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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Rural Health Statistics Report

- The Ministry of Health released the **Rural Health Statistics Report**. According to the report, there is an **overall shortage of specialist doctors** at the **Community Health Centres**.
- There is an overall shortfall of **76.1% specialist doctors** at the Community Health Centres in rural areas.

National Startup Advisory Council

- The Ministry of Commerce, **Piyush Goyal** chaired the first meeting of the **National Startup Advisory Council**.
- It was constituted by the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**. It's objective is to advise the Government of India on measures needed to build **strong ecosystem to nurture innovation and startups** in the country.

EatSmart Cities Challenge and Transport 4 All Challenge

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the **EatSmart Cities Challenge and Transport 4 All Challenge**.
- Its objective is to create an environment of **right food practices and habits**. It aims to make public transport safe, comfortable, affordable and reliable.

Double Mutant Corona Virus Variant

- It is a variant of Corona Virus that carries **two mutations namely E484Q and L452R**. They have been reported together for the first time in **India**.
- The mutation in **E484Q** is similar to **E484K** mutation. The **E484K** mutation was found in **UK and South Africa**.

'The Tribunals Reforms Ordinance, 2021'

- President Ram Nath Kovind promulgated '**The Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2021**'.
- The ordinance dissolves existing **appellate authorities under 9 acts and transfers their functions**. The ordinance was issued by the Ministry of Law & Justice.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Citi bank to withdraw consumer banking business in India

- The multinational investment bank, **Citi bank** headquartered in **New York** has announced to **exit its consumer banking operations in India**.
- Citi bank has decided to close its operations.

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Pay by bank app

- RBL Bank announced its partnership with Mastercard to provide first of its kind payment solution in India through the Pay by bank app.
- It is a mobile based consumer friendly payment solution.

India's first Aadhaar-based Systematic Investment Plan

- ETMONEY launched India's first Aadhaar-based Systematic Investment Plan payments feature.
- This feature will enable anyone to start a SIP online and make automatic payments using a simple Aadhaar based One-Time Password verification.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

INS Sarvekshak

- Indian Naval Ship Sarvekshak, a hydrographic survey ship, is deployed in Mauritius for conducting Hydrographic surveys.
- The ship carried out deep sea surveys in the coast of Port Louis.

Facebook Initiates Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement in India

- Facebook made an agreement to buy renewable energy in India, the company's first deal in South Asian nations.
- It will purchase from a 32-megawatt wind power project, located in Karnataka.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

National Innovative and Sustainable Supply Chain Award

- Birla Cellulose Limited, largest global man made cellulosic fibre producer, won the first edition of National Innovative and Sustainable Supply Chain Award presented by the Global Compact Network India, the Indian Local Network of the United Nations Global Compact.

GD Birla Award for Scientific Research

- Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur's Professor Suman Chakraborty has been selected for the 30th GD Birla Award for Scientific Research for his outstanding contribution to engineering science and its applications in developing technologies for affordable healthcare.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Ayushmann Khurrana

- Tecno, global smartphone brand has appointed Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana as its Indian Brand ambassador.
- The 2021 initiative of Tecno aims to push the envelope of technology democratisation with innovation, new age smartphones.

Bill Nelson

- United States President, Joe Biden had nominated former Astronaut, Bill Nelson to serve as next Administrator of NASA.
- In May 2019, he was appointed to the NASA Advisory Council by former Administrator Jim Bridenstine. He was elected to the US Senate three consecutive times from 2001 to 2019.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Voice Day

- The World Voice Day is annually observed across the globe on 16th April to celebrate the phenomenon of voice and to encourage the people across the globe to seek help to train their voices.
- The theme of the World Voice Day 2021 & the campaign is "One World Many Voices".

SPORTS

Asian Wrestling Championship

- The Indian Wrestler Vinesh Phogat has won her Gold at the Asian Wrestling Championship. She won the medal beating Taipei's Meng Hsuan Hsieh.
- Vinesh Phogat is an Indian wrestler. She was the first Indian woman to win gold at Asian Games and Common Wealth.

Wisden Cricketers' Almanack

- Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, has named 5 best cricketers for each decade, starting from 1970's to 2010's to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1st One-Day International match.
- The list featured 3 Indian cricketers – Kapil Dev, Sachin Tendulkar & Virat Kohli.