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PM Narendra Modi launches mYoga App on International Yoga Day 2021

On the occasion of seventh International Yoga Day on June 21, 2021, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled the mYoga mobile app.** The app has been developed in collaboration between the **World Health Organisation (WHO)** and Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (Ministry of AYUSH), Government of India. The mYoga app is preloaded with many yoga training videos and audio practice sessions, in different languages, that can be done in the comfort of our own homes. Currently the mYoga app is available in English, Hindi and French, but will be made available in other UN languages in the upcoming months. Through this initiative, PM Modi government aims to achieve 'One World, One Health' motto."

Indian Economist Montek Ahluwalia named member of High-Level Advisory Group jointly formed by World Bank and IMF

Montek Singh Ahluwalia, an Indian economist who served as the **former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India**, has been named as a **member of a High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG)** formed by the **World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF)** to look into two huge crisis faced by the world, namely **Covid-19 pandemic and climate change.**

The HLAG will propose ideas and frameworks for strategic and practical national and global action, to help secure a strong recovery and set a path for green, resilient, and inclusive development over the coming decade.

India-US Hydrogen Task Force Formed to Achieve Clean Energy

The **US-India Hydrogen Task Force** has recently been formed jointly by the **United States Department of Energy (DOE)**, **India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** and **US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)**. This task force has been set up under the **US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP)**. It represents industry and government stakeholders to assess technology status, study innovative policy options, and make recommendations.

The task force will jointly work towards the collective goal of decarbonizing high-polluting industrial sectors and achieving a greener, cleaner planet.

The U.S. India Hydrogen Task Force will help to scale up technologies for producing hydrogen from renewable energy and fossil fuel sources and bring down the cost of deployment for enhanced energy security and sustainability.

India was fifth largest recipient of FDI in 2020, receiving \$64 bn inflows: UN Report

As per the **World Investment Report 2021** by the **UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**, **India** was the **fifth** largest recipient of **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** inflows in the world in 2020. The country received **USD 64 billion** FDI in 2020, which is an increase of 27 percent, over USD 51 billion inflows in 2019. The **United States** remained the largest recipient of FDI, although, the FDI inflow to the country decreased by 40 percent, to **\$156 billion, in 2020**. **China** was the second largest recipient with USD 149 billion FDI. The global FDI flows decreased by 35 percent in 2020 to USD 1 trillion from USD 1.5 trillion in 2019.

India ranked 51st in terms of money parked in Swiss Bank; Top- UK

India has been ranked at **51st position** in terms of **money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss bank in 2020**, as per the data released by Swiss National Bank (SNB). Last year India was placed at 77th position. Funds held by Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks in 2020 was over **2.55 billion Swiss francs (Rs 20,706 crore)**. The **United Kingdom (CHF 377 billion)** is on top. UK is followed by the United States, West Indies, France and Hong Kong in the top five.

Amitav Ghosh's new book 'The Nutmeg's Curse' to hit stands in October 2021

A new book titled '**The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis**', by Jnanpith awardee and bestselling author **Amitav Ghosh** is all set to release in October 2021. The book explains about exploitation of human life and the natural environment, with the help of the surprising story of the nutmeg, and which dominates geopolitics even today. The book has been published by John Murray.

Mawya Sudan Creates History by becoming first female fighter pilot from Jammu and Kashmir

Flying Officer **Mawya Sudan** has become the **first woman from Jammu and Kashmir** to be inducted as a **fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF)**. She is the **12th female fighter pilot** to be inducted in the IAF. The 24-year-old Mawya hails from **Lamberi village near the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu division**. Mawya was commissioned as a fighter pilot at the Airforce Academy in Hyderabad on June 19, 2021, during the Combined Graduation parade ceremony. She will now undergo rigorous fighter training for over a year to become 'fully operational' as a fighter pilot.

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Finance Ministry allows HFCs above Rs 100 cr to use to SARFAESI law

Ministry of Finance has allowed housing finance companies (HFCs) with asset size of over **Rs. 100 crore** to recover the dues using **SARFAESI law**. Earlier HFCs with assets over **Rs. 500 crore** (and notified by Finance Ministry) were allowed to use SARFAESI law to recover dues. SARFAESI Act 2002 allows banks and other financial institutions to auction residential or commercial properties (of Defaulter) to recover loans.

India and Fiji inks MoU for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors

A virtual meeting was held between the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI, **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** with **Dr. Mahendra Reddy**, Minister of Agriculture, Waterways & Environment, Government of **Fiji**, on June 22, 2021. During the meeting, both the ministers signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors**. This MoU will further strengthen the multi-faceted cooperation between the two countries.

DR Tadang Minu becomes first Indian woman to be appointed as member of International Boxing Association(AIBA) coaches committee

Arunachal Pradesh based Dr. Tadang Minu has been appointed as a member of the **Coaches Committee of the International Boxing Association(AIBA)**. Dr. Minu is the **first Indian women** and the only second Indian to be appointed as a member in AIBA. She has been appointed due to her enormous knowledge and experience in the field of boxing. Dr. Minu is the chairman of Women's Commission of Boxing Federation of India. She is also the President of the Arunachal Amateur Boxing Association (AABA) and HOD (in charge) of Physical Education at Rajiv Gandhi University(RGU).

United Nations Public Service Day: 23 June

The **United Nations Public Service Day** is celebrated on **June 23** every year, as a tribute to the people who are associated with public service in all the counties of the world. The Day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 2003 to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community. The United Nations Economic and Social Council also presents the prestigious United Nations Public Service Awards on this day for contributions made to the cause of enhancing the role, prestige, and visibility of public service. The day marks the anniversary of the date when the International Labour Organization adopted the Convention on Labour Relations (Public Service), 1978 (No. 151) for determining working conditions of all civil servants across the world. As a part of the occasion, the Division of Public

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Institutions and Digital Government of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs will host a virtual event, in collaboration with the government of the United Arab Emirates, under the theme of “**Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the SDGs**”.

International Olympic Day: 23 June

The **International Olympic Day** is held on **June 23** each year to celebrate sports and health. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved to observe Olympic Day in January 1948 to commemorate the creation of the International Olympic Committee on 23 June 1894. The first Olympic Day was celebrated in the year 1948. The Olympic Day 2021 theme is “**Stay healthy, stay strong, stay active with the #OlympicDay workout on 23 June.**”

International Widows Day: 23 June

The **International Widows Day** is a UN recognised day which takes place annually on **23 June** to raise awareness of the issue of widowhood and also to address the “poverty and injustice faced by millions of widows and their dependents in many countries”. The first International Widows Day took place in 2005. The day was formally recognised by the United Nations General Assembly on 21 December 2010.