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## NEWS IN SHORT

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**NEWS ②:** CAIT launched a vendor onboarding mobile app "Bharat e-Market"

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**NEWS ⑧:** Government of India is likely to sell 16.12% stake in Tata Communications

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**NEWS ⑩:** John Pombe Magufuli, the President of Tanzania passed away

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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Urban Expressway 'Dwarka Expressway'

- Accordingly to Minister for Road Transport & Highways, **Nitin Gadkari** India's First Grade Separated Urban Expressway 'Dwarka Expressway', it will be expected to complete before **2022 Independence Day**.
- The total length of the expressway is **29 km**.

#### 'Bharat e Market'

- Confederation of All India Traders** launched a vendor onboarding **mobile app** for its upcoming **ecommerce portal "Bharat e-Market"**.
- This application allows businesses and service providers to register on the portal and create their own "**e-dukaan (an online shopping store)**".

#### "US India Artificial Intelligence Initiative"

- Department of Science and Technology announced that '**Indo-US Science and Technology Forum**' has launched "**US India Artificial Intelligence Initiative**".
- The initiative will focus on the **Artificial Intelligence cooperation** in priority critical areas for both nations.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### "Violence Against Women Prevalence Estimates, 2018"

- World Health Organisation** has launched a report titled "**Violence Against Women Prevalence Estimates, 2018**".
- It states that around 736 million to 852 million women across the globe i.e., **1 in 3 women have faced physical or sexual violence** at least once in their lifetime.

#### Spain legalises the euthanasia

- The **Parliament of Spain** has passed a law that **legalises the euthanasia**.
- This law was drafted following the public pressure which was generated due to several high-profile cases.

#### "Afghan Peace Meet"

- Russia hosted the "**Afghan Peace Meet**". The meeting was organised to bring together the **government representatives and the Taliban adversaries**.
- It was also attended by the **international observers** in order to help **Afghanistan to start its stalled peace process**.



## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### Green hedging

- Deutsche Bank executed the world's first green hedging transaction based on a specially designed green hedge framework with a second party opinion.
- The green hedge with a framework manages the currency exposure while ensuring investors receive their returns on the green bond.

### PNB Cards

- Punjab National Bank set up a wholly-owned subsidiary named PNB Cards & Services Ltd to provide the non-financial support services related to the credit card business of the bank.
- HDFC Bank is the largest credit card issuer in India.

### Government of India is likely to sell 16.12% stake in Tata Communications

- Government of India is likely to sell 16.12% stake in Tata Communications, via Offer For Sale at the floor price of ₹1,161 per equity share.
- It would fetch Rs. 5,334 crore to the Govt.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Ajinkya Rahane

- NeoGrowth Credit Pvt., Ltd announced the appointment of Indian cricketer Ajinkya Rahane as its brand ambassador for one year.
- Rahane will feature in a campaign of the company named "Keeping it simple".

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### "The Pain-Free Mindset"

- Dr. Deepak Ravindran, has authored a book titled "The Pain-Free Mindset: 7 Steps to Taking Control and Overcoming Chronic Pain".
- The book was published by Vermillion, an imprint of Penguin.

### "Saving Us"

- Katharine Hayhoe, authored a book on Climate change, titled "Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World".
- The book will project the combined perspective of Ms. Hayhoe's research & personal stories to provide overwhelming evidence of climate change.

### "Battle Ready for 21st Century"

- India's Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat along with Former Chief of the Army Staff, Gen Deepak released a book, "Battle Ready for 21st Century" at Centre for Land Warfare Studies.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Global Recycling Day

- The Global Recycling Day is annually observed across the globe on 18<sup>th</sup> March to promote the importance of recycling across the globe.
- The theme of the Global Recycling Day 2021 is "Recycling Heroes".

### Ordnance Factory Day

- Ordnance Factory Day is annually observed by the Ordnance Factory Board on 18<sup>th</sup> March to mark the foundation of the first Ordnance Factory at Cossipore near Kolkata in 1801.
- The 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 marks the 220<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Factory Day.

## OBITUARY

### John Pombe Magufuli

- John Pombe Magufuli, the President of Tanzania and leader of the Chama Cha Mapinduzi party passed away at the age of 61 in Tanzania.
- He was the first president of Tanzania to die while holding office.