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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) China's New Sea-Road-Rail Link to Indian Ocean

A new sea-road-rail link providing Chengdu (China) with access to the Indian Ocean via Yangon (Myanmar) was opened. The trade corridor is China's first to link western China with the Indian Ocean. The new trade corridor passage connects the logistics lines of Singapore, Myanmar and China.

### 2) Covid-19 Endemicity

According to the World Health Organization, India seems to be entering some stage of Covid-19 endemicity where there is low- to moderate-level transmission. An endemic disease is a disease that is always present in a certain population or a given geographical region.

### 3) Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list

Amul, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation has dropped two places to rank 18th in Rabobank's 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list. Amul was placed at 16th spot in 2020. French-based dairy company Lactalis has topped the list as the world's largest dairy company.

## NATIONAL

### 1) 'My Pad, My Right'

In Tripura, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated a project called 'My Pad, My Right' initiated by NABARD and NABFOUNDATION at Killa village in Gomati district on the second and concluding day of her visit to the state. The project aims to bring livelihood and menstrual hygiene closer to rural women by way of grant, wage support and capital equipment.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) "Mera Kaam Mera Maan"

The Punjab Cabinet gave a nod to a new scheme that will help the unemployed youth in the state to hone their skills and increase their chances of getting a job. These youngsters will be given short-term skill training free of cost under the "Mera Kaam Mera Maan" scheme of the state government.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) Floating ATM

State Bank of India has opened a floating ATM on a Houseboat at Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar for the convenience of locals and tourists. The floating ATM was inaugurated by SBI Chairman Dinesh Khare.

### 2) PayU acquires BillDesk





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Prosus NV (Netherlands) has announced to acquire the Indian digital payments provider BillDesk and merge it with its own fintech service business PayU. The size of the deal is \$4.7 billion. This acquisition will make the combined entity of PayU and BillDesk as the leading online payment providers globally and in India by total payment volume.

## GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

### 1) Crocodilian Species in India

Odisha's Kendrapara district has earned the distinction of being the only district in India where all three species of crocodiles, salt-water, gharial and mugger, are found. Its habitat mainly restricted to the Indian subcontinent where it may be found in a number of freshwater habitat types and also in coastal saltwater lagoons and estuaries.

### 2) Fukutoku-Okanoba Volcano

The Fukutoku-Okanoba Submarine Volcano exploded in the Pacific Ocean, off Japan. It is situated about 25 metres below the sea, five kilometres north of Japan's South Iwo Jima Island. From Hawaii to Indonesia to Iceland, hundreds of islands across the globe have been formed by submarine volcanoes.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1) "E- Source"

The Indian Institute of Technology- Madras is working on developing an innovative digital model to address the problem of e-waste. The digital platform, named as 'e-Source,' will act as an exchange platform, to serve as an online marketplace for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Mirabai Chanu

Adidas has roped in Tokyo Olympic Silver-medalist Mirabai Chanu as the face of its "Stay in Play" campaign for its latest product innovation designed to keep more menstruating women in sports.

### 2) Banwarilal Purohit

Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit has been given the additional charge of Punjab and the Union Territory of Chandigarh. Earlier, V P Singh Badnore was the Governor of Punjab and the Administrator of Chandigarh. The President has also appointed Purohit as the Administrator of Chandigarh, in addition to his duties as the Governor of Punjab.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Dr Basant Kumar Misra

Neurosurgeon Dr Basant Kumar Misra has been conferred the prestigious American Association of



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Neurological Surgeons' 'International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery'. Misra is the first Indian physician to receive the AANS honor which was conferred on him at a virtual ceremony during the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting 2021 held in Orlando, Florida.

## SPORTS

### 1) Tokyo Paralympics

India's Mariyappan Thangavelu has won the silver medal in the men's high jump (T63) at the Tokyo Paralympics. He cleared the 1.86m mark to take home silver. Sam Grewe of the United States won the gold medal after he cleared the 1.88m mark.

### 2) Tokyo Paralympics

Indian shooter Singhraj Adana has won the bronze medal in the P1 Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 final. Adana shot a total of 216.8 to finish at third place. China dominated the finals with defending champion Chao Yang (237.9 – Paralympic record) and Huang Xing (237.5) winning the gold and silver medals respectively.

### 3) Dale Steyn has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket

South African cricketer Dale Steyn has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, ending his 20 years long cricket journey. The 38-year-old pacer last played for South Africa in T20 vs Australia in February 2020. He had also played for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

