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## National

### India's first indigenous Server - RUDRA

1. RUDRA developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) was the India's first indigenous server.
2. It was developed under **National Supercomputing Mission** (NSM) supported by MeitY and DST.
3. It helps to attain self-reliance in Supercomputing as per the National initiative of AatmanirbharBharat.
4. Rudra Server is a Secure, Reliable, Dual Socket based on current generation of Intel Xeon scalable processor.

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)

- It is an Indian autonomous scientific society, operating under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Minister of Electronics and Information Technology - **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**

### North Eastern States Roads Investment Programme (NESRIP)

1. It envisaged construction of total 433.42 Km long roads in 6 North Eastern States.
2. The states include Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura.
3. All road projects are completed except one road in Tripura.
4. Nearly, 36 Lakh peoples from the villages in the vicinity of the NESRIP road projects are getting direct benefit from these roads.
5. Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) is providing loan assistance of up to US \$ 200 million.

**Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

- It is a regional development bank established in 1966.
- It is Headquartered in Manila, Philippines.

### National strategy on blockchain

1. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) released the 'National strategy on blockchain'.
2. It identifies 44 potential areas of using the technology.
3. It lays out the broad contours of how it can be leveraged across different sectors.
4. MeitY has suggested setting up a National Blockchain Framework (NBF) with three types of participants.
  - a. confident user of technology (application developers)
  - b. provider or operator of technology (infrastructure and services, Blockchain as a service),
  - c. complete technology stack builder (IP creator)
5. The strategy aims at creating trusted digital platforms through shared Blockchain infrastructure.

**Blockchain**

- It is a decentralized, distributed ledger that records the provenance of a digital asset.
- The data on a blockchain is unable to be modified.
- It can be used industries like payments, cybersecurity and healthcare.

## Maitri Diwas

1. "Maitri Diwas" (Friendship Day) will be celebrated on December 6 by India and **Bangladesh**.
2. It is the day (6 December 1971) on which India formally recognized Bangladesh.
3. India was one of the first countries to establish bilateral diplomatic ties with Bangladesh.
4. The day is being commemorated in 18 other countries around the world apart from Bangladesh and India.

## CyberDrill 2021

1. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) have commenced India-ITU Joint Cyberdrill 2021.
2. This Cyberdrill is intended for Indian entities especially Critical Network Infrastructure operators.
3. The Critical Network Infrastructure are the systems, assets and networks that are essential to ensure the security of a country.
4. It aims to improve the cyber security readiness of India.
5. During the cyber drill, the cyberattacks and information security incidents were simulated.

### International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Headed by: Houlin Zhao, Secretary general

## Committee to revisit criteria for determining EWS

1. To review the criteria for reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formed a three-member committee.
2. It will be headed by Former Finance Secretary **Ajay Bhushan Pandey**.
3. The committee was appointed after Supreme court (SC) intervention.
4. The SC is hearing petitions challenging the government notice issued in July which provides for a 10 per cent EWS quota in NEET admissions.

The members of the committee:

- Ajay Bhushan Pandey – former finance secretary, GOI (Chairman)
- Prof. V K Malhotra – Member secretary of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
- Shri Sanjay Sanyal – Principal economic advisor to GOI (Member Convenor)

Minister of Social justice: **Shri A. Narayanaswamy**

## India1 Payments

1. India1 Payments have deployed 10000 white-label ATMs across India. It will be called as "India1ATMs".
2. The ATMs which are set up, owned and operated by non-bank entities are known as 'White Label ATMs' (WLAs).
3. India1 Payments is IPO-bound and is promoted by the Banktech Group of Australia.
4. India1 ATM has become the second-largest white label ATM brand on semi-urban and rural areas.

### Cherry Blossom Festival 2021

1. The Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival 2021 was celebrated from November 25 to 27.
2. It was held in two venues, Ward's Lake and Polo Grounds in **Meghalaya**.
3. The coincides with the blooming of the cherry blossom flowers annually.
4. This Himalayan wild cherry is also called *Prunus cerasoides*.
5. They are found in the east and west Khasi hills.

#### Meghalaya:

- Capital – Shillong
- Chief minister - Conrad Kongkal Sangma
- Governor - Shri Satya Pal Malik

### Certified organic kiwi

1. India's only certified organic kiwi was launched at the mega National Tribal Festival called Aadi Mahotsav.
2. The ceremony was held in collaboration of the **Govt of Arunachal Pradesh** and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (**NAFED**).
3. Arunachal Pradesh is the 1st Indian state, which obtained the organic certification of kiwifruit.
4. It obtained it under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER).

- **Aadi Mahotsav** is an annual tribal festival which draw tribes and their unique stories into the mainstream.
- It aims to empower tribal businesses across the nation and exhibit their products.

### World's Tallest Pier Bridge

1. The tallest pier railway bridge of the world is constructed by the Indian Railways in Manipur.
2. It is being built at a height of 141 metres.
3. The total length of the bridge will be 703 metres.
4. It is a part of the Jiribam-Imphal railway line which is being constructed to connect the north-eastern state with the rest of the country.
5. Currently, the tallest pier bridge record is held by Mala-Rijeka viaduct built at Montenegro in Europe.

Minister of Railways: **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**

### India's first driverless train

1. The country's first-ever fully-automated driverless train service in **Delhi**.
2. It was flagged off on the Magenta Line of the Delhi Metro.
3. The National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) was also launched on the Airport Express Line of Delhi Metro.
4. It will connect DMRC with the NCMC service.

**National Common Mobility Card:**

- It is also known as 'One Nation One Card'.
- It is an inter-operable transport card that allows the holders all in one service to pay for their travel, toll taxes, parking charges, retail shopping and even withdraw money.

**1st Indian Young Water Professionals Programme**

1. The First Edition of the Indian Young Water Professionals Programme was launched virtually.
2. This program was taken up under National Hydrology Project.
3. The India Young Water Professional Programme is unique and different from typical capacity building and training programs.
4. It focuses on the engaged Training and Learning Model.
5. 70% of this program is focused on project-based learning by means of Situation Understanding and Improvement Projects (SUIP).
6. It also focuses on gender equality and diversity, since sustainable water management can only benefit from the skills and views of all members of society.

**National Hydrology Project:**

- It is to improve the extent, reliability and accessibility of water resources information.
- It is an initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- It is supported by the World Bank.

**Hornbill Festival**

1. The Nagaland government is organising the popular Hornbill festival from December 1.
2. Hornbill Festival showcases the culture, heritage, food and customs of Naga tribes.
3. people from these tribes come together to celebrate their traditions with colourful dance performances.
4. It is also termed as the "**festival of festivals**".
5. It is to help artisans and entrepreneurs associated with textile, agriculture and allied sectors.

**Nagaland:**

- Capital: Kohima
- Chief minister: Neiphiu Rio
- Governor: Prof Jagdish Mukhi

**AIRNxt**

1. All India Radio has decided to begin a new programme called AIRNxt.
2. It offers youth a platform to air their voices as part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.
3. AIR stations will allow youngsters from local colleges, universities to take part in programming, allowing them to discuss and curate youth-centric shows.
4. It is the biggest single theme show on All India Radio involving thousands of youths and hundreds of Educational Institutions across the country.

5. This talent hunt show #AIRNxt will be broadcast in all major Indian languages and dialects.

#### All India Radio

- It is the India's Public Service Broadcaster, the Radio vertical of **Prasar Bharati**.
- Headquarters: Sansad Marg, New Delhi.
- Minister of Information & Broadcasting – Shri Anurag Thakur.

#### 1st Indian city to start Ropeway Service

1. **Varanasi** to become first Indian city to start ropeway service in public transportation
2. It will be constructed between Cantt Railway Station (Varanasi Junction) to Church Square (Godauliya) to ease the traffic congestion.
3. The ropeway will reduce the journey between the two stations to only 15 minutes.
4. India will be the third country in the world after Bolivia and Mexico to use a ropeway for public transport.

#### Uttar Pradesh:

- Capital: Lucknow
- Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath.
- Governor: Anandiben Patel.

#### Kyhytysuka sachicarum

1. An international team of researchers has discovered a **new marine reptile**.
2. The specimen, a metre-long skull, has been named Kyhytysuka sachicarum.
3. The term translates to 'the one that cuts with something sharp'
4. It is an indigenous language from the region in central Colombia where the fossil was found.
5. It was named so to honour the ancient Muisca culture that existed there for a millennium.



## International

### Worldwide Cost of Living Index

1. The Worldwide Cost of Living Index was released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
2. It has listed the world's most expensive cities to live in 2021.
3. The index explored the cost of living in 173 cities which were measured against impactful global events.
4. It stated that prices for goods and services have risen by 3.5 per cent year-on-year.
5. It was the highest inflation rate seen in the last five years.
6. **Tel Aviv** of Israel has leaped to the top of the list in 2021.
7. Paris and Singapore are at a joint second ranking, followed by Zurich and Hong Kong.
8. The top 10 cities were rounded up with New York in sixth, Geneva seventh, followed by Copenhagen, Los Angeles and Osaka.

#### The Economist Intelligence Unit:

- It is the research and analysis division of The Economist Group.
- It is headquartered in London.

### Troika

1. India joined the G20 Troika. The troika now consists of Indonesia, Italy and India.
2. Troika refers to the current, previous, and incoming presidencies (Indonesia, Italy and India) of G20.
3. The G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation.
4. India will assume G20 Presidency in December 2022 from Indonesia.
5. It will also convene the G20 Leaders' Summit for the first time in 2023.

#### G20:

- G20 is a group of 19 advanced economies and the European Union, with representatives of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.
- G20 Summit for 2021 was held in Rome, Italy.

### Gita Gopinath - IMF

1. Gita Gopinath is set to succeed Geoffrey Okamoto as the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s first deputy managing director (FDMD) early next year.
2. She is currently holding the position of chief economist of the IMF.
3. Gopinath is a US national and overseas citizen of India.
4. The FDMD will take the lead on surveillance and related policies, oversee research and flagship publications.

#### International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- IMF was established in 1944 in the aftermath of the Great Depression of the 1930s.
- Its membership consists of 190 countries.
- The IMF provides loans to member countries experiencing actual or potential balance of payments problems.



### Female Prime Minister for Sweden

1. **Eva Magdalena Andersson** from the Social Democratic Party (SDP) elected as the 1st female Prime Minister (PM) of Sweden.
2. She was the former Finance Minister of Sweden.
3. Sweden's Parliament is known as **Riksdag**.
4. Sweden is the last Nordic country to get a female Prime Minister.
5. Magdalena Andersson was a Swedish politician and economist serving as the PM from the Social Democratic Party or SDP.
6. She was also the second woman leader of the SDP.

#### Sweden:

- Capital: Stockholm
- Currency: Swedish krona.

### World's first floating city

1. South Korea is set to get the world's first floating city by 2025.
2. It will be built off the coast of South Korea and will have a '**flood-proof infrastructure**'.
3. It will comprise several man-made islands, aiming to eliminate the risk of flooding by rising with the sea.
4. It is a joint effort by the UN Human Settlement Programme (**UN-Habit**) and **OCEANIX**.
5. The city will be able to generate its own electricity from solar panels, ferry tourists and inhabitants between the island on specially-made boats, and produce its own food and fresh water.

#### South Korea:

- Capital: Seoul
- Currency: South Korean won
- President: Moon Jae-in.

### World's newest republic

1. Barbados has become the World's newest republic after 400 years it became a British colony.
2. The Caribbean Island nation removed Queen Elizabeth II as the head of the state in a ceremony attended by Prince Charles.
3. Dame Sandra Prunella Mason took over as the first President of the country.
4. Barbados, however, will continue to be one of the 54 Commonwealth nations.

#### Barbados

- Capital: Bridgetown
- Currency: Barbados Dollar.

## Appointments

### Pradip Shah

1. Pradip Shah appointed as Chairman of **National Asset Reconstruction Company**
2. Shah is credited for establishing India's first and largest housing finance company, HDFC, and rating firm Crisil.
3. Sanjay Jain will be the chief executive of India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL), the privately-owned asset management company (AMC) mandated to resolve bad loans acquired by NARCL.
4. NARCL's task will be to acquire these assets at a fair value from lenders in line with the processes laid down.
5. IDRCL's role will be to provide a fair resolution of their assets.

### Parag Agrawal

1. Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey is stepping down as chief of the social media company.
2. Parag Agrawal, the company's chief technology officer, is taking over as new CEO of Twitter.
3. Agrawal joins a list of Indian-American tech bosses, which currently includes IBM chairman and CEO Arvind Krishna, Microsoft chairman and CEO Satya Nadella, Google and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai and Adobe chairman, president and CEO Shantanu Narayen.

#### Twitter:

- It was established in 2006.
- Headquarters: San Francisco, California, United States.

### Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs

1. **Vivek Johri**, a Senior bureaucrat has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
2. He is a 1985-batch Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes) officer.
3. He is currently working as a member in the CBIC.
4. His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

#### CBIC:

- It is the nodal national agency to administer GST, Customs, Central Excise, Service Tax & Narcotics in India.
- It is headquartered in New Delhi, India.

### President of INTERPOL

1. The International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) has elected Inspector **General Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi** (United Arab Emirates) as its President.
2. He is elected for a 4-year term at the Interpol general assembly meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey.
3. He replaces Kim Jong Yan from South Korea.
4. As president, Al Raisi will chair meetings of the executive committee which supervises the implementation of decisions taken at the General Assembly.

**INTERPOL:**

- It is headquartered in Lyon, France.
- It has 195 member states.
- Its motto is 'connecting police for a safer world'

## Personalities

### Harshwanti Bisht:

1. Harshwanti Bisht has been elected the first woman president of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF).
2. She was a noted mountaineer from Uttarakhand.
3. It is for the first time that a woman has been elected as the president of the IMF, which was founded in the year 1958.

## Science & Technology

### Neutrinos detected at LHC

1. Physicists have detected "ghost particles" called neutrinos inside the LHC (Large Hadron Collider) for the first time.
2. Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is the world's largest particle accelerator, located at CERN near Geneva, Switzerland.
3. The breakthrough opens up a completely new window through which scientists can investigate the subatomic world.

#### Neutrinos:

- Neutrinos are tiny particles and they exist everywhere.
- They are produced in the nuclear fire of stars, in enormous supernova explosions and in particle accelerators in earth.
- Despite their ubiquity, the particles remain hard to catch.
- It is because neutrinos have no electrical charge and almost zero mass.
- They barely interact with other types of matter.

### 7th India International Science Festival

1. IISF is a joint programme of Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, and NGO Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), working to popularise science.
2. The seventh edition of India International Science Festival (IISF- 2021) will be held at Panaji from December 10 to 13.
3. The first edition of IISF was held in 2015.
4. The main purpose of IISF is to celebrate science along with people in India and across the globe.
5. The festival theme in 2021 is "Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India".

## Awards

### M.S. Swaminathan Award

1. V Praveen Rao wins 7th Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for 2017-19
2. He is the Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University.
3. It was presented by the retired ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) Employees Association (RICAREA) and Nuziveedu Seeds Limited.
4. V Praveen Rao have contributed in the fields of agricultural research, teaching, extension and administration.
5. This award was instituted in 2004 in honour of Dr M.S. Swaminathan the main architect of India's Green Revolution.

### 52nd International film festival

- The 52nd edition of the International film festival of India concluded in Goa.

List of award winners in IFFI Goa:

Award Category	Winner
Most friendly State for film shooting	Uttar Pradesh
Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male)	Jitendra Bhikulal Joshi (Godavari)
Best actor (female)	Angela Molina (Paraguay) for Charlotte
Best director	Vaclav Kadrnka (Czech Republic) for 'Saving One Who Was Dead'
Golden Peacock Award for Best Film	Japanese film Ring Wandering (Masakazu Kanyeko)
The Special Jury award	Renata Carvalho (Brazil)
Indian Film Personality of the Year Award	Prasoon Joshi
Jury Special Mention for Debut Feature Film	The Wealth of the World
Best Debut Feature Film of a Director	Mari Alessandrini's Zahori
ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Award	Lingui: The Sacred Bonds

### International Press Institute

1. The International Press Institute (IPI) India Award for Excellence in Journalism 2021 was jointly awarded to
  - 1) Sreenivasan Jain and Mariyam Alavi of NDTV, and
  - 2) Lakshmi Subramanian and Bhanu Prakash Chandra of "The Week".
2. The IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism 2020 had been awarded to Ritika Chopra of The Indian Express.
3. The Vienna-based IPI is dedicated to the promotion and protection of press freedom and the improvement of journalism practices.



**Lionel Messi Wins Ballon d'Or**

1. Lionel Messi has won the Ballon d'Or for a seventh time after being named as the best player in 2021 by France Football.
2. He scored 41 goals and registered 17 assists in 56 appearances in all competitions for club and country.
3. He also led Argentina to a long-awaited Copa America win in the summer.

**6th BRICS Film Festival Awards 2021**

1. The 6th edition of the BRICS Film Festival awards was announced at the 52nd International Film Festival of India in Goa.
2. The Jury for this competitive festival had 5 members, one from each of the BRICS countries.

**Awardees:**

- Best Film Award : Shared by - South African Film 'Barakat' by Director Amy Jephta and Russian Film 'The Sun above Me Never Sets' by Director Lyubov Borisova.
- Best Director: Brazilian filmmaker Lúcia Murat was awarded for her documentary 'Ana'.
- Best Actor (Male): Indian actor Dhanush won for his role in movie 'Asuran'.
- Best Actor (Female): Brazilian actor Lara Boldorini was honoured for her role in 'On Wheels'.
- Jury Special Mention Award: Director Yan Han for his film A Little Red Flower from China.

## Sports

### Women of the year

1. Anju Bobby George was crowned as '**Woman of the Year**' by World Athletics
2. She was awarded for grooming talent in the country and for her advocacy of gender equality.
3. She formed a sports academy for young girls in 2016.
4. Anju, the only Indian to have won a medal in the World Championships with a long jump bronze in the 2003 edition.

### Malaysian Open Squash Championship 2021

1. Saurav Ghosal, the Indian Squash star has become the first Indian squash player to win the Malaysian Open Championships.
2. The women's singles title of the 2021 Malaysian Open squash championships has been won by Malaysia's Aifa Azman.

### BOOKS & AUTHORS

Book	Author	Description
<b>The Ambuja Story</b>	Narotam Sekhsaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sekhsaria was the Former Vice Chairman of Ambuja Cements Ltd.</li><li>• He has authored his autobiography.</li><li>• The story of his rise from a small-time cotton trader to setting up one of the largest cement companies in the country, Ambuja cement.</li></ul>
<b>Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism</b>	Dinyar Patel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The book has won NIF Book Prize 2021.</li><li>• It marks the life events and legacy of Dada Bhai Naoroji.</li></ul>
<b>Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947</b>	Ayaz Memon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is an anthology of Indian Cricket and marked several insights of Indian cricket of the last 70 years.</li></ul>
<b>Democracy, Politics and Governance</b>	Venkaiah Naidu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This book is a collection of articles about the social, political, and economic issues that impacted India's politics and governance.</li></ul>

## Important Days

### Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

1. The Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is observed annually on **November 30**.
2. It was recognised by the United Nations.
3. It was a tribute to the victims of chemical warfare.
4. It also reaffirms the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons.
5. It was first held in 2005.

### World AIDS Day

1. World AIDS Day is observed on **1st December** every year since 1988.
2. It provides an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV.
3. It aims to show support for people living with HIV and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness.
4. The theme of the year is '**End inequalities End AIDS**'.
5. The day was first marked in 1988 and was also the first-ever international day for global health.

### National Pollution Control Day

1. It is observed on **2nd December** every year.
2. The day is observed to commemorate the lives of the people who died in the Bhopal gas tragedy in 1984.
3. It aims to educate the people and to make them aware of pollution control acts and industrial disasters.
4. The Bhopal gas tragedy occurred in 1984 when the gas Methyl Isocyanate leaked on the night of December 2–3 and killed thousands.

### World Computer Literacy Day

1. The World Computer Literacy Day is observed on **2nd December** annually.
2. It is celebrated to create awareness and drive digital literacy in underserved communities worldwide.
3. It aims to promote technological skills, especially in children and women.
4. It was originally founded by the Indian computer company NIIT to mark its 20th anniversary in 2001.

### International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

1. The United Nations General Assembly observes The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery on **2nd December** since 1986.
2. It aims to eradicate contemporary forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, etc.
3. The day marks the date of the adoption, by the General Assembly, of the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (resolution 317(IV) of 2 December 1949).

### World Day of the Handicapped

1. International Day of Persons with disabilities or World Handicapped day is observed every year on **3rd December** globally.
2. It is observed to support critical issues which are related to the inclusion of persons with disabilities.
3. It was started in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly.
4. The theme for 2021 is the '**Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities**'.

#### United Nations:

- Secretary-general: António Guterres
- Headquarters: New York, United States

### International Day of Banks

1. International Day of Banks is celebrated on **December 4**.
2. It is to recognise the importance of multilateral and international development banks in financing sustainable developments.
3. The United Nations General Assembly designated December 4 as the International Day of Banks in 2019.
4. It is celebrated for the first time in 2020.

### Indian Navy Day

1. National Navy Day is observed annually on **December 4** in India.
2. It is to celebrate the achievements and role of the naval force to the country.
3. The theme for 2021 is '**Swarnim Vijay Varsh**'.
4. It signifies 50 years of India's victory in the Indo-Pakistan war that took place in 1971.
5. In 1971, December 4 was chosen to launch Operation Trident against Pakistan in the Indo-Pakistan war.

#### Indian Navy

- Indian Navy is a naval branch of Indian armed forces
- It is led by the President of India (commander-in-chief).
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral R Hari Kumar

## Indexes & Reports

### World Cooperative Monitor report (WCM)

1. The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (**IFFCO**) has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world.
2. The ranking is based on the ratio of turnover over the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita.
3. It signifies that IFFCO is contributing significantly to the GDP and economic growth of the nation.
4. The 2021 WCM report is published by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (Euricse).
5. WCM is a project designed to collect robust economic, organizational, and social data about cooperatives worldwide.

### UNHCR's Mid-Year Trends report

1. The Mid-year Trends report which covered the first six months of this year reveals that a surge since December.
2. It is attributed to internal displacement with more people fleeing multiple active conflicts around the world, especially in Africa.
3. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) witnessed 1.3 million displacements and Ethiopia, 1.2 million, the report detailed.
4. Meanwhile violence in Myanmar and Afghanistan also saw an increase in the number driven to leave home.
5. At the same time, the number of refugees also continued to increase during the first half of the year, reaching nearly 21 million.