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"Sansad TV"

- The Parliament of India have merged two of the TV channels namely, Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV into "Sansad TV".
- Ravi Kapoor, has been appointed as the CEO of the Sansad TV on a contract basis for a period of one year.

LinkedIn Opportunity Index 2021

- LinkedIn Opportunity Index 2021 focuses on the manner women perceive their opportunities.
- It also focuses on how gender gap is slowing down the career progress for working women in India in the midst of Covid-19 pandemic.

India to provide assistance to Madagascar

- India announced that it will deliver a consignment of 1,000 metric tonnes of rice and 100,000 tablets of Hydroxychloroquine as a humanitarian assistance to the drought-hit Madagascar.
- The assistance will be delivered by the Indian Naval Ship Jalashwa.

Global-Bio India-2021

• The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Science & Technology, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, inaugurated the second edition of Global-Bio India-2021, under the theme- 'Transforming Lives' along with the tagline 'Biosciences to Bio-economy'.

MapmyIndia

- The digital mapping and location-based platform, MapmyIndia has launched the targeted maps and nearby search features for its mobile application as well as its official website.
- This feature will help the Indians to find coronavirus vaccination centres across India.

STATE AFFAIRS

"Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021"

- The Madhya Pradesh government has introduced the "Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021" in the assembly.
- It is to check the **religious conversions** through any fraudulent means.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Agreement on liquefied natural gas

- Pakistan has signed a ten-years agreement with Qatar over the liquefied natural gas.
- This agreement was signed at around 31 percent lower rate when compared to the previous PML-N agreement of 2015.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Cashfree partners with PayPal

- Cashfree, a Bengaluru-based payments & banking technology company has partnered with PayPal to enable International payments for its merchants.
- It will enable businesses using Cashfree's payment gateway to show prices of all products in multiple currencies.

India's 1st RRBs to launch Digital Savings Account

- Two Regional Rural Banks, Telangana Grameena Bank & Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank became India's 1st RRBs to launch Digital Savings Account opening facility through Video-conference.
- Both RRBs are sponsored by the **State Bank of India**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

"AI Game Changers"

- The National Association of Software and Service Companies is all set to launch its 'Al Game Changers' program in India.
- The programme will be launched to promote the artificial intelligence -led innovation across the country.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Jaideep Bhatnagar

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting appointed Jaideep Bhatnagar, 1986-batch Indian Information Service officer as the **Principal Director** General of Press Information Bureau.
- He took over as the **Principal DG** from the incumbent Kuldeep Sing Dhatwalia.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"The Mystery of the Parsee Lawyer"

- Shrabani Basu authored new book, "The Mystery of the Parsee Lawyer". This became the first investigation on real-life crime during Arthur Conan Doyle's lifetime.
- The book is published by **Bloomsbury Publishing**.

"Joe Biden: American Dreamer"

- Evan Osnos has authored a new Book "Joe Biden: American Dreamer" a biography of American **President, Joe Biden** that features both the personal and public life of Joe Biden.
- The book is published by **Bloomsbury Publishing**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Women's History Month

- The first day of March, 2021 marked the beginning of Women's History Month. It is to highlight the contributions of women in the events of history and the contemporary society.
- It's theme: "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced".

Jan Aushadhi Diwas

- The Third Jan Aushadhi Diwas celebrations started on March 1, 2021. This is a one-week-long celebrations.
- To mark the celebrations, the Jan Aushadhi Kendras conducted the Health Check-up Camps.