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INTERNATIONAL

1) Iran was officially admitted as a full member of the SCO

Iran was officially admitted as a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. The decision to admit Iran as a full member was declared in the 21st summit of the SCO leaders in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. At the end of the 21st Summit of the SCO, the leaders of the eight main members of the organisation agreed to change the membership of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

2) Global Innovation Index 2021

India has been ranked at 46th place in the Global Innovation Index 2021 released by World Intellectual Property Organization. India has jumped 2 spots from last year's ranking. Under the Lower middle-income category group, India has been ranked at the second spot after Vietnam.

NATIONAL

1) 'Samudra Shakti'

The 3rd edition of Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' is scheduled from September 20 to Sep 22. Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kadmat had already arrived in Jakarta, Indonesia in the preparedness of this one of a kind exercise aimed at improving bilateral ties between India and Indonesia.

2) 3rd State Food Safety Index

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya has released the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India 3rd State Food Safety Index to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) HDFC Bank ties up with Paytm

HDFC Bank has announced its partnership with leading payments company Paytm, to offer co-branded credit cards on the Visa platform to businesspersons, millennials and merchants. The HDFC Bank-Paytm co-branded credit cards will be launched in October during the festive season to tap into the high consumer demand for credit cards.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Geeta Samota became the "fastest Indian" to summit two peaks

CISF official Geeta Samota became the "fastest Indian" to summit two peaks located in Africa and Russia. Mt Elbrus (5,642 mts) is in Russia, the Kilimanjaro peak (5,895 mts) is located in Tanzania and is Africa's highest peak.

2) 73rd Primetime Emmy Awards

The 73rd Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony was held in Los Angeles, California. Winners of the awards are:





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- Outstanding Drama Series: The Crown
- Outstanding Actor–Comedy: Jason Sudeikis (Ted Lasso)
- Outstanding Actress–Limited Series or Movie: Kate Winslet (Mare of Easttown)
- Outstanding Supporting Actor–Comedy: Brett Goldstein (Ted Lasso)
- Outstanding Supporting Actor–Limited Series or Movie: Evan Peters (Mare of Easttown)
- Outstanding Supporting Actress–Drama: Gillian Anderson (The Crown)

OBITUARY

1) Mahant Narendra Giri

President of the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, Mahant Narendra Giri has passed away. It was in 2016 that Giri first took over as chief of the Akhara Parishad. Recently, Giri had demanded the inclusion of the Akhara Parishad in the Ram Janmabhoomi Trust.

2) Jimmy Greaves

Jimmy Greaves, one of England's most prolific strikers and Tottenham Hotspur's record goalscorer, passed away. He scored 266 goals for Tottenham between 1961-1970 & his 37 league goals in the 1962-63 season remains a club record. He began his career with Chelsea and netted 124 league goals for the London club(1957-61).

3) Thanu Padmanabhan

Theoretical physicist and cosmologist Professor Thanu Padmanabhan passed away. He was a distinguished professor at the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA). He had authored over 300 research papers and several books, with important contributions in areas of gravitation, quantum gravity, and structure and formation of the universe.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) “The Three Khans: And the Emergence of New India”

A book has titled “The Three Khans: And the Emergence of New India” authored by Kaveree Bamzai. In the book, senior journalist, Kaveree Bamzai has juxtaposed the careers of the 3 Khans, Aamir, Shah Rukh, & Salman, with the most tumultuous times in the history of the republic.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Alzheimer's Day

World Alzheimer's Day is observed globally on September 21 every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the stigma that runs around Alzheimer disease and related dementia. World Alzheimer's Day was launched at the opening of ADI's annual conference in Edinburgh on 21 September 1994 to celebrate our 10th anniversary.



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2) International Week of the Deaf

Last Sunday of September is observed as the International Week of the Deaf . In 2021, IWD is being observed from September 20 to 26, 2021. The last Sunday of the month of September is celebrated as the World Day of Deaf or International Day of the Deaf (September 26, 2021). The theme of 2021 IWD is “Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities”.

3) International Day of Peace

International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is “Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World.”

