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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

MoU between the Ministry of Agriculture and Central Silk **Board**

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministry of Agriculture and Central Silk Board for the implementation of Agroforestry in the silk sector under the ongoing Sub-Mission on Agroforestry Scheme.

Umbrella schemes

The Ministry of Women & Child Development has classified all its major programmes under 3 umbrella schemes namely - Mission Poshan 2.0 (for Holistic Nutrition), Mission Vatsalya & Mission Shakti for the sake of better Implementation of the schemes & programmes.

First forest healing centre

- India's first Forest Healing centre was inaugurated by environmentalist Joginder Bisht in Uttarakhand.
- It is based on the concept of healing and revitalizing the overall health and well being of people by bringing them into direct contact with nature.

STATE AFFAIRS

Center of Excellence for dairy sector

- Denmark to set up a Center of Excellence for the dairy sector in Rajasthan. It's objectives is to provide technical support in water conservation and purification works in the urban areas of Udaipur.
- Rajasthan is the second highest milk producing state in India.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

UNCTAD B2C E-COMMERCE INDEX 2020

- According to the 'UNCTAD B2C E-COMMERCE INDEX 2020- Spotlight on Latin America and the Caribbean', India ranked 71 out of 152 countries as compared to 75th position in 2019.
- The index has been topped by Switzerland for the first time.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

SahiPay

National Skill Development Corporation collaborated with **SahiPay**, an Android-based integrated platform developed by Manipal Business Solutions to promote nano-entrepreneurship amongst youth in the financial services sector.

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"SmartUp Unnati"

- HDFC Bank has launched "SmartUp Unnati", a mentoring program by women for women entrepreneurs.
- Under this programme, senior women leaders from HDFC bank will mentor women entrepreneurs to achieve their goals in the next one year.

Banking services on Whatsapp

- Axis Bank launched the banking services on Whatsapp, this will enable the customers to get information on their balance, transactions, credit card payments, and deposit details.
- This is in line to the Dil se open philosophy of Axis Bank.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

'Women Will'

Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google stated that Google.org the Philanthropic arm of Google will support 1 Million women entrepreneurs in rural India by providing them with business tutorials, mentorship & accelerator programmes through Google's newly launched 'Women Will' web platform.

'Starship SN10'

- SpaceX successfully tested its 'Starship SN10' prototype rocket.
- The rocket successfully up to an altitude of 10,000 Kms & safely landed back on the ground, but exploded six minutes after the landing.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle"

- The autobiography of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, popularly known as the "Frontier Gandhi", titled "The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle" is set to be published in English by the publishing house Roli Books.
- The book was translated into English by Imitiaz Ahmad Sahibzada.

Dynasty to Democracy

- Anant Vijay's authored a book named 'Dynasty to Democracy: The Untold Story of Smriti Irani's Triumph'.
- The book is about an attempt to understand the reasons behind Irani's success in Amethi, and her political methods.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Women's Day

- United Nations International Women's Day is annually observed across the globe on 8th March.
- The **theme** of International Women's Day 2021 is "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world".

SPORTS

YONEX Swiss Open 2021

- Indian Shuttler PV Sindhu secured the Silver Medal in the Yonex Swiss Open 2021, after she was defeated in the final by Spain's Carolina Marin.
- The tournament took place at in **Basel**, **Switzerland**.

Ravichandran Ashwin

- Ashwin became the 1st Indian Cricketer to pick 30 wickets in a Test Series Twice.
- He also became the 1st Bowler to dismiss left-handers 200 times in Tests.

Bajrang Punia

- Indian wrestler, Bajrang Punia, has regained the world number one ranking.
- He gained his ranking after winning second successive gold medal at Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series.

OBITUARY

Ishar Singh Deol

- Ishar Singh Deol a veteran Indian athlete passed away at the age of 91 in Chandigarh.
- He majorly participated in **Shot-put and Discus throw** from 1951-1960. In 2009, he was awarded the **Dhyan** Chand National Award.