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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### "SANKALP SE SIDDHI"

- The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India operating under Ministry of Tribal Affairs recently launched the "SANKALP SE SIDDHI".
- The main aim of the drive is to activate the Van Dhan Vikas Kendras located in tribal villages.

#### "National Policy for Rare Diseases, 2021"

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recently approved the "National Policy for Rare Diseases, 2021".
- The policy focuses on early screening and prevention of rare diseases. This is to be achieved through Health and Wellness Centres.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Cherry Blossom season of Japan

- The Japan Meteorological Agency announced that the Cherry Blossom season of Japan is in full bloom.
- Usually, the Cherry trees of Japan reach their full bloom in April. This time the Cherry Blossom has occurred ten days earlier. The Cherry Blossom in Japan is called Sakura.

#### "Shantir Ogroshena, 2021"

- The multinational military exercise "Shantir Ogroshena, 2021" was begun at Bangabandhu Senanibas, Bangladesh.
- The exercise is being held to commemorate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He is the Father of Bangladesh.

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

#### Plant-Insect Gene Transfer

- The Chinese scientists have identified the transfer of genes from plants to insects. The insect called whiteflies has incorporated a portion of DNA from plants into their genome.
- The transfer of gene from one family to another is referred to as horizontal gene transfer.

#### Advanced Chaff Technology

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation developed an Advanced Chaff Technology to safeguard naval ships against missile attacks.
- One of the DRDO laboratories located in Jodhpur developed three variants of the Advanced Chaff Technology.

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### **INS Satpura and INS Kiltan**

- Indian Navy Ships **INS Satpura** and **INS Kiltan** along with **P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft** are participating, for the first time; in **multi-lateral maritime exercise La Pérouse**, being conducted in the **Eastern Indian Ocean Region**.

### **NASA's chopper dropped on Mars' surface**

- **NASA's Ingenuity mini helicopter** has been **dropped on the surface of Mars** in preparation for its first flight.
- Ingenuity had been feeding off the **Perseverance's power system** but will now have to use its own battery to run a vital heater to protect its electrical components.

## **APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

### **Anil Deshmukh**

- Maharashtra Home Minister **Anil Deshmukh** tendered his **resignation** to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray shortly after the Bombay High Court directed CBI to conduct a **preliminary inquiry into corruption allegations levelled against him** by former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh.

## **SPORTS**

### **Miami Open title**

- **Hubert Hurkacz** of Poland has won the **Miami Open title**. He won the title playing against Jannik Sinner. Hubert has become the **Poland's first Masters 1000 Champion**.
- The Miami Open is also called the **Miami Masters**. The tournament is held at **Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, Florida**.