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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Big John- Biggest Triceratops to be auctioned

Big John, an enormous triceratops, is to be auctioned in October 2021 and is expected to get big bucks on the auction block in France. Big John's skeleton is more than 66 million years old and is 60% complete. It is the largest triceratops ever found, measuring about 26 feet long.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Karbi Anglong Agreement

A tripartite agreement among five insurgent groups of Assam, the Centre and the state government was signed. This agreement is in synergy with the vision of Insurgency free prosperous North East, that envisages all-round development of northeast.

### 2) Eat Right Station Certification

Chandigarh Railway Station has been awarded a 5- star Eat Right Station certification. It is the fifth station in India to get this recognition. The 'Eat Right Station' certification is awarded by FSSAI to railway stations that set benchmarks in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers.

### 3) SIMBEX 2021

India and Singapore have carried out 28th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX). Initiated in 1994, SIMBEX is the Indian Navy's longest uninterrupted bilateral maritime exercise with any foreign navy.

### 4) 16th Sustainability Summit 2021

Narendra Singh Tomar, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, addressed the 16th Sustainability Summit 2021 of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) named '16th Sustainability Building a Resilient Future Leveraging Science, Technology & Finance'.

### 5) India Became Asia's 1st Country to Launch a Plastics Pact

World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) and the CII have collaborated to develop a platform named 'India Plastics Pact (IPP)' to promote a circular system for plastics. India became the 1st Asian country to develop a plastics pact.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) Vatan Prem Yojana

Gujarat launched Vatan Prem Yojana. Vatan prem Yojana is a repackaged version of Madar-e-Vatan scheme by the state government of Gujarat. Madar-e-Vatan has been renamed due to association of the title with Persian language. The project includes Smart classes in schools and Library, Community hall, Primary health centre and Anganwadi etc.





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## GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

### 1) Raptor Species under Threat

According to recent research, around 30% of the 557 raptor species around the world are threatened by extinction to some degree. A raptor is a bird of prey. A bird of prey is a carnivore (meat eater) that kills and eats mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, rodents as well as other birds.

### 2) Dugong Conservation Reserve

Government of Tamil Nadu recently announced its plan to set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay on the southeast coast. Dugong or sea cow is an endangered marine mammal. It is facing extinction because of habitat loss, sea pollution, and loss of seagrass.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Yoshihide Suga

Prime minister of Japan, Yoshihide Suga, will not run for re-election as the party leader in September. Yoshihide Suga had been appointed as Prime Minister in 2020 after the resignation of Shinzo Abe. Japan is still under a state of emergency and is grappling with the worst ever Covid wave. It has now seen more than 1.5 million virus cases while it is witnessing a slow vaccination roll out.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Day of Charity

The International Day of Charity is celebrated on September 5, every year along with the celebration of Teacher's Day. September 5 was chosen to celebrate the day because it is Mother Teresa's death anniversary. She devoted her life for charity and helping people in need.

### 2) Teacher's Day

The 5th of September is celebrated as teacher's day all over India. This day is celebrated as the teacher's day to mark the birthday of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who was the former president of our country. He was a philosopher, a scholar, and the Bharat Ratna Awardee. He was the second President of India (1962 to 1967) and the first Vice President of India (1952–1962).

