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### Persons in news

**"Shohini Sinha", an Indian-American, was assigned as a "Special Agent" of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Salt Lake City.**

- ❖ Shohini Sinha, an Indian-American, is known for her work in counter-terrorism investigations.
- ❖ Sinha, who most recently served as the Executive Special Assistant to the Director at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC, was appointed Special Agent in Charge by FBI Director Christopher Wray.
- ❖ Sinha joined the FBI in 2001 as a "special agent". For his outstanding performance, he was promoted to "Supervisory Special Agent" in 2009 and transferred to the Counter-Terrorism Unit in Washington, DC.
- ❖ In 2021, he was selected to serve as the "Executive Special Assistant" to the FBI Director in Washington.



**"Pelli's Appointment" as Elephant Camp Caretaker: Chief Minister issues work order**

- ❖ Belli works as an elephant keeper on a temporary basis. "Belli has been appointed as First Lady Caretaker" on permanent basis at "Theppakadu Elephant Camp" in Nilgiri District.
- ❖ He has now been appointed permanently. "Pelli's dedication and excellence in successfully rehabilitating orphaned baby elephants
- ❖ In view of his service, the Government of Tamil Nadu decided to appoint him as Caretaker on a permanent basis. Accordingly, he has been appointed.



### Defence

**Indian Navy Chief Admiral "R Hari Kumar", visited Duqm.**

- ❖ Indian Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar recently visited Dukmi Port during his official visit to Oman.
- ❖ The purpose of the visit was to meet the crew of "INS Trikandin" currently stationed in the area for important anti-piracy operations.
- ❖ Admiral R Hari Kumar, in addition to addressing the crew, was given a comprehensive tour of Duqm Port, where he witnessed the "state-of-the-art facilities for berthing and ship repair and maintenance".





## Awards and honors

### "Mohammed Reza Mia"

- ❖ A native of South Africa of Indian origin
- ❖ " Dr. Mohammad Reza Mia has won the "National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF)-South 32" awards.



### Innovation Award

- ❖ The Innovation Award was won by Dr. Mohammad Reza Mia's "Pegasus Universal Aerospace Group" for "Design and Development of Vertical Take-off and Landing (VTOL) Aircraft".
- ❖ Mohammed Reza Mia has created a prototype aircraft that combines the best features of a "helicopter and a business jet" that can be used for tactical rescue flights and emergency air transport.
- ❖ The 'Pegasus' aircraft resembles a small jet but does not require a runway. It is also safer than a helicopter or plane.

## Schemes and their Utility

### "Prime Minister - Scholarship Award Scheme for Young Achievers (YASASVI)".

- ❖ The government plans to provide scholarships to 15,000 students in the range of Rs 75,000 to Rs 1,25,000 per year for students who have passed class 9-12 through this scholarship examination.
- ❖ This entrance test is "Computer Based Test (CBT)".
- ❖ "Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment", provides scholarships to meritorious students under this scheme.
- ❖ The scholarship is given only to "Other Backward Classes (OBC), Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes".

**PM YASASVI Scholarship**  
Application start! Apply Online Today  
Process and Eligibility



### The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has set a new target for its loan scheme for street vendors — 63 lakh new loans in less than six months till December this year.

- ❖ PM SVANidhi is a central sector scheme. The scheme is funded by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- ❖ This scheme will provide affordable **working capital loans** to street vendors who are left affected by the covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ It was announced that it will be implemented till March 2022. Recently it has been extended till 2024.





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- ❖ Vendors will be provided with an initial working capital of up to **Rs.10,000**.
- ❖ A vendor does not have to provide any collateral security to access the loan.
- ❖ A vendor will get an interest **subsidy of 7%** at early or timely repayment of loans.
- ❖ A vendor has a high probability of being eligible for a higher loan if he/she repays the first loan on time.

## India's telemedicine service e-Sanjeevani completes over 14 crore consultations: Center

### About e-sanjeevani:

- ❖ This is a national telemedicine service that aims to give patients a digital platform alternative to traditional in-person consultations.
- ❖ It provides free consultations to any Indian citizen.
- ❖ The **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** has implemented the e-Sanjeevani scheme across the country.
- ❖ E-Sanjeevani is a key element of the Indian government's Ayushman Bharat Plan.
- ❖ It is being designed, developed, deployed, and maintained by The Centre for Development and Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Mohali.



## Economy & Banking

### Introduction of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments

- ❖ Bengaluru (Karnataka)-based fintech CRED has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch RuPay credit card-based "Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments" for CRED members.



### Features and benefits

- ❖ The integration enables members to complete transactions "quickly and securely with a simple scan" using their linked RuPay credit card.
- ❖ Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions, increasing the use of debit cards (credit cards), helping customers manage their spending and maintain their account balances for longer.

### CRED

- ❖ Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Kunal Shah
- ❖ Headquarter – Bangalore, Karnataka
- ❖ Year of Establishment- 2018



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## National Current Affairs

### Sc hears plea challenging the abrogation of Article 370.

- ❖ **Article 370** finds its place in **Part XXI** of the Constitution, which relates to **temporary, transitional and special provisions**.
- ❖ **Article 370** of the Constitution had bestowed a **special status** to the former state of J&K.
- ❖ It was Included in the Constitution on **October 17, 1949**.
- ❖ Article 370 exempts J&K from the Indian Constitution (except Article 1 and Article 370 itself) and permits the state to draft its own Constitution.
- ❖ It restricts Parliament's legislative powers in respect of J&K.
- ❖ For extending a central law on subjects included in the Instrument of Accession (IoA), mere "consultation" with the state government is needed.
- ❖ But for extending it to other matters, "concurrence" of the state government is mandatory.
- ❖ The IoA came into play when the Indian Independence Act, 1947 divided British India into India and Pakistan.
- ❖ The Instrument of Accession gave Parliament the power to legislate in respect of J&K only on **Defence, External Affairs and Communications**.
- ❖ In **August 2019**, through a Presidential order, the Central government scrapped the Article and subsequently introduced a bill to bifurcate it into two Union territories — J&K and Ladakh.
- ❖ Clause (3) Of Article 370 gave the president power to notify the article 'inoperative' or modify it , which has to be recommended by the constituent assembly of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The constituent assembly of Jammu and Kashmir ceased to exist in 1957.
- ❖ The newly inserted **Article 367(4)(d)** amended Article 370(3) by replacing the expression 'Constituent Assembly of the State' with the 'Legislative Assembly of the State'.
- ❖ The CJI pointed out that abrogation of Article 370 cannot be revoked on the first day hearing



### Govt to launch e-CARe portal to facilitate transfer of mortal remains of Indians who die abroad.

- ❖ The Government will launch the e-CARe (e-Clearance for Afterlife Remains) portal to facilitate the swift transfer of mortal remains of Indians who die abroad.
- ❖ Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said, the portal is being introduced to avoid delay during the transportation of the deceased human remains across international borders.





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- ❖ The application status can be viewed in the e-CARE portal through the registration number.

## **GST Council announced that bets placed in online gaming, horse racing, and casinos will now levy a 28 per cent tax at full value.**

- ❖ After the implementation of new GST rules, users will have to pay Rs 28 per Rs 100 spent on an online game. This will in effect from October 1, 2023.

### **About GST Council:**

- ❖ The 101st Amendment Act of 2016 (122nd Amendment Bill), paved the way for the implementation of GST.
- ❖ The GST Council is a joint forum of the Centre and the states under **Article 279-A** of the constitution.
- ❖ Article 279-A. gives the President the authority to appoint a GST Council by executive order.
- ❖ The members of the Council include the **Union Finance Minister** (chairperson), and the Union Minister of State (Finance) from various states.
- ❖ As per Article 279, it is meant to “make recommendations to the Union and the states on important issues related to GST, like the goods and services that may be subjected or exempted from GST, model GST Laws”.
- ❖ It also **decides on various rate slabs** of GST.

