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1) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched Aatmanirbhar Skilled Employees Employer Mapping (ASEEM) portal, which acts as a directory of skilled workforce.

► The objective is to provide a platform that matches supply of skilled workforce with the market demand.

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2) Senior bureaucrat Alka Upadhyaya has been appointed as the chairperson of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

► Ms Upadhyaya, a 1990-batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, is currently Additional Secretary, Department of Rural Development.

▪ National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) :-

Founded - 1988

Sector - Indian National Highway System

Purpose - Development and maintenance of national highways

Headquarters - New Delhi

Chairman - Alka Upadhyaya

3) Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has made it to the list of the world's 100 most powerful women by Forbes, for the third year in a row. Her ranking in 2021 rose to 37 from 41 a year ago.

4) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) on Sunday launched the first large survey vessel of the GRSE-class, named Sandhayak. The Indian Navy will receive the ship in 2022.

5) Vice President (VP) M Venkaiah Naidu released a book called 'The Midway Battle: Modi's roller-coaster second term' Author Gautam Chintamani and published by Bloomsbury India at the Vice-President's residence, New Delhi.

6) Indian badminton ace **P V Sindhu** settled for a silver medal at the BWF World Tour Finals after going down meekly against Korean teen sensation An Seyoung in the summit clash.

→ Sindhu, the reigning world champion and two-time Olympic medallist, could neither match the pace nor breach the defence of the world number six Korean, losing 16-21 12-21 in the 40-minute lop-sided clash.

7) Rajasthan government has come up with a 'Back to Work' scheme for women who sometimes have to quit their jobs due to family circumstances.

▪ □ Rajasthan:-

CM - Ashok Gehlot

Governor - Kalraj Mishra

↪ Amber Palace

↪ Hawa Mahal

↪ Ranthambore National Park

↪ City Palace

↪ Keoladeo Ghana National Park

↪ Sariska National Park.

↪ Kumbhalgarh Fort

8) Former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India Sunil Arora has joined the Board of Advisors for International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA).

➤ The institute is assisted by a 15-member Board of Advisors that consists of eminent personalities from various .

9) The Government appointed Madhya Pradesh cadre IAS officer Neelam Shammi Rao as the Central Provident Fund Commissioner in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

10) Eminent Indian-American mathematician Nikhil Srivastava, has been jointly selected for the inaugural \$5,000 Ciprian Foias Prize for the "highly original work" in Operator Theory by the American Mathematical Society (AMS).

11) Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched PNB Pride-CRMD module tool, an android-based application for differently-abled employees, to monitor and effectively follow up with the special mention account (SMA) borrowers.

12) Central Government launched Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA).

➤ The scheme is for socio-economic upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Castes students.

13) Himachal Pradesh has become the first state to fully vaccinate 100 percent of its adult population.

➤ Himachal Pradesh was also the first state to achieve the 100 percent first dose.

▪ □ Himachal Pradesh :-

CM :- Jai Ram Thakur

Governor :- Rajendra Vishwanath

➤ Kinnaura tribe , Lahaule Tribe, Gaddi Tribe and Gujjar Tribe

➤ Sankat Mochan Temple.

➤ Tara Devi Temple

➤ Great Himalayan National Park

➤ Pin Valley National Park

➤ Simbalbara National Park

➤ Inderkilla National Park

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