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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Global Food Security Index 2021

India is ranked at 71st position in the Global Food Security Index 2021 of 113 countries. The GFS Index was designed and constructed by London-based Economist Impact and is sponsored by Corteva Agriscience.

### 2) Mercer Global Pension Index

Mercer Consulting, a leading global management consulting firm, has released the 13th edition of the Mercer Global Pension Index. India has been ranked at 40th position out of 43 countries in the 2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Kushinagar Airport

The Kushinagar Airport in Uttar Pradesh is the latest entrant in India's list of international Airports. The airport is expected to provide seamless connectivity to people from South east and East Asian countries for Buddhist Pilgrimage Tourism. Kushinagar is the centre of the Buddhist circuit, which consists of pilgrimage sites at Lumbini, Sarnath, Gaya and others.

### 2) Mobile Medical Vans

The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has flagged off "Five Mobile Medical Vans" dubbed as Modi Van in the Kaushambi district of Uttar Pradesh. These vans have been launched under the 'Seva Hi Sangathan' programme of BJP to commemorate Prime Minister Narendra Modi completing 20 years as the Head of Government.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) Bhaskarabda

The Assam Government has announced that Bhaskarabda, a Luni-Solar Calendar will be used as an official calendar. Presently, the official calendar of Assam government makes use of the Saka calendar and the Gregorian calendar. Bhaskarabda, an era counted from the date of the ascension of a 7th-century local ruler Bhaskar Varman.

### 2) 'Prashasan Gaon Ke Sang'

Rajasthan Government has launched a mega campaign named 'Prashasan Gaon Ke Sang' till December 17, 2021, to provide local access to government services in the remotest villages of the state. The campaign will be conducted on the observation of the respective district collector.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) "IndiaFirst Life Saral Bachat Bima Plan"

IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IndiaFirst Life), a joint venture of Bank of Baroda





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and Union Bank of India introduced “IndiaFirst Life Saral Bachat Bima Plan”. It is a savings and protection cover plan for the entire family.

## 2) RBI imposed a fine of Rs 1.95 crore on the Standard Chartered Bank

The Reserve Bank of India imposed a fine of Rs 1.95 crore on the Standard Chartered Bank for failing to report a cyber security incident within the prescribed time period, and failure to credit the amount involved in unauthorised electronic transactions, among other reasons.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Sahdev Yadav

Sahdev Yadav was unanimously elected as the President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF). The election also saw the appointment of S.H. Anande Gowda and Naresh Sharma as the new Secretary-General & Treasurer of IWLF.

### 2) Amit Rastogi

Amit Rastogi has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the National Research Development Corporation. Prior to this, he was the Director of Electrical Engineering at Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence for 5 years and Additional General Manager Tech Services at Naval Dockyard for 2 years.

### 3) Ayushmann Khurrana

Ayushmann Khurrana has become the latest celebrity to venture into the cryptocurrency space through his association with CoinDCX's ‘Future Yahi Hai’ campaign. CoinDCX is India's largest cryptocurrency exchange valued at \$1.1 billion.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) “Actually... I Met Them: A Memoir”

Legendary Indian poet-lyricist-director Gulzar has come out with his new book title “Actually... I Met Them: A Memoir”. In a memoir published by the publishing group Penguin Random House India.

### 2) “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Reason, Religion And Nation”

Sahitya Akademi awardee Professor Shafey Kidwai has authored a new book titled “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Reason, Religion And Nation”. The objective of the book is to analyse Sir Syed Ahmad Khan the founder of Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College that grew into Aligarh Muslim University.





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## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Osteoporosis Day

The World Osteoporosis Day is observed annually on October 20. The day aims to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. 2021 Theme is "Serve Up Bone Strength".

### 2) International Chefs Day

International Chefs Day is observed every year on 20 October. The day aims to celebrate and honour the noble profession and educate people around the world about eating healthy. The theme of the International Chefs Day 2021 campaign is Healthy Food for the Future.

### 3) World Statistics Day

World Statistics Day is celebrated around the globe every year on 20 October to highlight the achievements of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.

