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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Exam Warriors

- The updated edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's book, 'Exam Warriors' launched, a month before the CBSE board exams.
- The book has new mantras and a range of interesting activities to remain stress free before the exam.

#### Strategic Energy Cooperation

- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan held an introductory meeting virtually with US Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm.
- Both leaders agreed to revamp the India-US Strategic Energy Cooperation with focus on promoting clean energy with low-carbon pathways and accelerating green energy cooperation.

#### Shifting Health to the Concurrent List

- Fifteenth Finance Commission Chairman N.K. Singh said that health should be shifted to the Concurrent list under the Constitution.

- Presently, 'Health' is under the State List. He also pitched for a Developmental Finance Institution dedicated to healthcare investments.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### Maharaja Chhatrasal Convention Centre

- The Maharaja Chhatrasal Convention Centre has been inaugurated at Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.
- The Convention Centre, named after the legendary Bundelkhand King Maharaja Chhatrasal, was built under the Swadesh Darshan scheme of the Ministry of Tourism.

#### GHMC best in country for loans to street vendors

- The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has topped in implementation of the PM SVANidhi (PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi) micro credit scheme (financial assistance of ₹10,000) for street vendors.
- Indore trailed at the second place while Lucknow stood third.

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## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### *New Development Bank*

- The **New Development Bank** has approved a **loan of up to \$1 billion** to **support healthcare workers** treating patients for COVID-19 in Russia.
- The NDB was established by **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa**, a group of emerging economies known as the **BRICS**.

## ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

### *Forest fire on Shirui Peak*

- The **Manipur government** has sought **Centre's help** to **douse a forest fire broken out on Shirui Peak** of **Siroy Hills**.
- The air force is deploying **two Mi-17V5 helicopters with bambi buckets** to help control and douse the fire at the request of the state government.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### *Undersea cables*

- **Facebook** planned two **new undersea cables** to **connect Singapore, Indonesia and North America** in a project with **Google** and **regional telecommunication companies** to **boost internet connection capacity** between the regions.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### *Agnes Callamard*

- **Agnes Callamard**, a **French human rights expert** has been appointed the **new leader of Amnesty International**.
- The **international human rights group** said her four-year term as **Secretary General**.

## OBITUARY

### *WAG Pinto*

- **Lieutenant General WAG Pinto**, a **military hero** who led an infantry division to a **legendary victory in the 1971 India-Pakistan War** has passed away in Pune at the age of 97.
- He led the 54 Infantry in the **Battle of Basantar** in the war that gave birth to Bangladesh.