

# Headlines at a Glance - 11th October 2021

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## **3rd India - UK Energy for Growth Partnership Dialogue held**

India and the United Kingdom have set in motion concrete action plans for driving clean energy transition in the power sector. This was deliberated at 3rd India-U.K. Energy for Growth Partnership Ministerial Energy Dialogue. “Both sides will set in motion concrete action plans for driving a clean energy transition in the power sector,” a Power Ministry statement said. The 3rd India-U.K. Energy for Growth Partnership Ministerial Energy Dialogue was co-chaired by Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy R.K. Singh from the Indian side and the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) from the U.K. side.

**SOURCE:** *The Hindu*

## **UNHRC recognises access to a clean environment a human right**

The UN Human Rights Council on Friday recognised access to a clean and healthy environment as a fundamental right, formally adding its weight to the global fight against climate change and its devastating consequences. The vote passed with overwhelming support, despite criticism in the lead-up from some countries, notably the United States and Britain. The resolution, first discussed in the 1990s, is not legally binding but has the potential to shape global standards. Lawyers involved in climate litigation say it could help them build arguments in cases involving the environment and human rights. The World

Health Organization estimates that some 13.7 million deaths a year, or around 24.3% of the global total, are due to environmental risks such as air pollution and chemical exposure.

**SOURCE:** *BBC News*

### **NMCG & WASH Institute sign MoU for capacity building in Septage Management**

The National Mission of Clean Ganga (NMCG) has signed an MoU with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Institute (WASH Institute) to efficiently address Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) issues in towns and cities of the Ganga basin.

The project that will ensure a series of trainings to enhance the quality of service of officials in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) will be funded by the US AID and supported by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). It aims to improve preparedness towards FSSM and wastewater management in towns and cities, a release from the Jal Shakti Ministry said. As a first step in this collaboration, a webinar followed by two batches of detailed online training have already been conducted starting off with the state of Uttar Pradesh covering 20 ULBs.

**SOURCE:** *The Hindu*

### **Indian Navy To Participate In 2nd Phase Of Maritime Ex Malabar**

The Ministry of Defence on Sunday informed that the Indian Navy (IN) will participate in the second phase of Multilateral Maritime Exercise Malabar along with the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), Royal Australian Navy (RAN) & the United States Navy (USN). According to a statement, the multilateral maritime exercise will take place from October 12-15, 2021 in the Bay of Bengal. The exercise is aimed at increasing coordination and interoperability between the Naval units. According to the Ministry of Defence, the Malabar series of exercises first began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between India and the US in 1992. The exercise has since been increasing in scope and complexity over the years. The Navy informed that the 25th edition of Malabar exercises is being conducted in two phases while observing all protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**SOURCE:** *The Indian Express*

### **Centre imposes stock limits on edible oils to soften prices in domestic market**

In a landmark decision, the Department of Food and Public Distribution has imposed stock limits on Edible Oils and Oilseeds for a period upto 31st March, 2022. In a release the department said, the Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2021 has been issued with immediate effect i.e. from 8th September, 2021. Future trading on Mustard Oil and Oilseeds was suspended in NCDEX w.e.f 8 October, 2021. This decision will soften the prices of edible oils in the domestic market. The high prices of edible oil in the international market has a substantial impact on the domestic edible oil prices. In a consistent effort to further cool down the domestic prices of Edible Oils, the Centre has issued the order which was shared

with all States, the release said.

**SOURCE:** *Livemint*