

**1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021**

### **1. International Day for People of African Descent: 31 August**

The International Day for People of African Descent celebrated for the first time on 31 August 2021. Through this Observance the United Nations aims to promote the extraordinary contributions of the African Diaspora around the world and to eliminate all forms of discrimination against people of African descent.

The year 2020 marked the midterm of the International Decade for People of African Descent. While some progress has been made at legislative, policy and institutional levels, people of African descent continue to suffer intersectional and compounded forms of racial discrimination, marginalization, and exclusion.

The year 2020 also marked a turning point in the way these issues are being addressed at international and national levels. The murder of George Floyd followed galvanized people to protest racism and racial discrimination and prompted important global discussions on racial justice. On 19 June 2020, the Human Rights Council adopted the resolution on the “Promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers”. Pursuant to this resolution, the High Commissioner for Human Rights presented to the Human Rights Council at its 47th session her agenda towards transformative change for racial justice and equality.

### **2. Nine new Judges including three women take oath as Justices in SC**

Nine new Judges including three women took oath as Justices in Supreme Court of India. They are Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka, former Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, Justice Vikram Nath, former Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court, Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari, former Chief Justice of the Sikkim High Court, Justice Hima Kohli, former Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court and Justice B. V. Nagarathna, former Judge of the Karnataka High Court.

Besides, Justice C. T. Ravikumar, former Judge of the Kerala High Court, Justice M. M. Sundresh, former Judge of the Madras High Court, Justice Bela M. Trivedi, former Judge of the Gujarat High Court and P S Narasimha, former Additional Solicitor General were also administered the oath of office by the Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana at a special function held in New Delhi/.

### **3. World's highest motorable road at 18,600 ft opens in Ladakh**

World's highest motorable road connecting Leh to the Pangong Lake was inaugurated on August 31, 2021, by Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal. The road constructed by the Indian Army has been termed as a strategically important road. The road stretches through the Kela Pass at an

altitude of 18,600 feet. Till now, the Khardung La Pass at 18,380 feet was the highest motorable pass in the world.

#### **4. Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates Web Portal for registrations of units under New Central Sector Scheme 2021 for J&K**

Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Web Portal for registrations of units under the New Central Sector Scheme 2021 for Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Shah said, it's a new dawn for investment and business development in Jammu and Kashmir and investment of more than 50 thousand crore rupees is now expected to take place there. He said, after the abrogation of Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir is now on the track of development, peace and prosperity. Mr Shah said, grassroot level democracy has been strengthened with three-tier panchayat elections in the Union Territory.

#### **5. India virtually hosts 8th meeting of agriculture experts of BIMSTEC countries**

India hosted the 8th Meeting of Agriculture Experts of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Countries virtually. Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research chaired the daylong meeting. Ministry of Agriculture said that experts of Agricultural Ministries from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand participated in the meeting. During the meeting, Dr Mohapatra highlighted the UN Food System Summit 2021 and the transformations that are happening in the agriculture and food systems globally.

The BIMSTEC provides a unique link between South and South-East Asia with five countries – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka from South Asia and two countries – Myanmar and Thailand from South-East Asia coming together on one platform for cooperation in 14 key economic and social sectors of the economy.

#### **6. Tokyo Paralympics: Sumit Antil sets a new world record to win gold medal**

In Tokyo Paralympics, India ended Day 6 on a historic five Medal High. India secured its 2nd Gold medal as Sumit Antil sets a new world record to win gold medal in the men's javelin throw (F64) event at Tokyo. With the best throw of 68.85 metres in the final, he took India's medal count to seven.

#### **7. Tokyo Paralympics: Mariyappan, Sharad win silver and bronze respectively in men's high jump, India's medal tally hits double-digit**

In Men's High Jump T42 event this evening at Tokyo Paralympics, Mariyappan Thangavelu has won silver medal while Sharad Kumar clinched bronze. With this, India's medal tally at the Paralympics touched an unprecedented 10.