

### US Imposes Human Rights Sanctions On China, Myanmar, North Korea



United States has imposed extensive human rights-related sanctions on dozens of people and entities tied to China, Myanmar and North Korea. US also added Chinese artificial intelligence company SenseTime Group, specializing in facial recognition technology, to an investment blacklist. The sanctions are intended to freeze the targeted people and entities out of the global financial system.

Canada and the United Kingdom joined the US in imposing sanctions related to human rights abuses in Myanmar, while Washington also imposed the first new sanctions on North Korea under President Joe Biden's administration and targeted Myanmar military entities, among others, in action marking Human Rights Day.

### PM Modi participates in first Summit for Democracy at Prez Biden's invitation



Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the first Summit for Democracy at US President Joe Biden's invitation. This virtual Summit envisages participation of leaders from government, civil society, and the private sector.

Mr Modi said that the democratic spirit, including respect for rule of law and pluralistic ethos, is ingrained in Indians. He added that the Indian Diaspora carries it too, and contributes to economic well-being and social harmony of their adopted homes.

## UN General Assembly grants Observer Status to International Solar Alliance



UN General Assembly has granted Observer Status to International Solar Alliance. India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations T S Tirumurti termed the decision as historic. He said, in the last six years, International Solar Alliance has become an example of positive global climate action through partnerships to benefit global energy growth and development.

## International Mountain Day: 11th December



The International Mountain Day is celebrated on 11th of December every year. The day aims to encourage sustainable development in mountains. The increasing attention to the importance of mountains led the UN to declare 2002 the UN International Year of Mountains. The International Day was celebrated for the first time the following year, 2003.

The theme of this year's International Mountain Day is 'Sustainable mountain tourism'. Sustainable tourism in mountains can contribute to creating additional and alternative livelihood options and promoting poverty alleviation, social inclusion, as well as landscape and biodiversity conservation.

**UNICEF Day 2021: 11<sup>th</sup> December**



UNICEF Day is observed on December 11 every year, to spread awareness on saving children's lives, defending their rights and helping them fulfil their potential from childhood to adolescence. The United Nations General Assembly announced this day on December 11 in year 1946. This was done to ensure the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. UNICEF Day 2021 theme is to help children to recover from interruptions and learning losses experienced through the Pandemic in the last two years.

**India successfully tests extended range version of multi barrel rocket launcher system, Pinaka-ER**



The Pinaka-ER Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher System was successfully tested at Pokharan range. Successful tests of Pinaka Extended Range (Pinaka-ER), Area Denial Munitions (ADM) and indigenously developed fuzes have been carried out at various test ranges.

The system is jointly designed by laboratories of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) - Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune.

### Haiderpur Wetland added to Ramsar site



The Haiderpur Wetland abutting the Madhya Ganga barrage, about 10 km from Bijnor in western Uttar Pradesh, has been recognised under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Uttar Pradesh is now home to 9 Ramsar wetlands. The wetland has also been identified under Namami Gange, a central flagship scheme, as a model wetland along the Ganga.

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, an international treaty, aims at the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands, Named after the city of Ramsar in Iran, the convention was signed in 1971.

### NITI Aayog releases two comprehensive reports on emergency and injury care in India



## NITI Aayog

NITI Aayog released two comprehensive reports on current status on country level-secondary and tertiary level and district level emergency and injury care in India. These reports bring out the prevailing gaps in ambulance services, health infrastructure, human resources, and equipment in the provision of optimal care.

These reports were launched in the presence of Member (Health) Dr V. K. Paul. In the foreword of the report, Dr. Paul highlighted the importance for India to embark on creating a world-class, efficient, professional, and integrated emergency-care system.

### **LIC gets central bank approval to hike stake in IndusInd Bank to 9.99%**



The Reserve Bank of India has approved the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to raise its stake in IndusInd Bank by up to 9.99 per cent. The insurer holds 4.95 per cent in the private lender.

The approval is subject to compliance with various regulations and rules including Master Direction on 'Ownership in Private Sector Banks and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

The approval is valid for one year--that is up to December 8, 2022. As per RBI norms, approval is required to increase stake in private banks beyond 5 per cent.

### **Zydus Cadila gets USFDA approval to market generic schizophrenia drug**



Drug firm Zydus Cadila has received approval from the US health regulator to market generic drug Cariprazine capsules, which are used in the treatment of schizophrenia.

Cariprazine is an atypical antipsychotic medication used for the treatment of schizophrenia and acute treatment of manic or mixed episodes associated with bipolar disorder.

The drug production will be done at the group's formulation manufacturing facility in the Special Economic Zone (SEZ), Ahmedabad.

### **RBI enforces 20-digit LEI for cross-border deals above Rs 50 crore**



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) mandatory for cross-border transactions for capital or current account transactions of Rs 50 crore and above, from October 1 next year.

LEI is a 20-digit number used to uniquely identify parties to financial transactions worldwide to improve the quality and accuracy of financial data systems. The LEI numbers are maintained in a global LEI database available on the website of the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF).

Banks will have to obtain LEI numbers from local companies undertaking capital or current account transactions of Rs 50 crore and above, for each transaction.

### **Federal Bank and Star Health Insurance tie up for bancassurance**



Federal Bank has partnered with Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd as a corporate agent to provide health insurance products to the lender's 8.9 million customers spread over 1,291 banking outlets across the country.

Bancassurance is a partnership between a bank and an insurance company that would enable them to offer insurance products to the bank's customers.

### India's S Bidyarani Devi wins Silver at Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent



S Bidyarani Devi won silver at the women's 55kg category at the ongoing Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships at Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Devi lifted a total of 198kg (84114) to finish second behind Nigeria's Adijat Olarinoye who had an effort of 203kg (90113) in the Commonwealth Championships.

However, as per Commonwealth Championship rule, she would also get a gold having lifted the highest weight in the clean and jerk category with her 114kg effort. Devi missed a bronze in the World Championships as she finished fourth behind Ghofrane Belkhir of Tunisia, Olarinoye, and Svitlana Samuliak of Ukraine.

The World Championships and the Commonwealth Championships are being held simultaneously in Tashkent. The gold winners in each category in the Commonwealth Championships qualify directly for next year's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

### **Divyansh Singh Panwar wins both Senior and Junior air rifle National titles in Bhopal**



In the 64th National shooting championship held in Bhopal, former world number one Divyansh Singh Panwar won both the senior and junior air rifle gold medals putting on an impressive show. After topping the qualification with 630.3 points, Divyansh beat Maharashtra's Rudranksh Patil by 0.7 points to clinch the gold. Hriday Hazarika beat Shahu Tushar Mane to bag the bronze medal. While Rudrankksh scored 249.3 points, Hazarika managed to finish third with a score of 228.2 points.

Divyansh also won the junior gold after beating Rudranksh once again, with a better margin of one point. He shot 252.2 in the junior final as Rudranksh settled for silver with 251.2.

Delhi's Paarth Makhija came third with a score of 229.9 and settled for the bronze medal. The men's 10m air rifle discipline saw a record participation of 768 athletes out of over 800 registering to compete.



### India's Jeremy Lalrinnunga wins Gold at Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent



India's teenage weightlifting sensation Jeremy Lalrinnunga won the gold medal in the men's 67kg category at the Commonwealth Championships, in Tashkent.

The 2018 Youth Olympics gold medallist has lifted the total weight of 305kg with 141kg in Snatch and 164kg in Clean and Jerk. His personal best total is 306kg with 140kg in Snatch and 166kg in Clean and Jerk which came in 2019.

The 19-year-old also created a national record in the snatch event en route his podium finish but was unable to do the same in the clean and jerk section where he failed to lift 168kg.