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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2021/2022 report

The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) 2021/2022 report, unveiled at the Dubai Expo, India is among the top five easiest places to start a new business. It was topped by Saudi Arabia and followed by Netherlands & Sweden. India has topped amongst low-income economies.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces

The Government has approved the continuation of the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. Total Central financial outlay for five years is Rs. 26,275 crores. The scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) since 1969-70.

### 2) Mumbai International Film Festival

The 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation films (MIFF-2022) is scheduled to take place from 29 May to 4 June, 2022 at the Films Division complex, Mumbai. The best documentary of the festival will receive a Golden Conch and 10 lakh in a cash award.

### 3) "Sainya Ranakshetram"

Indian army has conducted a first-of-its-kind Hackathon named "Sainya Ranakshetram". The hackathon was conducted in the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE), Mhow under the overall guidance of the Shimla-based Army Training Command (ARTRAC), one of the seven commands of the Indian Army.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) QR code-based mechanism for certification and labelling of handmade carpets

Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor, Manoj Sinha has launched a QR code-based mechanism for certification and labelling of handmade carpets of the union territory. It is the first of its kind in the country, customers can check and verify the authenticity and other requisite details of carpets produced in Jammu and Kashmir.

### 2) 'Jail Vaani-FM 18.77'

In Madhya Pradesh, the Central Jail of Indore has started its own radio channel 'Jail Vaani-FM 18.77'. Through this radio channel, the jail inmates will get to know about the happening in the world. The radio channel will also provide the jail inmates with information on health and social issues.





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## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) 'Neo Collections' platform

RBL Bank has partnered with Creditas Solutions for its 'Neo Collections' platform. The bank will utilise the SaaS-based platform to accelerate efficiency in collections across the loan cycle. The platform is built to automate strategies for reaching out to customers individually in an empathetic manner and motivate them to repay loans.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Debashis Mitra

Debashis Mitra has been elected as the President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the year 2022-23. Mitra, who is serving his third term in ICAI Council, has been in the accounting profession for more than 34 years. Apart from being a Chartered Accountant, he is also a Cost Accountant and a Company Secretary.

### 2) Pankaj Tripathi

Cultino Agrotech Pvt Ltd, which runs agritech app Krishi Network has roped in film actor Pankaj Tripathi as a brand ambassador, with a view to reaching out to farmers to its app. Tripathi's background as a farmer resonates with the platform's aim to aid farmers to grow their profits by offering them solutions to critical decisions.

## SPORTS

### 1) 15th Edition of ESPNcricinfo Awards

In the 15th Edition of ESPNcricinfo Awards, India's wicketkeeper-batsman, Rishabh Pant wins the 'Test Batting' award by scoring 89 not out, helped India to win the Border Gavaskar Trophy 2021. New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson was adjudged 'Captain of the Year'.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Epilepsy Day

International Epilepsy Day is observed every year on the Second Monday of February across the world. In 2022, International Epilepsy Day falls on February 14, 2022. International Epilepsy Day seeks to raise awareness and educate the general public on the true facts about epilepsy and the urgent need for improved treatment, better care, and greater investment in research.

