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September 1st week Current Affairs One Liners

IMPORTANT DAYS

- Every year on September 2, the World Coconut
 Day is celebrated. The day is especially observed in Asian and Pacific nations, which are home to most of the world's coconut producing areas and production centers.
- National Wildlife Day is observed every year on September 4th. World Wildlife Day will be celebrated in 2021 under the theme "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet.
- The International Day of Charity is an international day observed annually on 5 September. It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.
- India celebrates Teachers' Day on September 5
 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Dr.
 Sarvopalli Radhakrisnan, the first Vice-President
 and second President of independent India (from
 1962-67).
- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is observing 'Food Processing Week' from 6th to 12th September 2021, under which, the Ministry is organizing various programs. The Ministry launched the 'Food Processing Week', 6th September, 2021, through an official video on social media platforms.
- Clean air, free from dust and smoke, is an essential requirement for human beings and all life on Earth. "Healthy Air, Healthy Planet" is the theme for this year

BANKING NEWS

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has opened a floating ATM on Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar for the convenience of locals and tourists. The floating ATM was inaugurated on August 16 by SBI Chairman Dinesh Khare.
- Private sector lender Axis Bank has tied up with BharatPe to expand its merchant acquiring business in the country.
- Google Pay users can take the benefits of fixed deposit rates offered by Equitas Small Finance Bank by booking FD on the payments platform without opening a bank account. The bank stated it has been offering this initiative by connecting APIs built by fintech infrastructure provider Setu for Equitas Bank.
- Fintech major PhonePe launched "Pulse", a new website that will provide data, insights and trends on digital payments on its platform. The company has also launched the Pulse Report, an in-depth study on the evolution of digital payments over the past five years.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a
 five-member committee to review applications
 and give recommendations on new umbrella
 entity (NUE) licences. The five-member
 committee will be chaired by RBI chief general
 manager P Vasudevan.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 25 lakh on private lender



- **Axis Bank** for non-compliance. The **penalty** was announced by the central bank on September 1.
- Federal Bank launched its credit card in association with Visa. The bank is also on course to launch variants of the Rupay credit card in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Account aggregators are a set of non-banking financial companies, which work as technology intermediaries between companies seeking financial data of customers (financial information

- users) and those holding that data (financial information providers).
- Ola Electric has tied up with leading banks and financial institutions, including HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Prime and TATA Capital, for providing loans to customers for its S1 electric scooter that will be available for purchase from September 8.

September 2nd week Current Affairs One Liners

IMPORTANT DAYS

- International Literacy Day is observed and celebrated widely every year on September
 2021 the theme of International Literacy Day: 'Literacy for a human-centred recovery:
 Narrowing the digital divide'.
- The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is an international observance established by a unanimous decision of the United Nations General Assembly in 2020. It is observed on September 9 of each year.
- World Suicide Prevention Day is an awareness day observed on 10 September every year, in order to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides, with various activities around the world since 2003. The 2021 theme of World Suicide

- Prevention Day is "Creating Hope Through Action", which promises a collective initiative towards suicide prevention.
- Environmentalist Anil Joshi announced that
 Himalaya Diwas will be observed on
 September 9 in Uttarakhand. National
 Mission For Clean Ganga & Naula
 Foundation Celebrate Himalayan Day 2021
 With The Theme 'Contribution Of Himalayas
 And Our Responsibilities'.
- World EV Day is observed on September 9
 every year. The day marks the celebration of
 e-mobility. Special awareness campaigns
 are organised globally to educate people
 about the benefits of electric vehicles. World
 EV Day was an initiative created by
 sustainability media company Green.TV.



- World First Aid Day is an annual campaign to 'promote the importance of first aid training in preventing injuries and saving lives'. Every year, the second Saturday of September is observed as World First Aid Day, this year the day falls on September 11. Theme this year: The theme for World First Aid Day 2021 is 'First aid and road safety,' according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
- South-South cooperation is a manifestation of solidarity among peoples and countries of the South that contributes to their national well-being, their national and collective self-reliance and the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

BANKING NEWS

- SBM Bank has partnered with fintech player
 OneCard to launch a mobile-based credit
 card. With this partnership, the bank stated it
 aims to cater to the tech-savvy populace who
 have embraced digital as a natural way of life.
- HDFC Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding with National Small Industries
 Corporation to offer credit support to MSMEs across the country.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has joined

- hands with **LIC Housing Finance** for selling housing finance products of the latter to its 4.5 crore customers.
- Through its robust and extensive network of 650 branches and more than 136,000 banking access points, IPPB will make LIC Housing Finance Ltd's (LICHFL) home loan products accessible to its customer's pan-India.
- State-owned Bank of India (BOI) stated it has entered into a co-lending arrangement with MAS Financial Services for MSME loans.
 The tie-up comes on the occasion of the bank's 116th Foundation Day.
- Bank of Baroda announced that the bank has
 Ranked #1 with a total of 86% marks on the
 scorecard issued by Ministry of Electronics
 and Information Technology (MeitY) for the
 month of February and March 2021.
- WisePOSGo a POS device (Point of Sales swiping machine) that processes business payments, was launched by Karnataka Bank in collaboration with Mswipe Technologies
 Pvt Ltd., for the Bank's merchant customers.
- State-owned Bank of Baroda announced the launch of its digital banking platform 'bob World', aimed at providing all banking services under one roof.
- The central bank uses the PCA framework to

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rein in banks that have breached certain regulatory thresholds in bad loans and capital adequacy. PCA entails curbs on high-risk lending, setting aside more money on provisions and restrictions on management salary.

- In a move aimed to allow seamless recurring payments, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has expanded the tokenisation facility from earlier device-based tokenisation framework to cardon-file tokenisation (CoFT) services as well, with the explicit consent of the customer.
- Fiserv, Inc. (NASDAQ: FISV), a leading global provider of payments and financial services technology solutions, has entered first-of-its-kind collaboration with into а National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which leads the retail payments and settlement infrastructure in India with breakthrough products like Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Bharat Bill Payment System, and RuPay, to enable the launch of 'nFiNi', a ready stack of services that fintechs and banks can use to issue RuPay credit cards.
- ICICI Bank stated ICICI Lombard General
 Insurance has ceased to be its subsidiary, as

- shareholding of the bank has come down to 48 per cent after the merger of Bharti AXA with the insurer.
- Digital payments and financial firm Paytm announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary,
 Paytm Money, is launching a wealth and investment advisory marketplace on its platform to offer curated advisory services and products to retail investors.
- South Indian Bank has launched the SIB OneCard Credit Card.
- Leading Public Sector Bank, UCO Bank has partnered with Fisdom, operated by a wealthtech start-up Finwizard Technology Pvt. Ltd. to offer wealth management products and services, beginning with mutual funds, through the Bank's mBanking Plus App to the Bank's thirty million customers.
- Debit card owners will soon be able to request a Visa card from the bank, which can store up to 2,000 rupees on the chip itself, allowing them to trade without a connection. A proof of concept for prepaid cards for offline payments has already been established by Visa in partnership with payment solution company Innoviti.

September 3rd week Current Affairs One Liners

IMPORTANT DAYS

- National Hindi Day 2021. Observed on Sep
 14. Hindi is not only among the most spoken
 languages in the world, it is also the official
 language of India, alongside English,
 featuring in government documents of the
 Union.
- World Lymphoma Awareness Day is held on September 15 every year and is a day dedicated to raising awareness of lymphoma, an increasingly common form of cancer.
- September 15 is celebrated as International
 Day of Democracy after being established in
 2007 through a resolution passed by the
 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It
 is a day which highlights the importance of
 participation of all members for proper
 functioning of a democracy.
- India celebrates Engineer's Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of the greatest Indian Engineer, Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, on September 15 every year. Engineer's Day is celebrated to pay rich tributes to Bharat Ratna Visvesvaraya who was regarded as the 'Father of Modern Mysore'.
- September 16 was designated by the United
 Nations General Assembly as the

- International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- Malaysia Day is a public holiday held on 16
 September every year to commemorate the
 establishment of the Malaysian federation on
 that date in 1963. Malaysia Day marks the
 joined day of Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak
 and Singapore to form Malaysia.
- World Patient Safety Day, observed annually on 17 September, aims to raise global awareness about patient safety and call for solidarity and united action by all countries and international partners to reduce patient harm. the theme "Safe maternal and newborn care".
- World Bamboo Day is celebrated every year on 18th September. The theme for 12th edition of WBD 2021 is '#PlantBamboo: It Is Time To Plant Bamboo'.
- "To build momentum around the urgent need to address the gender pay gap," the United Nations observes the International Equal Pay Day on September 18 each year. The first International Equal Pay Day was observed in 2020 and this year marks the second edition of this international reminder.
- World Water Monitoring Day was originally celebrated annually on September 18. The



theme of World Water Day 2021 is valuing water.

- The International Coastal Cleanup Day is traditionally held on the third Saturday in September. Theme 2021: "Keep trash in the bin and not in the ocean".
- The International Day of Peace, sometimes officially known as World Peace Day, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed annually on 21 September. This year, the theme for the day is 'Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world' September 21 is commemorated as the International Day of Peace world over.
- The International Week of Deaf People has been celebrated during the last full week of September. This year's theme for the International Week of Deaf People is "Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities".

BANKING NEWS

- The Reserve Bank stated six entities have completed the test phase in the 'First Cohort' under the Regulatory Sandbox scheme with retail payments as theme and their products are found viable for adoption by the regulated entities.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced a project to link their respective

fast payment systems.

- The linked interface is expected to be operationalized by July, 2022.
- Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) enables
 India's first FASTag based metro parking
 facility in partnership with the Delhi Metro
 Rail Corporation (DMRC). PPBL, will
 facilitate the processing of all FASTag based
 transactions for cars with valid FASTag
 stickers at Kashmere Gate Metro Station.
 - DBS in partnership with Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) Global Payments Innovation(gpi) has launched realtime online tracking for cross-border collections for businesses in India benefitting around 4,000 corporate and small business clients. DBS was the first bank in Asia to launch outbound payments with end-to-end tracking with SWIFT gpi.
- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) launched an e-Lobby at Tirumala for the pilgrims. The manned e-Lobby near to the Tirumala Balaji Bus Stand was inaugurated by AV Dharma Reddy, Additional Executive Officer Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD).
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the regulatory body for securities and commodity market, has levied a monetary

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penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Chandan Gupta, an employee of Titan Company Limited for disclosure lapses, in violating the insider trading norms.

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), HDFC Bank and the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) signed an agreement to provide facilities to manage up to 300 metric tonnes of dry waste in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of the identified single-use plastic will be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022.
- IndusInd Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Escorts Limited (Escorts Agri Machinery) to offer financial services to farmers and to make its range of tractors and farm equipment more accessible.
 The financial services will be provided in the form of loans or Agri finance solutions.
- Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) signed a colending alliance with Indiabulls Commercial
 Credit and Indiabulls Housing Finance
 Limited (IHFL) for MSME (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) and Priority Sector Housing Loans.
- On September 14, 2021, in order to ease cross-border payments between India and

- Singapore the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) are all set for linkage project under which their respective fast payment systems viz. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow will be linked by July 2022.
- penalty of Rs 1 Lakh on the Kosamba Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd. located in Kosamba district of Surat, Gujarat after exercising its power under the provisions of section 47 A (1) (c) read with sections 46 (4) (i) and 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- HSBC India has launched a digital proposition aimed at simplifying cross-border transactions. Called HSBC UniTransact, it aims to provide seamless integration of all aspects of transaction banking while minimising manual intervention through the transaction journey.
- DBS has been named the world's best bank by UK-based financial publication Euromoney, making it the fourth consecutive year it has gained the accolade from a financial publication.
- The Singapore-headquartered bank was also named the world's best digital bank, making it the first time a bank worldwide has held both

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titles concurrently.

- The World Bank Group has decided to discontinue publication of its Doing Business report on country investment climates following allegations of irregularities. The decision was taken after a probe of data irregularities allegedly due to pressure by some top bank officials to boost China's ranking in 2017 came to light.
- HDFC Bank will work with Paytm to offer co-branded credit cards on the Visa platform to businesspersons, millennials and others. This tie-up will see the lender leverage its position as the leading credit card-issuer and its expertise in superior customer engagement to offer services to Paytm's large customer base of 330 million, thus enabling a deeper penetration in Tier II and III cities,

- accelerating the adoption of digital payments.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Bharat Petroleum
 Corporation Limited (BPCL) have launched
 an international co-branded RuPay NCMC
 Platinum contactless debit card. This
 personalised RuPay platinum international
 debit card comes with various benefits
 including 5 per cent cashback up to Rs.50 on
 the first 2 transactions at BPCL outlets.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on Kuppam Cooperative Town Bank, Chittor, Andhra Pradesh, over the violation of provisions of the directions issued by RBI in the Master Circular on Income Recognition, Asset Classification, and Provisioning and Master Circular on Board of Directors for urban cooperative banks.

September 4th week Current Affairs One Liners

IMPORTANT DAYS

- On September 21, the world acknowledges
 World Alzheimer's Day with the goal of raising awareness of the disease, common symptoms, and risk factors. The theme for World Alzheimer's day in 2021 is 'Know dementia, know Alzheimer's'.
- World Rhino Day is observed on September
 22 every year. The theme of World Rhino
 Day 2021 is 'Keep the Five Alive'. The day aims to raise awareness about the African and Asian species of rhinos.
- The International Day of Sign Languages is observed on September 23 every year.

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Theme of 2021 is "We Sign For Human Rights".

- To celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and its glorious history, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry is organizing special events and programmes throughout the week as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations. The Department of Commerce is observing the 'Vanijya Saptah' (Trade & Commerce Week) during the period 20-26 September, 2021.
- Union Urban Development Minister М. Venkaiah Naidu announced that the government has decided to observe September 25 as 'Antyodaya Diwas' every year to mark the birth anniversary of erstwhile Bharatiya Jana Sangh and BJP icon Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- World Pharmacists Day is observed on September 25 each year to pay tributes to pharmacists for the role they play in improving global health. This year's theme, developed by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), is "Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health".
- In 2013, The United Nations (UN) passed resolution 68/32 which established the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons to take place annually,

- every September 26th.
- World Environmental Health Day 2021 is observed annually on September 26 to spread awareness globally regarding the health of the environment. The theme for this year is 'Prioritising Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery.'
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated a significant portion of the latest episode of his Mann Ki Baat radio address to World Rivers Day, which is beina observed The **theme** for this year Sunday. is 'Prioritising Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery.'
- Since 1980, the United Nations World
 Tourism Organization has celebrated World
 Tourism Day as international observances on
 September 27. This year World Tourism Day
 holds more significance as the theme is
 'Tourism for Inclusive Growth'.
- The International Day for Universal Access to Information was proclaimed on 15 October 2019 at the 74th UN General Assembly to be held on 28 September. The theme chosen for the 2021 International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) celebrated yearly on 28 September is "The Right to Know – Building Back Better with Access to

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Information."

- World Rabies Day is an international awareness campaign coordinated by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control, a non-profit organization with headquarters in the United States. This year, the theme for World Rabies day is 'Rabies: Facts, not Fear', based on ending the fear from the people and empowering them with the facts.
- As per the World Heart Federation, World
 Heart Day is important as cardiovascular
 disease (CVD) remains the world's number
 one killer, resulting in 18.6 million deaths a
 year. This year, the theme of World Heart
 Day is "Use Heart to Connect".
- The International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste is observed to draw human interest in agri-food-nature dependence.
- World Maritime Day 2021 is being observed across the globe on September 30 in a tribute to the professionalism and sacrifice of the two million seafarers who served the world's merchant navy fleet even amid the corona virus disease (Covid-19) pandemic situation. The 2021 theme for the 'World Maritime Day' respects the sacrifice made by the navy men: 'Seafarers at the core of shipping's future.'
- International Translation Day is an

- international day recognising translation professionals. It is on 30 September, which is the day of the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators. The theme of International Translation Day 2021 is "United in translation."
- The purpose behind celebrating is to spread awareness about good nutrition, and health.
 Initiatives have been taken up by the government focussing on nutrition, good food, healthy body, mind, and lifestyle. Nutrition is the science or practice of consuming and utilizing foods. A balanced diet is important for good health and well-being.
- Martyrs Day is marked and observed in the country. It is a day to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect the wildlife, forests, and jungles in India. The day was officially declared by the Ministry of Environment and Forest in 2013. The main objective of commemorating the day is to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect the wildlife, forests, and jungles in India.
- To commemorate the death anniversary of freedom fighter Subramania Bharati, Tamil



Nadu government has declared September 11 as 'Mahakavi' Day.

BANKING & ECONOMY

- Yes Bank has joined hands with Visa to offer a suite of credit cards to its customers. It consists of nine credit card variants on the Visa platform covering all segments viz. consumer cards, business cards, and corporate cards across YES First, YES Premia and YES Prosperity.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) collaborated with PayPoint India under which the financial service provider will provide Banking Service through business correspondent (BC) model.
- Federal Bank announced a tie-up with
 OneCard for a mobile-first credit card that targets the country's young, tech-savvy population.
- After the National setting up Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL), public sector banks (PSBs) have created a step-down asset management company named India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL) with a capital of Rs 50 crore along with three first directors Narayan Keelveedhi Seshadri. Arvind Sadashiv Mokashi, and Anilraj Chellan. PSBs will own 49 per cent of IDRCL, tasked with the

- resolution and restructuring of bad loans bought by the NARCL.
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited has announced the inauguration of its first branch in Kerala at Kochi. The bank has 600 branches in 201 districts spread across 18 states and 2 Union Territories.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued separate master directions on transfer of loan exposures and securitisation of standard assets. These master directions came after considering public comments on draft rules issued on June 8, 2020.
- The Reserve Bank of India allowed loan exposures classified as fraud to be transferred to Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs). This comes in the wake of banks reporting frauds aggregating Rs.3.95-lakh crore between FY19 and FY21.
- United States (US) International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) in collaboration with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) jointly announced an 8-year sponsor project programme with a credit guarantee of USD 55 million (~ Rs 400 crores) named 'India Covid Response Programme for Agriculture Transition' to address the economic impact of COVID-19 in India.

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- As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) publication of 'Deposits with Scheduled Commercial **Banks** March 2021', Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) deposits in FY21 grew by 11.9 percent yearon-year compared to 8.8 percent in FY20 due to high growth in the Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) deposits. The share of CASA deposits in FY21 increased to 43.7 percent in March 2021, compared to 41.7 percent in FY20.
- The IndusInd Bank has acquired a 4.79% stake in debt-laden McLeod Russel India Limited(MRIL) by involving pledged shares for recovery of its dues. The bank, in accordance with the invocation of the pledge of shares, acquired 5000000 equity shares of MRIL.
- RBL Bank launched '#UseBefikar', a new campaign with Mastercard to provide shopping offers and rewards for the existing cardholders. With the #UseBefikar campaign, the RBL bank's Mastercard holders can avail of exclusive offers with assured safety and security.
- Federal Bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch the 'Federal Bank RuPay Signet Contactless Credit Card'. The card comes

- with the **lowest Annual Percentage Rate** (APR) starting from just 5.88% per annum.
- Full-service carrier Vistara has partnered with IndusInd Bank to launch co-branded credit card Club Vistara IndusInd Bank Explorer.
 The credit card will offer various benefits such as a complimentary business class ticket, membership of the airline's frequent flyer programme and lounge access.
- HDFC Bank Ltd. has been voted 'Overall Most Outstanding Company in India,' in a poll conducted by reputed publication Asiamoney. The poll, known as Asia's Outstanding Companies Poll, is designed to acknowledge listed companies that have excelled in areas such as financial performance, management team excellence, investor relations, and CSR initiatives.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a separate master direction on the transfer of loan exposures and securitisation of standard assets. The directions came after taking into account the public comments on draft rules which were issued on June 8 last year.
- The Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) has decided, in consultation with the Government of India, that the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the second half of the financial year 2021-22 (October 2021 to

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March 2022) be fixed at Rs 50000 crore.

- Suryoday Small Finance Bank has decided to discontinue its ATMs from October 1. Due to operational reasons, Suryoday Bank ATMs will be discontinued with effect from October 1, 2021.
- ICICI Bank has announced that it has partnered with Amazon India to offer overdraft (OD) facility upto Rs 25 lakh to individual sellers and small businesses registered on the e-commerce company's online marketplace, instantaneously and digitally.
- As an initiative towards the Digital India movement and to make monetary transactions seamless, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has collaborated with ICICI bank to introduce FASTag transactions at all its 19,000 retail outlets across India.
- The Reserve Bank imposed a penalty of Rs 2
 crore on private lender RBL Bank for
 deficiencies in regulatory compliances and
 non-compliance of the provisions of the
 Banking Regulation Act.
- The National Payments Corporation of India
 (NPCI) has partnered with YES Bank to
 launch contactless payments solutions -- RuPay On-the-Go. This was launched in

- association with fintech infrastructure partner,

 Neokred, and manufacturing partnerSeshaasai at the Global Fintech Festival

 2021.
- Private sector AU Small Finance Bank signed a pact with the National Bank for Rural and Development (NABARD) to boost ongoing rural development initiatives in The Memorandum of Raiasthan. Understanding (MoU) was signed in the presence of NABARD Chairman G Chintala, Jaideep Srivastava, Chief General Manager, Rajasthan, and Sanjay Agarwal, Managing Director, AU Small Finance Bank.
- CavinKare Chairman & Managing Director C
 K Ranganathan has been appointed as
 President of All India Management
 Association (AIMA) for a period of one year.
- Aveek Sarkar, the Editor Emeritus and Vice
 Chairman of the Ananda Bazar Group of
 Publications, was re-elected Chairman of
 Press Trust of India(PTI), the country's
 premier news agency.
- Betting big on semi urban and rural regions,
 private sector lender Axis Bank is creating a
 distinctive 'Bharat Bank' unit with tailored
 rural products, increased footprint through
 branches and digital presence, partnerships
 with facilitators like CSCs and VLEs, and by

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- enabling multiple agri-commodities focused ecosystems.
- Africa Finance Corporation (AFC),
 infrastructure solutions provider on the
 continent, has received a \$100 million credit
 line from the Export-Import Bank of India
 (India Exim Bank) to develop critical
 infrastructure required for the revival of
 Africa's economies in the wake of the
 COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Exim Bank has extended line of credit (LOC) to the Maldives with an aim to support financially to develop sports infrastructure in the island nation. Exim Bank has offered USD 40 million worth of line of credit (LOC).
- HDFC Bank announced listing of its 3.7 per cent \$1 billion foreign currency additional tier
 1 (AT1) bonds exclusively at the IFSC in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

- It became India's first lender to exclusively list AT1 bonds on GIFT-IFSC.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India
 (SEBI) on September 7 introduced T+1
 (Trade plus 1 day) rolling settlement cycle for
 stocks on an optional basis. The new rule will
 come into force on January 1, 2022.
- NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) in partnership with Fiserv Inc. to launch the plug-and-play RuPay savings card stack, 'nFiNi'. nFiNi is a ready stack of offerings required for fintechs and banks to difficulty RuPay credit cards and will enable fintech to co-create bank-sponsored credit cards. It is a BaaS (banking-as-a-service) programme.
- The NammaShaale Nanna Koduge (My School, My contribution) programme aims to provide accessibility to donors who wish to donate money to any government school in Karnataka.