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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Raisina Dialogue

- The Raisina Dialogue was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Observer Research Foundation.
- The dialogue was held under the theme: **viral World: Outbreaks, Outliers and Out of Control**. It was held for the first time in 2016.

Ambedkar Jayanti

- Every year India celebrates **Ambedkar Jayanti** or **Bhim Jayanti** on **April 14**. The day is also called **Ambedkar Remembrance Day**.
- He struggled for **equality** throughout his life. Thus, his birthday is also celebrated as "**Equality Day**". In 1956, he converted to **Buddhism**.

Poshan Gyan

- NITI Aayog** launched **Poshan Gyan** along with the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** and the **Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University**.
- Poshan Gyan is a **National Digital Repository on health and nutrition**.

Infant Toddler and Caregiver friendly Neighbourhoods Training

- The **National Institute of Urban Affairs** launched the **Infant Toddler and Caregiver friendly Neighbourhoods Training and Capacity Building Programme**.
- It is designed to build capacities of young professionals and city officials to develop young children and family friendly neighbourhoods in the country.

STATE AFFAIRS

Maharashtra imposes 'mini lockdown'

- Maharashtra Chief Minister **Uddhav Thackeray** announced a "**mini lockdown**" in the State for **15 days** from 8 p.m.
- According to the guidelines announced by the State government, **Section 144** would be imposed for **15 days** and no one would be allowed to move in public places without valid reason.



TS mangoes sent to Delhi on Kisan Rail

- For the first time, **mangoes** have been sent by **Kisan Rail from Lingampet** Jagityal in Telangana to **Adarsh Nagar, New Delhi**.
- Jagityal is known for **cultivation of export quality mangoes**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

WHO urges halt on sale of live wild mammals in markets

- The **World Health Organization** called for a **halt** to the **sale of live wild mammals** in food markets to prevent the emergence of new diseases such as COVID19.
- The agencies recalled that some of the earliest known cases of **COVID19 had links to a wholesale food market in Wuhan**.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Currency Chests

- A private **security guard** has **looted Rs 4.04 crores** from the **currency chest of Axis Bank** in Chandigarh.
- Currency Chests are places where **RBI stocks money meant for banks and ATMs**. The Currency Chests are located in different banks and are administered by the Reserve Bank of India.

Hallmarking of gold

- The **Government of India** announced that it is fully prepared to implement **mandatory hallmarking of gold artefacts and jewellery** from **June 1, 2021**.
- Gold Hallmarking is providing **purity certification** to the gold jewellery and artefacts.

“Special Refinance Facility”

- The **National Housing Bank** launched the **“Special Refinance Facility”**, 2021. **Rs 10,00 crores** has been allocated to this facility.
- The main objective of the facility is to provide **short term refinance support** to the **housing finance companies** and other eligible **Primary Lending Institutions**.

Pine Labs acquires Fave in \$45mn deal

- **Merchant commerce solutions provider Pine Labs** said it has acquired consumer fintech platform **Fave** in a deal valued at more than **\$45 million**, as part of its expansion plans.
- **Fave’s investors** will receive an all cash payout, while founders and key Fave employees will receive **both cash and Pine Labs shares**.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

Bohag Bihu Bird count

- The **Bohag Bihu Bird count** began in **Assam**. It was launched by **Bird Count of India**.
- The BCI is a **Non- Governmental Organisation**. This is the first time BCI is launching Bohag Bihu bird count. Bohag Bihu is also called **Xaat Bihu**. It is the traditional ethnic festival celebrated in Assam.

Skymet forecasts a ‘healthy normal’ monsoon

- **Skymet Weather**, a private weather forecast company, said that the **monsoon** was likely to be **103% of the long period average** this year.
- The LPA refers to the average all **India monsoon rainfall of 88 cm**, which is a 50 year mean.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Alessandra Galloni

- **Reuters** has announced **Alessandra Galloni** will take over as its **new editor in chief** from next week, becoming the **first woman** to head the **global news agency** in its **170 year history**.
- Ms. Galloni is taking over from **Stephen J. Adler**.