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INTERNATIONAL

1) Tax Inspectors Without Borders Programme

The United Nations Development Programme and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, have launched the Tax Inspectors Without Borders Programme in Seychelles. India has been chosen as the Partner Administration and has provided Tax Expert for this programme.

2) World Expo 2020

The World Expo 2020 has been organised at Dubai in the United Arab Emirates from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022. The main theme of the Dubai Expo 2020 is "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future". World Expos provide a platform to showcase the greatest innovations that have shaped the world we live in today.

NATIONAL

1) AMRUT 2.0

The Prime Minister launched the second phase of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation. It is the continuation of the AMRUT mission launched in June 2015 to ensure that every household has access to a tap with the assured supply of water and a sewerage connection.

2) Shyamji Krishna Varma

The Prime Minister paid tributes to revolutionary freedom fighter Shyamji Krishna Varma on his birth anniversary (4th October). He founded the Indian Home Rule Society, India House and The Indian Sociologist in London.

STATE NEWS

1) Cinnamon cultivation in Himachal Pradesh

The CSIR's Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology has introduced cinnamon cultivation in Himachal Pradesh on a pilot basis. True cinnamon or Cinnamomumverum is grown mainly in Sri Lanka, while minor producing countries include Seychelles, Madagascar, and India.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) GST collections for September

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of September was 1,17,010 crore rupees, which included a CGST component of 20,578 crores, SGST is 26,767 crore and IGST component of 60,911 crore rupees. The revenue for September was 23% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenue from import of goods was 30% higher.

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GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Marine Protected Areas

India has extended its support for protecting the Antarctic environment and for co-sponsoring the proposal of the European Union for designating East Antarctica and the Weddell Sea as Marine Protected Areas. In general terms, a Marine Protected Area is a marine area that provides protection for all or part of the natural resources it contains.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) 'Astro' home robot

Amazon has unveiled its 'Astro' home robot, which is designed to help customers with a range of tasks like home monitoring and keeping in touch with family. Astro is primed to be a home security device. It comes with a "periscope" camera.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) 'Ganga River Dolphin Day'

'Ganga River Dolphin Day' is observed every year on October 5, to raise awareness and encourage conservation of Ganga River Dolphins. It was on this day in 2010, that Ganga Dolphins were declared national aquatic animals. They are listed under Appendix I as most endangered under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

2) World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is held annually on October 5 since 1994. The Day aims to focus on appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world .The Theme for 2021 International Teachers Day is "Teachers at the heart of education recovery".

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Abiy Ahmed

The Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Abiy Ahmed has been sworn in for a second five-year term. He was administered the oath of office by Supreme Court Chief Justice Meaza Ashenafi. He is serving as prime minister of Ethiopia since 2018.

2) Alok Sahay

The Indian Steel Association has announced that Alok Sahay has assumed office as its new secretary-general and executive head, taking over from Bhaskar Chatterjee. Sahay who is the former executive director of the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) has experience of almost four decades in the steel industry.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 2021 Nobel Prize in Physics

Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann, Giorgio Parisi jointly won the 2021 Nobel Prize in Physics for groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of complex physical systems. The Nobel Prize in Physics is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.

SPORTS

1) 130th edition of the Durand Cup

FC Goa beat Mohammedan Sporting to win their maiden Durand Cup football title, 1-0, in the final, held at Kolkata. FC Goa Captain Eduardo Bedia scored the all-important goal in the 105th minute after the final match went into the extra time. The 2021 Durand Cup was the 130th edition of the Durand Cup, the oldest football tournament in Asia.

2) Smriti Mandhana

Smriti Mandhana became the first Indian woman to score a Test hundred on Australian soil. She completed her century to shape up India's first innings on the second day of the first pink ball day and night.



