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## International

### Bangladesh: ADB approves USD 250 million loan for economic recovery programme



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 250 million loan to Bangladesh for economic recovery following the COVID 19 pandemic in the country. This is the first installment of the USD 500 million Sustainable Economic Recovery Programme for Bangladesh. The Sustainable Economic Recovery Programme aims to generate employment and expand economic activities for micro-entrepreneurs and small businesses. The loan will support the government's planned investment in education, health, social protection and infrastructure to help stimulate economic activities and recovery. It is also aligned with Bangladesh's aspiration to become an upper middle-income country by 2031.

### Bangabandhu-Bapu digital exhibition opens in Dhaka

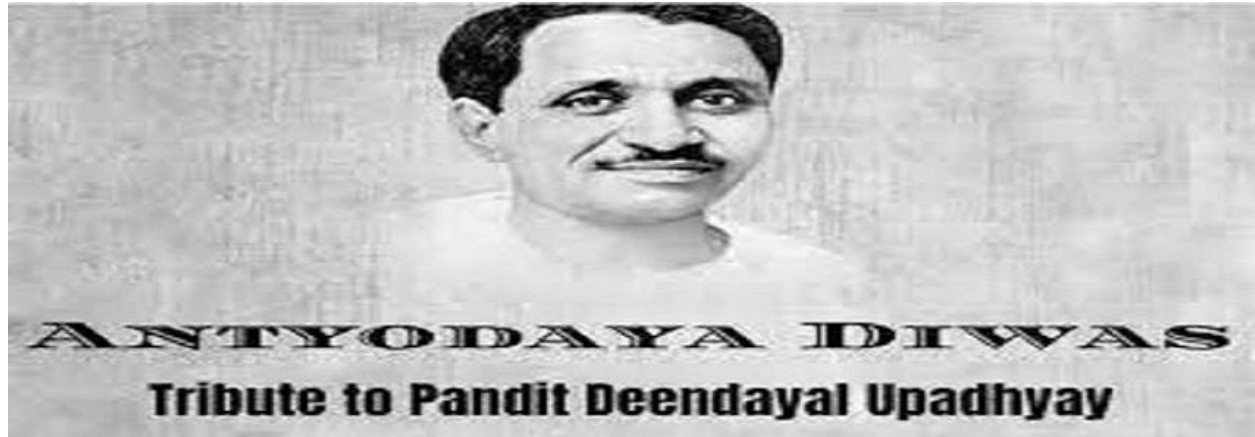


The Bangabandhu-Bapu digital exhibition was opened for public viewing in Dhaka. Education Minister of Bangladesh Dr. Dipu Moni, State Minister for Culture K.M.Khalid and High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami opened the exhibition at the Shilpkala Academy in Dhaka.

The exhibition showcases in a thematic manner the lives of the father of the nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. The exhibition has been specially curated by the two governments to commemorate the Mujib Boarsho, birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib and 150 years of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi as well as the golden jubilee of India-Bangladesh bilateral relations.

### Important Days

#### Antyodaya Divas: 25 September



Antyodaya Diwas is observed every year on September 25, to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. Antyodaya means “uplifting the poorest of the poor” or “rise of the last person”.

The day was declared by the Modi Government on September 25, 2014, and officially celebrated since 2015.

#### World Pharmacist Day 2021: September 25th



World Pharmacist Day 2021 is being celebrated on 25th September. The day has been marked to celebrate and recognise the role of pharmacists in the field of health sector.

International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) first observed the World Pharmacist Day in 1912.

The theme declared for World Pharmacist Day 2021 is “Pharmacy: Always Trusted For Your Health”.

The theme this year has been chosen to draw special attention to the trust in the health sector and the practice of pharmacy.

### **World Environmental Health Day: 26 September**



The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) declared to observe World Environmental Health Day on 26 September every year. This day is celebrated to shed the light on important work of environmental health around the world.

The theme for the 2021 World Environmental Health Day: Prioritizing Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery.

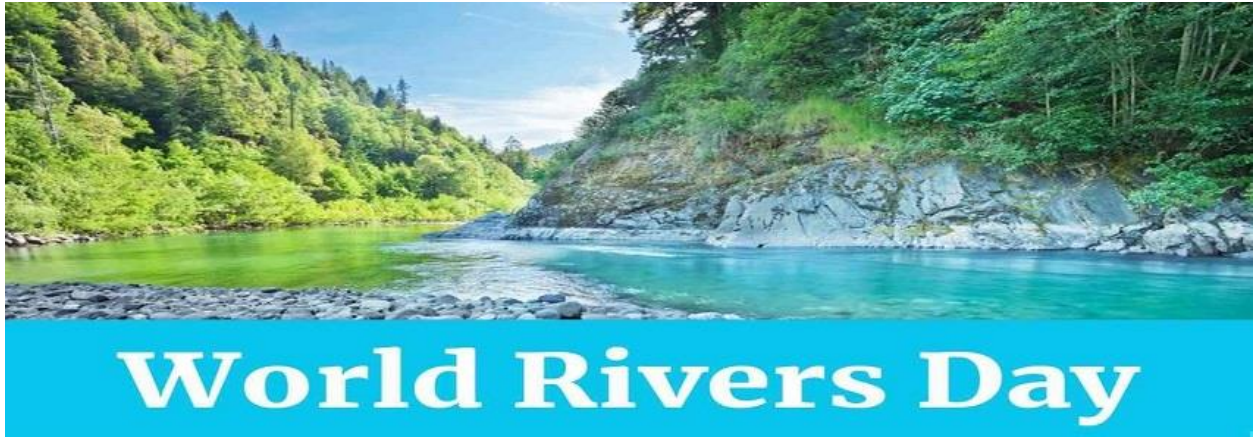
### **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons: 26th September**



The United Nations observes 26 September every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. The aim of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.



## World Rivers Day 2021: 26 September



World Rivers Day is celebrated every year on the “Fourth Sunday of September” since 2005, to raise global awareness of the need to support, protect and preserve the rivers around the world. The theme for World Rivers Day 2021 is “Waterways in our communities” with a specific emphasis on the need to conserve and repair urban waterways, which are frequently under stress.

## Books and Authors

### Zoho founder Sridhar Vembu launches book on Smart Villages



Zoho Founder Dr Sridhar Vembu launched the new book titled “Smart Villages: Bridging the Global Urban-Rural Divide” published by Springer Nature Switzerland AG, which is a collection of case studies on uplifting villages. The launch event was organized by the Sona Valliappa group.

## National

### **Kamla Bhasin, noted activist and author, passes away at 75**



Women's rights activist and noted author, Kamla Bhasin, has passed away battling cancer. She started working on developmental issues in the 1970s and her work focused on gender, education, human development and the media.

The noted poet and author has authored several books, especially on gender theory and feminism, many of which have been translated into more than 30 languages.

### **World's highest electric vehicle charging station inaugurated in Himachal Pradesh's Kaza**



The world's highest electric vehicle charging station has been inaugurated in Kaza village of Lahaul and Spiti district in Himachal Pradesh. The electric vehicle charging station is set up at a height of 500 ft.

The aim of this initiative is to check vehicular pollution and promote electric vehicles for a clean and green environment in the region. India is gaining good momentum in the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem.

### **Zoological Survey of India inks MoU with London museum**



Zoological Survey of India and the Natural History Museum, London, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to formulate strategies for long term scientific documentation and conservation of faunal diversity through international exchange.

This is the first time that India's 105-year-old animal taxonomy organisation, based in Kolkata, has collaborated with a prominent foreign science research centre. NHM and ZSI share a same history.

The MoU was signed by Dhriti Banerjee, Director of ZSI and Douglas Gurr, Director, NHM, London for 5 years.

### **Economy/Banking**

### **RBI permits lenders to sell fraud loans to ARCs, paves way for resolution**



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted the transfer of loans that have been classified as fraud by lenders to asset reconstruction companies (ARCs), thus paving the way for resolution of such accounts.

The RBI has also said that the legal responsibilities regarding reporting, monitoring, filing of complaints with law enforcement agencies, and other such related matters with such exposures will move to the ARCs post the transfer.



RBI norms require banks to make 100 per cent provisions for the entire amount classified as fraud. As per RBI's annual report, lenders have declared loans worth Rs 1.37 trillion as fraud in FY21. In FY20, the amount was Rs 1.81 trillion and in FY19 it was Rs 64,539 crore.

### **Govt depts owe Rs 97,000 cr to discoms, Haryana tops with Rs 46,193 cr dues**



As state-owned power distribution companies (discoms) gear up for the new Rs 3 trillion reform scheme, a major problem in their own backyard can prevent them from being eligible for it. Several state government departments owe a massive Rs 97,000 crore to discoms in terms of unpaid or delayed electricity bills.

There is also an additional Rs 60,743 crore electricity subsidy that is yet to be paid to the discoms from the state government, data compiled by the union ministry of power revealed. Several state governments give subsidy on electricity to a section of population. This amount is later paid back to the discoms.

The highest government dues are in Haryana where discoms are owed Rs 46,193 crore. Rajasthan is where the unpaid subsidy amount is the highest at Rs 18,313 crore.

### **Sports**

#### **Jyothi Surekha Vennam storms into final of Compound Women Individual competition at World Archery Championship**



India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam stormed into the final of the Compound Women Individual

competition at the World Archery Championship, beating Mexico's Andrea Recerra in the semi-finals at Yankton in the US yesterday. The 25-year-old Jyothi will now meet top-seed Sara Lopez of Colombia in the final.

Jyothi has already won two silver medals in the competition so far in the Compound Women's Team and Compound Mixed Team events.

### **Sania Mirza wins in women's double final of Ostrava Open**



Star Indian tennis player Sania Mirza won her first title of the season as she and her Chinese partner Shuai Zhang beat the pair of Kaitlyn Christian and Erin Routliffe in the women's doubles final of the Ostrava Open.

The 34-year-old Sania and Zhang had defeated the Japanese pair 6-2 7-5 in the semifinals of the WTA 500 event.

It was Sania's second final of the season, following a runner-up finish at the WTA 250 Cleveland event in the USA last month with Chirstina Mchale.