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## NATIONAL

### Namaste Digital by google

- ❖ Google is going to launch a new television show called Hello Digital (Namaste Digital) in conjunction with Doordarshan.
- ❖ It aims to help small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) navigate the challenging economic environment.
- ❖ The show will explain the importance of digitization to businesses.
- ❖ They will also give necessary information about the Internet.

### Make Small Strong' campaign

- ❖ Google India has launched 'Make Small Strong' campaign in India to support small and local businesses in the country.
- ❖ It is meant to rally support from the citizens for small businesses.
- ❖ The citizens can help small businesses by buying locally, leaving reviews and ratings and by promoting their favourite retailers on social media.

### India PV edge 2020

- ❖ NITI Aayog, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and Invest India organized a global symposium virtually, 'India PV EDGE 2020'.
- ❖ It aims to catalyse cutting-edge Photovoltaic manufacturing in India.
- ❖ The symposium includes sessions on 'Modules and Production Equipment' and 'Supply Chain' among others.





## **ECONOMY**

### **42nd GST council meet**

- ❖ The GST Council was unable to come to a consensus on the compensation borrowing options as no final decision was taken at the 42<sup>nd</sup> meet.
- ❖ GST Council is a Constitutional body under Article 279A, providing recommendations to Union and State Government on GST related issues.
- ❖ The Council is chaired by Union Finance Minister and other members are Union State Minister of Revenue or Finance and Ministers in-charge of Finance or Taxation of all States.
- ❖ Its recommendations are binding and all decisions are taken by 75% majority of members.

#### Key recommendations

- ❖ GST Compensation Cess levy has been extended beyond 2022.
- ❖ Taxpayers with turnover more than Rs 5 crores will have to provide Harmonised System Nomenclature (HSN) Code from April 2021.

### **India's First Financial Control Center**

- ❖ Chqbook.com launched India's First Financial Control Centre.
- ❖ It is a new mobile platform to boost small business owners.
- ❖ It will give solution to manage everyday financial needs and to access financial products.
- ❖ Chqbook.com is India's first neobank for small business owners offering world-class financial services through its five pillars of current account, khata, lending, insurance, and rewards.

## **STATES**

### **Digital Seva Setu programme**

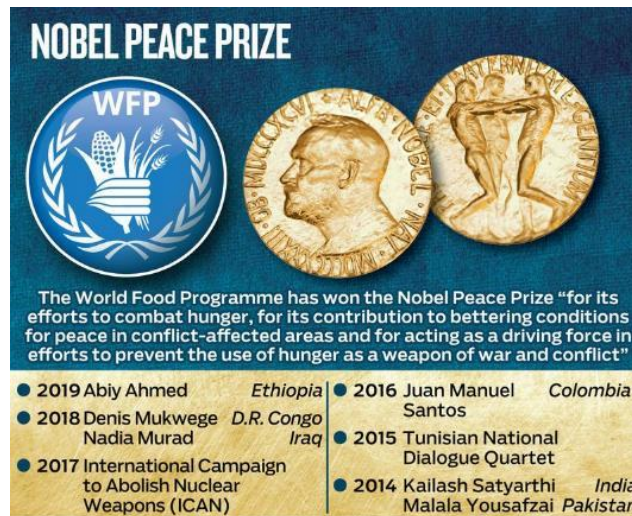
- ❖ Gujarat has announced a 'Digital Seva Setu' programme to ensure optimum utilisation of technology for public welfare in rural areas.
- ❖ The program has been initiated under the Centre's BharatNet Project.
- ❖ Under this program, public welfare services will be made available in all the 14,000-gram panchayats in the state by connecting village.

- ❖ Each village panchayat will get e-gram office so that villagers will not have to go all the way to taluka or district-level offices.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Nobel Peace Prize 2020

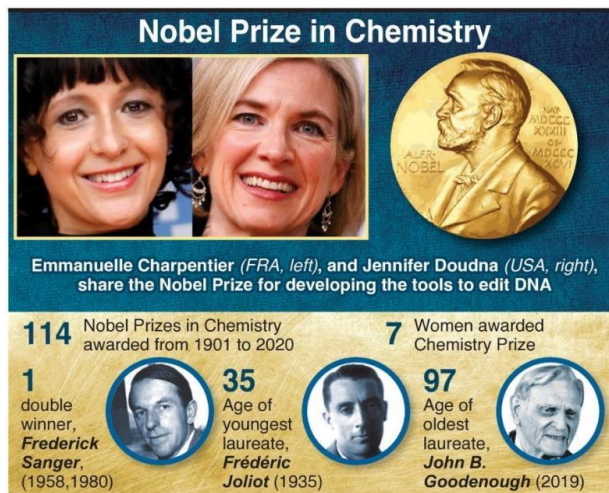
- ❖ Nobel Peace Prize 2020 has been presented to the World Food Programme (WFP).
- ❖ This recognise its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas.
- ❖ It has been acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict.
- ❖ This programme was established in 1963 at the Food and Agriculture Organization held in 1960.
- ❖ It aims to provide food aid in emergency situations and also build resilience for food security.
- ❖ In 2008, the WFP organised purchase for progress (P4P) project.
- ❖ It is aimed at assisting smallholding farmers by providing them opportunities to access agricultural market.



### Nobel Prize for the chemistry

- ❖ French-American duo Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna have been awarded the 2020 Nobel Prize for the chemistry.

- ❖ They are recognised for the development of a method for genome editing-CRISPR.
- ❖ The CRISPR is an acronym for Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats, developed in the year 2012.
- ❖ It has made gene editing very easy and simple, and at the same time extremely efficient.
- ❖ It can be used for a lot of diseases and disorders, including some forms of cancer, that are caused by an undesired genetic mutation.
- ❖ For the first time in History, the Nobel Prize for chemistry has been given to two women jointly.



### 1st Edition of National Startup awards

- ❖ The first edition of National Start-up Awards (2020) were announced by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- ❖ The Awards invited applications across 12 sectors, which are Agriculture, Education, Enterprise Technology, Energy, Finance, Food, Health, Industry 4.0, Space, Security, Tourism and Urban Services.
- ❖ A total of 38 start-ups were awarded, one in each of the 35 categories and 3 special categories in the 12 sectors.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Post Day - October 09

- ❖ It marks the anniversary of the establishment of Universal Postal Union (UPU) across the World.

- ❖ UPU was established in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland.
- ❖ It was declared as the World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan, in 1969.
- ❖ World Post Day 2020's theme is "We Have Always Delivered".
- ❖ The Government of India is celebrating National Postal week from 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.



### **World Day Against Death Penalty – October 10**

- ❖ This day aims to advocate for the abolition of the death penalty and to raise awareness of the conditions and the circumstances which affect prisoners with death sentences.
- ❖ The day was first organised by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in 2003.
- ❖ On 26 September 2007, the Council of Europe also declared 10 October to be the European Day Against the Death Penalty.

