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Union Cabinet approves Signing and Ratification for Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Mass Media between all the Member States of SCO

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for signing and ratification of an Agreement titled “**Cooperation in the field of Mass Media**” between all the **Member States of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation**. The Agreement for the same was signed in June, 2019.SCO group comprises of eight countries namely India, **Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan**. [Headquarters: Beijing, China]

S Jaishankar Chairs Virtual BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting 2021

The **External Affairs Minister of India, Shri S Jaishankar** chaired the virtual meeting of the **BRICS foreign ministers** on June 1 2021.It must be noted that **India is the chair of BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) for 2021**. The theme for 2021 is ‘**BRICS@15: Intra BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus**’, to commemorate the **15th anniversary** of BRICS Grouping.The meeting of the foreign ministers of five-nation grouping extensively focussed on combating the COVID-19 pandemic, besides discussing issues of global and regional concerns like sustainable development and countering terrorism.The BRICS foreign ministers meeting was attended by Wang Yi (Chinese foreign minister), Sergey Lavrov (Russian foreign minister), Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor (minister of international relations of South Africa) and Carlos Alberto Franco (Brazilian foreign minister).

China to Host Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference in October 2021



The **second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference** is scheduled to be held from **14-16 October 2021, in Beijing, China**.Earlier the conference was scheduled to take place from 5-7 May 2020, in Beijing, China, but was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic.The second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference, will follow up on the **first Global Sustainable Transport Conference, held in 2016 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan**.The conference is organised by **UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)** to bring together key stakeholders from government, the UN system and other international organizations, the private

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sector, and civil society to discuss the opportunities, challenges and solutions towards achieving sustainable transport objectives.

WHA Declares January 30 as World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day

The World Health Assembly of the WHO has declared to officially observe 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day' from now onwards on **January 30** every year. This decision was unanimously agreed upon by the member states on May 28, 2021 during the 74th World Health Assembly, held from May 24th to June 1st 2021. The proposal to recognise the day was made by the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. The first World NTD Day was celebrated **informally in 2020**. In 2021, the new **NTD road map for 2021–2030** was launched on January 28, 2021.

Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh Takes Charge as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

The **Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh**, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM), and Nausena Medal (NM) holder, has been sworn in as the **Deputy Chief of Naval Staff** on June 01, 2021. He replaces **Vice Admiral MS Pawar**, a Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM), AVSM, Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) holder, who superannuated on May 31, 2021.

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 04 June

The **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression** is marked on **4 June** every year, to protect the rights of children. This day aims to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. It was established by United Nations on 19 August 1982, with focus on victims of the 1982 Lebanon War.

Freedom fighter Kaliannan Gounder Who Was Last Surviving Member of First Parliament of India Passes Away at 101

The noted Gandhian, and **freedom fighter, T.M. Kalliannan Gounder**, who was the last surviving member of the first parliament of India, has passed away. He was 101. Tamil Nadu based Kalliannan Gounder joined the **Indian National Congress** at 19, and also participated in the Quit India movement. He was elected to the **Indian Constituent Assembly** at the very young age of 28. Besides being the member of **India's first provisional parliament, 1950–1952**, he was also the youngest member in the Indian Constituent Assembly then.

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