



Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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1. PM Modi features in Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People 2021 List

- PM Narendra Modi has been named in 2021 Time Magazine's 100 most influential people list, for the fifth time since coming in power in 2014
- List has 6 categories: Icons, Pioneers, Artists, Leaders, Titans, and Innovators
- It also includes Mamata Banerjee and Adar Poonawalla.
- Globally, Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Donald Trump, Xi Jinping, Duke and Duchess of Sussex Prince Harry and Meghan, and co-founder of Taliban Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar were also in the list



2. World Patient Safety Day 2021: 17th September

- World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) is observed every year on 17th September to create a global awareness for patient safety and urge people to show their commitment to make healthcare safer.
- It was first observed in 2019 by World Health Organization (WHO).
- The day was adopted at 72nd World Health Assembly on 25 May 2019.
- Theme for 2021 World Patient Safety Day: 'Safe maternal and newborn care'.



3. Incumbent PM Stefan Yanev to lead Bulgaria to elections

- President Rumen Radev has reappointed incumbent caretaker premier Stefan Yanev to lead interim administration until new government is formed.
- Bulgaria will hold its third parliamentary elections on November 14, 2021, after inconclusive polls in April and July failed to produce a government
- This new interim government will have to submit a national plan to Brussels on how it plans to use more than 6 billion euros from EU's covid recovery fund



Foot Notes:

About Bulgaria:

Capital: Sofia

President: Rumen Radev

Currency: Bulgarian lev

4. Australia partners with UK and US to get nuclear-powered submarine

- Australia, UK and US have announced new trilateral security partnership to develop nuclear-powered submarines for Australia.
- New alliance is named as AUKUS (Australia, UK, US)
- Aim: to further strengthen the existing and strong security cooperation between the three members of the grouping and deepen ties in Indo-Pacific region
- Australia will join elite group of 6 countries (India, US, UK, France, Russia and China) that currently operate nuclear-powered submarines



Foot Notes:

About Australia:

Prime minister: Scott Morrison

Capital: Canberra

Currency: Australian dollar

5. PFC issues India's first-ever Euro Green Bond

- Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has successfully issued its maiden Euro 300 million 7-year Euro Bond issuance.
- It is the first ever Euro denominated green-bond issuance from India.
- It is also the first ever Euro issuance by an Indian NBFC and the first Euro bond issuance from India since 2017



- PFC is an Indian financial institution under Ministry of Power.

Foot Notes:

About Power Finance Corporation:

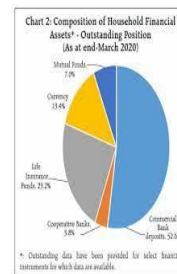
Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 16 July 1986

Chairman & MD: Ravinder Singh Dhillon

6. NSO releases All India Debt & Investment Survey

- National Statistical Office (NSO) has released All India Debt & Investment Survey
- Number of indebted households: It has risen sharply in rural India with average debt shooting up by 84% between 2012 and 2018, and COVID-19 has likely further doubled all households' borrowings by 2021.
- Rural households' average debt grew from ₹32,522 in 2012 to ₹59,748 by June 2018, while urban households' average debt increased by 42% in the same period to little more than ₹1.20 lakh.



Foot Notes:

About National Statistical Office:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Autonomous Body executive: Bimal Kumar Roy

Formed: July 12 2006

7. AIM, along with Dassault Systèmes' all set to give boost to innovation

- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) NITI Aayog has signed Statement of Intent (SoI) with Dassault Systèmes' all set to give another boost to innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem across the country.
- Under this SoI, Dassault Systèmes will support and promote AIM beneficiaries including Atal Tinkering Labs, AIM incubators, Atal Community Innovation Centres, grantees under Atal New India Challenge, Atal Research & Innovation for Small Enterprise (ARISE)



8. Ministry of Defence constitutes High Level Expert Committee for NCC

- Ministry of Defence has constituted 15 member High Level Expert Committee for a comprehensive review of National Cadet Corps (NCC).
- Chairperson of the committee: Former MP Baijayant Panda

- It will also include Cricketer MS Dhoni and Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra as members
- It will suggest measures to empower NCC cadets to contribute more effectively towards nation building
- It propose ways for gainful engagement of NCC Alumni for betterment of the organization



Foot Notes:

About NCC:

Motto(s): एकता और अनुशासन; Unity and Discipline

Founder: Government of the United Kingdom

Founded: 16 April 1948

Headquarters: New Delhi

9. J&K Lt Governor launches Mission ‘One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi’

- Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched new mission titled as ‘One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi’
- Aim: to promote door-to-door digital banking and financial services in remote areas of the Union Territory.
- Initially, it will be provided in 2,000 remote villages of the UT.
- First phase will cover 80 women from SHG of Jammu and Kashmir division to promote financial inclusion within UT’s SHG ecosystem.



Foot Notes:

About Jammu and Kashmir:

Capital: Srinagar (May–October) Jammu (Nov-April)

Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha

10. Cabinet approves 100% FDI under automatic route in Telecom Sector

- Union Cabinet has increased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Telecom sector under the automatic route from 49% to 100%
- Govt has approved 9 structural and 5 process reform in Telecom sector. They are:
- Definition of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) has been changed and now all non-telecom revenue will be removed from AGR
- Monthly compounding of interest on spectrum usage charges is replaced by annual compounding, with less interest rate based on the formula MCLR + 2%



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