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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles

- As per the report released by Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles, India has surpassed Germany to become 4th largest vehicle market in the world.
- The 1st was occupied by China, followed by the US and Japan.
- Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, India sold 3,759,398 vehicles in 2021 as compared to 2,973,319 vehicles in Germany.

### 2) "Unprecedented & Unfinished: COVID-19 and Implications for National and Global Policy" Report

- The report titled "Unprecedented & Unfinished: COVID-19 and Implications for National and Global Policy" was published by International Science Council.
- As per report, it will help curtail the impact of the pandemic and ensure better coordination on account of increased inequalities and vulnerabilities due to Covid-19; which will continue until at least 2027.
- International Science Council headquarters: Paris

### 3) Global Report on Assistive Technology

- The first Global Report on Assistive Technology (GReAT) released by WHO and UNICEF.
- It is developed in response to the World Health Assembly resolution on improving access to assistive technology adopted in May 2018.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Country's first 5G testbed

- At silver jubilee celebrations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Narendra Modi inaugurated country's first 5G testbed.
- 5G tested will enable start-ups and industry players to test and validate their products locally.
- It has been developed as a multi-institute collaborative project led by IIT Madras.

### 2) National Startup Advisory Council

- Minister of Commerce & Industry chaired the 4th meeting of NSAC.





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- NSAC was constituted in 2020, by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- It was set up to advise the government on measures needed to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups in the country.

### 3) INS Surat and INS Udaygiri

- Recently, Ministry of Defence launched two frontline warships of the Indian Navy - (Indian Naval Ship) INS Surat and INS Udaygiri - at Mazagon Docks Limited.
- 'Surat' is the fourth ship of Project 15B Destroyers (Vishakapatnam class), which heralds a makeover of the P15A (Kolkata Class) Destroyers.
- 'Udaygiri' is the second Stealth Frigate of P17A class.

### 4) India and Jordan have signed MoUs for assured fertilizers supply to India

- Recently, India and Jordan have signed MoUs for assured fertilizers supply to India.
- Al-Aqabah, only port of Jordan, provides a short coastline to Jordan at the Gulf of Aqaba (Red Sea).

### 5) Endosulfan

- Supreme Court has directed Kerala to pay 5 lakh compensation each victim of toxic Endosulfan pesticide.
- Endosulfan is an organochlorine biocide used for controlling pests and mites by generating neurotoxic effects.
- It was banned in 2011 by SC and under Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) Adani Group to buy Ambuja and ACC cements

- Adani Group is set to acquire swiss multinational company Holcim's stake in Indian companies Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC for \$10.5 bn (around Rs 81,361 crore).
- Deutsche Bank, BarCap and Standard Chartered were financiers to the deal.





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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award

- Cécile Ndjebet, Cameroon Activist has won the 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to preserving forests and improving the lives of people who depend on them.
- This award celebrates Cécile Ndjebet's energy and dedication over three decades to promoting women's rights to land and forests.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Dr Kamal Bawa

- Dr Kamal Bawa, chief of Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment has been elected to the US National Academy of Sciences.
- The election is the reaffirmation of our important work on the ecology, conservation, and management of tropical forests that are declining all over the world but are critical to humanity's well-being.

### 2) B Govindarajan

- B Govindarajan has appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Royal Enfield. He will also serve as the Wholetime Director of the Board of Eicher Motors Limited.
- Royal Enfield is an Indian multinational motorcycle manufacturing company headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

### 3) Elisabeth Borne

- Elisabeth Borne was appointed France's new Prime Minister to become the second woman to hold the post in the country.
- Borne is the second woman to hold the position after Edith Cresson, who was Prime Minister from 1991-to 1992 under Socialist President Francois Mitterrand.