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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Babu Jagjivan Ram

- Prime Minister paid tributes to freedom fighter and former Deputy Prime Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram on his 114<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary.
- Jagjivan Ram, popularly known as Babuji. His memorial at his cremation place is named Samta Sthal (Place of Equality).

#### Integrated Health Information Platform

- The Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched the Integrated Health Information Platform.
- It is to operate under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme. It aims to strengthen the disease surveillance in the country.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Education Ministers meet of E9 countries

- E9 is a forum of nine countries. It was created to achieve the goals of "Education for All" initiative of UNESCO.
- The member countries of E9 initiative are Brazil, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Mexico and Nigeria. It's theme: E9 initiative: Scaling up digital learning to accelerate progress.

### BUSINESS & ECONOMY

#### Adani buys ₹2,800 crore stake in Krishnapatnam

- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ) has bought the residual 25% stake in Adani Krishnapatnam Port Ltd. (Krishnapatnam Port) from Vishwas mudra Holdings for ₹2,800 crore.

#### BYJU'S to acquire Aakash in \$1bn 'strategic' deal

- Edtech platform BYJU'S entered into a strategic partnership with test preparatory services firm Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) to acquire the latter for approximately \$1 billion.
- The company declined to reveal details about the valuation and other financial details.

#### SBI increases home loan rate to 6.95%

- State Bank of India has revised its home loan rate to 6.95% effective April 1. With the revision, the lowest rate of 6.70% regime for limited period ended in March 31.
- During the limited period, the bank offered home loan starting from 6.70% for loans up to ₹75 lakh and 6.75% for loans in the range of ₹75 lakh to ₹5 crore.

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## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Data leaked

- The **personal data** of more than **533 million Facebook users** has been **leaked online**. The exposed data included personal information of the Facebook users from more than **106 countries**.
- This also included records of **32 million users in the US, 11 million in UK and 6 million in India**.

### Hydrogen Market

- The **World largest solar company Longi Green** is to enter the **Hydrogen Market**. Longi Green is a Chinese company that manufactures **solar panels, wafers and solar cells**.
- Hydrogen is a **carbonfree fuel** that can be produced by electrolysis of water and then stored and transported.

### IIT-Hyderabad research team develops an alternative to lithium-ion batteries

- The **Electrochemical Energy Storage (EES) Lab** at **IIT Hyderabad** has developed a **5V Dual Carbon Battery** utilising selfstanding **carbon fiber mats as both electrodes (cathode and anode)**.
- This new model sets aside the requirement of **toxic, costly and heavy transitional metals**.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Justice N V Ramana

- **Justice N V Ramana**, was appointed as the **Chief Justice of India** is to assume charge on **April 24, 2021**. He is to take charge a day after the retirement of **CJI Sharad Arvind Bobde**.
- Justice Ramana is to take over as the **48<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India**. In 2014, he was appointed as the judge of the Supreme Court.

### Vietnam's PM Phuc sworn in as President

- **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**, was formally sworn in as **President of Vietnam**. He was Vietnam's PM for the last five years, a period in which the economy boomed, and his government's COVID19 response won plaudits at home and abroad.
- **Pham Minh Chinh**, a former deputy minister of public security, was sworn in as **PM**.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### National Maritime Day

- The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways** celebrated the **58<sup>th</sup> National Maritime Day** on **5<sup>th</sup> April** under the theme '**Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19**'.
- It is celebrated to encourage the merchant shipping industry of India.

## OBITUARY

### Filmmaker Balachandran passes away

- **P. Balachandran**, screenwriter, filmmaker and actor, passed away in Vaikom in Kerala. He was 69.
- His foray into cinema was by scripting *Uncle Bun* (1991) starring Mohanlal. He proved his mettle with his subsequent films *Ulladakkam* and *Pavithram*. *Kammattipadam* (2016) was his recent work.