

“SmartUp Unnati”

- **HDFC Bank** has launched “**SmartUp Unnati**”, a mentoring program by women for women entrepreneurs.
- Under this programme, **senior women leaders from HDFC bank will mentor women entrepreneurs** to achieve their goals in the next one year.

Banking services on Whatsapp

- **Axis Bank** launched the **banking services on Whatsapp**, this will enable the customers to get information on their **balance, transactions, credit card payments, and deposit details**.
- This is in **line to the Dil se open philosophy** of Axis Bank.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

‘Women Will’

- **Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google** stated that **Google.org** the Philanthropic arm of Google will support **1 Million women entrepreneurs in rural India** by providing them with **business tutorials, mentorship & accelerator programmes** through Google’s newly launched ‘**Women Will**’ web platform.

‘Starship SN10’

- **SpaceX** successfully tested its ‘**Starship SN10**’ prototype rocket.
- The rocket successfully up to an altitude of **10,000 Kms** & safely landed back on the ground, but **exploded six minutes after the landing**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

“The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle”

- The autobiography of **Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan**, popularly known as the “**Frontier Gandhi**”, titled “**The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle**” is set to be published in English by the publishing house **Roli Books**.
- The book was translated into English by **Imitiaz Ahmad Sahibzada**.

Dynasty to Democracy

- **Anant Vijay’s** authored a book named ‘**Dynasty to Democracy: The Untold Story of Smriti Irani’s Triumph**’.
- The book is about an attempt to understand the reasons behind **Irani’s success in Amethi**, and her political methods.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Women’s Day

- **United Nations International Women’s Day** is annually observed across the globe on **8th March**.
- The **theme** of International Women’s Day 2021 is “**Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world**”.

SPORTS

YONEX Swiss Open 2021

- **Indian Shuttler PV Sindhu** secured the **Silver Medal** in the **Yonex Swiss Open 2021**, after she was defeated in the final by Spain’s **Carolina Marin**.
- The tournament took place at in **Basel, Switzerland**.

Ravichandran Ashwin

- **Ashwin** became the **1st Indian Cricketer** to pick **30 wickets in a Test Series Twice**.
- He also became the **1st Bowler to dismiss left-handers 200 times** in Tests.

Bajrang Punia

- **Indian wrestler, Bajrang Punia**, has regained the **world number one ranking**.
- He gained his ranking after winning **second successive gold medal at Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series**.

OBITUARY

Ishar Singh Deol

- **Ishar Singh Deol** a **veteran Indian athlete** passed away at the age of **91** in **Chandigarh**.
- He majorly participated in **Shot-put and Discus throw** from **1951-1960**. In **2009**, he was awarded the **Dhyan Chand National Award**.