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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Food Price Index

As per Food Price Index, World food prices hit a record high in February, led by a surge in vegetable oils and dairy products, to post a 20.7% increase year-on-year. It is released by a measure of the monthly change in international prices of a basket of food commodities. It is released by Food and Agriculture Organisation.

### 2) Ivory trade

Namibia wants India's support for lifting a United Nations ban on commercial trade of wildlife products, including ivory, for translocation of cheetahs to India. The ivory trade is the commercial, often illegal trade in the ivory tusks of the walrus, African and Asian elephants. Ivory trade is banned in 1989 under United Nations Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

### 3) Financial Action Task Force

FATF has retained Pakistan on its terrorism financing "grey list". Pakistan has been on the grey list since June 2018 for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing. Recently, UAE has been added to the grey list.

### 4) Study in India

The two-day-long Study in India 2022 meeting was inaugurated in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The event organised by the High Commission of India was inaugurated by the Education Minister of Bangladesh Dr Dipu Moni and the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami.

## NATIONAL

### 1) HANSA-NG

HANSA-New Generation is India's first indigenous aircraft trainer, designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories. It has completed sea level trials, a necessary prelude to it being evaluated by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). It is ideal aircraft for Commercial Pilot Licensing due to its low cost and low fuel consumption.

### 2) Van Gujjars

Van Gujjars are a forest dwelling semi-nomadic pastoral community, which continues to practice seasonal migration across forests in Uttarakhand, J&K, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. They migrate to grasslands (bugyals) in the upper Himalayas during summers to feed their cattle, their primary source of livelihood and subsistence.





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## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) 'The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal'

Indian writer and journalist, Amitava Kumar has come out with a new book titled 'The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal'. The book has been published by HarperCollins India. The Blue Book is the outcome of the diary-keeping by the author during the time of lockdown due to pandemics.

### 2) "The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup"

The biography of pop icon Usha Uthup titled "The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup" was released. The book was originally written in Hindi titled "Ullas Ki Naav" by author Vikas Kumar Jha. "The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup" is the English translation of the book, translated by the writer's daughter Srishti Jha.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Rodney William Marsh

Former Australia cricketer (wicketkeeper), Rodney William Marsh has passed away in Adelaide Australia. He was the 1st Australian wicketkeeper to score a century in test cricket and finished his career with 3 centuries. He held a test record of 355 dismissals by a wicketkeeper

