 12th October 2021. NHRC is a watchdog of human rights in the country, i.e. the rights related to life, liberty, equality and dignity of the individual guaranteed by Indian Constitution or embodied in the international covenants and enforceable by courts in India.

### **3) India's 1st Atal Community Innovation Center**

India's 1st Atal Community Innovation Center was inaugurated at Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur (VGU). It will be the first centre in the country to be set up by the Government of India, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog.

## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

### **1) Kotak Mahindra Bank launches Micro ATMs across India**

Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd has announced the launch of Micro ATMs across the country. Customers of all banks who possess a debit card can use a Kotak Micro ATM for key banking services such as cash withdrawals and checking account balances. A mini version of an ATM, micro ATMs are small handheld devices.

## **GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **1) Kunming Declaration**

The Kunming Declaration was adopted by over 100 countries at the ongoing 15th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity in china. The adoption of the declaration will create momentum for a new global biodiversity pact.

### **2) Scorpionfish**

A fish species named Flower Scorpionfish (*Hoplosebastes Armatus*) which was only found in the



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Pacific Ocean has been discovered in the Indian Ocean. The rise in the temperature of sea water due to global warming might have induced the migration of this species from different regions.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Deepa Malik

Oravel Stays Ltd has appointed Deepa Malik, an Indian athlete and a silver-medalist at the 2016 Paralympic Games, as an independent director on the company's board of directors. Malik's experience and her passion for travel and adventure would be invaluable for OYO for years to come.

### 2) Sajjan Jindal

World Steel Association has elected Sajjan Jindal, Chairman and Managing Director of JSW Steel Ltd, as Chairman for the year 2021-22. Jindal is the first representative from India to serve as Chairman of the WSA.

### 3) Virat Kohli

Indian wearable brand Fire-Bolt has named cricket captain Virat Kohli as its new brand ambassador. The skipper will participate in different marketing, ad and endorsement campaigns of the homegrown brand.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Balvinder Singh Nakai

IFFCO's Chairman Balvinder Singh Nakai has passed away. He was an eminent farmer – cooperater and was deeply involved in providing strength to the Indian cooperative movement for the last three decades. He made pioneering contributions towards empowering farmers.

## SPORTS

### 1) Ireland's Amy Hunter becomes youngest batter to hit ODI hundred

Ireland's Amy Hunter hit 121 not out on her 16th birthday against Zimbabwe, making her the youngest batter to score an ODI century in either men's or women's cricket. The Belfast batter – who was playing in only her fourth ODI – broke the record previously held by India's Mithali Raj.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Standards Day

World Standards Day or International Standards Day is observed globally on 14 October every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of standardisation to the global economy among consumers, regulators and industry. 2021 theme "Standards for sustainable development goals – shared vision for a better world".



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## 2) International E-Waste Day

The International E-Waste Day is celebrated on 14 October every year since 2018, to promote the correct disposal of e-waste throughout the world with the aim to increase re-use, recovery and recycling rates. The theme for 2021 IEWD is “Consumer is the key to Circular Economy!”.

