

# Current Affairs

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## Today's Important News

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### 1. Biennial trilateral exercise 'Dosti' underway for stability of Indian Ocean Region

- The 15th edition of biennial trilateral exercise 'Dosti' by the coast guard forces of Maldives, India and Sri Lanka is underway in Maldives from 20th to 24th November
- ICGS Vajra and ICGS Apoorva, and Sri Lanka Coast Guard's SLCGS Suraksha participated in the exercise.
- It was introduced in 1991 between Indian and Maldives. Sri Lanka joined the exercise in 2012
- Aim: to strengthen friendship, enhance mutual operational capabilities, interoperability, cooperation



### 2. 37th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) held

- The 37th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) is being held in the Indian Ocean region (IOR) from 23rd to 24th November 2021.
- Indigenously built Indian Naval Ship (INS) Khanjar and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft is participating in the CORPAT
- Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Sultan Thaha Syaifuddin, (376) is participating from Indonesia
- It was conducted for the first time in 2002



- CORPAT is held twice in a year to ensure safety and security.

**Foot Notes:**

**About Indonesia:**

**President:** Joko Widodo

**Capital:** Jakarta

**Currency:** Indonesian rupiah

**3. ICICI Bank launches 'Trade Emerge' for exporters and importers**

- ICICI Bank has launched an online platform called as 'Trade Emerge' for Indian exporters and importers to offer them digital banking and value-added services.
- Through this platform, cross-border trade will become hassle-free, expeditious and convenient
- This is due to an array of services offered in one place, facilitating companies to coordinate with multiple touchpoints.
- Exporters and importers who are not customers of ICICI Bank can also avail the benefit.



**Foot Notes:**

**About ICICI:**

**CEO:** Sandeep Bakhshi

**Headquarters:** Vadodara

**Founded:** June 199

**4. NITI Aayog releases SDG Urban Index and Dashboard 2021–22**

- NITI Aayog under Indo-German Cooperation has released Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Urban Index and Dashboard 2021–22
- It ranks 56 urban areas on 77 SDG indicators across 46 targets of SDG framework
- Shimla tops the Index followed by Coimbatore, Chandigarh, Thiruvananthapuram
- Worst performers: Patna, Guwahati, Itanagar, Meerut, Dhanbad
- Urban areas have been classified as:
  - Aspirant: 0–49
  - Performer: 50–64
  - Front-Runner: 65–99
  - Achiever: 100



**Foot Notes:**

**About NITI Aayog:**

**Formed:** 1 January 2015

**Headquarters:** New Delhi

**Chairperson:** Narendra Modi

**5. AIM, Vigyan Prasar collaborates to drive ATL and Engage With Science**

- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has collaborated with Vigyan Prasar to drive synergies between AIM's Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and Vigyan Prasar's unique interactivity platform, Engage With Science (EWS).
- Engage with Science: It will onboard all 9200+ ATL-enabled schools and engage their students, teachers and Principals in perennial activities
- It will lead to accumulation of points based on which certificates and incentives will be provided



**6. Jitendra Singh inaugurates separate Bench of CAT at Srinagar**

- Union Minister, Jitendra Singh has inaugurated a separate Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) at Srinagarto deal exclusively with service matters of govt employees
- After this, DoPT- CAT, CIC and CVC are fully functional in UTs of J&K and Ladakh
- Jurisdiction of Jammu Bench of CAT extends up to 10 districts of UT of J&K and Leh from UT of Ladakh, while jurisdiction of Srinagar Bench extends up to 10 districts of UT of J&K and Kargil from Ladakh



**7. Railway Minister announces introduction of 'Bharat Gaurav Trains'**

- Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw has announced the introduction of theme-based tourist circuit trains 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' to tap the vast tourism potential of India
- Service Provider will be free to decide theme like Guru Kripa trains for covering important places of Sikh culture, Ramayana trains for places connected with Lord Shri Ram etc.
- Service Provider will offer all-inclusive package to tourist.
- These trains will have 14 to 20 coaches



**Foot Notes:**

**About Railway Minister:** Ashwini Vaishnaw

## 8. ECI organizes conference of Chief Electoral Officers from all States/UTs

- Election Commission of India has organized a conference with Chief Electoral Officers of all States/UTs in New Delhi
- Aim: to discuss and review various thematic issues related to Electoral Roll, Polling Stations, ongoing Special Summary Revision, IT Applications, timely resolution of grievances, EVMs/VVPATs, training & capacity building of polling staff, media & communication & extensive voter outreach program amongst others.



### Foot Notes:

#### About ECI:

**Formed:** 25 January 1950

**Headquarters:** New Delhi

## 9. Aadhaar 2.0- Ushering Next Era of Digital Identity and Smart Governance

- Union Minister has inaugurated a 3-day workshop titled as ‘Aadhaar 2.0- Ushering the Next Era of Digital Identity and Smart Governance’ at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- It will also be telecast live on YouTube, Twitter and Facebook handles of UIDAI.
- It is considering Aadhaar as a Trusted ID as a platform and method for delivering innovative digital solutions.
- It also focuses on strategies of Aadhaar that can strengthen and simplify its service delivery.




## 10. 49th edition of International Emmy Awards conferred in New York

- The 49th edition of International Emmy Awards has been held in New York City to recognize excellence in television programs produced and aired originally outside the U.S., and non-English language US primetime program.
- Till date, only Indian show to bag an Emmy is Delhi Crime which won Best Drama in 2020
- Best Actor: David Tennant for Des (UK)
- Best Actress: Hayley Squires for Adult Material (UK)
- Best Drama Series: Tehran
- Best Comedy Series: Call My Agent Season



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