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INTERNATIONAL

1) Hellfire R9X missile

- Hellfire R9X missile was used by US for a drone strike.
- It is also known as the “Ninja Missile”, this weapon does not carry a warhead and instead deploys razor-sharp blades at the terminal stage of its attack trajectory.

NATIONAL

1) Lok Sabha Passes wildlife (Protection) Amendment bill, 2021

- The wildlife (Protection) Amendment bill seeks to amend Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 which regulates protection of wild animals, birds and plants.
- Rationalising schedules from 6 to 4- specially protected animals (2), plants (1), new schedule for specimens under CITES, removes schedule for vermin.

2) Pingali Venkayya

- Nation paid homage to Pingali Venkayya, the architect of India's National Flag.
- He was born in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh, he was a freedom fighter and a Gandhian who went on to become synonymous with the spirit of free and independent India.
- He designed the new flag for the National Congress Meeting in 1921. It was officially adopted by the Indian National Congress (INC) in 1931.
- The Ministry of Culture organized “Tiranga Utsav” to celebrate the contributions of Pingali Venkayya to the country.

3) ‘Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0’ scheme

- Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) released operational guidelines to implement ‘Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0’ scheme. Central government has approved the scheme for implementation during 2021-22 to 2025-26, that is; the period of 15th Finance Commission.
- The scheme aims to address the challenges of malnutrition among pregnant women & lactating mothers, children, adolescent girls, by bringing in a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) RBI Composite financial inclusion index

- The Reserve Bank of India's composite financial inclusion index (FI-Index) capturing the extent of financial inclusion across the country rose to 56.4 in March 2022, showing growth across parameters. RBI now publishes the index annually in July every year.
- The index stood at 53.9 in March last year. It was at 43.4 for the period ending March 2017, showing rapid improvement in reach of financial services over the past five years.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Dangerous Earth: What we wish we knew about volcanoes, hurricanes, climate change, earthquakes and more"

- Ellen Prager has come up with a book titled "Dangerous Earth: What we wish we knew about volcanoes, hurricanes, climate change, earthquakes and more".
- In this book, the author considers a specific hazard, begins with a game-changing historical event, and highlights what remains unknown about these dynamic phenomena.

2) "Lion of the Skies"

- A book titled "Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force and the First World War" was released.
- The book is all about an "India's first fighter pilot" who participated in the World War, long before the Indian Air Force was born. The book has been written by author Stephen Barker.

SPORTS

1) ONGC Para Games

- The fourth edition of the ONGC Para Games was officially launched in New Delhi's Thyagaraj Sports Complex by Union Minister of Petroleum, Natural Gas, Housing, and Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep Singh Puri.
- The 4th ONGC Para Games are being held by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited.

