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## 47th G7 Summit



- The theme for the Summit is 'Build Back Better' and the UK has outlined four priority areas for its Presidency.
- These are leading the global recovery from coronavirus while strengthening resilience against future pandemics; promoting future prosperity by championing free and fair trade; tackling climate change and preserving the planet's biodiversity; and championing shared values and open societies.
- The Leaders are expected to exchange views on the way forward on global recovery from the pandemic with a focus on health and climate change.
- This is the second time the Prime Minister will be participating in a G7 meeting. India had been invited by the G7 French Presidency in 2019 to the Biarritz Summit as a "Goodwill Partner" and Prime Minister participated in the Sessions on 'Climate, Biodiversity and Oceans' and 'Digital Transformation'.

## India-Thailand coordinated patrol



- This is the 31st edition of the India-Thailand coordinated patrol (CORPAT).
- The 1st edition took place in 2005.
- It is conducted in the backdrop of growing concern over China's increasing maritime presence in the Indian Ocean region.
- The Indian Navy's offshore patrol vessel INS Saryu and Thai ship Krabi along with Dornier maritime patrol aircraft from both navies participated.
- The two navies have been bi-annually undertaking CORPAT along their international maritime boundary line (IMBL) since 2005 with an aim to keep the vital part of the Indian Ocean safe and secure for global trade.
- The CORPAT builds up understanding and interoperability between navies and facilitates institution of measures to prevent and suppress unlawful activities like illegal unreported unregulated [IUU] fishing, drug trafficking, maritime terrorism, armed robbery and piracy.
- It helps enhance the operational synergy by exchange of information for prevention of smuggling, illegal immigration and for conduct of search and rescue operations at sea.
- The exercise is in sync with the government's vision of SAGAR (Security And Growth for All in the Region).

## Operation Pangea XIV



- The operation resulted in 1,13,020 web links being closed down or removed, the largest since the first “Operation Pangea” conducted in 2008, the arrest of 277 suspects and seizure of potentially dangerous pharmaceuticals worth over \$23 million
- Operation involved the police, customs and health regulatory authorities of 92 countries
- Indian agencies also participated in the operation, said an official of the Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI) that is the nodal body for the Interpol in the country.
- It was found that criminals were continuing to cash in on the huge demand for personal protection and hygiene products due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It was also found that more than half of all the medical devices seized during the operation from May 18 to 25 were fake and unauthorised COVID-19 test kits.
- With this operation, around nine million medical devices and illicit pharmaceuticals were seized globally
- The seized items included hypnotic and sedative medication, erectile dysfunction pills, medical and surgical devices like COVID test kits, masks, syringes, catheters, analgesics/ painkillers, anabolic steroids, antiseptics and germicides, anti-cancer medication, anti-malarials and vitamins.

## QS World University Rankings 2022



- QS Quacquarelli Symonds, global higher education analysts, has released the 18th edition of the world’s International University rankings.
- The Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved a record-extending 10th consecutive year as world number-one.
- The University of Oxford has risen to second for the first time since 2006, while Stanford University and the University of Cambridge share third spot.
- This year, rankings listed the world’s top 1,300 universities – 145 more than in the last year’s edition, which can be found in 97 locations.

QS uses six indicators to compile the ranking:

- ⇒ Academic reputation (AR).
- ⇒ Employer reputation (ER).
- ⇒ Citations per faculty (CPF).
- ⇒ Faculty/student ratio.
- ⇒ International faculty ratio and
- ⇒ International student ratio.

## LADAKH TO BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL



- Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) has signed a MoU with the Administration of Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh, to make it a clean, green and Carbon Neutral UT.
- Under the MoU, various clean energy and energy efficiency programmes will be implemented such as solar mini and micro grid solutions, energy efficient lighting, energy storage-based solutions, efficient cooking stoves and electric mobility solutions in the UT.
- PM Modi, in his Independence Day speech of 2020, said that the Ladakh, Leh and Kargil region will be developed and declared to be a carbon neutral region, a first in the country.
- While the concept of carbon neutral villages have been considered in India in the past and some villages in Kerala and Manipur have adopted it, this will be the first large region to be carbon neutral.

## CENTRAL ADOPTION RESOURCE AUTHORITY (CARA)



- The Supreme Court has directed the States/UTs to take stringent action against private individuals and NGOs who invite people to illegally adopt children orphaned by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It said that it was illegal to invite strangers to adopt children without the involvement of the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).
- Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is the nodal body for adoption of Indian children.
- CARA primarily deals with adoption of orphan, abandoned and surrendered children through its associated /recognised adoption agencies.
- It regulates in-country and inter-country adoptions (in accordance with the provisions of The Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption, 1993, ratified by Government of India in 2003).
- Status: It is an autonomous and a statutory body of the Union Women and Child Development Ministry.
- The mandatory registration of CCIs and linking to CARA has been provided in Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- It was set up in 1990.
- In 2018, CARA has allowed individuals in a live-in relationship to adopt children from and within India.

## El Salvador becomes first country to adopt bitcoin as legal tender



- El Salvador has become the first country in the world to grant legal tender status to bitcoin.
- The use of bitcoin as legal tender will become law in 90 days.
- El Salvador's economy heavily relies on remittances and so those who are working abroad can send money back home in bitcoins.
- The use of bitcoin will be totally optional. It will bring financial inclusion, investment, tourism, innovation and economic development to the country.

## Kerala planning to make tourist destinations 100% vaccinated zones



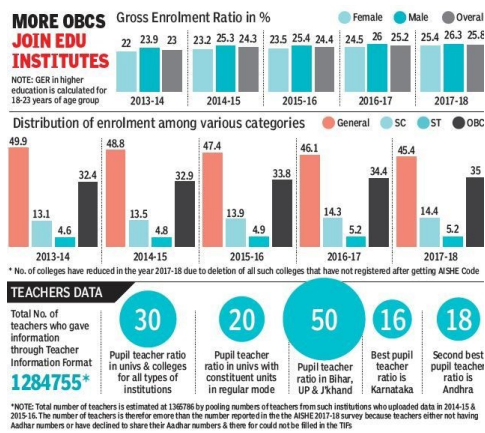
- Popular tourist destinations in Kerala could soon become 100% vaccinated zones as the government is planning to inoculate everyone involved in the tourism sector against COVID-19.
- "We're mulling to make famous tourist destinations...100% vaccinated zones by July 15," said Tourism Minister PA Mohamed Riyas.
- The sector incurred losses of nearly ₹33,675 crore due to the pandemic, he disclosed.

## Restaurants to mention FSSAI licence number on every bill from October 1



- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has made it mandatory for the food businesses in the country to write the 14-digit FSSAI licence or registration number on every bill from October 1, 2021.
- The move will help customers to access information about a particular food business on FSSAI's portals and lodge their grievances, FSSAI said.

## Female enrolment in higher education increased in last 5 yrs: AISHE report



Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Thursday approved the release of the report of All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2019-20.

Over the last five years, there has been an 11.4% growth in student enrolment in higher education, according to the report.

It further revealed an increase of 18.2% in female enrolment in higher education.

## Neptune-like planet, named TOI-1231 b, discovered by scientists



- Scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the University of New Mexico have discovered a Neptune-like planet named TOI-1231 b.
- It's about 90 light-years away from Earth and "is warm by Earthly standards at 134 degrees Fahrenheit (57°C)," said NASA.
- The planet orbits its "red-dwarf star" in 24 days and is not habitable due to its size.

## Mount Rushmore-style sculpture of G7 leaders made using electronic waste



- Pictures of Mount Rushmore-styled sculpture of G7 leaders that has been made of electronic waste have surfaced online.
- The sculpture, which depicts leaders including UK PM Boris Johnson and US President Joe Biden, has been erected in Cornwall ahead of G7 Summit and has been named "Mount Recyclemore".
- It aims to highlight the damage caused by disposal of electronic devices.

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