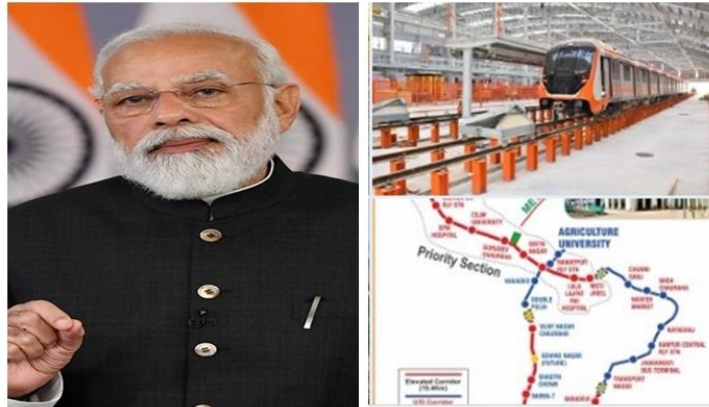


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NATIONAL

Bina - Panki Multiproduct pipeline project



- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 356 Km long Bina Refinery (Madhya Pradesh) - POL Terminal at Panki (Kanpur, UP) Multiproduct pipeline project.
- ❖ It will provide for safe and efficient evacuation of products from Bina Refinery.
- ❖ It also improves the availability of products in Eastern U.P, Central U.P., Northern Bihar, and Southern Uttarakhand.

Domestic Systemically Important Insurers



- ❖ The Insurance regulator IRDAI has identified the state-owned LIC, GIC, and New India Assurance as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2021-22, in continuation.

- ❖ D-SIIs are insurers of such size, market importance, and domestically & globally inter-connected, whose failure or distress will result in significant dislocation in the domestic financial system.

Norbu Wangdu peak

- ❖ The personnel of Indo-Tibetan Border Police and the Ladakh Police had scaled two unnamed 6,000-metre height mountains in Eastern Ladakh.
- ❖ They named one of them 'Norbu Wangdu peak'.
- ❖ It was dedicated to ITBP's mountaineer late Nurbu Wangdus, who died during an avalanche in October 2019.

Brahmos missile



- ❖ The defence minister Rajnath Singh has laid the foundation stone of the BrahMos Aerospace cruise missile manufacturing unit in Lucknow.
- ❖ He also laid the foundation of DRDO Defence Technology and Test Centre in Lucknow.
- ❖ BrahMos is a joint venture between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) of India and the NPOM of Russia.
- ❖ BrahMos missile derives its name from the Brahmaputra river of India and the Moskva river of Russia.

Lakhimpur Kheri violence

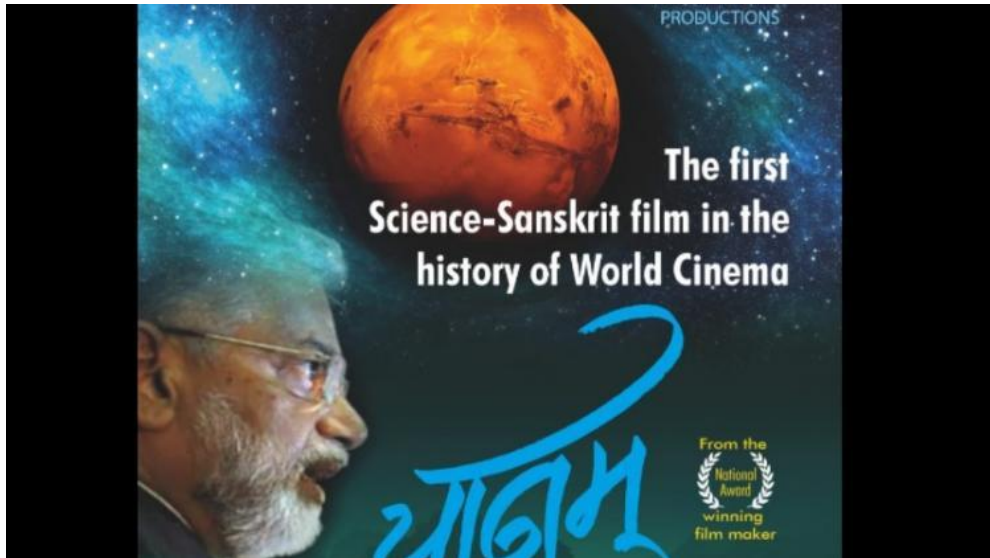
- ❖ The Special Investigation Team probing the Lakhimpur Kheri violence of October 3 has described the killing of four farmers and a journalist as a “pre-planned conspiracy”.

- ❖ Ashish Mishra is the main accused in the case, as it was his SUV that allegedly crushed the farmers.
- ❖ Ashish Mishra is the son of Union Minister Ajay Mishra Teni.



Special Investigation Team

Yaanam

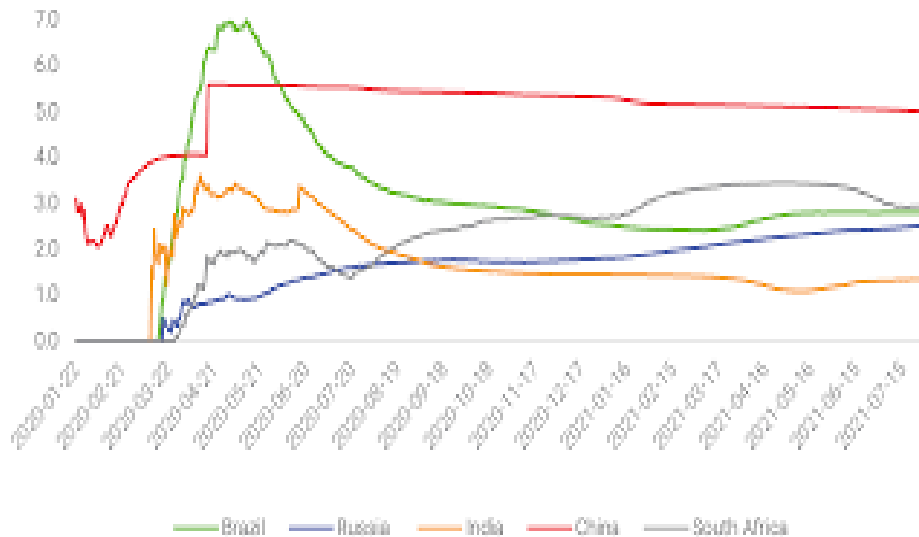


- ❖ It is the World's First Science-Sanskrit Film to Document ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission.
- ❖ This documentary is considered to be the first such initiative in the world cinema.
- ❖ It will document the success story of India's historic 'Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) alias 'Mangalyaan.'
- ❖ The National Award-winning filmmaker Vinod Mankara is coming out with this innovative docu-film.

- ❖ Titled Yaanam, the movie is based on 'My Odyssey: Memoirs of the Man Behind the Mangalyaan Mission'.
- ❖ It was penned by former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief K Radhakrishnan.

INTERNATIONAL

BRICS Economic Bulletin 2021



- ❖ Reserve Bank of India has released the BRICS Economic Bulletin 2021.
- ❖ It was prepared by the BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) Research Group with members from BRICS central banks.
- ❖ The CRA Research Group was set up to enhance the research, economic analysis, and surveillance capacity of the BRICS.
- ❖ The BRICS Economic Bulletin 2021 addresses the theme of 'Navigating the Ongoing Pandemic: The BRICS Experience of Resilience and Recovery', covering the economic recovery and its divergences, inflation risks, external sector performances, financial sector vulnerabilities, and other macroeconomic risks.

ECONOMY

Textiles sector - Tax rate

- ❖ The Goods and Services Tax Council decided to defer the proposed hike in the tax rate for the textiles sector to 12 percent from 5 percent.
- ❖ It was to be implemented from January 1.

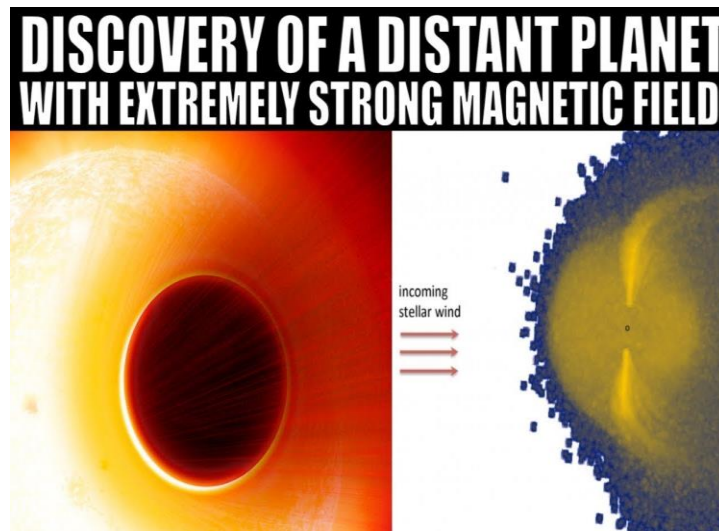
- ❖ The Status quo will be maintained for the GST rate for textiles as of now.

Particulars	Current Effective Indirect Tax Rate (VAT + Excise Duty + Central Sales Tax)	GST Rate
Cotton	5 - 7%	5%
Synthetic	11 - 14%	13 - 14%
Blended	11 - 14%	13 - 14%
Wool	8 - 10%	5%
Silk	8 - 10%	5%

Source: Ministry Of Textiles

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

First Magnetic Field on an Exoplanet



- ❖ A team of astronomers used data from the Hubble Space Telescope for discovering the signature of a magnetic field on an Exoplanet.
- ❖ The findings were described in the journal called Nature Astronomy.
- ❖ Such a feature has been seen on an exoplanet, for the first time.
- ❖ A magnetic field around the planet explains the observations of an extended region of charged carbon particles.

KSTAR

- ❖ The South Korean government is planning to develop a technology for the South Korea's first artificial sun KSTAR.

- ❖ This would maintain 100 million degrees for 300 seconds by 2026.
- ❖ The 300 seconds is the minimum time required for the commercialization of nuclear fusion technology.

STATES

Internet Exchange Nodes - Uttar Pradesh



- ❖ Seven new Internet exchange nodes were launched in Uttar Pradesh by Union IT Ministry.
- ❖ The nodes will boost internet connectivity and the digital economy in the state.
- ❖ The internet exchange nodes will be located at Lucknow, Agra, Meerut, Kanpur, Prayagraj, Gorakhpur, and Varanasi.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

RedInk Awards 2021

- ❖ The Redink Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2021 were presented by Mumbai Press Club.
- ❖ The Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui was posthumously awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' by the Mumbai Press Club.
- ❖ Siddiqui died during an assignment in Afghanistan in July 2021.

- ❖ RedInk 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed on Senior Journalist Prem Shankar Jha for his long and distinguished career of analytical and incisive writing.



The RedInk 2021 winners:

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Varsha Torgalkar - Stories Asia (Print)
Mrityunjay Singh - ABP News Network (Television)

CRIME

Sagar - The Caravan (Print)

ENVIRONMENT

Ishan Kulkarni, Kundan Pandey, Soundaram Ramanathan &
Sugandha Arora - Down To Earth (Print)
Sofia Blind - Media One TV (Television)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Priyanka Pulla - The Wire (Print)
Faye D'Souza & Arun Rengaswamy - Freemedia Interactive
(Television)

HUMAN RIGHTS

Kumar Sambhav Shrivastava - Huffpost &
Prabhakar Tamilarasu - The Federal (Joint Winners - Print)
Tridip Kanti Mandal & Syed Shahriyar - The Quint (Television)

LIFESTYLE & ENTERTAINMENT

Kathakali Chanda - Forbes India &
Makepeace Sithou - CNN (Joint Winners - Print)

POLITICS

Abhishek Angad - The Indian Express (Print)
Saurabh Shukla - NDTV India (Television)

SCIENCE & INNOVATION

Bhavya Dore - Fifty Two (Print)
Ganesh Raghunath Kale - News18 Lokmat &
Pallava Bagla - India Science Channel
(Joint Winners - Television)

SPORTS

Mihir Vasavda - The Indian Express (Print)

THE ARTS

Maitab Alam - The Wire &
Majid Maqbool - Mint (Joint Winners - Print)

THE BIG PICTURE

Apoorva Dhawakar Salkade - Outlook (Winner)
Manisha Mondal - ThePrint (Runner-up)

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & GENDER EQUALITY

Asmita Bakshi - Mint (Print)
Shrikant Fakirba Bangale - BBC News Marathi (Television)

Virender Singh Pathania



- ❖ Virender Singh Pathania has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard.
- ❖ VS Pathania replaced K Natarajan.

- ❖ Pathania, who hails from Himachal Pradesh, is the first chopper pilot from the force to get command of the Coast Guard.

SPORTS

U-19 Asia Cup 2021



- ❖ U19 Indian cricket team won against Sri Lanka by 9 wickets in the final.
- ❖ India sealed their 8th ACC U19 Asia Cup title in Dubai.
- ❖ The rain-marred final was reduced to 38 overs after a two-hour interruption.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Global Family Day - January 01



- ❖ It aims at sensitizing people about peace and making them believe that the world is one family.



- ❖ The idea to celebrate the day originated from a 1996 children's book 'One Day in Peace'.
- ❖ The book was authored by Steve Diamond and Robert Alan Silverstein.
- ❖ The overall theme of this Day is "One Day of Peace".

