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INTERNATIONAL

1) Financial Crisis in Sri Lanka

According to World Bank's Sri Lanka Development Update, Sri Lanka is facing an acute economic crisis because of job & earning losses, and high food inflation. Inflation has been increased due to printing of money by government to pay off foreign bonds and domestic loans.

2) "Iron-Air Battery"

The QuantumScape Corp, a battery start-up backed by Volkswagen AG is working on a technology called "Iron-Air Battery". This technology could make car batteries cheaper, more reliable and suitable for quicker recharge. Shareholders of California-based QuantumScape.

3) India donated Covid-19 vaccines to Afghanistan

India donated 500,000 doses of Covid-19 vaccines to Afghanistan and will further send another 500,000 doses in coming days as a part of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan. Doses were donated to the Indira Gandhi children's hospital in Kabul.

NATIONAL

1) Energy Transition Advisory Committee

The Energy Transition Advisory Committee was formed by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. It is headed by Tarun Kapoor, former Secretary of Petroleum Ministry. It will focus on increasing the share of clean energy sources such as hydrogen, biofuel, nuclear, geothermal, tidal in the energy mix of the country.

2) 5G microwave absorbers

Professor of Kerala University have developed fifth-generation (5G) microwave absorbers. Development of 5G microwave absorbers could act as an effective shield against electromagnetic radiations. Threat of electromagnetic pollution and radiation is inevitable because of ever-increasing quest for smarter and advanced electronic devices worldwide.

3) 64th foundation day of DRDO

64th foundation day of "Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)" was celebrated. DRDO also played a significant role in fighting against COVID-19 pandemic. It set up around 850 oxygen plants and Covid hospitals with the help from PM CARES Fund. It also developed a medicine named 2DG, to fight covid-19.





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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Abdalla Hamdok

Sudan's Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok announced his resignation. Protests are being held against a recent deal that Prime Minister had done to share power with the army. Protesters called for return to the full civilian rule.

2) Mohamed Hussein Roble

Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, President of Somalia, widely known as Farmaajo, has suspended Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble over allegations of corruption, misuse of public land and trade allegations over the holding up of parliamentary elections.

3) Baldev Prakash

Baldev Prakash has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Jammu & Kashmir Bank for three years. Apart from him, R K Chhibber has been appointed as an additional director on the board of the bank.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 'RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism'

Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui, who died during an assignment in Afghanistan, has been posthumously awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 by the Mumbai Press Club. CJI N V Ramana presented the annual 'RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism'.