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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

'Mitali Express'

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** inaugurated **'Mitali Express'**, a new passenger train connecting **Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri** on the Indian side, was inaugurated.

ISRO joined hands with Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology

- **Indian Space Research Organisation** has joined hands with **IIST** for **futuristic research orbit**.
- To coordinate joint research activities a dedicated framework has now been framed with **capacity building programme office**. IIST is situated at Thiruvananthapuram.

STATE AFFAIRS

Japan to fund power supply project in Andaman & Nicobar

- **Japan** has approved grant aid worth **¥4.02 billion**, or **₹265 crore**, to improve the **power supply in the Andaman & Nicobar islands**, stressing the strategic geopolitical location of the islands for an open Indo-Pacific.
- The grant would be used to procure **15MWh batteries** as well as **power system stabilisers**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Global Wind Report 2021

- **Global Wind Report 2021** was published by the **Global Wind Energy Council**. As per the report, **total global wind power capacity** is up to **743GW now**.
- This is helping the globe to avoid over **1.1 billion tonnes of CO₂** annually. In the year 2020, 93 GW of new capacity were installed.

"Strategic cooperation pact"

- **China and Iran** signed **"strategic cooperation pact"**, during Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's ongoing **six-nation tour to West Asia**.
- According to the sources, it would establish a blueprint for **"reciprocal investments in the fields of transport, ports, energy, industry and services."**

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Media and entertainment industry likely to grow 25% in 2021

- According to **FICCI-EY**, **domestic media and entertainment industry** is set to **rebound** in 2021.
- Media industry would grow **25 per cent this year** to reach **Rs 1.73 trillion**.

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Adani Transmission Ltd. acquires Warora-Kurnool Transmission Ltd.

- **Adani Transmission Ltd.** has signed definitive agreements with **Essel Infraprojects Ltd.** For acquisition of **Warora (Maharashtra)-Kurnool (AP) Transmission Ltd.** at an enterprise valuation of **₹3,370 crore.**

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

International Union for Conservation of Nature

- The **International Union for Conservation of Nature** has declared **African Forest** and **Savanna** (or bush) elephants as '**critically endangered**' and '**endangered**' respectively.
- Earlier, African elephants were treated as a **single species**, listed as Vulnerable.

Mount Merapi volcano erupts

- **Indonesia's** most **volatile volcano** was **erupted** again, releasing **plumes of ash high into air** and sending **streams of lava and debris down its slopes.**
- The **2,968-metre-high volcano** is on densely populated **Java island** near ancient city of **Yogyakarta.**

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Missile Shaheen

- **Pakistan** successfully test-fired a **nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile** with a range of **900 kilometres.**
- The test of **Shaheen-1A** surface to surface ballistic missile, was aimed at revalidating various design and technical parameters of **weapon system.**

IMPORTANT DAYS

Earth Hour

- The **Earth Hour** is being observed on **27th March 2021.** Earth Hour is the **World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF)'s annual initiative** that began in 2007.
- It is held every year on the **last Saturday of March.** It encourages people to **switch off the lights from 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm** as per their local time.

SPORTS

India win gold in 25m rapid fire pistol mixed team event

- **Vijayveer Sidhu and Tejaswani** (India), won the **gold medal** in the **25m rapid fire pistol mixed team** event of the **ISSF World Cup** at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi.
- **Gurpreet Singh and Ashok Abhidnya Patil** won **silver** in the event.