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India received \$83 billion in remittances in 2020: World Bank report

- According to a World Bank report, India received over \$ 83 billion in remittances in 2020, a drop of just 0.2 per cent from the previous year.

China becomes the world's first country to ban synthetic cannabinoids

- China will become the world's first country to ban all synthetic cannabinoid substances.
- The ban is likely to come into effect on 1 July 2021. The move comes as China tries to curb the manufacturing and trafficking of the drug.

Yoweri Museveni was sworn in as the President of Uganda for 6th term

- The 76-year-old Yoweri Museveni has been sworn in for his sixth term as the President of Uganda.
- He took the oath of office on Wednesday at a ceremony in Kampala, Uganda.

Ajanta Neog becomes the first woman Finance Minister of Assam

- Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma allocated the finance portfolio to Ajanta Neog, making her the first woman Finance Minister of Assam.
- She was elected to the state Assembly from the Golaghat assembly constituency in eastern Assam and also hold the social welfare portfolio.

Chhattisgarh CM launches 'CGTeeka' web portal for convenient COVID vaccination registration process

- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the 'CGTeeka' web portal (<http://cgteeka.cgstate.gov.in/user-registration>) to make the process of registration for COVID-19 vaccination convenient.
- The portal has been developed by the Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society (CHIPS).

Uttarakhand Police launches 'Mission Hausla' to help covid patients

- The Uttarakhand Police has launched a drive called "Mission Hausla" to help people get oxygen, beds, ventilators and plasma for COVID-19 patients.

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

RBI cancels licence of West Bengal's United Co-operative Bank over inadequate capital and regulatory non-compliance

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of the United Co-operative Bank Limited, Bagnan in West Bengal as the bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.
- All the depositors will receive the full amount of their deposits from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

Central government to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds in six tranches

- The Central government in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India has issued Sovereign Gold Bonds in six tranches between May and September 2021.
- The bond will be on sale through commercial banks, Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), designated post offices, National Stock Exchange (NSE), and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Sir David Attenborough named COP26 People's Advocate

- Sir David Attenborough became COP26 People's Advocate for the UK's Presidency of the UN climate change summit in Glasgow.
- He was a world-renowned broadcaster and natural historian.

Ram Karan Verma appointed as next Ambassador of India to the Central African Republic

- Ram Karan Verma was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Central African Republic.
- He is a 1987 Indian Foreign Services (IFS). He was the Ambassador of India to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Sally Buzbee named executive editor of The Washington Post, the first woman to lead the newsroom

- Senior vice president and executive editor of The Associated Press, Sally Buzbee was named as executive editor of The Washington Post.
- She succeeded Marty Baron.

UN diplomat Martin Griffiths appointed UN humanitarian chief

- The United Nations chief, Antonio Guterres has appointed veteran British diplomat Martin Griffiths, a seasoned negotiator with wide global experience, as the new UN humanitarian chief.

Elisabetta Belloni named as first woman to head Italy secret service

- A former ambassador, Elisabetta Belloni was named as the first woman to lead Italy's secret services. Prime Minister Mario Draghi announced Elisabetta Belloni as head of the Department of Information Security (DIS).
- She has already been the first woman to hold key foreign ministry, Italy's highest diplomatic post.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Ruskin bond's new book titled "All Time Favourites for Children"

- A new book titled "All Time Favourites for Children" was authored by Ruskin Bond. The book will feature some of his most celebrated characters and stories as well as new ones.
- The book will be published by Puffin, children's imprint of Penguin Random House.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Endangered Species Day – 14 May

- National Endangered Species Day is observed every year on the third Friday of May. This year (2021) falls on 14 May.
- The day is to raise awareness about endangered species and wildlife. The first International Endangered Species Day was first celebrated in 2006.

SPORTS

Manchester City crowned Premier League champions for the 3rd time in four seasons

- Manchester City has crowned Premier League champions for the third time in four seasons after Manchester United crashed to a 2-1 defeat against Leicester.
- Manchester City has already won the League Cup (2020–2021).