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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Ceiling of ₹250 per person per dose

• Private hospitals functioning as COVID Vaccination Centres may recover a charge subject to a ceiling of ₹250 per person per dose.

"Priority One" Partner

India described Sri Lanka as "Priority One" partner in the defence sphere and said the participation of its military aircraft in the 70th anniversary celebration of the Sri Lanka Air Force.

Digital cobalt therapy

- India has donated an advanced tele cobalt machine for cancer treatment, to Madagascar, developed by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.
- Bhabhatron-II' was inaugurated at the Joseph Ravoahangy Andrianavalona Hospital in Antananarivo, by President Andry Rajoelina.

STATE AFFAIRS

"Penal Law (Madhya Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2021"

- Madhya Pradesh Cabinet has approved the "Penal Law (Madhya Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2021".
- This bill was approved in order to give life imprisonment to food adulterers in states.

"e-Parivahan Vyavstha"

• Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Jai Ram Thakur, launched the state Transport Department's "e-Parivahan Vyavstha" enabling faceless services on Driving Licence, Registration Certificates, Insurance, Permits etc.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine

- The **US Food and Drug Administration** has approved the single-shot Johnson & Johnson coronavirus
- The vaccine is set to be a cost-effective alternative to the Pfizer.

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MV Helios Ray

- An Israeli cargo ship named MV Helios Ray suffered an explosion in the Gulf of Oman.
- Israeli defence minister Benny Gantz said his "initial assessment" was that Iran was responsible for the explosion.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

PSLV-C51 and Amazonia-1

- The ISRO launched the satellite called PSLV-C51 which also carried Amazonia-1 and 18 other satellites was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- PSLV-C51 rocket is the 53rd mission of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Pramod Chandra Mody

• The re-appointment of Pramod Chandra Mody as Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes has been extended for a further period of three months with effect from March 1, 2021, to May 31, 2021.

Matam Venkata Rao

The Central Government has appointed Matam Venkata Rao, the Executive Director of Canara Bank as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Central Bank of India for a period of 3 years. He replaces Pallav Mahaparta.

Gymnastics Federation of India

- The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has restored the recognition of Gymnastics Federation of India as the National Sports Federation.
- GFI is also required to provide at least two months' advance notice to the Government in its constitution.

Indian Women's League

- The All-India Football Federation has announced that, Odisha will host the Indian Women's League.
- The Indian football has been trying to restart the onfield sporting action now amid the ongoing Covid-19

Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament

Vinesh Phogat defeated V. Kaladzinskay of Belarus in the final to win gold in women's 53 kg freestyle at the Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament at Kiev, Ukraine.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

'The Presidential Years: 2012-2017'

- Late Former President of India Pranab Mukherjee's memoir, Authored by Pranab Mukherjee titled 'The Presidential Years: 2012-2017'.
- The book was published by Rupa Publications India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Science Day

- The National Science Day was celebrated on February 28 with its theme as: 'Future of STI (Science, Technology and Innovation): Impacts on Education, Skills, and Work'.
- The Day is celebrated to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman effect' by Sir CV Raman.