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Today's Important News

Bhavani Devi, India's first Olympic fencer, wins Charlellville National Competition in France

1. Bhavani Devi, India's first Olympic fencer, wins Charlellville National Competition in France

- Fencer Bhavani Devi (28 years) has won 2022 Charlellville National Competition in France in the individual women's sabre event.
- She also made history at Tokyo Olympics by becoming the first Indian to compete in the sport at the Games by winning her round of 64 match 15-3 against Tunisia's Nadia Ben Azizi before going down to eventual bronze-medallist, Manon Brunet of France.



Foot Notes:

About France:

Capital: Paris

President: Emmanuel Macron

Currencies: Euro, CFP franc

She is currently ranked 50th in the world and is the top-ranked fencer from India.

2. International Chef's Day 2021: 20 October

- International Chefs Day is being observed every year on 20 October to celebrate and honour the noble profession and educate people around the world about eating healthy.
- Theme of International Chefs Day 2021 campaign: Healthy Food for the Future.
- It is also the day for experienced chefs to pass on their knowledge and culinary skills to the next generation with a sense of pride and commitment.
- It was created by Dr. Bill Gallagher in 2004.



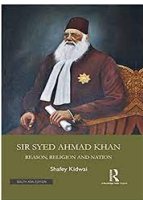
3. India ranks 71st on 2021 Global Food Security Index

- India has been ranked 71st in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021 among 113 countries with a score of 57.2 points.
- GFS Index is published by London-based Economist Impact and is sponsored by Corteva Agriscience.
- Top performers: Ireland, Australia, UK, Finland, Switzerland, Netherlands, Canada, Japan, France, US.
- Worst performers: Burundi.
- China has been ranked 34th, Pakistan ranked 75th, Sri Lanka (77th Position), Nepal (79th position) and Bangladesh (84th position).



4. Shafey Kidwai authors a book titled Sir Syed Ahmad Khan; Reason, Religion and Nation

- A New book titled Sir Syed Ahmad Khan; Reason, Religion and Nation authored by Shafey Kidwai.
- The Book is Published by Routledge India.
- Professor Shafey Kidwai has penned an objective analysis of the man who was undoubtedly more than the founder of the Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College that grew into Aligarh Muslim University.



5. India ranks 40th in 2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey

- India has been ranked at 40th spot out of 43 countries in the 2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey with an overall index value of 43.3.
- Top Performer: Iceland with an index value of 84.2
- Worst performer: Thailand with an index value at 40.6
- India was ranked 34th out of 39 pension systems in 2020.
- According to survey, workforce in India manages most of the retirement



provision themselves, as the coverage of private retirement provision in India is only around 6%.

6. Home Minister Amit Shah flags off 'Modi Van'

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has flagged off 'Five Mobile Medical Vans' dubbed as Modi Van in Kaushambi district of Uttar Pradesh.
- Modi vans have been launched under 'Seva Hi Sangathan' programme of BJP to commemorate Prime Minister Narendra Modi 20 years as the Head of Government.
- Five Mobile Medical Vans will operate in five Assembly Constituencies in Kaushambi.
- These vans will work under the aegis of Kaushambi Vikas Parishad run by BJP's National Secretary Vinod Sonkar.



7. India, Israel, UAE, U.S. decide to launch quadrilateral economic forum

- India, Israel, United Arab Emirates and United States have decided to launch new quadrilateral economic forum.
- Quadrilateral builds on ongoing cooperation between U.S., Israel and UAE after the Abraham Accords last year.
- This QUAD grouping had decided to establish an international forum for economic cooperation, and discussed possibilities for joint infrastructure projects expanding economic and political cooperation in the Middle East and Asia.



Foot Notes:

About Israel:

President: Isaac Herzog

Capital: Jerusalem

Prime minister: Naftali Bennett

Currency: Israeli Shekel

8. Piyush Goyal inaugurates 250mm Seer Water supply scheme in Kashmir.

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal has inaugurated 250mm Seer Water supply scheme during his two day visit to Pahalgam as part of the public outreach programme of the central government.
- It will benefit around 10000 people and will be completed under Jal Jeevan Mission within three months.



- He also inaugurated tourist hut of Pahalgam Development Authority at Golf Course Pahalgam.
- Forest Departments Deodar sapling plantation drive was also being conducted under Green JK Drive.

9. Tourism Minister addresses ‘Tourism in Buddhist Circuits – A way forward’

- Union Minister for Culture & Tourism G Kishan Reddy addressed the inaugural session of ‘Tourism in Buddhist Circuits – A way forward’ at Hotel Royal Residency in Kushinagar.
- It is a two-day conference which will highlight Buddhist Circuit and Buddhist tourism.
- On the occasion, Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate Kushinagar International Airport on 20th October 2021, whose inaugural flight from Colombo, Sri Lanka will land at the Kushinagar airport.



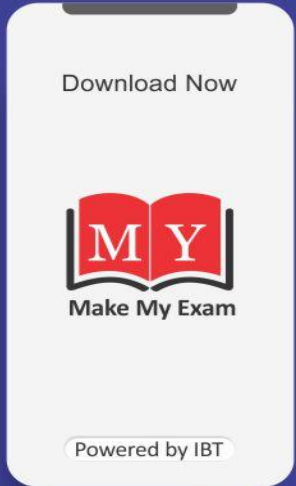
10. Gulzar pens book titled “Actually... I Met Them: A Memoir”

- Legendary Indian poet-lyricist-director Gulzar has come out with his new book title as ‘Actually... I Met Them: A Memoir’.
- It is being published by Penguin Random House India publishing group.
- In this memoir book, Gulzar has shared many interesting unknown facts about legends like Kishore Kumar, Bimal Roy, Ritwik Ghatak, Hrishikesh Mukherjee and Mahasweta Devi, among others.



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