

Headlines at a Glance - 6th October 2021

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UNICEF flags long term impact of COVID on youth in India

Mental health issues in developing countries like India have been on the rise, noted Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday while releasing UNICEF 's global flagship publication: "The State of the World's Children 2021; On My Mind: promoting, protecting and caring for children's mental health". The report was launched globally, and in the survey across 21 countries, only 41% of young people in India said it is good to seek support for mental health problems, compared to an average of 83% across all countries surveyed. Presenting the key findings of the report, Dr. Yasmin Ali Haque, UNICEF India Representative, said the survey found that around 14% of those aged 15 to 24 in India, or 1 in 7 reported often feeling depressed or having little interest in doing things.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

India-Japan Maritime Bilateral Exercise to be held in Arabian Sea

The fifth edition of the India-Japan Maritime Bilateral Exercise (JIMEX) between the Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF), will be held in the Arabian Sea from October 6 to 8, a statement from the Indian Navy said Tuesday. JIMEX series of exercises commenced in January 2012 with special focus on maritime security cooperation. The last edition of JIMEX was conducted in September 2020. Indigenously-built Guided Missile Stealth Destroyer Kochi and Guided Missile Frigate Teg, under the command of Rear

Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet, will represent the Indian Navy. The Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force will be represented by JMSDF ships Kaga, an Izumo Class Helicopter Carrier and Murasame, a Guided Missile Destroyer, led by Rear Admiral Ikeuchizuru, Commander Escort Flotilla – 3 (CCF-3).

SOURCE: *The New Indian Express*

WTO estimates global merchandise trade volume growth at 10.8% in 2021

The World Trade Organization (WTO) has projected that the global merchandise trade volume will grow 10.8 per cent this year, higher than 8 per cent estimated in March.

Growth should moderate as merchandise trade approaches its pre-pandemic long-run trend and supply-side issues such as semiconductor scarcity and port backlogs may strain supply chains and weigh on trade in particular areas, the WTO said. It added that the large annual growth rate for merchandise trade volume in 2021 is mostly a reflection of the previous year's slump, which bottomed out in the second quarter of 2020. Reaching the forecast for 2021 only requires quarter-on-quarter growth to average 0.8 per cent per quarter in the second half of this year, equivalent to an annualized rate of 3.1 per cent, it added.

SOURCE: *Business Standard*

Manabe, Hasselmann and Parisi win 2021 Nobel Prize in Physics

Scientists Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann and Giorgio Parisi won the 2021 Nobel Prize for Physics for their “groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of complex physical systems,” the award-giving body said recently. Manabe, 90, has US citizenship. Parisi is Italian and Hasselmann is German. The prestigious prize is worth 10 million Swedish crowns (\$1.15 million). Physics is the second Nobel to be awarded this week after Americans David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian won the prize for medicine for the discovery of receptors in the skin that sense temperature and touch. The Nobel prizes were created in the will of Swedish dynamite inventor and businessman Alfred Nobel and have been awarded since 1901 with only a handful of interruptions, primarily due to the two world wars.

SOURCE: *The New Indian Express*