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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **1) Global Health Security (GHS) Index 2021**

As per the Global Health Security Index 2021, the world's average overall GHS Index score was reduced to 38.9 (out of 100) in 2021, from a score of 40.2 in the GHS Index, 2019. India ranked 66 out of 195 countries with an overall Index score of 42.8. The United States of America ranked 1st on the index with a score of 75.9 followed by Australia and Finland.

### **2) International Maritime Organisation**

India has been re-elected to International Maritime Organisation Council for the 2022-2023 biennium under category B states. IMO is the United Nations' specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships.

### **3) BRICS Economic Bulletin 2021**

The RBI has released the 2nd edition of BRICS Economic Bulletin 2021 which is prepared by the BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement. This bulletin has addressed the theme of 'Navigating the Ongoing Pandemic: The BRICS Experience of Resilience and Recovery'. As per the Bulletin India's recovery is projected to be higher than other BRICS nations.

## **NATIONAL**

### **1) NavIC Messaging Service**

An agreement has been inked between the Indian Space Research Organisation and Chinese smart devices maker Oppo's Indian arm to strengthen the Research and Development of the NavIC messaging service, an Indian satellite navigation system. NavIC, an acronym for Navigation with Indian Constellation, aims to provide a user-friendly platform.

### **2) UP, Delhi, Karnataka leads in Total Registered EVs in India**

Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, informed the Rajya Sabha on the state of Electric Vehicles in India. As per the data release, Uttar Pradesh holding the top spot with 255,700 registered EVs. UP is followed by Delhi (125,347), Karnataka (72,544), Bihar (58,014) and Maharashtra (52,506) in successive positions.

### **3) Bryde's whale**

The carcass of an endangered Bryde's whale was found near the border of Puri and Ganjam districts of Odisha. Bryde's whale comprises of three species of rorqual and maybe four. "Complex" means the number and its classification remains unclear due to lack of definitive information & research.





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## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) 'Digital Payment Utsav'

The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) hosted a unique event called 'Digital Payment Utsav'. Under the Digital Payment Utsav, the journey and rise of digital payments in India was celebrated. Event was held at the India Habitat Centre.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Catherine Russell

The United Nation Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Catherine Russell as the Executive Director of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). Russell will succeed Henrietta Fore, who resigned in July 2021.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) United Nations Children's Fund Day

The UNICEF Day is annually observed across the globe on 11th December to create awareness on saving children's lives, defending their rights and helping them to fulfil their potential from childhood to adolescence. The UNICEF Day 2021 marks the 75th anniversary of the foundation of UNICEF.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) "Watershed: How We Destroyed India's Water And How We Can Save It"

Mriduala Ramesh, has authored a new book titled "Watershed: How We Destroyed India's Water And How We Can Save It". The book is published by Hachette India. Mriduala Ramesh is the author of "The Climate Solution" and she writes regularly on climate issues.

## SPORTS

### 1) World Chess Championship 2021

Norway's Magnus Carlsen, the defending Champion won his 5th World Chess Championship after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in 2021's World Chess Championship that was organised by FIDE (the International Chess Federation) at Dubai, UAE.

