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Sojat Mehndi from Rajasthan and Judima rice wine from Assam gets GI tag



Judima, a home-made **rice wine from Assam** and **Sojat Mehndi (Henna) from Rajasthan**, has been awarded the **geographical indication (GI) tag**. Judima is a local fermented drink made with rice, brewed by the Dimasa community in Assam. It derives its name from words *ju* which means wine and *Dima* means 'belonging to the Dimasa'. It is the first traditional brew in all of

northeast to bag GI tag. Sojat tehsil of the Pali district in Rajasthan has suitable geological structure, topography and drainage system, climate and soil for naturally cultivating the mehndi leave crop.

RBI sets WMA Limit for Central Government for (October 2021 to March 2022) at Rs. 50,000 crore



The Reserve bank of India has set the limit for **Ways and Means Advances (WMA)** for the second half of the financial year 2021-22 i.e **October 2021 to March 2022 at Rs. 50,000 crore**. The Reserve Bank may trigger fresh floatation of market loans when the Government of India utilises 75 per cent of the WMA limit.

The interest rate on WMA/overdraft will be:

- o For WMA: Repo Rate
- o For Overdraft: Two percent above the Repo Rate

Centre extends existing foreign trade policy (FTP) till March 2022

The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** has further extended the **Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20**, till **March 31, 2022**. This is the third extension to the policy. The first extension was given on March 31, 2020 for one year till March 2021, due to the Covid outbreak and the nationwide lockdown. Again the policy was extended till September 30, 2021, as the impacts of the pandemic still exists. FTP 2015-20 provides guidelines for increasing exports of goods and services as well as generation of employment and increasing value addition in the country, in line with the 'Make in India' programme.



Govt sets up GoM to rationalise GST rates; Head- Karnataka CM Basavaraj S. Bommai



The government has formed a 7 member **group of ministers (GoM)** for proposing a **rationalization of tax rates and considering the merger of different tax slabs under GST**. This GoM will be **headed by the Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj S. Bommai**. The government has formed one more **GoM which will look at tapping IT tools to minimize tax**

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evasion and make compliance easier for taxpayers. **Ajit Pawar**, Maharashtra deputy CM has been made the **convenor of this**

GoM.

MCA extends the tenure of Company Law Committee by 1 year; Head- Rajesh Verma

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has once again extended the tenure of the **Company Law Committee** by one year until **September 16, 2022**. Corporate affairs secretary **Rajesh Verma** is the present chairperson of the committee. The committee was constituted in 2019, and has a total of 11 members. It was set up to:

1. suggest measures to improve functioning of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT),
2. make recommendations on issues pertaining to implementation of the Companies Act and Limited Liability Partnership Act. The tenure of the panel was extended in 2020 also, till **September 17, 2021**.

CAG GC Murmu appointed as external auditor of IAEA for 6 years



The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, **G C Murmu** has been selected as the external auditor of the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**, for a period of **six years**. His tenure will be valid from **2022 to 2027**. Murmu was selected as the next external auditor of the IAEA at the General Conference of the IAEA in Vienna on September 24, 2021.

11 Scientists Receive 2021 Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prizes



In 2021, **11 scientists** have been felicitated with the **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize**, announced on September 26, 2021, during the 80th foundation day of the **Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**. **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize**: is the highest science award in India, given for outstanding

Indian work in the field of science and technology. The award is named after the founder Director of CSIR India, the late Dr (Sir) Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar. The prize is given to Indian scientists below the age of 45 for outstanding research in the following **seven fields**: Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Environment Science (Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences), Engineering Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Medical Sciences and Physical Sciences.

Sania Mirza-Shuai Zhang wins 2021 Ostrava Open women's doubles title

The Indo-Chinese duo of **Sania Mirza and Shuai Zhang** clinched the women's double's title at the **2021 Ostrava Open** WTA 500 tournament in Czech Republic on September 26, 2021. The 2nd-seeded pairing won the final, 6-3, 6-2 against third seeds Kaitlyn Christian (US) and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand). This is the **43rd WTA doubles title** win for former World No.1 Sania Mirza.

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World Heart Day : 29 September



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World Heart Day is celebrated on **29 September** annually to draw people's attention to heart illness and the range of associated health issues. The day was created by the World Heart Federation, to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease, including heart

disease and stroke.

Theme 2021: 'USE HEART to connect'

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste : 29 September



The **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste** is celebrated on **September 29**, since 2020, to promote and implement global efforts to resolve the issue of food wastage. The United Nations General Assembly designated 29 September as International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste in 2019. The theme for 2021 is **Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.**

The main objective of this day is to take steps towards responsible consumption and production as well as zero hunger, along with working towards addressing the problem of climate change through sustainable food habits.