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**NEWS ⑤:** Aadhar Card mandatory for COVID vaccination in Bihar

**NEWS ⑥:** Russia has launched a new progress cargo ship into orbit

**NEWS ⑦:** Pakistan Army is holding a month-long exercise code-named 'Jidar-ul-Hadeed'

**NEWS ⑧:** Green Super Ministry by Italian PM

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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Coronavirus vaccines to Canada

- The Government of India had decided to supply the Coronavirus vaccines to Canada.
- Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau has asked for support of India to Canada and assistance for Covid-19 vaccines in order to fight the pandemic.

#### Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship recently rolled out the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship programme in all the districts India.
- Fellows under the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship will acquire the academic expertise and technical competency.

#### Commercial Jute Seed Distribution Scheme

- Union Textile Minister, Smriti Irani, has launched the commercial Jute seed distribution scheme.
- The Commercial Jute Seed Distribution Scheme was launched in the backdrop of a MoU signed between the Jute Corporation of India and the National Seeds Corporation.

#### FASTag compulsory

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways issued orders to make FASTag compulsory at all toll plazas in effect from February 15, 2021 all across India.
- It would also provide a seamless passage of vehicles through the fee plazas.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### Museums in Kerala

- Kerala, which is home to India's biggest art event called Kochi-Muziris Biennale, is now aspiring to become a museum hub in the country.
- The Kerala government has launched an initiative which aims to establish and promote mini museums in state.

#### Aadhar Card mandatory for COVID vaccination in Bihar

- Aadhar Card has been made compulsory to receive the Coronavirus vaccination in Bihar.
- Beneficiaries in the state will have to certify their Aadhar Card number during the vaccine registration.

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## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Cargo ship

- **Russia** has launched a **new progress cargo ship** into **orbit**. The cargo ship was launched in order to deliver the cargo to the **seven crew members** in the **International Space Station (ISS)**.
- The cargo ship was launched using the **Soyuz rocket**.

### “Ramanujan Machine”

- A new **artificially intelligent “mathematician”** which is called as the **“Ramanujan Machine”** have the potential to reveal the **hidden relationships between numbers**.
- The **set of algorithms** has been named after the **Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan**.

### Dickinsonia

- Researchers have discovered **three fossils** of the earliest known living animal, the **550- millionyear- old ‘Dickinsonia’** on the roof of the **Bhimbetka Rock Shelters**.
- The fossils were found in the roof of the **Auditorium Cave at Bhimbetka Rock Shelters**.

## GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

### Green Super Ministry

- The **Prime Minister of Italy, Mario Draghi**, has created a **super ministry** to ensure a transition to **green energy drives recovery** in the country.
- The super ministry has been established with the objective of making **full use of European Union funds** with respect to the **climate change**.

### ‘Jidar-ul-Hadeed’

- The **Pakistan Army** is holding a month-long exercise code-named **‘Jidar-ul-Hadeed’** in the **Thar Desert**. The aim is to prepare for conflict in **extreme desert environments**.
- The name, **Thar** is derived from **thul**, the general term for the region’s **sand ridges**.