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INTERNATIONAL

1) Global Food Policy Report 2022

- International Food Policy Research Institute released Global Food Policy Report 2022.
- As per the report, By 2030, India's food production could drop 16% and the number of those at risk for hunger could increase 23%.
- Global food production will grow by about 60% over 2010 levels by 2050 in context of climate change.

NATIONAL

1) YUVA Tourism Clubs

- CBSE along with Ministry of Tourism has asked its affiliated schools to form YUVA Tourism Clubs.
- It's objective is to develop young ambassadors for Indian tourism, make them aware of tourism possibilities in India and appreciate our rich cultural heritage.

2) BHARAT TAP initiative

- The Ministry for Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas launched the BHARAT TAP initiative at the 'Plumbex India' exhibition.
- Plumbex is an initiative for industry stakeholders to connect and explore opportunities for business development & growth.
- Bharat Tap is a concept to use low flow taps and fixtures, aims to reduce water consumption, hence save water.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Chaara – Bijae Yojana'

- Haryana government has launched the 'Chaara – Bijae Yojana' scheme.
- It was launched to provide financial assistance of Rs 10,000 per acre (Upto 10 acres) to farmers cultivating and supplying fodder to Gaushalas (Cowsheds). The rationale behind the scheme is to address the State's fodder shortage and rising stray cattle.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Aadhaar mandatory for banking

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- The Central Board of Direct Taxes, in a notification, said furnishing PAN or biometric Aadhaar will be mandatory for such high-value cash deposits or withdrawals (over Rs 20 lakh in a financial year), opening of a current account, cash credit account with a bank or post office.
- The move would help in tracing the movement of cash in the financial system.

2) Saudi Aramco has dethroned Apple

Saudi Aramco, an Oil giant has dethroned Apple Inc. to become the world's most valuable company, underscoring the recent surge in oil prices that have boosted the energy giant this year.

- Aramco traded near its highest level on record, with a market capitalization of about \$2.43 trillion, surpassing that of Apple for the first time since 2020.

3) "InspiHER"

- Bharti AXA Life Insurance announced the launch of its financial literacy campaign, 'InspiHER'— enabling an empowered future, a special effort to propagate financial awareness among women as well as allow people to make good investment decisions for a stable future.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Templeton Prize

- Frank Wilczek, the Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist and renowned author was honoured with this year's prestigious Templeton Prize awarded to individuals whose life's work embodies a fusion of science and spirituality.
- He became the 6th Nobel laureate to receive the Templeton Prize since its inception in 1972.
- John Templeton establishes the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Rajiv Kumar

- Rajiv Kumar was appointed as the next chief election commissioner. He will assume charge on May 15 after incumbent Sushil Chandra demits office.
- Kumar took charge as the Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of India (ECI) on September 1, 2020.





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OBITUARY

1) Pandit Sukh Ram

- Himachal Pradesh Congress leader and former Union minister, Pandit Sukh Ram has passed away at 94.
- He was the Union Minister of State, Communications (Independent Charge) from 1993 to 1996 and a member of Lok Sabha from the Mandi constituency (Himachal Pradesh).

2) Leonid Kravchuk

- Leonid Kravchuk, a former communist who helped sign the Soviet Union's death warrant and then served as the first president of independent Ukraine, passed away at the age of 88.
- Kravchuk was known as the "wily fox" as he rose through the ranks of Ukraine's Communist Party and take over as head of the parliament in 1990.

