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NATIONAL

1) Rajya Sainik Board

The Centre has approved a new Rajya Sainik Board for Ladakh. The Board will be an effective link between the Centre and the Ladakh Administration. Rajya Sainik Board will play an advisory role on the matters relating to the ex-servicemen, war widows, widows and non-combatants, including serving soldiers and their dependents.

2) India's first Digital Food Museum

Piyush Goyal virtually launched India's first Digital Food Museum in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. It is co-developed by the Food Corporation of India and Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museums, Bengaluru with an estimated outlay of Rs 1.1 crore. The museum is the first one-of-its-kind effort to depict India's food story from the beginning to India becoming the largest food grain exporter in the country.

3) 'Ration Aapke Gram' scheme & 'Sickle Cell Mission'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a series of Tribal Welfare programs on his visit to Madhya Pradesh. PM Modi launched a welfare scheme named 'Ration Aapke Gram' scheme & 'Sickle Cell Mission' of Madhya Pradesh. He also laid the foundation stone for the construction of 50 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools across India.

4) Fisheries business incubator

The first-of-its-kind, dedicated fisheries business incubator has been inaugurated in Gurugram of Haryana to nurture fisheries start-ups under real market-led conditions. The incubator is known as LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre. It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala.

STATE NEWS

1) United Nations World Tourism Organisation award

Pochampally village in Telangana, known for its famous hand-woven Ikat saris, was selected as one of the best tourism villages by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). The award will be given at the 24th session of the UNWTO general assembly on December 2, in Madrid. Pochampally Ikat, received a Geographical Indicator (GI status) in 2004.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) 'Digital Financial Services'

The Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank got the award for the best 'Digital Financial Services', in line with India's vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', under the 'Regional Rural Banks' (RRBs) category by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India. Around 40 villages in Karnataka are converted into 100% digital villages by the KVGB bank.





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2) 'Voice Trading'

Paytm Money, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Paytm, has launched 'Voice Trading', powered by artificial intelligence. It will allow users to place a trade or get information about stocks via single voice command. This voice command feature uses neural networks and natural language processing to allow instant processing.

3) UBS projects India's GDP growth forecast at 9.5% for FY22

The Swiss brokerage firm, UBS Securities has revised India's real GDP growth projection for 2021-22 to 9.5 per cent from 8.5 per cent estimated earlier. The upward revision has been attributed to faster-than-expected recovery, rising consumer confidence and the resultant spending spike.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Salman Khan

Bollywood actor Salman Khan is to become the Covid-vaccine ambassador of Maharashtra. Maharashtra Public Health Minister According to Rajesh Tope, there is hesitation about receiving anti-coronavirus vaccines in Muslim-majority communities, and the government will enlist the help of Bollywood actor Salman Khan to persuade people to get the vaccine.

2) Shombi Sharp

The United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres has appointed Shombi Sharp of the United States, a sustainable development expert, as the UN Resident Coordinator in India. He will lead the UN team in India, and work towards India's Covid-19 response plans to recover better for the Sustainable Development Goals.

SPORTS

1) Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee

The President of BCCI, Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee, during the ICC Board Meeting. Ganguly will replace Anil Kumble who assumed the charge in 2012. Kumble stepped down having served a maximum of three separate three-year terms.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Philosophy Day

World Philosophy Day is celebrated on the Third Thursday of November each year. In 2021, the day falls on 18 November. World Philosophy Day 2021 opens the discussion on the different interactions of human beings with their social, cultural, geographical and political environment.



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2) National Naturopathy Day

The National Naturopathy Day is observed in India on 18 November every year, to promote positive mental and physical health through a drugless system of medicine, called as Naturopathy. The day was declared by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India, on November 18, 2018.

