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INTERNATIONAL

1) 2nd India-Nordic Summit

- India and Nordic countries are going to host the 2nd India-Nordic Summit at Copenhagen, after the 1st summit of 2018 in Stockholm.
- Nordic countries are Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland.
- All of them have Scandinavian roots and share a similar state, law and culture.

NATIONAL

1) Ready-to-Eat millet products

- APEDA launched a variety of millet products including first Ready-to-Eat (RTE) millet products which are vacuum processed without any additives, fillers and preservatives.
- Millets are cereal crops and small seed grasses, widely used in African and Asian countries.
- They are Rich in protein, fibre, minerals, iron, calcium and have a low glycemic index.

STATE NEWS

1) Gene Bank Project

- The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved the Gene Bank Project.
- It is a type of biorepository to preserve plants (by collecting seeds, plants, tissue cultures) and animals (by collecting sperm and eggs).

Other important banks:

- National Gene Bank at National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Pusa.
- Indian Seed Vault at Chang La (Ladakh).

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) India was one of the worst-hit nations during the Covid-19 pandemic

- The Reserve Bank of India in its report said that India was one of the worst-hit nations during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- It will take up to 13 years for India to fully recover from the scars of the Covid-19 pandemic.



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- Economic activity has barely recovered to pre-COVID levels even after two years.

2) Union Bank of India - first public sector bank to go live on the Account Aggregator ecosystem

- Union Bank of India became the first public sector bank to go live on the Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem.
- This ecosystem helps the Lenders to leverage Digital data acquired with the consent of the Customers for providing them with a seamless journey and eliminating the need of physical documentation.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Vinay Mohan Kwatra

- Vinay Mohan Kwatra has been appointed as India's new Foreign Secretary. He is a 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service officer.
- Mr Kwatra succeeded Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Tuna Day

- Globally, World Tuna Day is observed on 2nd May every year. This day is established by the United Nations to raise awareness about the importance of tuna fish.
- It is a rich source of food for humans as the fish has several rich qualities such as Omega 3, Vitamin B12, proteins and other minerals.
- The day was first observed in 2016.

SPORTS

1) 24th Deaflympics

- 24th Deaflympics will be organised from May 1 to 15 in Brazil.
- It is a multi-sports event meant only for deaf athletes, held once every four years. However, the Paralympics which is for athletes with a range of physical intellectual impairments.