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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Madhukranti portal

- The Union Agricultural Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** launched the **Madhukranti portal** and **Honey Corners of NAFED** to promote the **Honey Mission in India**.
- It is an initiative of **National Bee Board**. It is operated under the **National Beekeeping and Honey Mission**.

"Anamaya"

- The Union Health and Family Welfare Minister launched the **Tribal Health Collaborative** called **"Anamaya"**.
- The main objective of the initiative is to enhance **health and nutrition eco-system of tribal communities** in India.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Funding for conservation and climate activities

- The **World Bank** and **International Monetary Fund** have launched a platform to advise the **poor countries on funding for conservation and climate activities**.
- Both the organizations will use the platform to factor climate change into negotiations about **reducing debt burdens of poor countries**.

Solidarity Tax on Pandemic Winners

- The **International Monetary Fund** announced **Solidarity Tax on Pandemic Winners**.
- That is, the companies that prospered during COVID-19 crisis should pay additional tax to show **solidarity towards those hit hardest by the pandemic**. It shall be imposed to reduce social inequalities.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

RBI keeps policy rates unchanged

- The **Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** voted unanimously to leave the **policy repo rate unchanged at 4%**.
- It retains **GDP growth projection for 2021- 22 at 10.5%**, despite COVID19 surge.

PNB ties up with Medcover

- Punjab National Bank** entered into an agreement with **Medcover Group Hospitals** to extend **concessional discount packages to its employees**, their families and customers of the **300 PNB offices in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh**.

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Rupee suffers worst 1day fall in 20 months

- The **rupee dived 105 paise** to mark its biggest **single session drop** in over **20 months** against the U.S. currency amid concerns over surging COVID-19 cases.
- At the **interbank foreign exchange**, the **Indian currency settled at 74.47 to the U.S. dollar**, marking its lowest level since November 13 last year. The rupee also logged its worst singleday fall since August 5, 2019.

Dixon, Bharti in pact for telecom gear under PLI

- **Electronic products maker Dixon Technologies** had signed an **MoU with Bharti Enterprises** to form a joint venture to apply for the **government's production linked incentive (PLI) scheme** for manufacturing of **telecom and networking products**.

Jana SFB tied up with Axis Securities

- **Jana Small Finance Bank** made a tie-up with **Axis Securities**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Axis Bank, to offer **banking and investment services** to its **customers through a 3-in-1 account**.
- It will be useful for the customers to transfer funds quickly by reducing paperwork.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

"Robo Plant"

- The scientists from **Singapore** have developed a **technology to interact with plants**. The technology has been named as **"Robo Plant"**.
- The technology helps to **control the plants using smart phone applications**.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

R. Dhananjayulu

- The **South Central Railway (SCR)** got a **new principal chief operations manager** in **R. Dhananjayulu**, an IRTS officer of 1988 batch.
- Prior to this, he was holding the post of principal chief commercial manager, Southern Railway.

Virat Kohli as Brand Ambassador for Vivo

- **Vivo Communication Technology Co. Ltd.** has appointed **Indian Men's Cricket Team captain Virat Kohli** as its **brand ambassador**.
- As a part of Vivo's commitment to the **"Make in India" campaign**, all the Vivo smartphone series are manufactured at the Facility at Greater Noida.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Roma Day

- **International Roma Day** is annually observed across the globe on **8th April** to celebrate the **culture and heritage of Romani** and to **raise awareness of the issues facing Roma people**.

SPORTS

FIFA suspends Pakistan and Chad

- **FIFA** suspended the **national football federations of Pakistan and Chad** amid disputes about how they should be run.
- The **Pakistan federation**, known as the **PFF**, was suspended for **"third party interference"** for the second time in four years.

OBITUARY

Fatima Rafiq Zakaria

- **Renowned educationist and journalist, Padma Shri Fatima Rafiq Zakaria** passed away at the age of 85 in a Hospital in Aurangabad, Maharashtra due to age-related ailments.
- She was the chairman of **Maulana Azad Educational Trust** and **Khairul Islam Trust Mumbai**.