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# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### First investment in the Indian healthcare sector

The National Investment & Infrastructure Fund Ltd made its first investment in the Indian healthcare sector by its investment of ₹2,100 crores in Manipal Hospitals through its direct private equity fund, Strategic Opportunities Fund.

#### West Bengal is the top contributor to the Small Savings **Scheme**

- The National Savings Institute announced that West Bengal is the top contributor to the Small Savings **Scheme** in the country.
- The state contributes 15% of the total corpus under the Small Savings Scheme. West Bengal was followed by Uttar Pradesh.

# STATE AFFAIRS

## **Drinking water project in Punjab**

The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank have approved the loan for the 300 Million USD canal-based drinking water project in Punjab. The canal-based drinking water projects in Punjab are: Amritsar Project and Ludhiana Project.

## World Bank approves USD 32 Million Project

• The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved a **USD 32 Million** (approx INR 234.80 Crores) 'Mizoram Project titled Health **Systems** Strengthening Project' for improving management capacity and quality of health services in Mizoram.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### India contributes USD 300, 000 to UN Women

- India has contributed USD 300, 000 (approx INR 2.2 Crores) to the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (also known as UN Women).
- UN Women is a UN entity dedicated to gender equality and empowerment of women. It was created in 2010 by the UN General Assembly.

## **Global Trade Projection**

- The World Trade Organisation, the multilateral trade body in its Trade forecast, revised its global merchandise trade volume growth for 2021 to 8% from the earlier forecast of 7.2% in October 2020.
- WTO reported a 5.3% decline in global trade in 2020.

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#### PayPal Launches Cryptocurrency Checkout Service

- PayPal Holdings Inc has started allowing United States consumers to use their cryptocurrency holdings to pay its online merchants globally.
- In PayPal digital wallets, Customers who hold bitcoin will be able to convert their holdings into fiat currencies at checkouts to make purchases.

# BUSINESS & ECONOMY

## India's Fiscal Deficit for FY21 was about 76% of revised estimates

According to the data released by the Controller General of Accounts, the fiscal deficit for the 11 months of FY21 (April - February) stood at Rs 14.05 lakh crore which is about 76% of the revised estimates and for FY20 the deficit was about 135.2% of RE.

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## Bharat Dynamics Ltd Starts Delivery of 'Akash Missile'

- Bharat Dynamics Ltd started the delivery of the 'Akash Missile' (surface-to-air Missile System) to the Indian Army.
- BDL manufactures AKASH Missile for both the **Indian** Army and Indian Air Force. The Missile system has been designed and developed by **DRDO**.

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

#### Kalinga Ratna Samman for the year 2021

- M Venkaiah Naidu presented the Kalinga Ratna Samman for the year 2021 to Biswabhusan Harichandan, governor of Andhra Pradesh to recognise his contribution to literature.
- It is an annual award instituted by the Sarala Sahitya Sansad in 2007.

# **BOOKS & AUTHORS**

#### "Suparipalana"

- M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India released the book "Suparipalana" authored by Dr Shailendra Kumar Joshi, the former Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- This is the Telugu translation of **SK Joshi's book "Echo** T Calling: Towards People Centric Governance".

## "Cinema Through Rasa"

- The book titled "Cinema Through Rasa: A Tryst with Masterpieces in the Light of Rasa Siddhanta" by Prachand Praveer.
- This is the English translation of Prachand Praveer's Hindi Book titled "Abhinava Cinema". The book was translated by GeetaMirji Narayan.

## 2023 Men's Boxing World Championship

- The International Boxing Association announced Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan as the host city for 2023 Men's Boxing World Championship.
- The biennial event is the highest event in the sport of **Boxing**. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time Uzbekistan is going to host the Boxing World Championship in its 22<sup>nd</sup> Edition in 2023.