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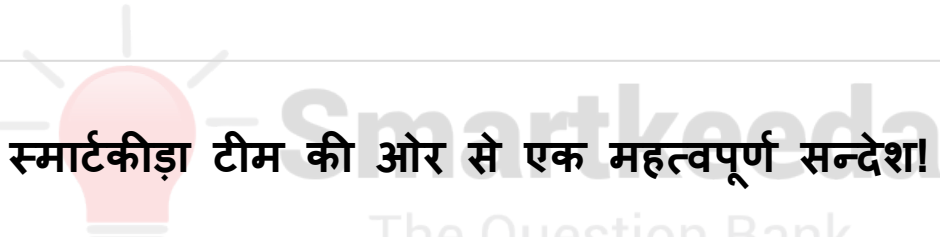
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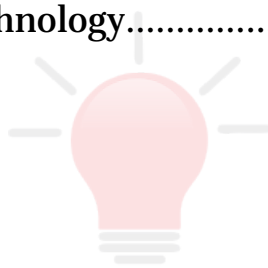
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National & States Affairs

101. On November 3, Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh virtually inaugurated 29 museums, an initiative to preserve and promote art & culture of various tribes, prevailing in the state. Constructed in 10 districts, the initiative aims to promote cultural traditions of 29 tribes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 29 Tribal Museums constructed in 10 districts – inaugurated in Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

102. On November 2, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) unveiled India's first rooftop, open-air, drive-in theatre at Jio World Drive (JWD) in Mumbai. It is operated by PVR. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first rooftop, open-air, drive-in theatre – unveiled in Mumbai by Reliance Industries Ltd
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

103. In November 2021, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, under its Film in India initiative, set up a "Film Facilitation Office (FFO)" at National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), which is mandated to promote and position India as a preferred destination for filmmakers across the world. I&B ministry's FFO and the Ministry of Railways have collaborated to create a 'Single Window Filming Mechanism' to ease the process of shooting a film on trains or at railway stations. Besides, Tourism Ministry in association with I&B Ministry organised a symposium in Mumbai to promote film tourism by enhancing opportunities in India for film shootings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of I&B – set up a "Film Facilitation Office (FFO)" at NFDC, Mumbai
- Ministry of I&B + Ministry of Railways = collaborated to create a 'Single Window Filming Mechanism'
- Ministry of I&B + Ministry of Tourism = organised a symposium in Mumbai to promote Film Tourism
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: Anurag Singh Thakur | Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: L. Murugan

104. On November 7, Punjab Cabinet approved the "Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021" to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed centre. With this decision, Punjab has become the first state in India to have the facility of tissue culture-based certification, which would further lead to developing the Jalandhar-Kapurthala belt as the export hub of potato. Meanwhile, the Cabinet also approved to introduce the "Punjab Horticulture Nursery Bill-2021" in Vidhan Sabha Session by amending 'Punjab Fruit Nursery Act-1961'. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Punjab Cabinet – approved the “Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021”
- Punjab – became the first state in India to have the facility of ‘Tissue Culture-based Certification’
- Punjab Cabinet – also approved to introduce the “Punjab Horticulture Nursery Bill-2021” in Vidhan Sabha
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

International Affairs

105. V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs visited Gambia from 1-3 November 2021. Two Agreements - an Agreement on Exemption from Visa requirement for Holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports, and a General Framework Agreement for Cooperation between India and the Gambia were signed during the visit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V. Muraleedharan – visited Gambia from 1-3 November 2021
- Two Agreements signed between India & Gambia:
 - Agreement on Exemption from Visa requirement for Holders of Diplomatic & Official Passports
 - General Framework Agreement for Cooperation
- Gambia – Banjul – Gambian dalasi | President – Adama Barrow

106. On November 5, the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) approved antiviral medication ‘Molnupiravir’ for the treatment of mild-to-moderate Covid-19 in adults with a positive SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test. It is developed by Ridgeback Biotherapeutics and Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK – 1st country to approve antiviral medication ‘Molnupiravir’ for the treatment of mild-to-moderate Covid-19
- ‘Molnupiravir’ – became world’s 1st pill for Covid treatment
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

107. On November 8, Liberty General Insurance Ltd has partnered with PhonePe to offer motor insurance digitally and provide easy accessibility. In 2020, PhonePe ventured into the distribution of insurance and has become one of India's fastest-growing digital distributors, with the sale of over 5 lakh policies in 5 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Liberty General Insurance + PhonePe = partnership to offer motor insurance digitally
- HQs of Liberty General Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Roopam Asthana
- HQs of PhonePe – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

108. On November 8, ESAF Small Finance Bank has launched State Level Local Sustainable Economic Development Training Programme in Kerala in collaboration with NABARD. This Project is aimed at bringing financial empowerment and economic independence at the local level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ESAF SFB + NABARD = launched 'State Level Local Sustainable Economic Development Training Programme' in Kerala
- HQs of ESAF SFB – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – K. Paul Thomas | Chairman – P. R. Ravi Mohan
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982

109. On November 2, State Bank of India (SBI) launched the Video Life Certificate (VLC) facility to offer seamless life certificate submission experience for millions of pensioners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – launched the Video Life Certificate (VLC) facility
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

Schemes & Initiatives

110. On November 9, Delhi Government launched the "Shramik Mitra" scheme to ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach construction workers in the national capital. A total of 800 'Shramik Mitras' will reach the construction workers at their doorstep and inform them about the schemes launched by the Delhi government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Delhi – launched the "Shramik Mitra" scheme to ensure that schemes' benefits reach Construction Workers
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev



Sports & Games

111. On November 4, Melbourne Renegades announced the signing of Unmukt Chand for the 2021-22 season of the Big Bash League. The 28-year-old player has become the first Indian player to play in Australia's Big Bash League. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Unmukt Chand ([Indian Cricketer](#)) – became the first Indian player to play in Australia's Big Bash League

112. On November 4, All-rounder Dwayne Bravo announced to retire from International Cricket after playing for West Indies in his last T20 World Cup game against Australia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dwayne Bravo ([West Indies](#)) – retired from International Cricket

113. On November 4, Debutant Akash Kumar (54kg) from Haryana finished with a bronze medal at the "AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships" in Belgrade in his 54kg semi-final against Kazakhstan's Makhmud Sabyrkhan. He became the 7th Indian male boxer winning a medal at the World Boxing Championships. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akash Kumar ([Boxer](#)) – won a Bronze medal at the "AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships" in Belgrade, Serbia

114. On November 6, Manu Bhaker in partnership with Olympic champion Javad Foroughi of Iran won the mixed Air Pistol Gold in the inaugural ISSF President's Cup shooting championship in Wroclaw, Poland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manu Bhaker + Javad Foroughi ([Iranian Shooter](#)) = won mixed Air Pistol Gold in the inaugural ISSF President's Cup
- HQs of ISSF – Munich, Germany | President – Vladimir Lisin

115. Indian wrestlers secured 5 medals at the "U23 World Wrestling Championships 2021" in Belgrade to mark India's most successful outing at the event since its inaugural edition in 2017. For India, Shivani Pawar won silver in 50kg while Anju, Divya Kakran, Radhika and Nisha Dahiya picked up bronze medals in the 55kg, 62kg, 65kg and 72kg weight classes, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian wrestlers secured 5 medals at the "U23 World Wrestling Championships 2021" held in Belgrade, Serbia
- Shivani Pawar + Anju + Divya Kakran + Radhika + Nisha Dahiya = Wrestlers



116. The 18-year-old Sankalp Gupta has become India's 71st Grandmaster by scoring 6.5 points and finishing at second place in Arandjelovac, Serbia. To achieve the Grandmaster title, a player has to secure 3 Grandmaster norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 Elo points. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sankalp Gupta – became India's 71st Grandmaster

117. On November 8, Red Bull driver from Netherlands Max Verstappen won the 'F1 Mexico City Grand Prix'. Max Verstappen stretched his lead over Lewis Hamilton in the Formula One season championship. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen – won the F1 title of the 'Mexico City Grand Prix'
- Max Verstappen (Netherlands) – Red Bull team

118. On November 7, Serbia's Novak Djokovic defeated Russia's Daniil Medvedev to win the 6th Paris Masters Tennis Tournament title for a record 37th Masters title. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Novak Djokovic (Serbia - Tennis) – won the 6th Paris Masters Tennis Tournament (for a record 37th Masters title)

119. On November 8, India's Manika Batra and Archana Girish Kamath won the women's doubles title at the "World Table Tennis Contender Lasko 2021" event. The World No. 36 pair beat the 23rd-ranked combined of Melanie Diaz and Adriana Diaz. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manika Batra + Archana Girish Kamath = won women's doubles title at "World Table Tennis Contender Lasko 2021"

120. India's first "Physical National Yogasana Championships" was organised in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from November 11-13, 2021. The event was organised by the National Yogasana Sports Federation (NYSF) in association with the Odisha government. While addressing the championship, National Yogasana Sports Federation President Udit Sheth stated that India is going to host first-ever "World Yogasana Championship" showcasing India's heritage sport to the world in June 2022. Moreover, Yogasana sport for both male and female categories has been included in the "Khelo India Youth Games - 2021". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's 1st "Physical National Yogasana Championships" – was organised in Bhubaneswar by NYSF & Odisha
- India – to host first-ever "World Yogasana Championship" in June, 2022
- Location of NYSF – Dwarka, New Delhi | President – Udit Sheth
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



121. The 1st edition of “Khelo India Archery Tournament” kicked off at Sports Authority of India’s (SAI) NCOE Sonepat Centre. The monthly tournament was conducted in a joint partnership of Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Archery Association of India (AAI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st edition of “Khelo India Archery Tournament” – kicked off at SAI’s NCOE Sonepat Centre in Haryana
- The monthly tournament was conducted by = SAI + AAI
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | Director General – Sandip Pradhan
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | President – Arjun Munda

122. Kolkata based International Master Mitrabha Guha has become the 72nd Grandmaster of India after completing the requirement by securing his third and final GM norm at GM Third Saturday Mix 220 - Novi Sad, Serbia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mitrabha Guha – became the 72nd Grandmaster of India

Important Days & Dates

123. On November 4, Diwali Day Act was introduced in the US to declare Diwali or Deepavali as National Holiday, as announced by the lawmakers and led by Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney. The historic legislation was co-sponsored by a number of lawmakers including Indian-American Congresswoman Raja Krishnamoorthi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – introduced a bill to declare Diwali or Deepavali as National Holiday
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

124. November 7, 2021 marked the 133rd birth anniversary of Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman, popularly known as C. V. Raman. Dr. CV Raman is the first person to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. He received the Nobel Prize for the scattering of light and the Raman effect. Dr. Raman was the first Indian, Asian and non-white person to win a Nobel Prize for the sciences. He became the first Director of the IISc, Bangalore, in 1933. He received the Bharat Ratan, the highest civilian award in the year 1954. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 7 – 133rd birth anniversary of C. V. Raman (first Director of the IISc, Bangalore)
- Awards: Nobel Prize in Physics (1930), Bharat Ratan (1954)



125. Every year on November 7, Infant Protection Day is celebrated to spread awareness among the people about the protection and safety of infants by taking several precautions and proper care for the infants. In 2021, the theme is “Protecting, Promoting, and Developing Infants”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 7 – Infant Protection Day
- Theme – “Protecting, Promoting, and Developing Infants”

126. This year, November 8 marked the 10th edition of World Radiography Day or International Day of Radiology. The day commemorates the discovery of X-radiation, or X-rays, on November 8, 1895, by German scientist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen. The day was first celebrated in 2012. This year, “Interventional Radiology - Active care for the patient” is the motto of this day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 8 – 10th edition of World Radiography Day or International Day of Radiology (since - 2012)
- 2021’s Motto – “Interventional Radiology - Active care for the Patient”

127. On November 8, the American Planning Association invited planners, urban designers & placemakers to attend the 72nd annual APA World Town Planning Day (WTPD) virtual conference on the topic of ‘Planning for Inter-Generational Equity’. The day is also known as World Urbanism Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 8 – “World Town Planning Day” or “World Urbanism Day”
- Topic of 72nd APA WTPD virtual conference – ‘Planning for Inter-Generational Equity’

128. November 7 is observed annually as “National Cancer Awareness Day” in India to raise awareness about cancer, of which 1.1 million cases are reported in India each year. The day was first announced in September 2014 by then Union health minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan. It is observed on November 7 every year to coincide with the birth anniversary of Marie Curie, known for her contribution in the fight against cancer. Her work led to the development of radiotherapy to treat cancer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 7 – “National Cancer Awareness Day” (since - 2014)
- NCAD coincides with the birth anniversary of ‘Marie Curie’

129. The 47th National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Raising Day was celebrated on November 7, 2021. It was celebrated at NTPC-Ramagundam in Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 7 – 47th Raising Day of NTPC
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975



130. To celebrate the formation of the 27th state of India, Uttarakhand Foundation Day is annually observed in the country every year on November 9. Earlier known as Uttaranchal, it was renamed Uttarakhand in the year 2007. Additionally, this year, the 21st Uttarakhand Foundation Day was marked. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 9 – 21st Uttarakhand Foundation Day
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

131. National Legal Services Day is marked across the country annually on November 9. The day is observed to commemorate the enactment of the 'Legal Services Authorities Act 1987' and to create awareness about the various provisions related to the act. This year marked 26th edition of the National Legal Services Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 9 – 26th edition of the National Legal Services Day

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

132. The 3rd India-Senegal Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) was held in Dakar, Senegal on November 5, 2021. The meeting was Co-Chaired by V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs. Both sides signed an MoU for cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine during the JCM. Both sides agreed to consider mutual recognition of vaccination certificates issued by both countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd India-Senegal Joint Commission Meeting was held in Dakar, Senegal – co-Chaired by V. Muraleedharan
- India + Senegal = an MoU for cooperation in the field of Health & Medicine
- Senegal – Dakar – CFA franc | President – Macky Sall

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

134. Chef K. Damodaran, affectionately known as Chef Damu, has been awarded the "Culinary Legend Lifetime Achievement Award" at the Global Food, Hospitality and Tourism Achievements Award 2021. He was also working on an upcoming cook book Kalvettu Samayal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. Damodaran – awarded the "Culinary Legend Lifetime Achievement Award"



133. In November 2021, Two Indian Army officers have received the prestigious “Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020” by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Amit Bisht received under Land Adventure category in Mountaineering discipline and Servesh Dhadwal received under Air Adventure category in Skydiving discipline. Moreover, other winners also received the same award in different categories as given below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020” – by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Winner	Category	Discipline
Priyanka Mohite	Land Adventure	Mountaineering
Amit Bisht	Land Adventure	Mountaineering
Servesh Dhadwal	Air Adventure	Skydiving
Jay Prakash Kumar	Land Adventure	Mountaineering
Sheetal Raj	Land Adventure	Mountaineering
Srikaanth Viswanathan	Water Adventure	Swimming
Jai Kishan	Life Time Achievement	Mountaineering

Appointments & Resignations

135. On November 3, Partha Satpathy, presently Ambassador of India to Ukraine, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Partha Satpathy – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Hungary
- Hungary – Budapest – Forint | President – Janos Ader

136. On November 5, Hilary Charlesworth was elected as a new Judge of the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, by a simultaneous vote of the UNGA & the UNSC. The ICJ’s Judge term length is 9 years. Charlesworth is the 5th women judge in the ICJ’s history. She was nominated by Australia to contest the election against Linos-Alexander Sicilianos, nominated by Greece. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hilary Charlesworth – elected as a new Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) (nominated by Australia)
- Location of ICJ – Hague, Netherlands | President – Joan E. Donoghue (US)

137. On November 6, Morinari Watanabe from Japan was re-elected to a new 3-year term as President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG - Federation Internationale de Gymnastique). He won the vote 81 to 47 against Farid Gayibov of Azerbaijan at a conference in Turkey. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Morinari Watanabe – re-elected as the President of the International Gymnastics Federation – for 3 years
- HQs of FIG – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Morinari Watanabe (Japan)



138. On November 6, Munu Mahawar, the new High Commissioner of India to the Maldives has officially assumed office. High Commissioner Mahawar most recently served as the Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Munu Mahawar – assumed office as the new High Commissioner of India to the Maldives
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

139. In November 2021, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed charge as Chief of Staff of the Western Naval Command. He is a recipient of the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal. Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh took over as the flag officer commanding-in-chief (FOC-in-C) of the Western Naval Command (WNC) from Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar. Meanwhile, Admiral R. Hari Kumar has taken over as the Chief of Naval Staff following the retirement of Admiral Karambir Singh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Krishna Swaminathan – assumed charge as Chief of Staff of the Western Naval Command (WNC)
- Ajendra Bahadur Singh – took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the WNC
- R. Hari Kumar – took over as the Chief of Naval Staff (replacing - Admiral Karambir Singh)
- HQs of WNC – Mumbai, MH | FOC-in-C – Ajendra Bahadur Singh | Chief of Staff of WNC – Krishna Swaminathan
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950



140. On November 11, Fantasy cricket platform of Games24x7, My11Circle has announced cricketer Mohammed Siraj as its new brand ambassador. Siraj joins other brand ambassadors of My11Circle including, Saurav Ganguly, Ajinkya Rahane, VVS Laxman and actor Ranveer Singh. Besides, Hercules, the bicycle brand from TI Cycles of India, recently on-boarded Rishabh Pant as their brand ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohammed Siraj – appointed as brand ambassador of 'My11Circle' cricket platform
- Rishabh Pant – appointed as brand ambassador of 'Hercules' bicycle brand

141. Amway India announced the appointment of Amitabh Bachchan as its brand ambassador. As a part of this association, the veteran actor will endorse the brand Amway and the Nutrilite range of products across all platforms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amitabh Bachchan – appointed as brand ambassador of Amway India
- HQs of Amway India – New Delhi | CEO – Anshu Budhreja



142. Bandhan Bank announced the appointment of renowned singer and actor, Zubeen Garg, as the first brand ambassador for the Bank in Assam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Zubeen Garg – appointed as brand ambassador of Bandhan Bank in Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

143. On November 4, the “FAO Food Price Index”, which tracks the international prices of a basket of food commodities, rose 3.9% from September, rising for a third consecutive month - October. On a year-on-year basis, the index was up 31.3% in October. The Food and Agriculture Organization’s (FAO) food price index averaged 133.2 points for October compared with 129.2 for September. The vegetable oil index went up 9.6%, hitting an all-time high. The October reading was the highest for the index since July 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October’s “FAO Food Price Index” rose 3.9% from Sep & 31.3% on a year-on-year basis (highest since July 2011)
- October’s “FAO Food Price Index” averaged 133.2 points for October
- Vegetable Oil index went up an all-time high of 9.6%
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

144. The 1st edition of “Global Drug Policy Index” was released by the Harm Reduction Consortium. The index ranks Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the UK and Australia as the five leading countries on humane and health-driven drug policies. India’s rank is 18 out of 30 countries. India has an overall score of 46/100. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st edition of “Global Drug Policy Index” – released by Harm Reduction Consortium
- India – 18th | 1st - Norway, 2nd - New Zealand, 3rd - Portugal

145. The “LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2021” report was released by Commerce & Industry Ministry. Gujarat occupied the first spot among 21 states, followed by Haryana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra in that order. It is an indicator of the efficiency of logistical services necessary for promoting exports and economic growth. The first logistics report was released in 2018. No ranking was released last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd edition of “LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2021” report – released by Ministry of C & I
- 1st – Gujarat | 2nd – Haryana | 3rd – Punjab
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash



Books & Authors

146. India's leading tax lawyer and well known international tax and policy expert, Aseem Chawla announced the release of his new book titled "Finding A Straight Line Between Twists and Turns - An Imperfect, Yet Honest Reflections on the Indian Tax Landscape". The book has been published by Matrix Publishers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Finding A Straight Line Between Twists and Turns - An Imperfect, Yet Honest Reflections on the Indian Tax Landscape" – authored by Aseem Chawla
- Publisher – Matrix Publishers

147. "Nehru: The Debates that Defined India" is co-authored by Tripurdaman Singh and Adeel Hussain. The new book serves as a revisionist exploration of India's first and longest-serving Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Nehru: The Debates that Defined India" book – authored by Tripurdaman Singh & Adeel Hussain
- The book is about India's first & longest-serving PM Jawaharlal Nehru

Science & Technology

148. On November 6, "Landsat 9" - a joint mission between NASA and the US Geological Survey (USGS) launched earlier in 2021, has collected its first light images of the Earth from space. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Landsat 9" - a joint mission between NASA & USGS collected its first light images of the Earth from space
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

149. On November 8, Wang Yaping has become the first Chinese woman astronaut to walk in space as she moved out of the under-construction Tiangong space station and took part in extravehicular activities for over 6 hours along with her male colleague Zhai Zhigang. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wang Yaping ([China](#)) – became the first Chinese woman astronaut to walk in Space
- [China](#) – [Beijing](#) – [Renminbi](#) | [President](#) – [Xi Jinping](#)

150. On November 11, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched a small, low-cost Epsilon rocket with 9 satellites. The "Epsilon-5" rocket took off from Uchinoura Space Center in the southwestern prefecture of Kagoshima, Japan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JAXA – launched a small & low-cost "Epsilon-5" rocket with 9 satellites
- HQs of JAXA – [Tokyo, Japan](#) | [President](#) – [Yamakawa Hiroshi](#)





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