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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### UN Security Council issues

- India and Ireland held the bilateral consultations on UN Security Council issues.
- During the bilateral consultations, both the countries congratulated each other for their election to United Nation Security Council.

#### Mahanadi-Godavari Link

- The task force on Interlinking of Rivers has approved the Mahanadi-Godavari Link.
- The linking project was approved by ensuring the utilisation of allocated Godavari waters by the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Khelo India Winter Games

- The second edition of the Khelo India Winter Games began at Gulmarg in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Kiren Rijiju, reached Srinagar to attend the event.

#### E-Daakhil portal

- The Ministry of consumer affairs had decided to integrate the Common Service Centres with the EDaakhil portal to facilitate the consumers for e-filing.
- It empowers the consumer and their advocates to file consumer complaints online.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> FICCI Higher Education Summit

- The Union education minister, addressed the 16<sup>th</sup> FICCI Higher Education Summit.
- The policy allows the students to be more creative in their respective fields since it focuses on entrepreneurship, innovation and skill development.

#### BRICS Financial Cooperation

- India hosted the meeting of BRICS finance and central bank deputies. It was the first meeting on the BRICS Financial Cooperation under India Chairship in 2021.
- It was co-chaired by Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj and RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### Delhi government to switch to electric vehicles

- Manish Sisodia, the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, announced that all departments of Delhi government will now use only electric vehicles. This transition to the electric vehicles will be done within 6 months.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### "Vaccine Equality"

- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director-General of World Health Organisation, lauded India and the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, for sharing the Covid-19 vaccines and supporting the "Vaccine Equality" across the world.

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### B.1.526

- A highly contagious Covid-19 variant, which is being called as B.1.526, is causing severe damage in the city of New York.
- This highly contagious variant was initially identified in samples which were collected in November 2020.

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### Saral Suraksha Bima

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority has launched a standard personal accident cover called Saral Suraksha Bima.
- This product has assured maximum sum of Rs 1 crore while the minimum assured sum of Rs 2.5 lakh.

### Financial Action Task Force

- The Global anti-terrorism watchdog Financial Action Task Force decided to maintain Pakistan into Grey List till June 2021.
- This decision by the FATF was taken in the light of country's failure to fully comply with the 27-point action plan of to combat the terrorism.

### Currency and Finance report

- A Currency and Finance report by Reserve Bank of India recommends that roll the terms for the members in six-member Monetary Policy Committee in order to moderate the political influence at the place of current appointments for the fixed term.

### 'Namma Chennai Smart Card'

- ICICI Bank in partnership with the Greater Chennai Corporation and Chennai Smart City Limited launched 'Namma Chennai Smart Card', a Common Payment Card System.
- The Rupay powered cobranded, was unveiled by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Mohamed Bazoum

- Mohamed Bazoum, of Nigerien Party for Democracy and Socialism, the ruling party of Niger was declared as the winner of the parliamentary run off.

### Natalia Vodianova

- The United Nations Population Fund, has appointed Russian supermodel Natalia Vodianova as its new Goodwill Ambassador to tackle stigma and advance women's health.

### Dushyant Chautala

- Dushyant Chautala, the Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana, was re-elected as the President of Table Tennis Federation of India.
- He will hold the post for a period of 4 years.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Committee to review cyber security guidelines

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has formed a 14 member committee to review its information and cyber security guidelines.
- The committee is headed by Prof Janakiram, chairman of Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### 'India: A Scamster Born Every Minute'

- Snigdha Poonam authors a new book titled 'India: A Scamster Born Every Minute'.
- The book provides insight about the subculture of scams, cons and frauds in India.

### 'Bride of the Forest: The Untold Story of Yayati's Daughter'

- Madhavi S Mahadevan has authored a Novel titled 'Bride of the Forest: The Untold Story of Yayati's Daughter', a story about the sacrifice and nobility of Drishadvati, a little known character from mythology.
- The book is published by Speaking Tiger Publishing Private Limited.