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INTERNATIONAL

1) "Poverty has declined over the last decade But Not As Much As Previously Thought"

- "Poverty has declined over the last decade But Not As Much As Previously Thought", is the World Bank working paper, aims to encourage exchange of ideas on development, and quickly disseminates the findings of research in progress.

- As per the report, Poverty headcount fell from 22.5% in 2011 to 10.2% in 2019.

NATIONAL

1) "Hunar Haat"

- Union minister Anurag Thakur inaugurated the 40th edition of "Hunar Haat," a forum to preserve, protect, and promote local artists and craftsmen.

- "Hunar Haat" has offered employment to over 9 lakh artists and craftsmen in just six years, in addition to promoting ancestral arts and crafts even in distant corners of the country.

2) "Radio Aksh"

- 'Radio Aksh', India's first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired has been launched in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

- It was the idea of "The Blind Relief Association Nagpur" (TBRAN) and "Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal" (Saksham).

3) "Innovation (General) – Central"

- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), the Regional Connectivity scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation has been selected for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 under the category "Innovation (General) – Central".

- It emphasizes on Good Governance, Qualitative achievements, and last mile connectivity rather than only on achievement of quantitative targets.

- The award was launched by the Government of India in 2006. The award comes with a trophy, scroll and an incentive of Rs 10 lakhs.

4) National Data and Analytics Platform

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- The NITI Aayog plans to launch the National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP), which would give government data in a user-friendly manner and encourage data-driven decision-making and research.
- The platform aims to standardise data across government sources and provide flexible analytics that allow users to easily analyse data using numerous datasets.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Paytm - an official digital payments partner for Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya

- For the prime ministers' museum, Paytm has become an official digital payments partner.
- It is offering its payment gateway, EDC (Electronic Data Capture) machines and QR code payment options to make way for superfast, convenient and secure transactions

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 2021 AIMA Managing India Awards

- Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, presented the 2021 AIMA Managing India Awards in multiple categories in Delhi.
- Shoojit Sircar was honoured with the "Director Of The Year award" for Sardar Udham.

SPORTS

1) Danish Open swimming

- Indian swimmer Sajan Prakash won the men's 200m butterfly gold at the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Vedaant Madhavan (16 years) bagged the silver medal in the men's 1500m freestyle event.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Heritage Day

- The United Nations commemorates World Heritage Day on April 18th.
- The Day is observed to preserve the human heritage and recognize the efforts of the organizations working for it.
- Theme of 2022: "Heritage and Climate".





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OBITUARY

1) Manju Singh

- Television presenter and actor, Manju Singh has passed away due to cardiac arrest.
- She was one of the pioneers in the Indian television industry and was fondly remembered as didi.