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INTERNATIONAL

1) August 2021 is the 6th-warmest in 142 years

As per National Center for Environmental Information analysis, August 2021 was the 6th hottest month on the Earth, despite the fact that, Central Texas went through a cooler than average month. August 2021 was the 6th warmest month in 142 years. While analysing the August's heat, scientists found that the average global land & ocean surface temperature was 1.62 degrees F more than the average of 20th-century.

NATIONAL

1) Jal Jeevan Mission

The Prime Minister launched the Jal Jeevan Mission mobile application on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti (2nd October). The PM also released the progress report of the JJM and a manual for the utilisation of the 15th Finance Commission grant for rural local bodies.

2) India's first aerial seeding campaign

Hara Bhara, India's first aerial seeding campaign in Telangana using the Seedcopter drone was launched. The idea of the campaign is to accelerate the mission of reforestation by planting one billion trees using drones by 2030 in the country.

3) Sports Arbitration Centre of India

The Union Minister of Law and Justice, Kiren Rijiju has inaugurated the first Sports Arbitration Centre of India at Ahmedabad in Gujarat. This Sports Arbitration Centre of India will serve as an independent body to fast track disputes in the sports sector and serve as a mechanism to redress issues related to sports.

4) 'Sudarshan Bharat Parikrama'

Union Home Minister, Amit Shah flagged off All India Car Rally 'Sudarshan Bharat Parikrama' of the National Security Guard, as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', to celebrate the 75th year of India's Independence. The NSG's car rally was flagged off from the historic Red Fort in Delhi.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Molnupiravir - New drug to treat COVID 19

Pharmaceutical company "Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics" announced the early results of Phase-3 trials of its anti-viral drug called molnupiravir. As per the results, Molnupiravir has reduced the chances of hospitalisation by half among COVID-19 patients with mild or moderate symptoms.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Nobel Prize in Physiology

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2021 was awarded jointly to David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian "for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch." These breakthrough discoveries launched intense research activities leading to a rapid increase in our understanding of how our nervous system senses heat, cold, and mechanical stimuli.

2) 2021 Global Leadership Award

The US India Business Council has chosen Shiv Nadar and Mallika Srinivasan as the recipient of its 2021 Global Leadership Award. Shiv Nadar is the founder and chairman emeritus of HCL Technologies Limited. The Global Leadership Awards which are given annually since 2007, honour top corporate executives from the United States and India.

3) "Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Award for National Integration and National Contribution 2021"

The "Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Award" was conferred by the Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu. Awards were conferred to "Shillong Chamber Choir", Assam branch of Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust as well as writer Nirod Kumar Baruah. This award is one of the biggest civilian awards in Assam. It carries a citation along with a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) National Wildlife Week

National Wildlife Week is annually celebrated across India between 2nd to 8th October with an aim to protect and preserve the flora and fauna of India. National Wildlife Week theme 2021: "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet".

SPORTS

1) Indian men's table tennis team

The Indian men's table tennis team claimed the bronze medal in the Asian Table Tennis Championships in Doha, Qatar, after losing to South Korea 0-3 in the semi-finals. The Indian team was assured of a medal after beating Iran 3-1 in the quarterfinals.

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