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PM Modi inaugurates World Sustainable Development Summit 2021 organised by TERI



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the **World Sustainable Development Summit 2021** through video conferencing on February 10, 2021. The theme of the Summit is **‘Redefining our common future: Safe and secure environment for all’**. 2021 WSD Summit is the **20th edition of the flagship event** organised by **‘The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)’**.

The World Sustainable Development Summit will be held online from February 10 to February 12, 2021. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Ministry of Earth Sciences are key partners of the Summit. The Summit will bring together a wide number of governments, business leaders, academicians, climate scientists, youth, and the civil society in the fight against climate change.

Vijayanagara officially declared as 31st District of Karnataka



On February 08, 2021, the **Karnataka** government issued an official gazette notification to declare **Vijayanagara** as the **31st district** of the state. The new district has been carved out of **Ballari** and named after the Vijayanagara empire that ruled from this region. The Vijayanagara district will have **six taluks** and its **headquarter will be at**

Hosapete. The other taluks in the new district are **Kudligi, Hagaribommana Halli, Kotturu, Hoovina Hadagali, and Harapanahalli**. The iconic cluster of monuments at **Hampi or Hampe**, a UNESCO world heritage site, will be part of the Vijayanagara.

Australia’s Robert Irwin wins Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2021



Robert Irwin, an Australian wildlife photographer, has won the first prize in the **Wildlife Photographer of the Year People’s Choice Award Contest**. Robert won the award for the image titled **‘bushfire’**, which is the picture of the devastating **Australian Bushfire** in 2020, he captured using a drone, near the Steve Irwin

Wildlife Reserve in Cape York, Queensland. The image shows a line of fire burning in between the bushes, dividing it into parts.

Irwin’s image was chosen from a shortlist of **25 finalists** that received a total of **55,486 votes**.

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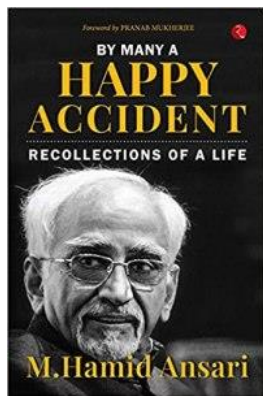


The Wildlife Photographer of the Year is the largest wildlife photography competition in the world, organised by the **Natural History Museum**.

SBI Research revises India's FY21 GDP estimates to -7.0 percent

The **State Bank of India's (SBI)** Economic Research Department has revised **GDP estimates of India for FY21 to contract 7.0%**. Earlier this was estimated GDP at -7.4%. The SBI Research Report has retained its GDP forecast for **FY22 at 11 percent**.

M. Hamid Ansari Pens his memoir 'By Many a Happy Accident: Recollections of a Life'



The former vice president of India, **Mohammad Hamid Ansari** has written a book titled **'BY MANY A HAPPY ACCIDENT: Recollections of a Life'**. The book narrates about the life and work of Mr. Ansari, from academia to professional diplomacy and then be co-opted in public life followed by acquiring the second highest office for two consecutive terms.

The book has been published by the **Rupa Publications India** and has a foreword by **Pranab Mukherjee**. M. Hamid Ansari was the vice president of India and chairman of the Rajya Sabha for two consecutive terms from 2007 to 2017.

Book titled 'Platform Scale: For a Post-Pandemic World' written by Sangeet Paul Choudary



Entrepreneur-author Sangeet Paul Choudary, has come out with his new book titled **"Platform Scale: For a Post-Pandemic World"**. The book explains the importance of platform business models, their ability to scale rapidly and the factors that will cement their dominance in a post-pandemic world.

The book is published by **Penguin Random House India**.

Virat Kohli Slips to 5th Position in Latest ICC Test Rankings for Batsmen

The updated MRF Tyres ICC Men's Test Player Rankings was released on February 09, 2021.

The top 5 Batsmen in the list are

1. **Kane Williamson – New Zealand**
2. **Steve Smith – Australia**
3. **Joe Root – England**
4. **Marnus Labuschagne – Australia**
5. **Virat Kohli – India**

Top 5 Bowlers in the list are

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1. Pat Cummins – Australia
2. Stuart Broad – England
3. James Anderson – England
4. Neil Wagner – New Zealand
5. Josh Hazlewood – Australia

RANK	PLAYER	RATING
1	KANE WILLIAMSON	919
2	STEVE SMITH	891
3	JOE ROOT	883
4	MARNUS LABUSCHAGNE	878
5	VIRAT KOHLI	852
6	BABAR AZAM	760
7	CHETESHWAR PUJARA	754
8	HENRY NICHOLLS	747
9	BEN STOKES	745
10	DAVID WARNER	724

International Epilepsy Day 2021 : 08

February



The **International Epilepsy Day** is observed on the **second Monday of February** every year across the world. In 2021, the International Epilepsy Day was observed on **February 08**. The day is organised jointly by the **International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE)** and the **International League Against**

Epilepsy (ILAE) to raise awareness about epilepsy and highlight the kinds of problems faced by victims, their friends and family.

Epilepsy is a **neurological disorder** which makes a person go through sudden and recurrent episodes of sensory disturbances.

International Day of Women and Girls in Science: 11 February



The **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** is celebrated on **11 February** every year.

The 2021 theme of the Day is **“Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19”**.

The UN General Assembly established this Day, on 22 December 2015, to recognize the critical role women

and girls play in science and technology

The Day is implemented by UNESCO and UN-Women in collaboration with institutions and civil society partners that aim to promote women and girls in science.

World Unani Day: 11 February

World Unani Day is observed globally on **February 11** every year to mark the birthday of **“Hakim Ajmal Khan”**, an eminent Indian Unani physician.

The first Unani Day was celebrated in **2017** at Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM), Hyderabad.

Khan was a great scholar, a social reformer, a noted freedom fighter, as well as Unani medical educationist and founder of scientific research in Unani System of Medicine.