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INTERNATIONAL

1) Summits for Democracy

US President Joe Biden is hosting the first of two Summits for Democracy, which takes place virtually between December 9–10. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the summit saying that 'democratic spirit' and 'pluralistic ethos' are ingrained in Indians. A total of 100 nations participated in this "Summit for Democracy".

2) World Malaria Report 2021

According to WHO's latest World Malaria Report 2021, globally there were an estimated 241 million malaria cases and 627000 malaria deaths in 85 malaria-endemic countries in 2020, increasing from 227 million in 2019. In 2021, WHO certified two countries – China and El Salvador – as malaria-free.

NATIONAL

1) Haiderpur Wetland

The Haiderpur Wetland in Uttar Pradesh, has been recognised under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Uttar Pradesh is now home to 9 Ramsar wetlands. The wetland has also been identified under Namami Gange, a central flagship, as a model wetland along the Ganga.

2) 9th edition of India Skills Report

The 9th edition of India Skills Report 2022, released by Wheebox. Maharashtra has retained the top position in the list of states with the highest poll of employable talent followed by Uttar Pradesh and Kerala. The theme of ISR 2022 – 'Rebuilding and Reengineering the Future of Work'.

STATE NEWS

1) "Milk Price Incentive Scheme"

Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Milk Price Incentive Scheme" in Dehradun. The scheme is aimed to provide incentives benefiting around 53,000 people of Uttarakhand. The state government is targeting to spend INR 444.62 crore to open 500 milk sales centres in Uttarakhand.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Bancassurance partnership

Federal Bank has entered into a Bancassurance partnership with Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd as a corporate agent to provide health insurance products for the Bank's 8.90 million customers across India.





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2) 'Airtel India Startup Innovation Challenge'

Bharti Airtel and Invest India, National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency jointly launched 'Airtel India Startup Innovation Challenge' for Startups to develop solutions in 5G, IoT. Under the Challenge, early-stage technology companies are being invited to demonstrate differentiated solutions in areas such as 5G, Cloud computing, the Internet of Things (IoT), and digital entertainment.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

1) 2022 Royal Gold Medal

The Royal Institute of British Architects has announced that Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi will be the recipient of the 2022 Royal Gold Medal. The distinction, approved by Her Majesty The Queen and awarded each year since 1848, is given to architects or practices in recognition of a lifetime's work and the impact on the evolution of the field and the built environment.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Mountain Day

International Mountain Day is observed globally on December 11 every year. The day is celebrated to create awareness about the importance of mountains to life, to highlight the opportunities and constraints in mountain development and to build alliances that will bring positive change to mountain peoples and environments around the world.

SPORTS

1) 4th Asian Youth Para Games

India claimed 41 medals (12 Gold, 15 Silver, 14 Bronze) at the 4th Asian Youth Para Games (AYPG), Asia's biggest event held at Riffa city, Bahrain. The event is organized by the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Bahrain with the support of the local government.