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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### World's largest Stadium

- The President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind**, has inaugurated the **world's largest Stadium** at Motera, in Gujarat.
- The stadium was renamed as the **Narendra Modi Stadium**. It surpassed the Melbourne Cricket Ground and became the **largest stadium in the world**.

#### 'National Urban Digital Mission'

- The Central government has launched the **'National Urban Digital Mission'**.
- It was launched in order to create a **digital infrastructure for all the cities** in country. It was launched by the Union Urban Affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri and Minister of Electronics & IT, Ravi Shankar Prasad.

#### 'Hunar Haat'

- Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated the **26<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Hunar Haat'**, with the theme of **"Vocal for Local"**.
- Hunar Haat is a beautiful exhibition of **India's traditional art and craft**.

#### 17th India International Mega Trade Fair & Home Decor Exhibition

- Odisha** is hosting the **17<sup>th</sup> India International Mega Trade Fair & Home Decor Exhibition 2021** at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar.
- Partner Country** for the 2021 Fair – **Bangladesh & focus countries** are **Afghanistan & Iran**. **Bihar** is the **Partner State** for the Fair.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### "Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources Project"

- The Government of India, the Government of Nagaland and the **World Bank** signed a **\$68 million agreement** for **"Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources Project"**, to enhance the governance of schools across Nagaland.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Australia's oldest rock art

- In Australia, a **kangaroo painting** was identified with the help of **some ancient wasps**.
- The painting was created over **17,000 years ago** by **Aboriginal community artists**. It was identified as **Australia's oldest intact rock art**.

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### Minister for Loneliness

- Japan has appointed the **first ever Minister for Loneliness** amid the increasing suicide rates in Japan.
- Japan has appointed the loneliness minister on the line of United Kingdom. **Suicide rates** in Japan has **increased** for the first time in 11 years in the **current COVID-19 pandemic situation**.

## ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

### New Alpine Plant Species

- A team of experts have discovered a **new species of alpine plant** in **Arunachal Pradesh**. The details were published in **Biodiversitas: Journal of Biological Diversity**.
- The new species of **plant belongs to the family of Himalayan sunflower**. It has been named as **Cremanthodium indicum**.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### “United State International Anti-Corruption Champions Award”

- **Anjali Bhardwaj**, an Indian social activist, who works on issues of transparency and accountability has been selected for the **“United State International Anti-Corruption Champions Award”**.
- She is also the founder of **‘Satark Nagrik Sangathan’**.

### 2020 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge

- **Jasmine Harrison** of England has become the **youngest woman** to row **solo across the Atlantic Ocean**.
- She achieved the feat by finishing **top** in the **2020 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge**, organized by **Atlantic Campaigns**.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Woochong Um

- **Woochong Um** of Republic of Korea was appointed as the new **Managing Director General of Asian Development Bank**.
- He will assist the **President of ADB, Masatsugu Asakawa** to institute the bank wide coherence on various key initiatives and issues.

### Sachin Tendulkar signed a partnership with Unacademy

- Former Indian Cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar** signed a **strategic partnership** with **Unacademy**, India’s largest online learning app to pick up small stakes in the platform and he also became its **brand ambassador**.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### “Because India Comes First: Reflections on Nationalism, Identity and Culture”

- **Ram Madhav**, an Indian Politician, launched his new book titled **“Because India Comes First: Reflections on Nationalism, Identity and Culture”**.
- The book examines the decisions of the BJP led government in the past few years. It was published by **Westland limited**.

### “Stories I Must Tell: the Journey of an Actor”

- Indian Actor **Kabir Bedi** is set to release his autobiography titled **‘Stories I Must Tell: the Journey of an Actor’**.
- The memoir features the journey of a middle class boy from Delhi who reached the heights of success in his acting career. The book is published by **Westland Publications**.