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### New Global Air Quality Guidelines



- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** revised its air quality guidelines for the first time since 2005.
- WHO has revised air quality levels for **six pollutants** that include particulate matter (PM 2.5 and PM10), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and carbon monoxide (CO).
- Air pollution kills at least seven million people prematurely each year.
- Air pollution affects all parts of the body, from the brain to a growing baby in a mother's womb.
- In 2019, a total of 90 percent of the global population was breathing air considered unhealthy by the 2005 guidelines, according to WHO data.
- Some countries, including India, still have national standards that are lower than those 2005 recommendations. The new guidelines indicate that almost the entirety of India would be considered a polluted zone.

Source: TOI

### National Single Window System for Investors and Businesses



- The **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** has launched the **National Single Window System (NSWS)** for Investors and Businesses.
- The National Single Window System will usher in a change from the legacy of running to government offices and will promote the ease of doing business.

**About National Single Window System (NSWS):**

- **DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)** along with **Invest India** initiated the process of developing the portal as a National Single Window System.
- It will become a one-stop-shop for investors for approvals & clearances.
- It will provide strength to other schemes e.g. Make in India, Startup India, PLI scheme etc.

Source: The Hindu

## India – United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)



- Piyush Goyal, India's Minister of Commerce and Industry and Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, United Arab Emirates Minister of State for Foreign Trade, have formally launched negotiations on the **India-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**.

### About Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA):

- Looking to build on the progress made by both countries under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership signed in 2017; both Ministers expressed a desire to reach a mutually beneficial economic deal.

### Significance:

- A new strategic economic agreement is expected to increase bilateral trade in goods to USD 100 billion within five years of the signed agreement and increase trade in services to USD 15 billion.

### India-UAE Economic Relations:

- The UAE is currently India's **third-largest trading partner** with bilateral trade in 2019-2020 valued at USD 59 billion.
- The UAE is also India's **second-largest export destination** after the US, with exports valued at approximately USD 29 billion in 2019-2020.
- The UAE is the **eighth-largest investor in India**, having invested USD 11 billion between April 2000 and March 2021, while investment by Indian companies in the UAE is estimated to be over USD 85 billion.

Source: PIB

## The Himalayan Film Festival, 2021

- The first edition of '**The Himalayan Film Festival-2021**' (THFF) will begin from 24 to 28 September at Leh.



- The film festival is being organised by the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh in collaboration with the Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.
- The festival also aims to create an interactive and exposure platform to promote aspiring local filmmakers and to showcase Ladakh as an attractive film destination.

Source: ET

## SDG Progress Award



- **Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina** has been conferred with **SDG Progress award** for Bangladesh's steady progress in achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

### About SDG Progress Award:

- It was conferred by the **UN sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)**.
- The SDSN was set up in 2012 under the auspices of the UN Secretary General.

### About SDG (Sustainable Development Goals):

- The SDGs are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all".
- The SDGs were set up in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030.

Source: newsonair

## National Florence Nightingale Award 2020

- **Deputy Director General of Military Nursing Service (MNS) Brig S V Saraswati** has been bestowed with the National Florence Nightingale Award 2020.



- **President Ram Nath Kovind** conferred the award for her immense contribution to the MNS as nurse administrator.
- Brig Sarawati hails from Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh and was commissioned into the MNS on December 28, 1983.
- The **National Florence Nightingale Award** is the highest national distinction a nurse can achieve for selfless devotion and exceptional professionalism.

Source: **The Hindu**

## Canada's Election 2021

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- Justin Trudeau has won a third term as Canada's Prime Minister after his party won the 2021 election.
- Justin Trudeau is a Canadian politician who is the 23rd and current Prime Minister of Canada since November 2015 and the leader of the Liberal Party since 2013.
- Trudeau is the second-youngest prime minister in Canadian history after Joe Clark.

### Facts about Canada:

- **Capital:** Ottawa
- **Currency:** Canadian Dollar

Source: **Indian Express**

## Asian Football Cup

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- A delegation from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) on Thursday inspected three stadiums to be used for next year's Women's Asian Cup in India. The AFC delegation will visit Navi Mumbai from September 16 to 21. Y. Patil Stadium, Andheri Sports Complex
- Inspected the grounds of Mumbai Football Arena and Shivchhatrapati Sports Complex at Balewadi, as well as training facilities. The delegation expressed satisfaction over the condition of these three grounds.
- Twelve teams will take part in the tournament, which will be held in India from January 20 to February 6 next year. This will be the last tournament in Asia for the women's 2023 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

**Source: Loksatta**

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