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#### INTERNATIONAL

# 1) Breakthrough Agenda report 2022

- Breakthrough Agenda report 2022 has been released by the International Energy Agency, the International Renewable Energy Agency and the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions.
- It is a first-of-its-kind annual progress report, requested at the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 in November 2021 as part of the launch of the Breakthrough Agenda.

#### **NATIONAL**

# 1) Abhyas drill

- The Coast Guards of India and the United States participated Off the coast of Chennai in the massive Abhyas drill or the Abhyas joint drill.
- The joint training exercises aimed to promote a "free and open" Indo-Pacific region and familiarise the coast guards of the two nations with one another's capabilities.

# 2) 'We Care' a community

- Lt General of Delhi, V K Saxena inaugurated 'We Care' a community policing initiative here aimed at spreading awareness about various schemes of the Delhi Police among people.
- This initiative is inaugurated at an event organised at Kartvaya Path at India Gate on the occasion of 'Sewa Divas, which is being celebrated to mark the 72nd birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

# 3) Dharmendra Pradhan introduces SCALE app

- The SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app was unveiled by Minister of Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan at the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research -Central Leather Research Institute in Chennai.
- This app provides a one-stop solution for the education, testing, and employment requirements of the leather sector.

# 4) Central Committee on Pharma Marketing





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- A five member committee, led by V K Paul (member NITI Aayog), is formed by the government to review pharma marketing practices.
- It will examine the provisions government departments have to regulate pharmaceutical marketing practices.

### 5) SPARS initiative

- Defence Accounts Department signed a MoU with Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank, to onboard them as Service Centres under the System for Pension Administration (SPARSH) initiative.
- SPARSH is an initiative of the Ministry of Defence.
- Its aims at providing a comprehensive solution to the administration of pensions to the defence pensioners.

#### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

## 1) Digital payment initiatives

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das, launched three key digital payment initiatives at the Global Fintech Fest 2022.
- The three digital payment initiatives that were launched by the RBI are RuPay Credit Card on Unified Payments Interface, UPI Lite, and Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments.
- UPI Lite will provide users with a convenient solution for faster and simpler lowvalue transactions.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

# 1) 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards

- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation honoured 4 changemakers, with the 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards as a part of its annual Goalkeepers campaign.
- The Gates Foundation's sixth annual Goalkeepers Report, "The Future of Progress," was released. It was coauthored by foundation cochairs Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates.
- Dr Radhika Batra, Zahra Joya, Vanessa Nakate, Ursula von der Leyen were the strong recipients.





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### 2) Ratan Tata

- Veteran industrialist Ratan Tata, former Supreme Court judge KT Thomas, and former deputy Lok Sabha speaker Kariya Munda have been nominated as trustees of the PM CARES Fund.
- The PM CARES Fund was created during the Covid-19 pandemic. The primary objective of the fund is to deal with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like posed by the pandemic, and to provide relief to the affected individuals.
- Prime Minister is its ex-officio Chairman.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### 1) World Rhino Day

- World Rhino Day is observed on 22nd September to spread awareness about the different Rhinoceros species and the dangers they face.
- Theme of 2022: "Five Rhino Species Forever".

# 2) World Rose Day

- World Rose Day for the welfare of cancer patients worldwide is celebrated annually on the 22nd of September. This day aims to encourage and support those people who are fighting their battle against cancer.