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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) UNICEF calls on nations to reopen schools

The United Nations children's fund (UNICEF) has called on education authorities to reopen schools as soon as possible, in countries where millions of students are allowed to go to their classrooms for 18 months amidst the covid-19 pandemic.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Committee to review NCC

The Ministry of Defence has constituted a High-Level Expert Committee, for a comprehensive review of the National Cadet Corps (NCC). Former Member of Parliament Bajjayant Panda will be the Chairperson of the Committee. The 15-member committee will also include Cricketer MS Dhoni and Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra as members.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi'

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha has launched a new mission called 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi'. DIGI-Pay Sakhi has introduced financial inclusion within the UT's Self Help Group ecosystem, creating much needed financial access points with greater transparency even in the remotest of the areas.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1) Reusable GSLV Mk-III launch vehicle

Indian Space Research Organisation is working on technologies in order to develop reusable GSLV Mk-III launch vehicle. This new technology will help ISRO to land its GSLV Mk-III launch vehicles vertically. This launch vehicle, chosen as launch vehicle for Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft, is a three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) 'Translating Myself and Others'

The Pulitzer Prize-winning noted fiction writer, Jhumpa Lahiri, is set to launch her new book titled 'Translating Myself and Others', which will highlight her work as a translator. It will be a collection of essays that reflect Lahiri's experiences on the meaning of translation, translating her own writing, and writing across languages.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Indu Malhotra

Former Supreme Court judge, Justice Indu Malhotra will be the new Ombudsman cum Ethics Officer of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association for a period of one year was made. The DDCA's general body, headed by its president Rohan Jaitley, decided on 65-year-old Justice (Retd) Malhotra's appointment.





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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) "2021 International Young Eco-Hero"

A 12-year-old environmental activist Maharashtra, Ayaan Shankta has been named as "2021 International Young Eco-Hero". He won the 3rd prize under the Age Group: 8-14 for his project "Conservation and Rehabilitation of Powai Lake". The award presented by "The Action for Nature", San Francisco based NGO.

## GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

### 1) World's First 'Five-Country Biosphere Reserve'

Mura-Drava-Danube was declared as the world's first 'five-country biosphere reserve' by the UNESCO. The biosphere reserve covers 700 kilometres of the Mura, Drava and Danube rivers and stretches across Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary and Serbia.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Patient Safety Day

World Patient Safety Day is observed on September 17 to create a global awareness for patient safety and urge people to show their commitment to making healthcare safer. The theme for 2021 WPSD is 'Safe maternal and newborn care'.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Abdul Aziz Parray

Noted writer and former secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Aziz Hajini passed away. Hajini, born as Abdul Aziz Parray in north Kashmir's Bandipora, was appointed Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages in 2015. He has over twenty books in Kashmiri to his credit including poetry and criticism.

### 2) Yuriy Sedykh

Double Olympic hammer throw gold medallist Yuriy Sedykh, a Ukrainian track and field athlete who represented the Soviet Union until 1991, has passed away. He set the world record for the hammer throw with a throw of 86.74 metres at the European Championships in 1986 which is still not broken. He won his first gold medal at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and his second gold at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

### 3) Bhabani Roy

Former India footballer Bhabani Roy passed away. He represented India in the 1969 Merdeka Cup and played in three matches. Bhabani Roy helped Mohun Bagan win the Rovers Cup in 1968, 1970, 1971 and 1972 (Joint Winner). At the domestic level, he was part of the West Bengal team that won the Santosh Trophy in 1968 and 1971.