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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi releases the 8th instalment worth over Rs. 20,000 crore under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 8<sup>th</sup> instalment of over 20,000 crore to more than 9.5 crore farmer-beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme via video-conferencing.
- West Bengal joined the scheme and about 7 lakh Bengal farmers received their first installment.

**India virtually hosts the 1st BRICS Employment Working Group Meeting**

- Secretary of Labour and Employment, Apurva Chandra chaired the 1<sup>st</sup> BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting held virtually in New Delhi.
- India has assumed BRICS Presidency in 2021.

### STATE AFFAIRS

**Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh declares Malerkotla as its 23rd district**

- Chief Minister of Punjab Amarinder Singh announced Malerkotla as the 23<sup>rd</sup> district of Punjab.
- Malerkotla is 35 km from the Sangrur district of Punjab.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**ADB commits a record \$3.92 billion loan to India for 13 projects in 2020**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed a record \$3.92 billion in sovereign loans for 13 projects to India in 2020, including USD 1.8 billion in COVID-19 related projects to support the government's pandemic response.

**KP Sharma Oli was re-appointed as the Prime minister of Nepal**

- KP Sharma Oli was sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister for the third time after he lost a vote of confidence in Parliament.
- He was served as the Prime Minister of Nepal from 2015 to 2016 and from 2018 to 2021.

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## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

**Airtel Payments Bank launches 'DigiGold' platform for customers to make investments in gold**

- **Airtel Payments Bank** partnered with **SafeGold**, a leading provider of digital gold has launched the '**DigiGold**' for its customers to **invest in gold**.
- The gold purchased by customers is stored securely by **SafeGold** at no additional cost and can be sold through the **Airtel Thanks app** at any time in a matter of few clicks.

**DBS Bank launches Asia's first bank-backed crypto trust service**

- Singapore-based **DBS Bank** launches **Asia's first bank-backed trust solution** for **cryptocurrencies** as demand for digital assets increases.
- The bank is offering its clients the ability to invest and manage up to four assets through the bank's wholly-owned, **licensed trust company DBS Trustee**.

**OneWeb partners with SoftBank to roll out satellite communication services**

- **SoftBank Corp** partnered with **OneWeb** to promote **OneWeb's satellite communication services** in the **global and Japanese markets**.

**Groww acquires Indiabulls' mutual fund for Rs. 175 crore**

- Online investment platform **Groww** signed an agreement with **Indiabulls Housing Finance** to acquire its asset management company for **175 crores**, paving the way for the **Bengaluru-based fintech startup** to enter the mutual fund business.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

**Nagaland's Nuklu Phom wins prestigious Whitley Award 2021 for his 'biodiversity peace corridor'**

- **Nagaland conservationist, Y Nuklu Phom** has won the prestigious '**Whitley Awards 2021**' for his efforts towards creating the "**Biodiversity Peace Corridor**", a network of community-owned forests in Nagaland.

**Nepal's Mingma Tenji Sherpa sets world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time**

- A 43-year-old **Nepali mountain guide, Mingma Tenji Sherpa** has created a **world record by climbing Mount Everest twice** in the shortest time (four days) within a season.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

**Bata India appoints former Britannia executive Gunjan Shah as its CEO**

- Footwear major **Bata India** has appointed **Gunjan Shah** as its **new chief executive officer**.
- He has been serving at Britannia Industries as its chief commercial officer. He replaces Sandeep Kataria, who was elevated as the global CEO of Bata Brands.

**Former Cricketer Ramesh Powar was appointed as the head coach of the India Women Cricket Team**

- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has appointed former Indian cricketer **Ramesh Powar** as the **head coach of the Indian Women's Cricket Team**.
- He replaced **WV Raman**.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

**International Day of Families – 15 May**

- The **International Day of Families** is observed on **15 May** every year. The day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 with resolution A/RES/47/237 and reflects the **importance the international community attaches to families**.
- 2021 Theme: "**Families and New Technologies**"

## SPORTS

**Kazakhstan tennis player Roman Khassanov banned for corruption**

- The **International Tennis Integrity Agency** announced that **Roman Khassanov**, who represented **Kazakhstan** in the **Davis Cup** has been **banned for 10 years** after admitting a string of corruption charges.

## OBITUARY

**Times Group chairperson Indu Jain passed away at 84**

- **Indu Jain**, chairman of the **Times Group**, lifelong spiritual seeker, pioneering philanthropist and passionate proponent of women's rights passed away due to COVID-related complications.
- She was awarded **Padma Bhushan** in 2016 for Trade and Industry.