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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

COVAXIN neutralises the Double Mutant Strain of COVID

- The Indian Council of Medical Research announced that COVAXIN neutralises the Double Mutant Strain of COVID-19.
- The National Institute of Virology demonstrated the neutralisation potential of COVAXIN against the Brazil variant and UK variant.

India was elected to the three bodies of the United Nations

- India was elected to the three bodies of the United Nations.
- They were the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Executive Board of the UN Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and the Executive Board of World Food Programme.

Crude oil production of India fell crude oil production of India fell

- Crude oil production of India fell to 30.5 million tonnes. It was 32.17 million tonnes in 2019-20. It's production fell by 5% in 2020-21 as compared to the previous year.
- The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation produced 2% less oil in 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20.

Central Government has extended the Insurance scheme

- The Central Government has extended the Insurance scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package for Health workers fighting COVID-19 for a period of one year.
- The scheme provides an insurance cover of INR 50 Lakh to health workers fighting COVID-19.

IIT Kharagpur & NCDC Sign MoU To Promote Sustainable Developments

- The IIT Kharagpur and the National Cooperative Development Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote greater collaboration towards sustainable development in cooperatives, agriculture, and allied sectors.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

George Floyd case

- The former Minneapolis Officer Derek Chauvin was convicted of manslaughter and murder in George Floyd case.
- He has now found guilty. The death of George Floyd led to worldwide protests. George Floyd was an African American.



Australia launched the Australia-India Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative

- Australia launched the **Australia-India Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative Partnership**.
- The programme will support free, open and prosperous Indo-Pacific. The **Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative** aims to **strengthen maritime boundaries**.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Google pay creators partners with Federal bank

- **Sujith Narayanan and Sumit Gwalani, co-creators of Google Pay** have announced the launch of **Fi**, a **NeoBank** for salaried millennials in partnership with **Federal Bank**.
- **Fi Neo Bank** was founded in 2019.

SBI Mutual Funds 1st mutual fund company to cross Rs.5 lakh crore

- **SBI Mutual Funds** announced that its **Average Assets Under Management** has crossed **Rs.5 lakh crore** making it the first mutual fund company to cross this mark.
- **SBI MF** has seen a **growth of 35 percent** during the financial year 2020-21.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

Blue Nature Alliance

- The **Blue Nature Alliance** is a global partnership of **five core partners** and few other **Non-Profit Organisations**.
- The alliance aims to **protect 5% of the world ocean** in five years. The Blue Alliance was launched on April 20, 2021.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Russia to launch its own Space Station

- **Russia** has planned to pull out of the **International Space Station** and launch its **own space station** in **2025**.
- According to Russia, the structure of the **International Space Station** is **ageing**. With the station becoming older, it can lead to irreversible consequences.

Air Independent Propulsion system

- The **Defence Research Development Organisation** achieved a milestone in the development of **Air Independent Propulsion system**.
- The system was operated in **endurance mode and max power mode**. The **Air Propulsion System** allows the submarines to stay for longer hours in water.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Creativity and Innovation Day

- The **United Nation's World Creativity and Innovation Day** is annually observed across the globe on **21st April** to **create awareness about the role of creativity and innovation** in all the aspects of human development.

National Civil Services Day

- The **National Civil Services Day** is annually observed across India on **21st April** to acknowledge and appreciate the contribution of the civil servants towards ensuring the seamless functioning of the public administration.
- The First National Civil Service day was observed on 21st April 2006.

OBITUARY

Ahmed Hussain Lala

- **Former Indian footballer and Olympian Ahmed Hussain Lala** passed away in Bengaluru due to covid-19. He was 89.
- He represented the Indian Football team which secured fourth place in 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

M Narasimham

- **Former RBI Governor Maidavolu Narasimham** passed away at Hyderabad due to Covid-19.
- M Narasimham was popularly known as The Father of Banking sector reforms in India for his contribution to the Indian banking and financial sector.