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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Global Security Initiative from China

- The Chinese President has proposed a new Global Security Initiative.
- The new Global Security Initiative will work against the Cold War Mentality or hegemonism, power politics and bloc confrontation.
- It will counter the US Indo-Pacific Strategy, Quad (the India, US, Australia and Japan grouping) and AUKUS (Australia, UK and US).

### 2) UN World Tourism Organization

- Russia has withdrawn from UNWTO amid Ukraine conflict.
- UNWTO is United Nations agency responsible for promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.
- India is the founder member of UNWTO.
- Headquarters : Madrid, Spain.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Azadi se Antyodaya Tak

- Ministry of Rural Development launched 90 days Azadi se Antyodaya Tak campaign.
- The campaign aims to saturate 17 schemes of 9 Ministries in 75 selected districts across the country.
- Identified districts are aligned with birth place of 99 Freedom Fighters, who made the ultimate sacrifice for nation during India's struggle for independence.

### 2) National Pension Scheme

- Department of Posts has started providing National Pension Scheme services through online mode.
- Any Citizen of India in age group of 18 to 70 years can avail this online facility.
- NPS is voluntary Pension Scheme, regulated by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), through its designated post offices since 2010.

### 3) Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) Certification Scheme

- The Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) launched a





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revamped Zero Defect Zero Effect Certification Scheme (originally launched in 2016), with an aim to make Indian companies globally competitive and help them get easier access to capital.

- It will cover both manufacturing (first phase) and services sector (2nd phase).

#### 4) Kwar Hydroelectric Project

- Cabinet has approved the 540 MW Kwar Hydroelectric Project in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir to harness the vast hydro potential of River Chenab.

- Chenab basin is estimated to have hydro power potential of around 11,283 MW.

### BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

#### 1) "bob World Gold"

- Bank of Baroda has launched "bob World Gold", a new feature on its bob World mobile banking platform for seniors and the elderly.

- It is a unique digital banking platform that has been designed to provide its senior customers with a simple, smooth and secure mobile banking experience.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

#### 1) Whitley Gold Award

- Charudutt Mishra, noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award

- She got the awards for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems. Princess Anne presented the award to Mishra at London's Royal Geographic Society.

- This is his second Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) Award. He got the first in 2005.

### OBITUARY

#### 1) Salim Ghouse

- Film and TV actor Salim Ghouse passed away in Mumbai after suffering a cardiac arrest.

- He started his Carrer in 1978 with the movie Swarg Narak, following which he



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featured in films like Chakra (1981), Saarang (1984), Mohan Joshi Hazir Ho! (1984), and several others.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Veterinary Day

- Every year, World Veterinary Day is observed on Last Saturday of April. This year it falls on 30th April 2022.
- It's objective to provide global leadership for the veterinary profession and promote animal health and welfare and public health through advocacy, education, and partnership.
- Theme of 2022: "Strengthening Veterinary Resilience".

### 2) International Jazz Day

- International Jazz Day is observed every year on 30th April. This day is observed to promote Jazz and raise awareness about its significance.
- Theme of 2022: is "A Call for Global Peace and Unity".