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# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

### "Subjective satisfaction"

- Tamil Nadu told a Constitution Bench of the Supreme **Court** that the **percentage of reservation** should be left to the "subjective satisfaction" of individual States.
- It refers to the State's discretion to identify its socially and educationally backward classes and fix the percentage of reservation for them.

## Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia's birth anniversary- 23rd March

- The Prime Minister of India paid tribute to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia on his birth anniversary.
- He established a new Socialist Party (1955), for which he became chairman as well as the editor of its journal, Mankind. His works include: 'Wheel of History', 'Marx, Gandhi and Socialism' etc.

#### 'World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2021'

Minister of State for Communications, Shri Sanjay Dhotre represented India at the 'World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2021' which is one of the world's largest annual gatherings of the 'ICT for development' communities.

#### 'PRANIT'

- E-Tendering Portal 'PRANIT' was launched by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.
- This e-portal was established to minimize the paperwork and ease of operation and expects the tendering process to become more transparent.

### STATE AFFAIRS

### Van Dhan Vikas Yojana

- Manipur emerged as Champion State for Van Dhan Vikas Yoiana.
- Van Dhan Yojana was launched on October 2019 in Manipur. This constitutes of 1500 self help groups for marketing & providing value-addition to the tribal, minor forest produces.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

# Oxfam Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index 2020

- The Index ranked countries measuring their policies and actions in three areas that it said are proven to be directly related to reducing inequality: **Public services** (health, education and social protection), Taxation and workers rights.
- India ranked 129 in the CRI index out of 158 countries.

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# BUSINESS & ECONOMY

#### **Fitch Ratings**

Fitch Ratings, an American credit rating agency in its latest Global Economic Outlook-March 2021 has revised India's GDP growth estimate to 12.8% for FY22 from 11% due to the stronger carryover effect, and better virus containment.

# ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

## 'India:Transforming to a net-zero emissions energy system'

- · According to the report, released by The Energy & Resources Institute & Shell, the Net Zero emissions in energy system in India is achievable by 2050.
- Carbon Removals Technology & nature-based solutions will have a major role in moving towards zero emissions.

### 'Valuing Water'

- According to the 2021 edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report titled 'Valuing Water'. Each person on the planet may have to live on less Water as per capita reservoir capacity is decreasing.
- The report is published by the UNESCO on behalf of UN-WATER.

### Epithemia agharkarii

- The study led by researchers from the Agharkar Research Institute discovered a new species of Diatoms in Maharashtra.
- They named the species **Epithemia agharkarii** after **S** P Agharkar who was the founder-director of the institute ARI. Diatoms are single-celled algae.

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## Airborne Radar Survey

- Indian govt. is planning to conduct airborne radar survey in the Himalayan region to estimate the thickness of Glaciers at Lahaul-Spiti basin of Himachal
- This move comes at the backdrop of the Glacier Outburst in February 2021 in Uttarakhand.

## **Free-space Quantum Communication**

- For the 1st time in India, Indian Space Research Organisation successfully demonstrated freespace Quantum Communication over a distance of 300 Metres.
- It is a major milestone achievement for unconditionally secured satellite data communication using quantum technologies.

# IMPORTANT DAYS

## **World Tuberculosis Day**

- World Tuberculosis Day is observed annually on 24<sup>th</sup>
- On 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1882 that Dr Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the cause of Tuberculosis - the TB Bacillus. This year theme -'The Clock is Ticking'.