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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

S-400

- The Russian Government has agreed to deliver the first regimental set of S-400 Triumf SA-21 Growler Air Defence System to India.
- It is a long-range surface-to-air missile system. The system has the capability to form an impenetrable grid of missiles.

Transfer of technology- COVID vaccine

- The Government of India approved the transfer of technology from Bharat Biotech to Hafkine Institute.
- COVAXIN is one of the two drugs that is currently administered in India. It is manufactured by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research.

PM CARES Fund

- The Ministry of Health announced that around hundred new hospitals are to have their own oxygen plant under the PM CARES Fund.
- PM CARES Fund is Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund.

Agriculture Ministry, Microsoft India Joined hands to enhance the Farmers income

- Ministry of Agriculture signed a MoU with Microsoft India to undertake a Pilot Project in 100 villages in 6 states.
- The pilot programme is aimed at reducing input cost and boosting the income of Farmers. For the implementation of the project, Microsoft India has partnered with a local partner 'CropData Technologies'.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

"My Body is My Own"

- The United Nations Population Fund recently released a report "My Body is My Own".
- The report is about women's power to make decisions on their bodies. It also reported about the laws in different countries that support women rights in this matter.

United Nations Food Systems Summit

- The United Nations General Secretary called for the first United Nations Food Systems Summit to be held in September 2021.

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- The Summit will focus on **pathways to shape food systems globally** to accelerate progress in Sustainable Development Goals.

Inclusive Internet Index

- The **Economist Intelligence Unit** along with **Facebook** released the **Inclusive Internet Index**.
- According to the index, **India** is at the **49th spot** when it comes to **internet inclusion and gender equality** in **accessing the internet**. The **Facebook Inclusive Internet Index** looked at **120 countries**.

Adenovirus

- The **US health authorities** paused the **rollout of one-shot Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine**.
- The vaccine uses similar technology as that of the **Astra Zeneca vaccine**. Both the vaccines are developed from **adenoviral vectors**.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Regional Economic Outlook

- The **International Monetary Fund** released the **Regional Economic Outlook** for **Sub Saharan Africa**.
- According to the report the Sub Saharan region is to witness the **world's slowest growth** in 2021. The region is projected to grow by **3.4% in 2021**.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

Normal monsoon in India

- The **Indian Meteorological Department** announced that the **southwest monsoon** is expected to be **normal at 98% of the Long Period Average**.
- This is mainly because the **La Nina or El Nino weather conditions** that affect monsoon rains in India are likely to be **absent**.

Forest fires

- **Uttarakhand** recorded **361 forest fire incidents** in just **five days**. During this period, over **567 hectares of forests** have been **destroyed**.
- Every year forest fires begin in mid-February in the state of Uttarakhand. The three main factors that **cause** forest fires are **oxygen, fuel load and temperature**. The dry leaves are the main fuel for the forest fires.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ISRO signed an agreement France

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation** signed an agreement with the **French Space Agency CNES**.
- CNES stands for **Centre National d'études Spatiales**. According to the agreement, CNES is to help India in its **first Human Space Mission** called the **Gaganyaan**.

SpaceX Crew 2

- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration** is to launch four **astronauts to the International Space Station** on **World Earth Day (April 22)**.
- NASA is to launch the mission along with **SpaceX**. It is the **second crewed operational flight** of **Crew Dragon Spacecraft**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

PM Narendra Modi Released 4 books on Life of BR Ambedkar

- **PM Narendra Modi** virtually released **4 books** based on **Ambedkar's life**, which were authored by **Kishor Makwana**.
- The books were **Dr. Ambedkar Jivan Darshan, Dr. Ambedkar Vyakti Darshan, Dr Ambedkar Rashtra Darshan, and Dr. Ambedkar Aayam Darshan**.

OBITUARY

Balbir Singh

- **Former Indian Hockey legend Balbir Singh Junior** passed away at the age of **88** due to heart failure in **Chandigarh**.
- He was a member of the Indian Hockey team which won silver medal at the **1958 Asian games**. He is popularly considered as the **nursery of Hockey players** in India.