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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### 'Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme'

- The Government of India is planning to replace the World Bank Assisted 'Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme' with a new programme called 'Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education project' for improving the Technical Education system in India.

#### Syama Prasad Mookerjee Institute of Medical Sciences and Research

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has addressed the 66<sup>th</sup> Convocation of IIT Kharagpur through a video conference and also inaugurated Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Institute of Medical Sciences and Research at IIT Kharagpur.

#### 'Procurement of defence material and equipment'

- Philippines has signed a implementing arrangement for 'procurement of defence material and equipment' with India in Manila, headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.
- It involves the procurement of defence equipment by the Philippines from India.

#### 'Champion Publisher of the Year'

- The Hindu Group won two golds and two silvers at South Asian Digital Media Awards given by WAN IFRA (World Association of News Publishers), culminating in being named 'Champion Publisher of the Year', owing to the highest tally on the points table.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### "Jagrut Tripura"

- Biplab Kumar Deb, Chief Minister of Tripura, launched the Digital Platform "Jagrut Tripura" to provide access to various Central & State government schemes.
- The Platform was Developed by 'EasyGov', a subsidiary of Jio Group of Companies.

#### Survey of "social and educational conditions"

- The Odisha government will start the first state survey of "social and educational conditions" of people belonging to the backward classes.
- It will cover the details like their occupation, and education standard etc.

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### **'International Year of Millets'**

- **United Nations General Assembly** adopted a **resolution** sponsored by **India** to mark **2023** as **'International Year of Millets'**.
- Its objective is to raise awareness about **health benefits of the grain** & suitability for cultivation under changing climatic conditions.

## **ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY**

### **KVGB signed MoU with Our Food Private Limited**

- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Our Food Private Limited**, Andhra Pradesh for arranging **cost effective food processing units** to farmers through bank loan.

## **ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY**

### **India's first dolphin research centre**

- Asia's first **National Dolphin Research Centre** will come up on the **bank of the Ganges** in the premises of **Patna University in Bihar**.
- Dolphin declared the **National Aquatic Animal** in 2009.

### **World's 1<sup>st</sup> Sanctuary for 'Platypus'**

- **Australia** is building the **World's 1<sup>st</sup> Sanctuary for 'Platypus'**, an **egg laying mammal** is a **semi-aquatic creature** that generally lives in **small streams & slow-moving rivers**.
- It is planned to be built by 2022.

### **Shrub Frogs**

- Researchers have discovered **5 new species of Shrub Frogs** (genus **Raorchestes**) in **Western Ghats**.
- Their findings were published in **'PeerJ' journal**. 80% of the world's **Shrub frog species** is found in **Western Ghats**.

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

### **"Space Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development"**

- **ISRO** is on formulating an exclusive **space startup programme "Space Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development"** to take startups in the space sector to a **higher orbit** with a string of initiatives to help them realise their **business potential**.

### **'Guardians' safety app for women**

- Caller identity app **Truecaller** has launched a **safety app for women—Guardians**.
- The app helps women share their location with family or friends at all or specific times and alert them in case of an **emergency**.

## **APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

### **Mary Kom**

- The **AIBA International Boxing Association** has appointed **6-time Boxing World Champion Mary Kom** as the **new chairperson of the AIBA Champion and Veterans Committee**.
- She was elected by the mail vote of the Board Member of AIBA.

### **Tarun Bajaj**

- The **Appointments Committee of Cabinet** notified that Department of economic affairs secretary **Tarun Bajaj** has been given the **additional charge** of the post of **Secretary, Department of Revenue** under the Ministry of Finance, he succeeds **Ajay Bhushan Pandey**.

## **SPORTS**

### **Pollard becomes third batsman to hit six 6s**

- West Indies limited-overs format skipper **Kieron Pollard** became the third batsman in the history of international cricket after **Herschelle Gibbs** (South Africa) and **Yuvraj Singh** (India) to **hit six 6s in an over**.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **'Chabahar Day'**

- The **Ministry of External Affairs** stated that, India will commemorate the **'Chabahar Day' on March 4, 2021**.
- Chabahar Port is a seaport in Chabahar which is located in **south-eastern Iran** in the **Gulf of Oman**.