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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Centralized Air-Conditioned Railway Terminal

- 'Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal' – India's 1st Centralized Air-Conditioned Railway Terminal in Bengaluru, Karnataka is set to become operational soon.
- It is being developed by the Indian Railways and named after one of India's Civil Engineer, Bharat Ratna Sir M Visvesvaraya.

#### Express Cargo Terminal

- India's 1st dedicated Express Cargo Terminal, exclusively for export and import of international couriers was inaugurated in Kempegowda International Airport, Bangalore.

#### Proposal to ban cryptocurrency

- India is preparing to propose for a law to ban the cryptocurrencies, to fine anyone who is trading in India or to fine anyone even for holding such digital assets.
- The bill would be criminalising the possession, issuance, mining, trading and transferring of the crypto-assets.

### BUSINESS & ECONOMY

#### United States- 2nd Biggest Oil Supplier to India

- United States surpassed Saudi Arabia as India's 2<sup>nd</sup> Biggest Oil Supplier in February, 2021.
- Iraq continues to be India's Largest supplier despite a 23% decline.

#### Foreign exchange reserves

- India's Foreign exchange reserves to become the world's fourth-largest by surpassing Russia.
- As per International Monetary Fund table, China has the largest reserves, followed by Japan, Switzerland, India, and Russia.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

#### 63rd Grammy Awards

- The 63rd Grammy Awards, 2021 were organised in the Los Angeles. It recognizes the achievements across the music industry.
- The Album by Taylor Swift called 'Folklore' was conferred for 'Album of the year'.
- Song of the year was awarded to "I Can't Breathe" by Dernst Emile II, H.E.R. and Tiara Thomas.



## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Deepak Mishra

- **Deepak Mishra**, Practice Manager at the World Bank was appointed as the **new Director and Chief Executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations**, the economic think Tank of India.
- He will take over as the Director and Chief Executive from Rajat Kathuria.

### Advisory Committee for the River Sarasvati

- The **Archaeological Survey of India** released a notification stating that it has reconstituted an **Advisory Committee for Multidisciplinary Study of the River Sarasvati**.
- Head of the Committee will be **Union Minister for Culture Prahlad Singh Patel**.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### "Prince with a Paintbrush"

- An **illustrated book for children** titled **"Prince with a Paintbrush: The Story of Raja Ravi Varma"** written by **Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan** will be published in April.
- It aims to **inspire young readers** to learn about the famed artist.

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### International Day of Mathematics

- **International Day of Mathematics (IDM)** is annually observed across the globe on **14<sup>th</sup> March** to celebrate the beauty and importance of mathematics, under the theme **"Mathematics for a Better World"**.

### International Day of Action for Rivers

- **International Day of Action for Rivers** is annually observed across the globe on **14<sup>th</sup> March** to create awareness about the **importance of rivers**.
- The theme of International Day of Action for Rivers 2021 is **"Rights of Rivers"**.

### World Consumer Rights Day

- **World Consumer Rights Day** is annually celebrated across the globe on **15<sup>th</sup> March** to highlight the **power of consumers** and their rights.
- The theme of World Consumer Rights Day 2021 is **"Tackling Plastic Pollution"**.

## SPORTS

### Bhavani Devi becomes 1st Indian Fencer to qualify for Olympics

- **Anandha Bhavani Devi** became the **1<sup>st</sup> ever Indian Fencer** to qualify for an **Olympics**.
- She was assured of qualification for the **2021 Tokyo Olympics** after Hungary lost to South Korea in the Quarter-finals of Team event of **2021 Fencing Sabre World Cup** being held at **Hungary**.

## OBITUARY

### Artist Laxman Pai passed away

- **Padma Bhushan** recipient and **Goa's veteran artist Laxman Pai** passed away at the age of 95 in Goa. He is well known for his contemporary paintings he is also the former principal of the Goa College of Art.
- He received the third highest civilian honour of **Padma Bhushan** award in 2018.

### Kathakali performer and Kunhiraman Nari passed away

- **Veteran Kathakali performer and Guru, Chemacheri Kunhiraman Nari** passed away at the age of 105.
- He founded the Bharatiya Natykalayalam, the first school of dance in North Kerala in 1945. He was honoured with India's **4<sup>th</sup> highest civilian award Padma Shri** in 2017.