NATIONAL

1) National Logistics index

The Logistics Ease Across Different States 2021 Index was published by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. This is the 3rd edition of Index. In the index, Gujarat, Haryana and Punjab were emerged as best performing states with respect to mobility of goods and efficiency of logistics chain. This index provide ranking to states on the basis of logistics infrastructure.

2) UNESCO creative cities network

Srinagar is among the 49 cities selected worldwide to join the UNESCO creative cities network (UCCN). Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the inclusion as a "fitting recognition" for the vibrant cultural ethos of the old city. It has been designated as a creative city of craft and folk arts, UNESCO.

3) Karnataka Digital Economy Mission

IBM Corp. launched a client innovation centre in Mysuru with support from the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) to attract companies to set up operations in cities beyond Bengaluru. This initiative aims at supporting the rapid, high-tech driven economic growth in tier-2 and -3 regions while providing comprehensive hybrid cloud and AI technology consulting capabilities.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Children-focussed fintech, Junio ties with Rupay

Junio has launched a smart multipurpose card for pre-teens and teenagers on the RuPay platform. The Junio RuPay Card is designed for kids and can function as a debit card for both their online and offline purchases. Junio Smart Card will allow youngsters to make online & offline payments with ease.

2) "HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation"

The Reserve Bank of India has launched its first global hackathon named "HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation". The theme of HARBINGER 2021 is 'Smarter Digital Payments'. The Hackathon invites participants to identify and develop solutions that have the potential to make digital payments accessible to the under-served, enhance the ease of payments.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Padma Vibhushan

Legendary singer S.P. Bala subrahmanyam posthumously honoured with the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award of the country. Archaeologist B.B. Lal, who led an excavation at the Ram Janmabhoomi site in the mid 1970s, and Islamic scholar Maulana Wahiduddin Khan (posthumous) were also conferred the Padma Vibhushan.

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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Morinari Watanabe

Morinari Watanabe was re-elected as the President of the International Gymnastics Federation or Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique for a period of three years. Morinari Watanabe defeated Azerbaijan's contender Farid Gayibov, in the FIG President election that was held during a conference in Turkey.

2) Spaniard Daniel del Valle

The International Human Rights Foundation has appointed the Spaniard Daniel del Valle as the High Representative for Youth due to his achievements in the thematic area of youth empowerment and youth participation for the United Nations. IHRF, a non-governmental and non-profit institution.

SPORTS

1) Rohit Sharma has completed 3000 T20I runs

Rohit Sharma has completed 3000 T20I runs and became the third cricketer in the world to achieve this feat. Rohit reached the 3000 run mark in the ICC men's T20 World Cup match against Namibia. Virat Kohli is at the top of the tally with 3227 runs, which is followed by New Zealand's Martin Guptill & India's Rohit Sharma with 3115 and 3008 runs respectively.