

# Headlines at a Glance - 4th December 2021

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## **ADB approves Rs 3,752 cr loan for enhancing school education**

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved nearly Rs 3,752 crore funding to the government for enhancing the quality of school education and also to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students' learning. ADB has approved a USD 500 million (about Rs 3,752 crore) loan to help the government of India improve the quality of the country's school education and mitigate the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on students' learning, ADB stated on Thursday. The loan supports the Integrated Scheme for School Education (Samagra Shiksha) and the new Exemplar School Initiative of the Ministry of Education (MOE) to improve education quality by focusing on inclusive and equitable learning outcomes.

**SOURCE: Business Standard**

## **India, European Union decide to expand clean energy cooperation**

India and the EU have agreed on a detailed work programme until 2023 to implement the 2016 EU-India Clean Energy and Climate Partnership with a focus on increasing technical cooperation in the area of energy efficiency, renewable energy, cooperation within the International Solar Alliance and green hydrogen. This discussion took place during the EU-India Energy Panel meet on December 1, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement. The Energy Panel was co-chaired by Reenat Sandhu, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs and Mechthild Worsdorfer, Deputy Director-General for Energy, European Commission.

**SOURCE: *The Hindu***

## **Taliban, Myanmar Military junta fail to secure seats at United Nations**

The United Nations Accreditation Committee did not approve the Taliban's seat along with the Myanmar Military junta at the world body, local media reported on Thursday.

The UN committee was convened on Wednesday and delayed the decision over who will represent Afghanistan's Taliban-led government and the military junta in Myanmar, Khaama Press reported today. Both the seats have been delayed for so long, as per the Afgan media outlet. The decision means that the representatives of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and Military Junta will not be allowed to have seats at the 193-member world body for now.

**SOURCE: *The Indian Express***

IFFCO ranks first among top 300 cooperatives in the world

The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world, withholding its position from last year, informed an official statement on Thursday. According to the statement, the ranking is based on the ratio of turnover over the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita. It signifies that IFFCO is contributing significantly to the GDP and economic growth of the nation. It also relates the turnover of the enterprise to the wealth of the country according to the 2021 edition of the 10th Annual World Cooperative Monitor (WCM) report published by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA). IFFCO has also stepped up to 60th Position in overall Turnover ranking from 65th position in last financial year, the statement said.

**SOURCE: *India Today***