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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Labour Bureau signed an Service level agreement

- Labour Bureau under Ministry of Labour & Employment has signed an service level agreement with Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Ltd for providing technical and manpower support for conducting All India Surveys on Migrant Workers.

'GRAM UJALA'

- Union Minister of State for Power, R K Singh virtually launched the 'GRAM UJALA' programme in Arrah, Bihar.
- Under the programme, 15 Million LEDs with 3 years of warranty will be given to rural customers on submission of working condition incandescent bulbs.

"Handbook on Ethics for Insolvency Professionals"

- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India & British High Commission has prepared and released a book titled "Handbook on Ethics for Insolvency Professionals: Ethical and Regulatory Framework", a practical guide for insolvency professionals for discharging their duties ethically.

'India Chem 2021'

- Sadananda Gowda, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers inaugurated 'India Chem 2021' – at New Delhi.
- It is organized by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals & Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, under the theme – "India: Global Manufacturing Hub for Chemicals and Petrochemicals".

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure 2021

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 3rd Edition of the Annual Conference of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure 2021.
- The Conference took place virtually and was hosted by Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Space Technology Incubation Center

- Indian Space Research Organisation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Institute of Technology - Rourkela to set-up a Space Technology Incubation Center (S-TIC) at NITRourkela campus, Odisha.

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Moody's Analytics

- **Moody's Analytics**, a subsidiary of Moody's Corporation, predicts **India's GDP to grow by 12 %** in **2021** following a contraction of 7.1% (-7.1%) in 2020 and sees favorable near-term prospects due to the stronger unexpected growth over months.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Mobile Seva App Store

- Union Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** stated that the government is keen to develop and strengthen **India's first indigenously developed mobile app store – "Mobile Seva Appstore"**.
- This digital app store for government and private apps is a part of India's efforts towards self-reliance.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Anurag Thakur

- Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, **Anurag Thakur** has become the **first serving member of parliament** to be appointed as **Captain in the Territorial Army**.
- He is **four-time BJP MP** from **Himachal Pradesh**.

SPORTS

Gary Wilson

- **Gary Wilson**, **Former captain of Ireland Cricket Team** announced **retirement** from International Cricket.
- He represented the Ireland squad in **2 Cricket World Cup finals (2011, 2015)** and **5 T20 World Cup finals (2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016)**.

International Cricket Council bans Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar

- **International Cricket Council** handed an **8-year ban to UAE cricketers**, Former United Arab Emirates captain **Mohammad Naveed** and batsman **Shaiman Anwar** from all forms of cricket.
- They were banned for **breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code**.

Mumbai Wins 2021's Vijay Hazare Trophy

- **Mumbai cricket team** won the **2021's Vijay Hazare Trophy** in the finals against Uttar Pradesh, where the captain of Mumbai, **Prithvi Shaw** became the **1st player** to score 800 runs in a single edition.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Sparrow Day

- **World Sparrow Day** is annually observed across the world on **20th March** to create awareness and to bring attention to the **significance and importance of conservation and protection of the sparrows**.
- The theme of World Sparrow Day is **"I Love Sparrows"**.

UN French Language Day

- The **UN French Language Day** is observed annually on **20 March**.
- The day was established by the UN's Department of Public Information in 2010, to celebrate **multilingualism and cultural diversity** as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the Organization.

OBITUARY

Lou Ottens

- The **Dutch inventor, Lou Ottens, inventor of Cassette tape** passed away at the age of 94.
- He was the one who invented the 1st Cassette tape that was produced by Philips in 1962.