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## NATIONAL

### 1) National Single Window System

Jammu & Kashmir has become the first Union Territory to be integrated with NSWS, marking a major leap in Ease of Doing Business. NSWS launched in 2021, it is a digital platform that serves as a guide for investors to identify and to apply for approvals as per their business requirements. It eliminates the need for investors to visit multiple platforms/offices.

### 2) Fairbank's Disease and Acromegaly In India

These are rare disorders, affecting fewer than 1 in 2500 individuals. Acromegaly is caused by excessive secretion of growth hormone, from a tumour in the pituitary gland. It causes increased height when it manifests in childhood and adolescent age group. Fairbank's disease is also known as Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia.

### 3) Anogeissus acuminata

Phasi wood (*Anogeissus acuminata*) for Jagannath chariot this year was made entirely from private lands instead of forest. It is a deciduous tree with a narrow crown and take 50-60 years to mature. In India mostly found in alluvial floodplain of Mahanadi. It's habitats are Tropical lowland open forest or semi-deciduous forests at elevations below 700 metres.

### 4) White-Cheeked Macaque

Scientists from Zoological Survey of India have recorded presence of White-Cheeked Macaque (*Macaca leucogenys*) from central Arunachal Pradesh in India. The species was first discovered in 2015 in China and its existence was not known in India before this. Its conservation status is not yet determined.

### 5) 'Reimagining Museums in India'

The Union Ministry of Culture will organize a first-of-its-kind Global Summit on 'Reimagining Museums in India' on February 15-16, 2022. The summit will be inaugurated by Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy. The Global Summit is being organised in partnership with Bloomberg. It will focus on best practices and strategies to develop India's museums.

### 6) INSAT-4B

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has decommissioned the INSAT-4B, an Indian communications satellite that forms part of the Indian National Satellite System. The INSAT-4B underwent Post Mission Disposal (PMD) at the end of its service, followed by decommissioning on January 24. INSAT-4B is the 21st Indian Geostationary Earth Orbit.





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## 7) India's first commercial-scale biomass-based hydrogen plant

Biomass-based hydrogen plant India's first commercial-scale biomass-based hydrogen plant will come up at the Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh. Every day this plant will produce one tonne of hydrogen, from 30 tonnes of biomass feedstock. The plant is being put up by a joint venture of Watomo Energies Ltd and Biezel Green Energy.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) RBI emerged as the second-largest buyer of gold

Reserve Bank of India emerged as the second-largest buyer of yellow metal among the world's Central Banks in 2021. As per Goldhub, India's official gold reserves is the ninth-largest in the world. Goldhub is the official website of the World Gold Council. The largest buyer, the Central Bank of Thailand, bought 90 metric tonnes of gold.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) S. Kishore

S. Kishore has been appointed as Chairman, Staff Selection Commission (SSC). According to an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Kishore to the post

## SPORTS

### 1) Gujarat Titans

Gujarat Titans is the official name of the new Ahmedabad franchise owned by CVC Capital as Hardik Pandya is all set to lead the franchise in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Pulses Day

The United Nations designated World Pulses Day is observed every year on 10 February. The day has been established by the Food and Agriculture Organization. World Pulses Day's theme: "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems".

