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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- Udhampur district of Jammu & Kashmir bagged the **top position** at National level for successful implementation of **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** during FY 2020-21.
- Chhattisgarh bagged the **first place** among all states/UT for developing the highest road length under PMGSY.

#### “National Nursery Portal”

- Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** launched the “National Nursery Portal”.
- Through this portal, Consumers can **get information, price & quality of a Plantation**, while Suppliers can analyse the market demand of products.

#### MANAS App

- The Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India recently launched a mobile application to promote the **mental wellbeing of the people of India**.
- It is called the **MANAS App**.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Bill on Climate Change for financial firms

- New Zealand introduced a **bill on Climate Change for financial firms**.
- The bill is the first of its kind in the world. It will require the **insurers, banks and investment managers** to report the impacts of their funding on the effect of **climate change**.

### BUSINESS & ECONOMY

#### IRDAI has extended the validity of Regulatory Sandbox for 2 years

- The IRDAI has extended the validity of **Regulatory Sandbox for 2 years**.
- A sandbox is a framework **set up by a regulator that allows FinTech startups and other innovators** to conduct **live experiments** in a controlled environment under a regulator’s supervision.

#### Retail Inflation Increased to 5.52% in March, 2021

- According to the data, released by the **National Statistical Office**, India’s **retail inflation was accelerated** to a four-month high of **5.52 per cent in March, 2021** due to an increase in food rates.

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## ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

### *National Green Tribunal has formed an eight-member National Task Force*

- The **National Green Tribunal** has formed an **eight-member National Task Force** to monitor the **remedial steps to improve the status of air quality**.
- NTF will be headed by and coordinated by the **Secretary Ministry of Environment and Forests**.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### *UAE's 1st Rover - 'Rashid'*

- The **United Arab Emirates Space Centre** is planning to send its **rover 'Rashid' to the moon** on an unmanned spacecraft by 2022.
- It will be deployed on the Moon using **Japan based ispace company's Lunar lander**. The rover is named after Dubai's ruling family.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### *'Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters'*

- **Guneet Monga**, the Oscar-winning producer was awarded with **'Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters', second-highest civilian French honour** by French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Dria.
- She is an Indian producer in 2019 for her short film **'Period. End of Sentence, 2018'**.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### *Claude Joseph*

- The **President of Haiti, Jovenel Moise** appointed **Claude Joseph** current minister of foreign affairs and worship as the **new Prime Minister of Haiti**.
- He succeeds Joseph Jouthe who resigned from power because of the ongoing political crisis.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### *"Believe — What Life and Cricket Taught Me"*

- **Suresh Raina** penned his **Memoir "Believe — What Life and Cricket Taught Me"** Co-authored by **Bharat Sundaresan** to be released by May, 2021.
- The book will be published by **Penguin Random House**.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### *World Art Day*

- International Association of Art a NGO, a partner of UNESCO celebrated the **World Art Day on 15<sup>th</sup> April** annually.
- The **1<sup>st</sup> World Art Day** was officially celebrated on **April 15th, 2012**.

### *Siachen Day*

- The **Siachen Warriors** celebrated the **37<sup>th</sup> Siachen Day on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021** to honour the soldiers of the Indian army who continue to guard the Siachen Glacier, the northern frontier which is a part of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

## OBITUARY

### *Former CEC Krishnamurty passes away*

- **Former Chief Election Commissioner G.V.G. Krishnamurty** passed away due to age related ailments.
- His tenure from **October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1996**.