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INTERNATIONAL

1) I2U2 Summit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the first virtual I2U2 Summit.
- The I2U2 is a four-nation grouping, where “I” stands for India and Israel, and “U” for the US and the UAE. PM Modi was joined by United States President Joe Biden, Israeli PM Yair Lapid and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

NATIONAL

1) ‘Connecting through Culture’

- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched ‘Connecting through Culture’, an anthology of essays on various aspects of India’s soft power strengths, at Sushma Swaraj Bhavan in New Delhi, India.
- The Minister described the book as the “good cop” in diplomacy and said that it can be used to encourage others to work with India because “it creates a comfort about India.

2) “DigiVaani Call Center”

- Nasscom Foundation and Google have announced setting up a call centre in collaboration with a not-for-profit body Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals to help women farmers scale up their business.
- The “DigiVaani Call Center” project is being run on a pilot basis and initially around 20,000 rural women entrepreneurs shall be covered across six states, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana and Rajasthan.

3) 7th anniversary of the Skill India Mission

- The 7th anniversary of the Skill India Mission is being observed on 15th July. National Skill Development Mission also known as Skill India Mission was launched on this day in 2015.
- Skill India is an initiative of the central government to empower the youth with skill sets, making them more employable.

4) “AadhaarFaceRd”

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched a face

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authentication feature through a new mobile app called “AadhaarFaceRd”.

- For authentication, Aadhaar card holders no longer need to physically visit an enrollment centre for iris and fingerprint scans.

5) E- waste eco park

- For discussion of development of an e-waste eco park, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai convened a joint review meeting with representatives from the Environment Department and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee.

- Approximately 21 acres would be used to create India’s first e-waste eco park in Holambi Kalan, a neighbourhood of Delhi, according to Rai.

6) “Mission Shakti”

- 'Mission Shakti', an integrated women empowerment programme, was launched as an umbrella scheme for the safety, security and empowerment of women.

- The mission addresses issues affecting women on a life-cycle continuum basis and will be implemented during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

7) e-NAM (National Agriculture Market)

- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) launches Platform of Platforms (POPs) under e-NAM.

- PoPs will facilitate farmers to sell their produce beyond their State boundaries.

- e-NAM, launched in 2016, is a pan-India electronic trading portal which networks existing APMC mandis to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities.

STATE NEWS

1) Monkeypox case detected in Kerala

- First Monkeypox case detected in Kerala. Monkeypox is a zoonotic disease, first discovered in 1958 in monkeys, transmitted from infected animals to humans.

- It occurs primarily in tropical rainforest areas of Central and West Africa and is occasionally exported to other regions.

