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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Airports Council International

- Recently, Airports Council International released the list of the top 10 busiest airports worldwide for 2021.
- With 75.7 million passengers, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport has topped the list.
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport stood at followed by Denver International Airport at third.

### 2) First country to give legal rights to wild animals

- Ecuador, became the first country in the world to give legal rights to wild animals.
- The highest court of Ecuador has ruled in favour of the case that focused on a woolly monkey named "Estrellita".

## NATIONAL

### 1) "2021 Tree City of the World"

- The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation and Arbor Day Foundation have jointly recognised Mumbai and Hyderabad as the "2021 Tree City of the World."
- Hyderabad has been recognised for a second consecutive year.
- The United Nations' 'Tree City of the World' programme provides direction, assistance, and worldwide recognition for communities' dedication to its urban forest, and provides a framework for a healthy, sustainable urban forestry.

### 2) Amrit Samagam

- Union Minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah, launched the Amrit Samagam, a summit of the country's tourism and cultural ministers, in New Delhi.
- In the same event, Union Minister for Tourism, Culture, Shri G. Kishan Reddy launched the Utsav Portal website during the conference, a digital initiative launched by the Ministry of Tourism.
- The website's objective is to showcase all events, festivals, and live darshans across India in order to promote different regions of the country as popular tourist destinations worldwide.





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### 3) Mirat-ul-Akhbar

- In 2022, Mirat-ul-Akhbar completed 200 years.
- First published on 12 April 1822, Mirat-ul-Akhbar was India's first Persian Journal started by Raja Ram Mohan Roy.
- It was published on a weekly basis on Fridays.
- In 1823, it was stopped from publication under the Licensing Regulations for Press.

### 4) Butterfly Palmking

- The rare butterfly Palmking has been sighted for the first time in Tamil Nadu.
- It is characterized by its brown colour and dark bands and is described as reclusive, mostly resting in the shade.
- Wood color wings make it easy to camouflage. It generally feeds on the coconut palm.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Jay Shah

- BCCI secretary, Jay Shah has been appointed to the ICC Cricket Committee as a Member Board Representative.
- Mahela Jayawardene has been reappointed as the Past Player Representative.
- The ICC Board of Directors agreed that South Africa will host the inaugural ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup in January of next year.

### 2) Harsh Vardhan Shringla

- The government announced that Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign secretary will take over next month as G20 chief coordinator.
- G20 Bali Summit 2022 is the 17th meeting of the G20 Heads of State and Government Summit.
- Theme: "Recover Together Recover Stronger".

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the inaugural Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award.





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- He will receive the award for selfless service to the nation and society.
- The award is instituted in the memory of the veteran singer of Lata Mangeskar.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Turban Day

- Every year International Turban Day is celebrated on 13th April.
- The day was first observed in 2004.
- It is celebrated to bring awareness of the strict requirement on Sikhs to put the turban as a mandatory part of their religion.
- The 2022 Turban Day marks the 553rd birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev and the festival of Baisakhi.

### 2) Siachen Day

- Every year on 13th April, Indian Army marks Siachen Day.
- The day is observed to commemorate the courage of the Indian Army under "Operation Meghdoot".
- The Day also honours Siachen Warriors serving their motherland successfully from the enemy.

