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Economic Survey 2021-22 Highlights

The Union Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Economic Survey 2021-22 in the Parliament on January 31, 2022. **Central Theme of Economic Survey 2021-22** is the “**Agile approach**”. As per first advanced estimates by NSO, Indian economy estimated to grow by **9.2 percent in real terms in 2021-22** (current fiscal). Real term GDP in **2022-23 (FY23) projected to grow by 8- 8.5 percent**. Economy had **contracted by 7.3% in 2020-21** due to impact of pandemic and subsequent nationwide lock-downs.

PM Modi addresses 30th National Commission for Women Foundation Day

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed **30th National Commission for Women Foundation Day** programme on January 31, 2022, via video conference. The theme of the programme was ‘**She The Change Maker**’. The event was organised to celebrate the achievements of women in different fields.

Home Delivery of medicines under SeHAT scheme of MoD begins

Ministry of Defence had launched the **Services e-Health Assistance and Teleconsultation (SeHAT)** teleconsultation service for all entitled armed forces personnel and their families in May 2021. To add further to this initiative, the Home Delivery or Self Pickup of Medicines to patients seeking consultation on SeHAT will be started w.e.f February 01, 2022.

NPCI to observe February 2022 as ‘UPI Safety and Awareness Month’

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the UPI ecosystem (comprising of leading banks and fintechs) have announced the **UPI Safety and Awareness initiative**, to create awareness amongst consumers. Under this initiative, NPCI and the UPI ecosystem will observe **February 1-7 as ‘UPI Safety and Awareness Week’** and the **whole of February as ‘UPI Safety and Awareness Month’**. NPCI has urged users to follow the concept of **UPI Safety Shield which mentions 5 tips** for safe UPI transactions.

Tata group acquires Odisha-based Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) for Rs 12,100 crore

Tata Group company, **Tata Steel Long Products Ltd’s (TSLP)** has **acquired** Odisha-based **Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) for Rs 12,100 crore**. Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) is a steel plant **located in Kalinganagar in Odisha** and was shut in March 2020 due to continued losses. It has a capacity of 1.1 million tonnes a year. NINL is a **joint venture of 4 CPSEs** — MMTC, NMDC, BHEL, MECON and **2 Odisha Government PSUs** — OMC and IPICOL.

GAIL commences India’s first-of-its-kind project of mixing hydrogen into the natural gas system at Indore

GAIL (India) Limited has started **India’s first-of-its-kind project of mixing hydrogen into the natural gas system at Indore, Madhya Pradesh**. GAIL will supply this hydrogen blended natural gas to Avantika Gas Ltd for retailing of CNG to automobiles and piped natural gas to households in Indore. **Avantika Gas Ltd is a joint venture of GAIL and HPCL**.

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India has committed to **achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2070**. Mixing of hydrogen with renewable energy will help in achieving this goal.



Lt Gen Manoj Pande takes over as new Vice-Chief of Army Staff

Government has appointed **Lieutenant General Manoj Pande** as the new **Vice Chief of Army Staff**. He will take over from **Lieutenant General Chandi Prasad Mohanty** who superannuated on January 31, 2022. Prior to this appointment, Lt Gen Pande was the Eastern Army Commander since June 01, 2021.

Antonio Costa re-elected as Prime Minister of Portugal

The **Prime Minister of Portugal, Antonio Costo**, has been re-elected after his centre-left Socialist Party secured landslide victory in the 2022 Portuguese legislative election. Socialist Party bagged 117 seats in the 230 seats Parliament. Antonio Costo is serving as the 119th Prime Minister of Portugal since 26 November 2015.

Xiomara Castro sworn in as first female President of Honduras

In **Honduras**, the Freedom and Refoundation Party (Libre) member **Xiomara Castro** has been sworn in as the **first female President** of the country on 27 January 2022. The 62-year-old Castro replaces President **Juan Orlando Hernández**, as **56th** President of Honduras. Hernández has held the position for eight years from 27 January 2014 to 27 January 2022.

PR Sreejesh wins World Games Athlete of the Year award 2021

Indian men's hockey player **PR Sreejesh** has won the **World Games Athlete of the Year award for 2021**. He is the **second Indian after Rani Rampal** to win this award. She won the award in 2020. A total of 24 athletes from 17 countries were nominated for the annual awards based on individual or team performance. Alberto Ginés López of Spain and wushu player Michele Giordano of Italy are the runner-ups.