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'India Double A Plus Stable' credit rating



- Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation has been declared the best credit rating of "India Double A Plus Stable" for the financial year 2020-21.
- India Rating and Research (Fitch), a nationally recognized financial institution, publishes credit ratings of various institutions every year.
- Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation has received the same rating in the last six years.
- Thus, Navi Mumbai is the only corporation in the country to achieve double A plus rating of financial viability for the seventh consecutive year.

Source: newsonair

Mission Kavachkundal



- A special vaccination campaign called Mission Kavach Kundal has been launched with the objective of vaccinating 90 lakh citizens in the next 6 days in the state.
- As many as 1.5 million people will be vaccinated every day during the campaign, which will run till October 14.
- Preference will be given to those taking the first dose of the vaccine.
- The aim is to vaccinate ninety nine crore citizens in the state. Out of this, six crore people have been vaccinated and more than three and a half crore people are yet to be vaccinated.

- Manpower along with syringes required for vaccination will be provided for this special mission.
- The central government aims to provide 100 crore doses of vaccine across the country by Dussehra.
- In Maharashtra so far, 65 per cent citizens have completed the first dose and 30 per cent citizens have completed the second dose.

'The State of the World's Children 2021' report



- **Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare** released UNICEF's global flagship publication – **"The State of the World's Children 2021; On My Mind: promoting, protecting and caring for children's mental health"**.
- The report details the significant impact of COVID-19 pandemic on children's mental health.

Key Findings of the Report:

- The report has found that around **14 percent of 15 to 24-year-olds in India, or 1 in 7**, reported often feeling depressed.
- An estimated 13 percent of adolescents aged 10–19 is estimated to live with a diagnosed mental disorder.
- Suicide is the fourth leading cause of death among 15- to 19-year-olds. Every year, almost 46,000 children between the ages of 10 and 19 end their own lives.

Source: PIB

'Azadi@75 –Conference



- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated 'Azadi@75 – New Urban India: Transforming Urban Landscape' Conference-cum-Expo in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

- The Prime Minister digitally handed over keys of **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U)** houses to 75,000 beneficiaries in 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- The Conference-cum-Expo has been organised by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) from 5th to 7th October 2021 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Source: PIB

Henley Passport Index 2021



- **Henley Passport Index 2021** has revealed the list of the world's most powerful passports and **India has been ranked 90th on it.**
 - **India's passport got a visa-free score of 58**, which means Indian passport holders can visit 58 countries without a prior visa.
 - India shares the rank with Tajikistan and Burkina Faso.
- 1st rank-** Japan, Singapore (visa-free score 192)
2nd rank- Germany, South Korea (190)
3rd rank- Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain (189)
- **Iraq and Afghanistan** are the countries with the worst passports with visa-free score 28 and 26 respectively.

Note: India was ranked 85th in the January 2021's index', 84th in 2020 and 82nd in 2019.

Source: Indian Express

GI tag

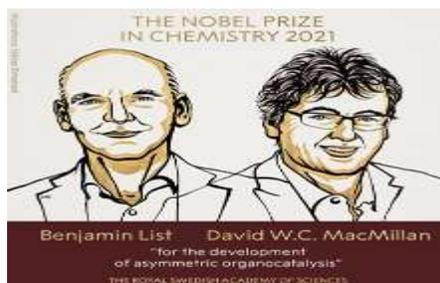


- **The famed white onion of Alibag in Maharashtra's Raigad district** was given the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**, for its unique sweet taste, no-tears factor, as well as its medicinal properties.
- **Wada Kolam**, also known as Zini or Jhini rice, is a traditional variety grown in **Wada in Palghar district of Maharashtra**, with the grain being off white in colour.

Source:

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Nobel Prize 2021



- German-born **Benjamin List** and Scotland-born **David MacMillan** have been awarded jointly the 2021 Nobel Prize in Chemistry "for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis."
- Their **chemical toolkit** has been used for discovering new drugs and making molecules that can capture light in solar cells.

Source: newsonair

Indian Air Force Day



- Indian Air Force Day is celebrated on October 8, every year in the country.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) was established in the country on October 8, 1932, by the British Empire.
- The first operational squadron came into being in April 1933.
- The Air Force in India was officially raised in 1932 as the supporting force of the Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom.

Source: India Today