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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

'Electoral Bonds'

- Supreme Court refused to stay the sale of a new set of electoral bonds, the new set of electoral bonds are scheduled to come out for sale between April 1-10, 2021.
- Electoral Bonds is a financial instrument for making donations to political parties. SBI is the only bank which is authorized to issue & encash these bonds.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021

- It amends the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991.
- The Bill gives power to the LG to make rules in matters which fall outside the purview of the elected government in Delhi.

Indian beamline project

- The third phase of the Indian beamline project was initiated in Japan with special focus on research based on Industrial Applications.
- In this phase Indian researchers will be trained with Advanced Xray techniques used in Material research.

New assessment framework for Central Board of Secondary Education

- Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, launched a new assessment framework for CBSE students of Class 6 to 10.
- This framework assesses students based on their competencies to solve day-to-day problems. It was designed by British Council along with AlphaPlus.

STATE AFFAIRS

'Banana Festival'

- The Uttar Pradesh government has organized a 'Banana Festival' at Buddha Park in Kushinagar.
- Banana made products from Kushinagar are included in One District One Product scheme.

Odisha celebrates 100th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's Visit to Cuttack

- Odisha state celebrates the 100th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to the state with a Commemorative postage stamp.
- Mahatma Gandhi made his 1st visit to Odisha, at Swaraj ashram in Cuttack on 23rd March 1921.

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

'India's Best Bank for SMEs'

- **HDFC Bank** has adjudged the 'India's Best Bank for SMEs' at the **Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2021**.
- **Asiamoney's award** decisions were made by a team of senior journalists after receiving detailed submissions from market participants.

Restrictions on withdrawals and deposits

- The **Reserve Bank of India** extended the **restrictions on withdrawals and deposits** in the **Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank** till **30 June 2021** due to the **delay in finalizing a prospective investor** for the bank.

'UNI-CARBON CARD'

- **Union Bank of India** launched first of its kind '**UNI-CARBON CARD**', a **credit card** that is **co-branded by HPCL** along with the **Rupay platform** of **National Payments Corporation of India** to create an opportunity to create value for the Bank's customers.

RBI imposes ₹15-lakh penalty on Fedfina

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has imposed a **monetary penalty of ₹15 lakh on Fedbank Financial Services Ltd (Fedfina)**, Mumbai, for **non-compliance with certain provisions** of the **central bank's directions** on monitoring of frauds.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

'Hypnea Indica'

- A **Group of marine botanists** have discovered **2 New red algal seaweed species** – '**Hypnea Indica**' & '**Hypnea Bullata**' along the **coasts of Kanyakumari** in Tamil Nadu & in Gujarat and Daman & Diu.
- It is the **1st** time that **red algal species of seaweeds** have been **discovered** along Indian coasts.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

New International Ranger Award

- **Ranger Mahendra Giri of Rajaji Tiger Reserve** has won the **prestigious New International Ranger Award** for his **efforts towards reducing the human-wildlife conflict** in and around the Reserve.
- The Award was created by **International Union for Conservation of Nature and World Commission on Protected Areas**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"Wild and Wilful: Tale of 15 Iconic Indian Species"

- "**Wild and Wilful: Tale of 15 Iconic Indian Species**" the new book authored by **wildlife conservationist Neha Sinha** is an evocative collection of insights from various disciplines that describes human -animal coexistence.
- The book is published by **HarperCollins**.

Maggie O'Farrell's novel 'Hamnet'

- **Novelist, Maggie O'Farrell's novel 'Hamnet'**, an imagined take on the **death of Shakespeare's son** from the **bubonic plague**, has won the **National Book Critics Circle award 2020** for the fiction category.
- This novel explores the impact of Shakespeare's son, Hamnet's illness and death on his family.

SPORTS

India beats England in 3-match ODI series

- Three match **One Day International Series** between **India & England** which was hosted by India concluded recently.
- Indian Cricket team under the captaincy of **Virat Kohli won the series (2-1)**. England opener **Jonny Bairstow** was awarded the **Player of the Series**.