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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana

- The Ministry of Finance announced that nearly Rs 15 lakh crores have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana.
- The main objective of Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana was to refinance collateral free loans given by the lenders to small borrowers.

National Programme on High Efficiency Solar PV Modules

- The Union Cabinet approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme called the "National Programme on High Efficiency Solar PV Modules".
- PV stands for Photo Voltaic. It aims to achieve manufacturing capacity in Giga Watt scale in high efficiency solar PV modules.

Memorandum of Understanding signed between India and Japan

- The MoU was signed between **National Atmospheric** Research Laboratory and the Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere that operates under Kyoto University of Japan.
- They will exchange scientific materials, information, publications in atmospheric sciences.

INS Sarvekshak

- The INS Sarvekshak is on a deployment to Mauritius for undertaking Hydrogrpahic surveys along with Mauritius.
- It will also provide training to the Mauritian personnel on advanced hydrographic equipment and practices during the deployment.

Supreme Court-appointed 3-member Panel

- Supreme Court appointed 3-member Panel for Studying Agricultural reform laws passed by Parliament.
- Members of the committee are P K Mishra, Anil Ghanwat & Ashok Gulati. The report will be made public on the date of the next hearing of the Public Interest Litigation.

STATE AFFAIRS

Bird Flu in Himachal Pradesh

Bird Flu was confirmed among the migratory water birds at Pong Dam Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. The disease then killed more than 5,000 birds. The officials have confirmed that the death of birds is due to the presence of H5N8 Avian Influenza.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Forbes list of richest World Billionaires

- The Forbes released its list of wealthiest people in the world. Jeff Bezos. Net Worth: 177 billion USD topped the list followed by Elon Musk. Net Worth: 151 billion USD.
- The headquarters of Forbes is located in New Jersey. The motto of Forbes magazine is "Change the World".

India H2 Alliance

- The Global energy and industrial majors have joined together to form a new coalition called the India H2 Alliance.
- It will mainly focus on industrial clusters such as refineries, steel, cement, fertiliser, ports and logistics and heavy-duty transport use cases. It will also create standards for storage and transport of hydrogen in pressurised and liquefied form.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SUPACE

Chief Justice of India, SA Bobde launched "Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency (SUPACE)" an Artificial Intelligence driven tool, which is 1st of its kind in the World that collects relevant facts and laws related to the case, thereby easing the research process for Judges.

'Super Torpedo'

- Russia is Testing a new 'Super Torpedo' namely Poseidon 2M39 Torpedo in the Arctic region.
- The Super Torpedo is capable of producing Radioactive Tsunamis. The Unmanned Stealth Torpedo is powered by a nuclear reactor and has a range of 10, 000 km.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

S Ramann

S Ramann, the Chief Executive officer of National e-Governance Services Ltd, has been appointed as the **Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India.**

Tarun Bajaj

Ministry of Finance, has appointed Tarun Bajaj as the Secretary in the most important Department of Revenue, shifting him from the Department of Economic Affairs.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

- The United Nations International Day of Sport for **Development and Peace** is annually observed across the globe on 6th April to recognise the role of sports in communities.
- Theme of 2021 IDSDP is focused on recovery from the pandemic.

World Health Day

- The United Nations World Health Day is annually observed across the globe on 7th April to draw attention towards a specific health topic that concerns people across the globe to highlight the priority area of concern for the WHO.
- Theme of 2021- "Building a Fairer, Healthier World".

OBITUARY

Anaimuthu

- Periyarist and founder of the Marxist Periyarist Communist Party V. Anaimuthu passed away due to age related complications. He was 96.
- · He published the 20 volumes of collected works of Dravidar Kazhagam founder Periyar.