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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Operation Samudra

- Indian Navy has launched Operation Samudra Setu-II for shipment of Liquid oxygen-filled cryogenic containers & associated medical equipment to India from other countries.
- It is part of the ongoing national mission for meeting Oxygen requirements in India.

1st Green Solar Energy Harnessing Plant

- Indian Army Inaugurated its 1st Green Solar Energy Harnessing Plant of 56 KVA (KiloVolt- Ampere) in North Sikkim.
- The Plant uses Vanadium based battery Technology and is situated at an Altitude of 16000 Ft. The project has been completed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai.

100th Electric Locomotive to Indian Railways

- Alstom, a French multinational rolling stock manufacturer successfully manufactured and delivered its 100th Electric Locomotive to the Indian Railways.

- With this, India became the 6th country to produce high HP locomotives indigenously. The 12, 000 HP Electric Locomotives are the most powerful made-in-India electric locomotives.

Government sets Food grains Production target

- Union Minister of Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar has stated that the Government has set Foodgrains Production target for the crop year 2021-22 at 307 Million Tonnes, the production target for 2020-21 was 301.92 MT.
- Tomar stated the targets during the inauguration of 'The National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign-2021'.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

"State of Siege"

- The President of Congo, Felix Tshisekedi declared a "State of Siege" due to the increasing violence in the eastern provinces of North Kivu and Ituri.
- A Ugandan Insurgent faction called Allied Democratic Forces is active in Congo since 1990s. These forces are being held responsible for the recent violence.



mRNA vaccine

- The **World Health Organisation** listed **mRNA vaccine of Moderna for Emergency Use**. This makes it the fifth vaccine to receive **emergency use validation** from **WHO**.
- The **Emergency Use Listing** of vaccines of the **WHO** assesses the **safety, quality and efficacy of vaccines**.

Ethiopian Government's terror list

- The **Ethiopian Government** has added the **Tigray People's Liberation Front** and **OLF-Shene** to its **terror list**.
- In 2020, Ethiopia launched a mass military operation against **Tigray People Liberation Front**.

Australia imposes travel ban on even its own citizens

- **Australian citizens** could face a **five year jail term or hefty fines** of up to 66,000 Australian dollars if they **try to return home from India** after Canberra made the journey **temporarily illegal** in an effort to curb the spread of the **deadly viral infection** in this country.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Interest free 50-year loan

- The **Ministry of Finance**, Government of India is set to **provide an additional amount of INR 15,000 Crore to State Governments as Interest free 50-year loan** for spending on **Capital projects** for the **FY 2021-22**.
- The loan will be provided to the States under '**Scheme of Financial Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure**'. The Scheme was launched in 2020.

Small Industries Development Bank of India has launched "SHWAS"

- **SIDBI** assistance to **Healthcare sector** in **War Against the Second wave of COVID-19**.
- This scheme will **fund MSMEs** who are engaged in **manufacturing of oxygen cylinders, oxy-generators, oxygen concentrators, liquid oxygen** or providing services in **transportation, storage, refilling to supply** of these items.

Small Industries Development Bank of India has launched "AROG"

- **SIDBI** Assistance to **MSMEs for Recovery & Organic Growth** during **COVID-19 pandemic** – will fund for **MSMEs** engaged in manufacturing of **Pulse Oximeters, Permitted drugs** (Remdesivir, Fabiflu, Dexamethasone, Azithromycin), **Ventilators, and Personal protective equipment**.

Mastercard and Gemini partners to launch a crypto rewards credit card

- **Mastercard** in partnership with **Cryptocurrency exchange, Gemini & WebBank**, a leader in digital lending and the bank issuing the credit card to **launch a 1st of its kind, Cryptocurrency rewards credit card**.

'Immune India Deposit Scheme'

- The **Central Bank of India** launched the "**Immune India Deposit Scheme**" a special deposit scheme to provide an **additional interest rate of 25 basis points** in addition to the applicable card rate for the **vaccinated people**.
- The **Immune India Deposit Scheme** has a maturity of **1111 days**.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Amit Banerjee

- The **Public Enterprises Selection Board**, has appointed **Amit Banerjee** the **Director of BEML limited**, as the **new Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Earth Movers Limited**, a **Miniratna Defence Public sector undertakings** under the **Ministry of Defence**.

Mahesh Balasubramanian

- **Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited** has appointed **Mahesh Balasubramanian**, the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Kotak General Insurance** as its new **Managing Director** for a period of **3 years** starting from **1st May 2021**.

SPORTS

2021 Boxing Championships Relocated to Dubai, UAE from New Delhi, India

- Due to the **International travel restrictions** and rising **COVID-19 cases** in India, the **Boxing Federation of India**, in consultation with the **Asian Boxing Confederation** decided to conduct the **2021 Asian Elite Men and Women Boxing Championships** in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**.

OBITUARY

Sitar Maestro Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri

- **Sitar Maestro Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri** passed away at the age of **85** in **Delhi due to covid-19**.
- **Pandit Debu Chaudhuri** had been awarded the **Padma Bhushan** in **1992** for his contribution to arts.