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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

The US Green Building Council has released the 9th annual ranking of top 10 countries outside of the United States (US) for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) in 2021 in which India ranked 3rd with 146 projects. It has been topped by China.

### 2) Justin Trudeau has invoked emergency powers

Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau has invoked never-before-used emergency powers to support provinces in ending the blockades and public disorder that have gripped Ottawa for 18 days at the hands of participants in the so-called "Freedom Convoy."

## NATIONAL

### 1) India's largest Wrestling academy

Ministry of Railways has approved to set up a state-of-art wrestling academy in Indian Railways, at Kishanganj, Delhi. The wrestling academy will be the biggest in India and equipped with advanced training facilities to promote the sports of wrestling in the country.

### 2) EOS-04

Indian Space Research Organisation successfully launched an Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-04 and two small satellites into the intended orbit. This was the first launch mission of ISRO in the year 2022. The satellites were launched onboard the launch vehicle PSLV-C52 rocket from the First Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

### 3) River Devika rejuvenation project

River Devika rejuvenation project is expected to be completed by June 2022. The river Devika originates from the hilly Suddha Mahadev temple in Udhampur district (J&K). Devika river also holds great religious significance as it is revered by Hindus as the sister of river Ganga.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) Saubhagya scheme

Under the Saubhagya scheme, Rajasthan has the maximum number of households electrified through the solar-based standalone system. The scheme was launched on 25th September 2017 to achieve universal household electrification covering every village and every district in the country.





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## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) Bank of Baroda will acquire Union Bank of India's stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company

Bank of Baroda will acquire Union Bank of India's 21% stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company. It is a joint venture between the Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, and Carmel Point Investments. At present, the shareholding in IFIC is BoB holds 44%, Carmel Point Investments India holds 26% and UBI holds 30%.

### 2) e-Rupi

RBI increased cap on e-Rupi vouchers to 71 lakh per voucher from 210,000 and also allowed one voucher to be used multiple times until fully redeemed. e-Rupi is a digital voucher, which a beneficiary gets on his phone in form of an SMS or QR code, to facilitate cashless payment for various services like donations, corporate gift vouchers, etc.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Gita Mittal

The Delhi High Court has appointed former Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Gita Mittal as the Chairperson of the Committee of Administrators which will run the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).

### 2) Ilker Ayci

Ilker Ayci has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Air India. He will assume his responsibilities on or before 1st April 2022. Ilker Ayci is a former chairman of Turkish Airlines. Ilker is an aviation industry leader who led Turkish Airlines to its current success during his tenure there.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) 'How to Prevent the Next Pandemic'

A book titled 'How to Prevent the Next Pandemic' has authored by Bill Gates will be published this year in May 2022. In the book Bill Gates has written about specific steps that can only stop future pandemics but, in the process, provide better health care for everyone around the world.

