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## NEWS IN SHORT

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**NEWS ②:** *HPCL - Mittal Energy Limited a JV between HPCL and steel tycoon L.N. Mittal*

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**NEWS ⑥:** *NASA has ruled out the possibility of asteroid Apophis causing any damage to Earth*

**NEWS ⑦:** *Anish Shah was appointed as the MD & CEO of Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd.*

**NEWS ⑧:** *Mercedes Driver Lewis Hamilton won the 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix*

**NEWS ⑨:** *World Piano Day 2021: 29<sup>th</sup> March*

**NEWS ⑩:** *Bengaluru's International Airport to have a fully operational parallel runways*

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS – 31.03.2021

### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR

- **Special Forces of India and the USA** conducted the joint military exercise 'VAJRA PRAHAR 2021' in Himachal Pradesh.
- The joint exercise by the Special Forces of both the countries is conducted alternatively between India and the United States.

#### HPCL - Mittal Energy Limited

- **HPCL - Mittal Energy Limited** a joint venture between state-run **Hindustan Petroleum Corp** and steel tycoon **L.N. Mittal**, became India's first company to buy cargo from the oil producers of **Guyana**.
- **HMEL** bought the **1 million-barrel cargo** of **Guyana's Liza** light sweet crude.

#### "Operation Thiruvallur"

- **Indian Army's Southern Command Troops**, Pune launched "Operation Thiruvallur" in Tamil Nadu to safely dispose of around **10 tonnes of unexploded ordnance** collected by factories.
- The Operation was initiated by the Ministry of Defence on the request of Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

#### MV Sindhu

- **Cochin Shipyard Ltd** delivered the indigenously built 'MV Sindhu', a **150 MT Cargo Vessel** to the **Andaman & Nicobar Island Administration**.
- It is capable of carrying **500 passengers** and can cruise at **16 Knots**.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### Parallel runways

- **Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport** became the **1<sup>st</sup> Airport in South India** to have a **fully operational parallel runways**.
- This comes as a result of the Airports northern runway coming to operation which was closed for renovation and upgrades in June 2020.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### New York lawmakers pass bill to legalize use of marijuana

- The **New York lawmakers** have passed a bill to **legalize the use of marijuana** by adults.
- This will make New York the **15<sup>th</sup> state in the United States** to allow recreational use of the drug.



## ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

### *Nacaduba sinhala ramaswmii Sadasivan*

- A group of **lepidopterists** have added a **species** to the expanding list of **butterflies in India**. The discovery of the species **Nacaduba sinhala ramaswmii Sadasivan, 2021** in the **Agasthyamalais** in the **Western Ghats** a decade ago has now found place in the **Journal of Threatened Taxa**.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### *Asteroid Apophis*

- **The National Aeronautics and Space Administration** has **ruled out** the possibility of the **dreaded asteroid Apophis** causing any **damage to the Earth** for the next 100 years.
- **Apophis** is a near-Earth asteroid with a relatively large size (about 335 meters wide).

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### *Anish Shah*

- **Anish Shah** was appointed as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** of **Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd.**
- He takes over from **Pawan Goenka** who will retire as the MD and CEO.

### *Vijay Raghavan*

- The government has extended the term of **K. VijayRaghavan** as **Principal Scientific Advisor** for one more year.
- He was conferred with the **Padma Shri award in 2013**.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### *"Name Place Animal Things"*

- **Daribha Lyndem** authored a book titled **"Name Place Animal Things"** examines the boundaries between the adult world and the world of a child.
- The book takes its name from a beloved school game. The book is published by **Zubaan Publishers Pvt. Ltd.**

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### *World Piano Day 2021*

- **World Piano Day** is annually observed across the globe to celebrate the **piano, piano performers, composers, piano builders, tuners and listeners**.
- The **World Piano Day 2021** falls on the **29th March 2021**.

## SPORTS

### *Bahrain Grand Prix*

- **Mercedes Driver Lewis Hamilton** (Great Britain) won the **2021 Bahrain Grand Prix** (officially known as **Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2021**) held at **Bahrain International Circuit**.
- **Red Bull Racing's driver Max Verstappen** (Netherlands) finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.