

**30<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2021**

**1. International Tiger Day is observed on 29th July.**

Global Tiger Day or International Tiger Day is observed on 29th July every year to raise awareness about the declining population of wild cats and making efforts to conserve them. The goal of the day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues. This year marks the 11th International Tiger Day.

**2. Government to set up Garima Grihas for transgender persons to provide safe shelter.**

The Centre is setting up the Garima Grihas for transgender persons are with the help of community-based organizations. Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment A. Narayanaswamy informed Lok Sabha, 12 pilot shelter homes have been initiated with the aim of providing safe and secure shelter to transgender persons.

**3. Karnataka becomes the 1st state to reserve jobs for transgender persons.**

Karnataka has become the first state in the country to provide one per cent reservation for the 'transgender community in all the government services. The government submitted a report to the High Court in this regard informing that a notification had already been issued after amending the Karnataka Civil Service (General Recruitment) Rule, 1977.

**4. Madhya Pradesh government made 'Devaranya' scheme to promote Ayurveda.**

In order to promote AYUSH in Madhya Pradesh and to link it with employment, the government has made the 'Devaranya' scheme. The scheme has been made to provide employment to the people living in the tribal areas of the state. A complete value chain for the production of AYUSH medicines will be developed in the state through Devarnya Yojana. Self-help groups will also play an important role in this work.

**5. RBI imposes Rs 5-crore monetary penalty on Axis Bank.**

The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 5 crore on private sector lender Axis Bank. The penalty is for contravention of and non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by RBI on 'Strengthening the Controls of Payment Ecosystem

between Sponsor Banks and SCBs/UCBs as a Corporate Customer’, ‘Cyber Security Framework in Banks’, ‘RBI (Financial Services provided by Banks) Directions, 2016’, ‘Financial Inclusion- Access to Banking Services – Basic Savings bank Deposit Account’ and ‘Frauds – Classification and Reporting’.

#### **6. Paytm Payments Bank crosses 1 crore FASTags mark.**

Paytm Payments Bank has become the first bank in the country to achieve the milestone of issuing 1 crore FASTags. According to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), over 3.47 crore FASTags were issued by all banks together till the end of June 2021. Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) now has close to 28 per cent share as FASTag issuer bank.

#### **7. Najib Mikati picked as new Lebanon’s prime minister.**

Billionaire businessman Najib Mikati was appointed as Lebanon’s new prime minister-designate following binding parliamentary consultations with President Michel Aoun.

#### **8. Hubble Finds First Evidence of Water Vapor at Jupiter’s Moon Ganymede.**

For the first time, astronomers have uncovered evidence of water vapour in the atmosphere of Jupiter’s moon Ganymede. This water vapour forms when ice from the moon’s surface sublimates that turns from solid to gas. Scientists used new and archival datasets from NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope to make the discovery, published in the journal Nature Astronomy.

#### **9. Alphabet to launch a new Robotics Company called Intrinsic.**

Google-parent Alphabet will launch a new robotics company, Intrinsic which will focus on building software for industrial robots. The segment comes out of X, Alphabet’s Moonshot factory that houses futuristic firms such as Waymo, Wing and Verily.

#### **10. Arjuna Award-winning Badminton Legend Nandu Natekar passes away.**

Legendary Indian badminton player Nandu Natekar, who became the first Indian to win the international title in 1956, has passed away. He won over 100 national and international titles for India in his career spanning 15 years. He was the recipient of the first Arjuna Award, instituted in 1961.

**11. Maruti Suzuki, Savitribai Phule Pune University tie-up to train youth.**

Maruti Suzuki India Limited has announced a partnership with Maharashtra's Savitribai Phule Pune University to train youth in automobile retail. The aim is to offer a customised three years "Bachelor of Vocational Studies in Retail Management" course to students. The three-year curriculum will comprise one-year classroom training followed by two-year on-the-job training at Maruti Suzuki authorised dealerships.

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