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1. World Hemophilia Day 2021



- Every year, April 17 is observed as World Hemophilia Day. Hemophilia is a rare disorder of the blood, in which it doesn't clot normally because it lacks sufficient blood-clotting proteins.
- According to the World Federation of Hemophilia, "World Hemophilia Day is about bringing the global bleeding disorders community together. And with the "COVID-19 pandemic having a major impact on people with a bleeding disorder, that objective has never been more important".
- This year's theme is 'Adapting to Change'.
- This results in delayed diagnosis and the patient being left behind with crippling morbidities of joint and muscle bleeds." Today, however, there is better awareness, which lets people know hemophilia is a high-cost, low-volume disease.
- Since 1983, Hemophilia Federation India (HFI) is the only national umbrella organisation in India working for the welfare of PwH (People with Hemophilia) through a network of 87 chapters spread over four regions. The aim is to reach out to PwH and provide total quality care, education, make treatment available at affordable cost, psycho-social support, and economic rehabilitation, helping them in improving the quality of life without disability and free of pain.

2. Babar Azam surpasses become No.1 ODI batsman.



- Pakistan skipper Babar Azam became the number one ODI batsman in ICC ODI rankings on Wednesday. Babar surpassed his Virat Kohli at the top of the rankings table with 865 points.
 - Kohli now comes second in the list with 857 points and Rohit Sharma is third on the list with 825 points to his name.

- Kohli was the number one ranked ODI batsman from August 2017 to April 2021, counting to 1,258 days.
- Babar, a star of the Under-19 World Cups in 2010 and 2012 and who has been playing ODIs since 2015, rose to the numero uno position after he became the second-highest run-scorer in the recently concluded three-match ODI series against South Africa.

3. Kakarla Subba Rao passed away.



- Noted medical professional and NIMS former director Kakarla Subbarao passed away .
- Dr. Subbarao, who was conferred Padmasri in 2000 for rendering yeomen services in the medical field, was born in an agricultural family of Krishna district in 1925.
- He completed his schooling in Challapalli and collegiate education in Hindu College of Machilipatnam before obtaining a medical degree from Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam.
- He went to the United States to pursue higher medical sciences in 1951 and worked in hospitals in New York and Baltimore.
- He returned to India in 1956, but flew back to the U.S. in 1970 where he worked as radiologist, his field of specialisation. He was also the founder president of Telugu Association of North America.

4. Inclusive Internet Index 2021.

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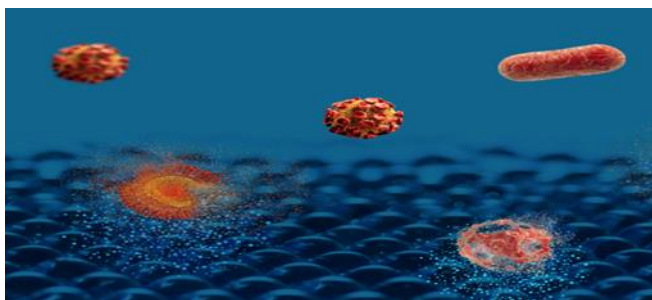
- Even though India has the cheapest data plans, and nearly 700 million internet users, the country is at a dismal 49th spot globally

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- India is tied with Thailand in 49th place this year on the scores of internet availability (77th position globally), affordability (20th spot), relevance (49th position) and readiness (29th) categories.
- India is set to reach one billion internet users by 2025. There were over 687.6 million internet users in India in 2020.
- The Facebook 'Inclusive Internet Index' looked at 120 countries, representing 98 per cent of global GDP and 96 per cent of global population.
- The majority of countries (77 out of 120) saw improvements in internet inclusion overall, in part because of increased availability.

5. DuroKea Series.



- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Friday launched World 1st affordable and long-lasting hygiene product DuroKea Series.
- This next generation DuroKea antimicrobial technology starts at 189 rupees, kills 99.99 per cent of germs instantly and leaves behind the long-lasting protective nanoscale coating up to 35 days till next wash. Researcher from Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad has developed this innovative technologies to combat COVID-19 virus spreading.
- the unique property of DuroKea range is to ensure instant killing, within 60 second and prolonged protection which is an immense necessity during this current pandemic situation.
- this revolutionary antimicrobial property of DuroKea products has been tested and certified by Indian Government accredited lab and field-tested at the IIT Hyderabad campus.

6. Gender Samvaad event launched.



GENDER SAMVAAD
Gender Dialogue for
Equity and Equality

FRIDAY, 16 APRIL 2021
1600 - 1800 HRS (IST)






- Gender Samvaad event, a joint attempt between DAY-NRLM and the Initiative for What Works to Advance Women and Girls in the Economy (IWWAGE) to create a common platform to share experiences emerging from this effort, was organised by the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India. The attempt is to generate greater awareness on gender related interventions under DAY-NRLM across the country and best practices, with a focus on hearing voices from the states and the field.
- The event was launched today by Nagendra Nath Sinha, Secretary, Rural Development as part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- voices of women from the field, who shared their experiences on how gender mainstreaming efforts within the DAY-NRLM have helped enhance their agency were also included. A compendium of case studies presenting inspiring stories of SHG members was also released at the event.
- With over 60 million women mobilised to be part of one of India's largest livelihoods programme, the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) holds great promise for advancing women's socio-economic empowerment by organising them into self-help groups (SHGs) and federations of the rural poor. Not only are these platforms facilitating financial opportunities and livelihood support services for women, but they have also become an extended arm of governance to demand accountability from and build linkages with mainstream institutions.
- In 2016, DAY-NRLM laid out a gender operational strategy to mainstream gender issues within its federated architecture, with a focus on training and capacity building of staff, cadres and institutions on gender issues. This was coupled with the establishment of institutional platforms (e.g. social action committees and gender resource centres) at the field level, so women could approach them for their grievances and to claim their rights and entitlements.

7. Ministry of Tourism



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Government of India

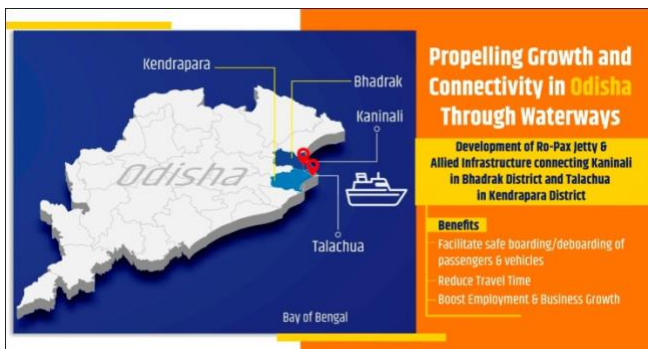
- In its ongoing effort to strengthen the Hospitality & Tourism Industry especially in the times of the pandemic, the Ministry of Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cleartrip and Ease My Trip on 15th April 2021.
- The primary objective of this MoU is to provide extensive visibility to accommodation units which have self-certified themselves on SAATHI (System for Assessment, Awareness & Training for the Hospitality Industry) on the OTA platform.

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- The MoU also outlines both parties to encourage Units to register on NIDHI and thereby on SAATHI and encourage local tourism Industry with appropriate safeguards for curbing spread of COVID-19.
- The idea is also to gather more information on accommodation units in order to gain actionable insights & designing evidence based & targeted policy measures and to promote safe, honourable and sustainable tourism.

8. ROPAX Jetty Project on river Dhamra in Odisha.



- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) has accorded administrative approval for sanction of Rs 50.30 crore for developing all-weather ROPAX (Roll-on/Roll-off Passenger) Jetty and allied infrastructure connecting Kaninali in Bhadrak district & Talachua in Kendrapada district, Odisha under the Sagarmala initiative.
- The total capital cost of the project is Rs 110.60 crore which includes construction of RO-PAX Jetty at Kaninali and Talachua, utility infrastructures such as parking area development, navigational aids and dredging.
- This project will reduce travel time for passengers from 6 hours by road to 1 hour by waterway.
- The development of the existing ghat with all-weather ROPAX jetties is being carried out with intent of accommodating boats, launches and other vessels as well as to ply vessel having capacity to carry 10 light Motor vehicles, 20 Motorbikes along with 60 passengers at a time, simultaneously ensuring safety of all passengers and vehicles. The project will facilitate indirect employment opportunities to locals around Dhamra river and reduce road distance of ~200 km from Talachua to Dhamra.
- Kaninali in Bhadrak district and Talachua in Kendrapada district, are located on the northern and southern banks of River Dhamra respectively. The people of Talachua and nearby villages largely depend upon Dhamra port for their livelihood, which is approximately 4 kms from Kaninali Ghat. Since there is no connectivity through roads, the local population depends upon passenger ferries at ghats of Kaninali and Talachua to cross the river (a stretch of 7 Km).
- Currently, Number of passenger vehicles move through private boats without safety and passengers face difficulty in embarking and disembarking from launches on an everyday basis. This project will enhance the safety of passengers and vehicles with state-of-the-art utility infrastructure. The connectivity will increase the commercial

and business activities and uplift the socio-economic status of the surrounding region.

9. New Zealand to launch world-first climate change rules.



- New Zealand is to become the world's first country to bring in a law forcing its financial firms to report on the effects of climate change.
- The country wants to be carbon neutral by 2050 and says the financial sector needs to play its part.
- About 200 of the country's biggest companies and several foreign firms that have assets of more than NZ\$1bn (\$703m, £511m) will come under the legislation.
- The law will force financial firms to assess not only their own investments, but also to evaluate the companies they are lending money to, in terms of their environmental impact.
- Once the law is passed, companies will have to start reporting on climate change impact in 2023.
- In the US, more than 300 businesses and investors, including tech giant Apple, called on the Biden administration to set an ambitious climate-change goal.
- This would cut US greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% below 2005 levels by 2030. This target is nearly double America's previous commitment on emissions reduction.

10. Dogecoin.



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- Just as the virtual currencies Bitcoin and Ethereum have surged in value this week, so has Dogecoin— a cryptocurrency started in 2013 as an internet parody.
- Based on the “Doge” meme and started as a “fun” alternative to Bitcoin, Dogecoin’s value has risen phenomenally this week and now valued at \$34 billion.
- The digital token was created in 2013 by software engineers Billy Markus and Jackson Palmer as a faster but “fun” alternative to Bitcoin.
- It was started as a satire on the numerous fraud crypto coins that had sprung up at the time, and takes its name and logo from a Shiba Inu meme that was viral several years ago.
- Unlike Bitcoins, whose maximum possible number is fixed at 21 million (a figure that is estimated to be reached by 2040), Dogecoin numbers do not have an upper limit, and there are already more than 100 billion in existence.

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