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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Asia's Largest Fulfillment Center

- Haryana state govt. has approved allotment of 140 acres of land for e-commerce major, Flipkart for setting-up asia's largest fulfillment center in Gurugram, Haryana.
- The centres will be equipped with highly automated pick, pack, and shipping processes to facilitate safe and timely processing of orders.

STATE AFFAIRS

"Mask Abhiyan"

- The Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a fourteen day "Mask Abhiyan" initiative to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- It's objective is to turn the use of mask into a habit. This will play a huge role in controlling the current resurgence of COVID-19.

Meghalaya villagers oppose dam on Umngot

- Stiff resistance from at least 12 villages in Meghalaya has cast a cloud on a 210 MW hydroelectric project on Umngot, considered India's clearest river.

- The project documents say people of 13 villages along the Umngot are likely to lose 296 hectares of land due to submergence if the dam comes up.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

India's First Municipal Green Bond

- Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation, a civic body in Uttar Pradesh, has become India's first municipal corporation to issue municipal green bonds.
- Funds of these green bonds will be used for the construction of a tertiary sewage treatment plant to benefit industries in Ghaziabad.

FlexiLoans.com Partnered with PayPal

- FlexiLoans.com, a digital lending platform focused on Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises partnered with PayPal, a leading digital payments company to offer collateral-free business loans to MSMEs, freelancers, women entrepreneurs and sole proprietors.

Axis Bank becomes Co-promoter of Max Life Insurance

- Axis Bank along with its subsidiaries Axis Capital Limited & Axis Securities acquired 12.99% stake in Max Life Insurance company to become a co-promoter of the insurance provider.

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ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

Dolphin upturn in Odisha's Chilika lake

- The population of **dolphins in Chilika, India's largest brackish water lake**, and along the **Odisha coast** has **doubled** this year compared with last year.
- **Three species** were recorded during the census, with **544 Irrawaddy, bottle nose and humpback dolphins** sighted this year, compared with 233 last year.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

A dozen quasars discovered

- **Astronomers** have discovered a **dozen quasars** that have been warped by a naturally occurring **cosmic "lens"** and **split into four similar images**.
- Quasars are **extremely luminous cores of distant galaxies** that are powered by supermassive black holes.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Mission Energy Foundation award

- **Singareni Thermal Power Project** in Telangana, has bagged the **Mission Energy Foundation award** for utilising the fly ash generated by it completely.
- The award was received by **Director (E&M)** of the holding company, **SCCL, D. Satyanarayana Rao**, at an event held in Goa.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Poonam Gupta

- **Poonam Gupta, economist of World Bank** was appointed as the first **woman Director General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research**.
- She will succeed **Shekhar Shah**.

B.P. Acharya

- **Retired IAS officer B.P. Acharya** has been appointed **advisor of a national project of Indian Council of Medical Research**.
- The appointment was made in recognition of his efforts to create world class life sciences cluster in Genome Valley.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Homeopathy Day

- **World Homeopathy Day** is annually celebrated across the globe on **10th April** to mark the **importance of Homeopathy** and its contribution to the field of medicine.
- It marks the **266th Birth anniversary of Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann**, a **German physician** and the **founder of Homeopathy**.

OBITUARY

Prince Philip

- **Britain's Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh**, husband of **Queen Elizabeth II**, the longest-serving royal consort in the history of British passed away at the age of 99 in Windsor Castle, London, United Kingdom.

Satish Kaul

- **Veteran Punjabi actor Satish Kaul**, who acted in several Hindi films and shows including Mahabharat, died due to COVID-19 related complications.
- He was 74. The actor, popular for playing the role of Lord Indra in B.R. Chopra's Mahabharat.