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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **1) Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021**

Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria attended a three-day-long Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii. The event themed "Enduring Cooperation towards Regional Stability" was attended by air chiefs from countries in the Indo-Pacific region. Bhadauria was nominated as the Dean for the symposium.

### **2) 'IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020'**

The world's largest and most inclusive environmental decision-making forum 'IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020' (postponed from June 2020 to September 2021) is being held in Marseille, France. It took critical policy decisions to address conservation priorities including the ongoing biodiversity crisis.

## **NATIONAL**

### **1) 4th edition of AUSINDEX**

The 4th edition of AUSINDEX, a bilateral navy exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy has begun. Indian Navy Task Group comprises INS Shivalik and INS Kadmatt. This edition includes complex surface, sub-surface and air operations between ships, submarines, helicopters and Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft of the participating Navies.

### **2) India's first building made of bio-bricks**

India's first building made of bio-bricks from agro-waste has been inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad. The sample building is made up of bio-bricks supported by a metal framework. The roof is also made of bio-bricks over PVC sheets to reduce heat. It is part of the Bold Unique Idea Lead Development project to demonstrate the strength and versatility of the material.

## **STATE NEWS**

### **1) India's tallest air purifier**

India's tallest air purifier will be inaugurated in Chandigarh on the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies. In August 2021 country's first 'smog tower' was inaugurated in Connaught Place, New Delhi. It is a 24 meter long outdoor air purification tower and is capable of purifying the air of a radius of around 1 km.

## **GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **1) Manda buffalo**

The Manda buffalo has been recognised as the 19th unique breed of buffaloes found in India by the National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources. They are found in the Eastern Ghats and plateau of Koraput region of Odisha. With this recognition, state and the Centre will make efforts to conserve this unique buffalo genetic resource of Odisha





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## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) S.L.Tripathy

The central government has selected S.L.Tripathy as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of United India Insurance Company Limited. He is currently General Manager and Director at The New India Assurance Company Limited.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) National Teachers Award 2021

National Teachers' Award 2021 was awarded by President Ram Nath Kovind, He gave the awards to 44 finest teachers in the country for their dedicated contribution. The award is contributed to those who improve the quality of education for students and also inspire, enrich their lives.

## SPORTS

### 1) 130th edition of the Durand Cup

The 130th edition of the Durand Cup kicked off at the Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan in Kolkata. West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee kicked the ball and inaugurated the tournament. The Durand Cup is a prestigious football tournament. It was first held in 1888, at Dagshai in Himachal Pradesh.

### 2) Shaun Tait

Former Australia pacer Shaun Tait has been roped in as the bowling coach of the Puducherry cricket team, sources in the Cricket Association of Pondicherry. Tait, who featured in three Tests, 35 ODIs and 21 T20 Internationals for Australia, had also turned out for Rajasthan Royals in the IPL during his playing career.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) 'Back to the Roots'

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia launched her book 'Back to the Roots'. She has co-authored the book with celebrity lifestyle coach Luke Coutinho. The book is based on intensive research and mentions India's ancient secrets of health and wellness.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Day of Clean Air for blue skies

The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is observed globally on September 07 to promote and facilitate actions to improve air quality. It is an UN-recognised day that aims to raise public awareness at all levels. Theme of 2021 is "Healthy Air, Healthy Planet".