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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### No proposal to implement Panchayati Raj System in Sixth Schedule areas

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) informed the Lok Sabha that presently, there is no proposal to implement Panchayati Raj System in Sixth Schedule areas of Assam.
- The Sixth Schedule relates to the administration of tribal areas in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.

#### Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill, 2021

- The Lok Sabha passed the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill, 2021 that seeks to strengthen and streamline the provisions for protection and adoption of children.
- The Bill contains provisions related to children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection.

#### The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020

- The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020 was passed unanimously by the Lok Sabha.
- The Bill seeks to regulate and standardise the education and practice of allied and healthcare professionals.

#### Double Mutant Coronavirus Variant

- A unique "double mutant" coronavirus variant with a combination of mutations, not seen anywhere else in the world, has been found in India.
- Mutation is an alteration in the genetic material (the genome) of a cell of a living organism or of a virus that is more or less permanent and that can be transmitted to the cell's or the virus's descendants.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### Shigmotsav parades

- The Goa government has limited the Shigmotsav (Shigmo festivities) parades to three locations only (Panaji, Ponda and Mapusa), owing to rising cases of Covid-19 in the state. Shigmo is the celebration of a 'rich, golden harvest of paddy' by the tribal communities of Goa.

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## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Suez Canal

- A large cargo ship named 'Ever Given' got stuck near the southern end of the Suez Canal due to a mishap caused by bad weather.
- The Suez Canal is actually the first canal that directly links the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea. It was opened for navigation in November 1869.

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### 7th edition of India Economic Conclave

- According to RBI Governor, Real-Time Gross Settlement has multi-currency capabilities.
- So, there is scope to explore if it can be expanded beyond India. He also underlined the huge role which technology and innovation played in serving consumers better and faster.

### State Bank of India Report

- SBI research team underlined that duration of the second covid-19 wave in India might last up to 100 days.
- It was authored by Chief Economic Adviser of Bank, Soumya Kanti Ghosh. It also said that, localised lockdowns or restrictions have not resulted in controlling spread of infection.

### 'IOB Trendy'

- Indian Overseas Bank has launched 'IOB Trendy', a savings account customised for the growing millennial population in the country by keeping their banking preferences in mind.
- IOB Trendy is a Savings Bank Account Scheme introduced by the bank towards this endeavour.

## ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

### Asia's largest Tulip Garden

- Asia's largest Tulip Garden in Srinagar, is scheduled to be opened for general public and tourists from March 25th.
- Tulip Garden is a spectrum of colours which features lakhs of tulips. Flowers have blossomed in the lap of Zabarwan Hills along the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar city.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Indian Coast Guard Ship Vajra

- Indian Coast Guard Ship Vajra was commissioned to the Indian Coast Guard by Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat, at Kattupalli in Chennai.
- INS Vajra was sixth in series of seven Offshore Patrol Vessel and was constructed by M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd at Kattupalli.

### International Intellectual Property

- Annual edition of 'International Intellectual Property (IP)' was released.
- India was ranked 40 among 53 global economies in the ninth IP index. The Index is released annually by 'US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC)'.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Ralf Speth

- TVS Motor Company has appointed Ralf Speth as non executive and non independent director.
- He is set to be the company's chairman by January 2023 and will succeed Venu Srinivasan. Mr. Speth is widely acclaimed for his leadership at Jaguar Land Rover.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### "My Experiments with Silence"

- Samir Soni authored a book titled "My Experiments with Silence". The book aims to be a personal account of his dialogues with himself during his growing-up years in Delhi, his stint at Wall Street and his time in Bollywood.
- The book will be published by OM Books International.

## OBITUARY

### Adam Zagajewski

- Polish poet Adam Zagajewski has passed away. He was a leading personality in Poland's New Wave or Generation '68, a literary movement of the late 1960s that called for a simple language to relate directly to reality.