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CHAMPIONS portal for MSME/Udyam Registration crosses 50 lakh mark



The CHAMPIONS portal of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has crossed 50 lakh registrations of MSMEs. The **CHAMPIONS** portal stands for **C**reation and **H**armonious **A**pplication of **M**odern **P**rocesses for **I**ncreasing the **O**utput and **N**ational **S**trength. It was launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises on July 01, 2020. The MSMEs can register in the portal. The aim of the portal is to make the smaller units big by helping and handholding, and by solving their problems and grievances.

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment launches Elder Line (Toll-Free No-14567)



Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched **India's first Pan-India helpline for senior citizens** named '**Elder Line**' for which the toll-free number is **14567**. The platform will allow senior citizens to connect and share their concerns, get information and guidance on problems that they face on a day-to-day basis. It will provide

free information and guidance on pension issues, legal issues, extend emotional support, and even intervenes on field in cases of abuse, and rescues homeless elderly.

Tata Trusts and NSE Foundation are the **technical partners** for "Elder Line".

Lok Sabha Speaker Launches 'NIDHI 2.0' scheme of Ministry of Tourism



The Speaker of Lok Sabha, **Shri Om Birla** inaugurated the **NIDHI 2.0 (National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry)** scheme, during an event organised by **Ministry of Tourism**, on the occasion of 2021 World Tourism Day on September 27, 2021. The NIDHI scheme was launched by the

Ministry of Tourism to facilitate digitalization of tourism sector and promote ease of doing business for hospitality & tourism sector, by encouraging all accommodation units to register themselves on the platform to become part of the hospitality industry. The NIDHI 2.0 data base will have more inclusivity, by not only including accommodation units, but also travel agents, tour operators, & others. As a part of the occasion, the Ministry of Tourism signed an MoU with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and The Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) to actively promote and support 'sustainability initiatives' in the tourism sector of each other.

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Union Minister Jitendra Singh launches “Amrit Grand Challenge Program- □□CARE” to identify 75 innovations by Start-ups and Entrepreneurs



As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh (Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology) launched the “**Amrit Grand Challenge Program**” titled “**□□CARE**” on September 28, 2021. The Grand Challenge aims to identify **75 Start-Up and entrepreneurs**, who come out with Innovative Ideas and

Solutions for India’s healthcare challenges, that can work in Low Resource Settings, for strengthening the Healthcare Delivery in India. The Challenge has been launched jointly by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), NASSCOM and NASSCOM Foundation, as a nationwide “Discover – Design – Scale” program. The “□□CARE” Amrit Challenge will recognise start-ups in fields like **Innovations in Telemedicine, Digital Health, mHealth with BIG Data, AI, Block Chain and other technologies**. The Challenge will end on December 31, 2021.

North Korea tests hypersonic missile “Hwasong-8”

North Korea successfully tested a new **hypersonic missile** called **Hwasong-8** on September 28, 2021, in a bid to increase nation’s capabilities for self-defence. The missile was one of the five most important new weapons systems laid out by North Korea in five-year military development plan. This was the country’s third missile test in a month. Earlier it tested a new type of cruise missile, as a well as a new train-launched ballistic missile system.

Nirmala Sitharaman to be Chief Guest at Global FinTech Fest 2021



Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs is the **Chief Guest at the Global FinTech Fest (GFF) 2021**. The Fest is being **hosted virtually** from 28- 30 September 2021. The **theme of the event is “FinTech: Empowering a Global Digital Economy”**. The Global FinTech Fest (GFF) has

been **organized by** the Payments Council of India (PCI), Fintech Convergence Council (FCC) and Internet and Mobile Association of India (AIMAI).

NPCI partners YES Bank to launch RuPay ‘On-the-Go’ payment solution



The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has partnered with private sector lender **YES Bank** to launch first-of-its-kind ‘**RuPay On-the-Go**’ **contactless payments solutions**. The RuPay On-the-Go contactless solution is mainly a wearable payment solution, launched to enable customers to make small and large value transactions from accessories that they wear everyday. The solution would eliminate the need to carry a physical card, and customers can use the solution at RuPay contactless-enabled PoS at retail outlets and pay up to Rs 5,000 without the need of PIN.

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• The solution is based on simple **‘Tap, pay, go’ mechanism**. It has been launched in association with fintech infrastructure partner Neokred and manufacturing partner Sessaasai.

Government increases the income limit of disabled dependents for family pension to 30% of last drawn pay

Ministry of Defence has increased the limit of eligibility of Children/Siblings suffering from mental or physical disability for family pension. The child/sibling will be eligible for family pension for life, if his/her overall income from sources other than family pension is less than **30% of the last pay drawn** by the deceased government servant/pensioner concerned plus the dearness relief admissible thereon. **Earlier this eligibility limit was Rs 9000**. i.e If the income of Children/Siblings (with disability) was more than Rs 9000 then he/she would not get the family pension.



CK Ranganathan appointed as new President of AIMA

C K Ranganathan has been appointed as the new President of **All India Management Association (AIMA)** for a period of **one year**. He is the Chairman & Managing Director of CavinKare. His appointment will be valid till **September 2022**, i.e. till the next National Management Convention. Ranganathan has taken over from Harsh Pati Singhania, JK Paper Vice Chairman & Managing Director. AIMA is a national apex body (statutory body) for the regulation and licensing of management profession in India. It is under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs.



Yemeni humanitarian organization wins 2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award

A **humanitarian organization from Yemen** has been declared as the the winner of the **2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award**. The organisation named **“Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development”**, founded in 2017 by Ameen Jubran, has won the prestigious honour to support and provide a lifeline to tens of thousands of Yemenis people displaced by the country’s conflict. The UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award honours individuals, groups or organizations for going above and beyond the call of duty to protect refugees, other displaced and stateless people.



United States Wins 2021 Ryder Cup Golf Tournament

The United States has won the **2021 Ryder Cup**, defeating Team **Europe**, with **19-9 victory**. This is the largest margin of victory in the history of the Ryder Cup. The 43rd Ryder Cup Golf Tournament was held from September 24 to 26, 2021, at Whistling Straits, Haven, Wisconsin in US. The Ryder Cup is a biennial men’s golf competition held between teams from Europe and the United States

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International Translation Day: 30 September



Every year, the **International Translation Day** is marked on **30 September**.

The International Federation of Translators (FIT) organise the day ever since it was set up in 1953. The day aims to celebrate the work of language translation professionals which facilitates dialogue, understanding and cooperation, contributing to development and strengthening world peace and security. **2021 theme: “United in translation”**. The day also marks the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators. The first official celebration of ITD was held in 1991.