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1. NSO projects GDP growth for India in 2021-22 at 8.9%



National Statistical Office (NSO) has released the second advance estimates of national accounts. The GDP growth rate projection as per NSO for 2021-22 (FY22) and 2020-21 (FY21) is given below:

- For 2021-22 (FY22)= 8.9% (earlier it was 9.2% in first advance estimates)

- For 2020-21 (FY21)= -6.6% (earlier it was -7.3%)

According to NSO data, Gross Value Added (GVA) growth in the manufacturing sector growth remained almost flat at 0.2 per cent in the third quarter of 2021-22, compared to a growth of 8.4 per cent a year ago.

2. Pooja Jatyan became 1st Indian to win a silver in Para Archery World Championships



Para-archer, Pooja Jatyan has scripted history as she became the first Indian to win a silver in an individual section of the Para World Championships in Dubai, UAE. She lost to Italy's Patrilli Vincenza in the final to be content with the silver medal. India ended its campaign with two silver medals, a first for the country.

India has won 2 Silver medals for the first time in the Para Archery World Championship. The compound mixed pair of Shyam Sundar Swamyand

Jyoti Baliyan had earlier opened India's account by winning a silver medal.

3. Legendary West Indies spinner Sonny Ramadhin passes away



West Indies spin legend, Sonny Ramadhin has passed away at the age of 92. He was a part of the side that won its first away series in England in 1950. He made his Test debut against England at Old Trafford in 1950. Ramadhin ended up playing 43 Tests and taking 158 wickets at an average of 28.98. Ramadhin played 184 first-class matches and scalped 758 wickets at an average of 20.24. He moved to England after taking retirement from the sport in the late 1960s.

4. Russia destroyed the largest plane in the world 'Mriya'



Russian invasion to Ukraine, Russia destroyed the largest plane in the world called "Ukraine's Antonov-225 cargo plane". The plane was destroyed outside Kyiv. According to weapons manufacturer Ukroboronprom, restoring "AN-225 Mriya" would cost over USD 3 billion and could take over five years. The aircraft was unique to the world. The An-225 aircraft was located at Hostomel Airport when Russia launched an attack on the

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Ukrainian airport on February 24, 2022. It was destroyed on February 27.

About the plane:

- The aircraft was designed to airlift Energia rocket's boosters and Buran-class orbiters for Soviet space program. It was developed to replace the Myasishchev VM-T.
- The original mission and objectives of An-225 are almost similar to that of the United States' Shuttle Carrier Aircraft. The lead designer of the An-225 was Viktor Tolmachev.
- It was 84 meters long and could transport up to 250 tonnes of cargo at a speed of 850 kilometres per hour.

5. COVID-19 Reports via ICMR approved Laboratories 2022



- Covid-19 tests should only be done at ICMR-approved laboratories, as cyber fraudsters are exploiting the pandemic by impersonating workers of lesser-known labs and issuing false reports.
- The ICMR has released the list of the laboratories that are approved for the testing procedure. You can find the details of the ICMR approved laboratories here ICMR approved laboratories.
- As many residents are opting for private labs for various COVID-19-related tests due to excessive traffic at civic and state-run hospitals.
- Many of them use their mobile phones, laptops, and computers to make appointments at neighbouring private labs online, allowing cyber thieves to take advantage of them.

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BEWARE OF CYBER FRAUDS

- Cyber criminals take advantage of the circumstance by offering house visits to collect samples and then defrauding patients by emailing them false or negative test results.
- Because of the scams, only visit or arrange appointments with labs that have been approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

6. Janaushadhi Diwas week to be observed from 1st March to 7th March



Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers will organize the Janaushadhi Diwas from 1st March to 7th March 2022. On 7th March 2022, the 4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas will be celebrated. The theme of 4th Janaushadhi Diwas: "Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi". The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025.

The objective of Janaushadhi Week and Day:

To create awareness about the usages of generic medicines and the benefits of Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India in November 2008 to provide quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all.

7. International Women's Day Week begins

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The Women and Child Development Ministry celebrates the International Women's Day week from the 1st of March as an Iconic Week as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. As a part of the week-long celebration, the Ministry will organize various events and social media campaigns covering a variety of themes related to women's safety and empowerment.

This will mark an occasion to celebrate the progress made towards achieving gender equity and women's empowerment but also to critically reflect on accomplishments and strive for a greater momentum towards gender equality. It will kick off tomorrow in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development to raise awareness on the safety and security of women.

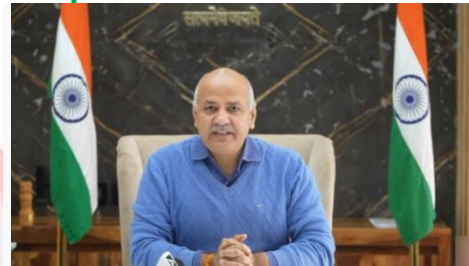
Whole week programme Schedule:

- The focus of the events on 2nd March will be on the role played by One Stop Centres in supporting women in distress. The Ministry will launch the Street Manoraksha Project in collaboration with NIMHANS Bengaluru. It will emphasize psychosocial well-being and aims at improving the mental health of women in India.
- On 3rd March 2022, the theme for the celebration is 'Women of Tomorrow'. There will be a panel discussion on topics like Young Women in STEM – Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions followed by #NariShaktiVarta Fireside Chat on financial literacy with the Union Minister of Women and Child Development.
- On the 4th and 5th of next month, a two-day National Workshop with State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights on Contemporary issues

pertaining to Child Rights will be organised in Bhopal.

- On 7th, the Back to School Campaign will be launched focusing on supporting out-of-school girls.
- On 8th March, Nari Shakti Puraskaar will be given. The International Women's Day Conference for Women Police Delegates from all States and UTs will also be organised.

8. Delhi Cabinet approved India's first' e-waste eco-park



The Delhi Cabinet has approved setting up India's first of its kind electronic-waste eco-park. It has also agreed to devise 'Delhi Film Policy 2022', as a thrust to promote tourism. The electronic waste eco-friendly park is to be built on 20 acres of land in Delhi. Nearly, 2 lakh tonnes of e-waste are thrown by Delhi every year. This eco-park will recycle, refurbish and dismantle e-waste in a scientific and safe way.

About the eco-park:

- This eco-park will act as an Integrated Facility, by engaging in dismantling, segregating, refurbishing, material-wise storage, testing and plastic recycling. It will also have precious metal extraction facilities, especially from Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs) through high-end technologies.
- The Delhi Film Policy 2022 is to promote tourism in Delhi, making the National Capital- a Brand. It will also make it a hub for modern film-making, meeting European Standards.
- The government is to create an 'e-Film Clearance Portal' and provide aid of Rs 3 crores for film production. It has also decided to incentivize hiring locals in the cinema industry.

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9. Samiran Gupta to head public policy for Twitter in India



Samiran Gupta will lead microblogging platform Twitter's public policy and philanthropy efforts in India and South Asia. Prior to joining Twitter, Gupta was the head of stakeholder engagement in South Asia for ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers).

Gupta was associated with The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), a non-profit organisation. He served there for seven years. He was also briefly the firm's head of stakeholder engagement for the South Asia market. The news of the appointment comes almost a year after the former Public Policy Director for India and South Asia Mahima Kaul resigned.

10. The 2nd LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship 2022 won by the Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre



The finals of the 15th CEC Cup Men's Ice Hockey Championship, 2022 were played between the teams of ITBP and Ladakh Scouts at the Ice Hockey Rink which is at NDS Sports Complex in Leh. It was a very competitive game and full effort was put in

by both the teams, but there's only one winner. The Ladakh Scouts won in the end and they lifted the 15th CEC Cup Men's Ice Hockey Championship 2022.

About the tournament:

Ladakh Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur has presented the trophies to the finalists in both men's and women's categories of this edition of LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship. Prizes were presented, and the chief guest praised the players and officials at the end. The tournament was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports in Leh in collaboration with the Leh-based "Ladakh Winter Sports Club."

ONE LINER

- Twitter CEO: **Parag Agrawal;**
- Twitter formed: **21 March 2006;**
- Headquarters of Twitter: **San Francisco, California, United States.**
- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: **Lausanne, Switzerland;**
- President of the International Olympic Committee: **Thomas Bach;**
- Foundation of the International Olympic Committee: **23 June 1894, Paris, France**
- Canada's capital: **Ottawa;**
- Canadian Currency: **Canadian Dollar;**
- Prime Minister of Canada: **Justin Trudeau**
- New Development Bank Headquarters Location: **Shanghai, China;**
- President of the New Development Bank: **Marcos Prado Troyjo;**