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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Nirmala Sitharaman Virtually Inaugurated India's 1st 3D Printed House

- Union Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** virtually inaugurated **India's 1st 3D printed house** at the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras**, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The single-storey home has been built in just five days over an area of about 600 sq. ft using '**Concrete 3D Printing**'.

Mamata wins West Bengal but loses in Nandigram

- Trinamool Congress chairperson **Mamata Banerjee** led her party to one of its **biggest political victories** in the past three decades by single handedly stopping the BJP juggernaut in Bengal, with over **48% of all votes polled**.
- In Nandigram, BJP's **Suvendu Adhikari** defeated **Mamata Banerjee** by a margin of 1,956 votes.

STATE AFFAIRS

'Parvat Dhara Yojana'

- The State Government of **Himachal Pradesh** has initiated '**Parvat Dhara Yojana**' to **revive, recharge aquifers and conserve natural resources of water** in the state. It's objective is to enhance water level by **retaining water for the maximum period**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Democratic Republic of Congo declared the end of the twelfth outbreak of Ebola

- The **Democratic Republic of Congo** declared the **end of the twelfth outbreak of Ebola**. It had killed six people in the eastern province of North Kivu.
- The **Ebola virus** was discovered in 1976. The Ebola virus transmits from **wild animals to people**.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Sebi Imposed Fine on Several Entities in Vakrangee Case

- A total fine of **Rs 1.75 crore** was **imposed by Markets regulator Securities Exchange Board of India** on several entities for indulging in fraudulent trading in the scrip of **Vakrangee Ltd**.
- The entities have violated **Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices** norms.

Neobank, Fi Partnered with Federal Bank

- Bengaluru-based **Neobank Fi**, has partnered with **Federal Bank** to issue an **instant savings account, equipped with a debit card**, in under **3 minutes** for **salaried millennials**.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Uranium-214

- The **scientists** have **created lightest form of Uranium**. It is called the **Uranium-214**. The discovery reveals more information about an **alpha particle**.
- The alpha particle are those particles that **gets ejected from radioactive elements as they decay**. This isotope of Uranium has a greater number of neutrons than protons.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

T Rabi Sankar

- The **Appointment Committee of the Cabinet** has appointed **T Rabi Sankar**, the Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India as the **4th Deputy Governor of RBI**.
- ACC has cleared his appointment for a period of 3 years or till his date of superannuation. He succeeds B P Kanungo.

Prafulla Chandra Pant

- **Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant**, a Former Supreme Court Judge had been appointed as **Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission** with effect from April 25, 2021.
- He Succeeds Justice H.L. Dattu, whose tenure ended on December 2, 2020.

Tripurari Sharan

- **Senior IAS Officer Tripurari Sharan** has been appointed as **Chief Secretary of Bihar**.
- He will serve only for a period of two months. He succeeds Arun Kumar Singh who died of Covid-19.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

“Another Dozen Stories”

- **Satyajit Ray’s** book titled **“Another Dozen Stories”** is translated from **Bengali to English** by **Indrani Majumdar**.
- The **foreword** of the book was written by veteran actress **Sharmila Tagore**. The book was published by **Penguin India**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Press Freedom Day

- The **United Nations World Press Freedom Day** is annually observed across the globe on **3rd May**.
- The theme of World Press Freedom Day 2021 is **“Information as a Public Good”**.

SPORTS

Portuguese Grand Prix 2021

- **Mercedes’ driver Lewis Hamilton** (Britain) won the **Portuguese Grand Prix 2021 of Formula One** held at **Algarve International Circuit in Portimao, Portugal**.
- It is Hamilton’s **97th Career Victory**. **Red Bull Racing Honda’s Max Verstappen** (Netherlands) finished 2nd.

Thisara Perera

- **Sri Lanka all-rounder** and former limited overs captain for Sri Lanka – **Thisara Perera** announced his **retirement from International Cricket** at the age of 32.
- He has represented Sri Lanka in **6 Tests, 166 One Day Internationals & 84 T20 Internationals**.

OBITUARY

Olympia Dukakis

- **Olympia Dukakis**, who won an **Oscar** for her performance as a **sardonic, middleaged mother** who advises her headstrong daughter on matters of love in the 1987 romantic film comedy **Moonstruck**, passed away.
- She was 89.