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TAMIL NADU

India's first advanced manufacturing hub

- ❖ The World Economic Forum and Guidance will jointly establish AMHUB in the state of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ AMHUB is Advanced Manufacturing hub and is first of its kind in the country.
- ❖ AMHUB is one of the 19 platforms designed by the World Economic Forum.
- ❖ Guidance is the nodal investment promotion agency of the state of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ AMHUB will help the state in the sectors of solar energy, electronics, electric mobility and textiles.
- ❖ It will help boost production sector of Tamil Nadu by identifying regional opportunities brought by Fourth Industrial Revolution.
- ❖ The 4th Industrial Revolution opportunities are Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Cloud Computing, etc.

NATIONAL

Offshore Patrol Vessel - Vighraha

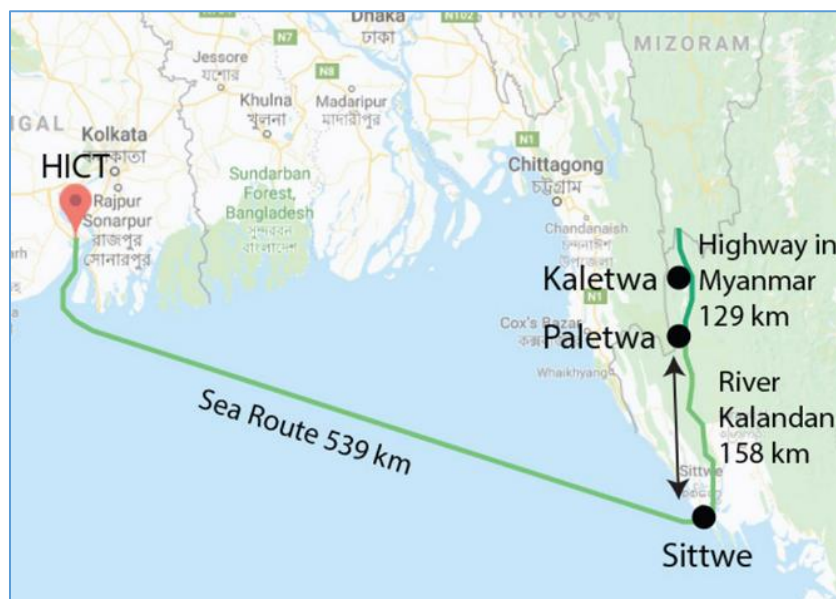
- ❖ The seventh offshore patrol vessel of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), 'Vighraha' was formally unveiled at the Kattupalli port, near Chennai.
- ❖ It is the last in the series of seven OPVs contracted to the L&T by the Ministry of Defence in 2015.
- ❖ It was the first time a private sector shipyard has undertaken the design and construction of offshore patrol vessel class of ships.



INTERNATIONAL

Sittwe port in Myanmar

- ❖ India and Myanmar are working towards the operationalization of the Sittwe port in the Rakhine state of Myanmar in the first quarter of 2021.
- ❖ The port is part of the Kaladan multi-modal transit transport project which is being viewed as India's gateway to Southeast Asia.
- ❖ It is a deep-water port constructed by India in 2016 at Sittwe, the capital of Rakhine State.
- ❖ The port will connect India's landlocked north-eastern region with the Bay of Bengal through Mizoram.






PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Nobel Prize 2020 for Literature

- ❖ Nobel Prize 2020 in Literature has been awarded to 77 years old American poet Louise Glück.
- ❖ This recognised her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal.
- ❖ She has received many awards including Pulitzer Prize for Poetry (1993), Bollingen Prize (2001), US Poet Laureate (2003–2004), National Book Award (2014) and National Humanities Medal (2015).

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<p>113 Nobel Prizes in Literature awarded from 1901 to 2020</p> <p>41 Age of the youngest laureate, Rudyard Kipling, best known for <i>The Jungle Book</i>, who won in 1915</p> <p>88 Age of oldest laureate, Doris Lessing, winner in 2007</p>	<p>RECENT LAUREATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2019: Peter Handke, <i>Austria</i> ● 2018: Olga Tokarczuk, <i>Poland</i> ● 2017: Kazuo Ishiguro, <i>UK</i> ● 2016: Bob Dylan, <i>U.S.</i> ● 2015: Svetlana Alexievich, <i>Belarus</i> ● 2014: Patrick Modiano, <i>France</i>
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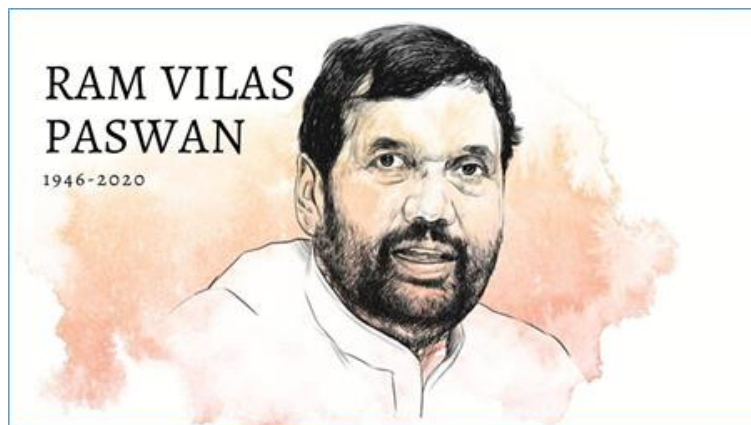
1st woman director for WTO



- ❖ The selection committee of the WTO has announced that South Korea's Yoo Myung-hee and Nigeria's Ngozi Okonjo Iweala are the two finalists to become the next Director General.
- ❖ The WTO was established under the Marrakesh Agreement in 1995.
- ❖ The highest authority of WTO is the Ministerial Conference.
- ❖ The first ministerial conference was held in Singapore which meets every two years.

Ram vilas paswan passed away

- ❖ Union Minister for Food and Consumer Affairs (from 26 May 2014) Ram Vilas Paswan passed away recently.
- ❖ Paswan became a member of Bihar Legislative Assembly in 1969.
- ❖ He was elected to Lok Sabha for the first time as Janata Party member in 1977.
- ❖ He held the World record for winning the election by highest margin.
- ❖ He was re-elected five consecutive times from Hajipur constituency in Bihar.
- ❖ He formed Lok Janshakti Party in 2000.
- ❖ He became a Minister of Mines in the first National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government (2001-2002).
- ❖ Paswan joined Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) in 2004 and again became a union minister till 2009.



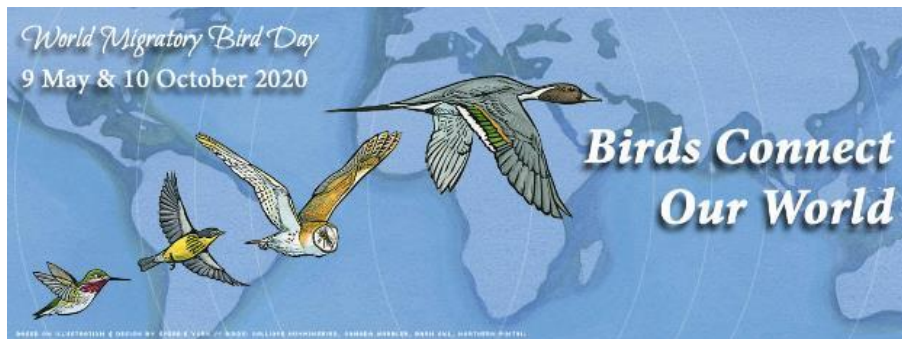
IMPORTANT DAYS

World Mental Health Day – October 10

- ❖ It aims to raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health.
- ❖ The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.
- ❖ The first one was started in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Mental Health for All" and an increased investment in mental health.

World Migratory Bird Day – October 10

- ❖ World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated by people across the world on second Saturday of October.
- ❖ It aims to bring attention to the need of conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.
- ❖ The global programme helps raise awareness about the numerous threats faced by the birds.
- ❖ In 2006, the United Nations decided to observe World Migratory Bird Day on two particular dates in a year – the second Saturday in May and October.
- ❖ This year, it is celebrated on 9 May and 10 October.
- ❖ Theme of this year is “Birds Connect Our World”.



MISCELLANEOUS

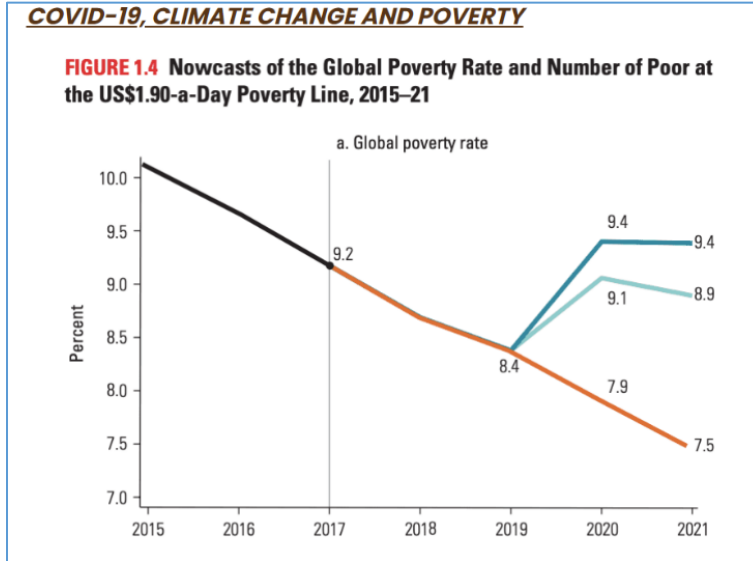
Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report 2020

- ❖ It is a biennial report of the World Bank titled “Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2020: Reversals of Fortune”.
- ❖ It provides a global audience with the latest and most accurate estimates on trends in global poverty and shared prosperity.

Highlights

- ❖ The study finds that on average, poverty levels will be set back 3 to 10 years due to Covid-19.
- ❖ The COVID-19 pandemic is estimated to push an additional 88 million to 115 million people into extreme poverty this year.
- ❖ The pandemic and global recession may cause over 1.4% of the world's population to fall into extreme poverty.
- ❖ Global extreme poverty rate is projected to rise by around 1.3% to 9.2% in 2020.

- ❖ If the pandemic would not have been there, the poverty rate was expected to drop to 7.9% in 2020.
- ❖ Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia will be badly hit as per the Bank's projections.



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