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**Important days**

# 1. International Equal Pay Day: 18 September

**International Equal Pay Day : sept 18**

**BY:** UN

**First observed:** 2020



## Highlights :

- **International Equal Pay Day** is celebrated on **18 September**.
- The inaugural edition of the day was observed in the year **2020**.
- The day aims to achieve equal pay for work of equal value and break the walls against all forms of discrimination, including discrimination against women and girls.

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? International Equal Pay Day**

**When? 18 september**

**UN**

Sec gen: António Guterres

HQ: new york, US

## Recent News:

- World Bamboo Day: 18 September

## 2. International Coastal Clean-Up Day 2021: 18 September

**International Coastal Clean-Up Day**  
**2021: sept 18(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of september)**

**BY:** ocean conservancy org

**First observed: 1986**

**Theme:** “Keep trash in the bin and not in the ocean



### Highlights :

- The **International Coastal Cleanup Day** is traditionally held on the **third Saturday in September**. In 2021, the day is being held on **18 September**.
- The day aims to increase public awareness about the accumulation and negative impacts of litter in oceans, on coastlines and on beaches.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? International Coastal Clean-Up Day 2021**  
**When? 18 september**

**Ocean conservancy**  
CEO: Janis Searles Jones  
HQ: washington DC,US

### Recent News:

- World Water Monitoring Day: 18 September

# Appointments

### 3. Alka Nangia Arora appoints as CMD of NSIC

**appointed :** Alka Nangia Arora

**as:** CMD of NSIC

**Replaces:** Vijayendra



#### Highlights:

- **Alka Nangia Arora** has been appointed as the **Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD)** of the **National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC)**.
- She is a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

#### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** CMD of NSIC  
**who?** Alka nangia arora

#### NSIC

CMD: alka nangia arora  
HQ: new delhi

#### Recent News

- SBI's Amit Saxena joins RBI Innovation Hub as CTO

# Banking



## 4.Kotak Mahindra Bank Announces Partnership With IISc



### Highlights:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) announced a partnership to set up a state-of-the-art **Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AI-ML) Centre** (Kotak-IISc AI-ML Centre) at the **IISc campus in Bengaluru**.
- Spread across approximately 1,40,000 square feet at the campus in Bengaluru, the Centre will offer Bachelor's, Masters and short-term courses in artificial intelligence.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** 'AI-ML) Centre at IISc,bengaluru

**By ?** KMBL

### KMBL

CEO: Uday Kotak

Headquarters: Mumbai

### RECENT NEWS

- Kotak Mahindra Bank launches 'Neo Collections' Digital Repayment platform

# Summits

## 5.PM Narendra Modi virtually addresses 21st SCO Meeting



### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 21<sup>st</sup> SCO council of heads of state meeting india? Narendra modi

### SCO

Hq: Beijing, China

Sec.Gen: Vladimir Norov

### Recent News

- PM Narendra Modi to attend first in-person Quad Summit at White House

### Highlights:

- The **21st** Meeting of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State** was held in hybrid format in **Dushanbe, Tajikistan**.
- The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the President of Tajikistan, **Emomali Rahmon**.
- The Indian delegation was led by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, who participated in the meeting via video-link.
- The leaders reviewed the organization's activities over the past two decades and discussed the state and prospects of future cooperation.

# Exercise

## 6. Indo-Nepal joint military exercise Surya Kiran-XV to begin at Pithoragarh



### Highlights:

- The **15th edition** of **Indo–Nepal Joint Military** Training Exercise **Surya Kiran** will be held from September 20, 2021, at **Pithoragarh** in Uttarakhand.
- The joint military training will help in improving bilateral relations and further strengthen the traditional friendship between the two nations.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Exercise Surya Kiran  
by? india & nepal

### Nepal

Capital: Kathmandu

Currency: Nepalese rupee

Pres: Bidhya Devi Bhandari

### RECENT NEWS

- **Indian military participates in SCO Exercise 'Peaceful Mission' 2021**

**International**

## 7. Ayush ministry signs MoU with American Herbal Pharmacopoeia to boost export of ASU&H drugs



### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MOU with US

By? Ayush ministry

**Ayush ministry**

Sharbanandha sonowal

Cons: majuli, assam

### Highlights:

- The Union Ministry of Ayush has signed **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) and American Herbal Pharmacopoeia. Under this MoU, there will be the constitution of a joint committee to develop the action plan along with timelines for the development of monographs and other activities for cooperation in the field of traditional medicine.

### RECENT NEWS

- GoI launches AYUSH AAPKE DWAR campaign to distribute medicinal saplings

**National**



## 8.India's 61st Software Technology park centre opened in Nagaland



### Highlights:

- Nagaland's first and India's **61st Software Technology Park of India (STPI) centre** was inaugurated at **Kohima**.
- The inauguration of the STPI centre in Kohima is a fulfilment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of creating a technology ecosystem in the northeast to create opportunities for future generations in the region.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 61st Software Technology Park of India  
In? Nagaland

### Nagaland

CM: Neiphiu Rio;  
Gov: jagdish mukhi  
Cap: kohima

### Recent News

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Sardardham Bhavan

# State

## 9.TN govt announces fintech city in Chennai



### Highlights:

- **Tamil Nadu government** has kick-started the construction of a **FinTech city** in **Chennai** with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (Tidco) issuing a tender to select a Project Management Consultant for **the ₹165-crore project**.
- While a FinTech Policy is being prepared, the State government wants to create an ecosystem in FinTech through the project to attract both domestic and overseas financial institutions and to transform Chennai as one of the major global financial services centres.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **FinTech city in chennai**  
in?TN

### TN

Cap:chennai

Gov: RN ravi

CM: MK stalin

### Recent News

- DP World inks MoU with Tamil Nadu govt for Rs 2,000-cr projects

# Sports

# 10.IOC Suspends North Korea From Beijing Olympics



## Highlights:

•**North Korea** was formally suspended from the **2022 Beijing Winter Olympics** by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** on Sept as punishment for refusing to send a team to the Tokyo Games citing the COVID-19 pandemic.

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Suspended from 2022 olympics

Who? North korea

By? IOC

## IOC

Hq: Lausanne, Switzerland.

Pres:thomas bach

## Recent News

- ICC to push for cricket's inclusion in Olympics 2028

**Ambassador**

## 11.ASICS announces Joshna Chinappa as brand ambassador



### Highlights:

- Japanese sports major, ASICS has announced Indian squash player Joshna Chinappa as their new brand athlete.
- With this partnership, the brand catapults the performance outlook by joining hands with this sport icon whose game and playing style is admired by all

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Ambassador for ASICS

Who? Joshna chinnappa

### ASICS

Hq: Hyogo, Japan

CEO: Motoi Oyama

### Recent News

- Equitas Bank appoints Rani Rampal & Smriti Mandhana as brand ambassadors

**Organisation / Bank:**

**UN**

Sec gen: António Guterres  
HQ: new york,US

**Ocean conservancy**

CEO: Janis Searles Jones  
HQ: washngton DC,US

**NSIC**

CMD: alka nangia arora  
HQ: new delhi

**KMBL**

CEO: Uday Kotak  
Headquarters: Mumbai

**SCO**

Hq: Beijing, China  
Sec.Gen: Vladimir Norov

**IOC**

Hq: Lausanne, Switzerland.  
Pres:thomas bach

**ASICS**

Hq: Hyogo, Japan  
CEO: Motoi Oyama

**COUNTRY/CAP**

**Nepal**

Capital: Kathmandu  
Currency: Nepalese rupee  
Pres: Bidhya Devi Bhandari

**Nagaland**

CM: Neiphiu Rio;  
Gov: jagdish mukhi  
Cap: kohima

**TN**

Cap:chennai  
Gov: RN ravi  
CM: MK stalin

**MINIS/CONS**

**Ayush ministry**

Sharbanandha sonowal  
Cons:majuli,assam



**1. Former RBI deputy governor \_\_\_\_\_ joins EY India as advisor**

**Vishwanathan**

## 2. Who introduces Digital 'Loan Against Mutual Funds' (LAMF)??

# Tata Capital

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ Honoured as 'World's Best Bank' for Fourth Straight Year**

**DBS bank**

**4. Vodafone Idea, Celltick join hands to deploy public alert and warning system in\_\_\_\_\_**

# Andhra Pradesh



5. \_\_\_\_\_ to head expert panel on National Cadet Corps

# Baijayant Panda