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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### National Programme on Artificial Intelligence

- The Government of India is to launch **National Programme on Artificial Intelligence**.
- Under the programme, high value data sets in **Public Sector Units** are to be identified. These data will then be put under an **Artificial Intelligence control framework**.

#### "LITTLE GURU"

- The **Indian Council for Cultural Relations** tied up with the **Gamapp Sportswizz Tech Private Limited** to launch "LITTLE GURU" application.
- It is a specialized mobile application for learning **Sanskrit**. It teaches Sanskrit in an interactive platform.

#### India, the second most COVID-19 struck country in the world

- India reported **1.6 lakh new COVID-19 cases** in the last twenty four hours. With this, India is the **second most COVID-19 struck country** in the world.

- Previously, Brazil was the second most COVID-19 hit country in the world. The **US remains the most COVID-19 affected country** in the world.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### Swatch Badi launched at Siddipet

- In a move to teach lessons on **solid waste management**, a **Swatch Badi** (a learning centre to know and deal with garbage) was formally inaugurated by Telangana state Finance Minister **T. Harish Rao**. This is the second such school in India. The **first one** is located at **Bengaluru**.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Russian President Putin signs Law paving way to rule until 2036

- **Russian President Vladimir Putin** has signed a **legislation** which will enable him to run for **two or more consecutive six-year terms**, effectively permitting him to remain in **office till 2036**.
- Putin was first elected as Prime Minister of Russia in 1999 and as President in 2000.



## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### **'Mobisafar Virtual RuPay Prepaid Card'**

- **Mobisafar Services Private Limited**, a Fintech start-up made a partnership with **YES BANK** & with **National Payments Corporation of India** for **Rupay** to launch **'Mobisafar Virtual RuPay Prepaid card'**.
- The card can be used for many common booking purposes.

### **Airtel Payments Bank Announced 'Rewards123'**

- **Airtel Payments Bank** announced its **new savings account 'Rewards123'** which offers benefits and value to customers when they transact digitally using the bank account.
- 'Rewards123' could be availed by the customers at an **annual fee of Rs.299**.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### **Artemis Programme**

- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration** programme will **land the first person of colour on the moon** as a part of its **Artemis Programme**.
- In addition, NASA will also land first woman on the moon under the programme.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### **All India Council for Technical Education Lilavati Awards, 2020**

- Union Education Minister presented the **AICTE Lilavati Awards, 2020** in New Delhi. The awards were presented based on the **theme "Women Empowerment"**.
- The winners were selected by AICTE in **six sub themes**. The prize has been named after the twelfth century book called **"Lilavati"**. The book was written by the mathematician **Bhaskara II**.

### **BAFTA awards**

- The film **"Nomadland"** won four prizes at the **BAFTA awards**. BAFTA is **British Academy of Film and Television Arts**.
- The **Nomadland** won the **best picture, best director, best actress and best cinematography**. The **best actor** trophy was received by eighty-three-year-old **Anthony Hopkins**

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### **Prithvi Shaw appointed as Brand Ambassador of SportzXchange**

- Indian Batsman, **Prithvi Shaw**, was appointed as the **brand ambassador of SportzXchange**, a fantasy sports platform.
- He will be a part of the brand's promotional campaign **"Yahaan Hai Kuch Xtra"** to amplify the reach of **Fantasy matches in IPL**.

### **Sonu Sood Appointed as Brand Ambassador for Punjab's Anti-COVID-19 Vaccination Drive**

- Capt **Amarinder Singh**, Chief Minister of Punjab announced the appointment of **actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood** as the **brand ambassador of the anti-coronavirus vaccination programme** of the government of **Punjab**.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **International Day of Human Space Flight 2021 – April 12**

- The **United Nations Day of Human Space Flight** is annually observed across the globe on **12<sup>th</sup> April** to promote the **aspirations to explore and maintain outer space for peaceful purposes**.

### **National Safe Motherhood Day**

- The **National Safe Motherhood Day** is annually observed across India on **11<sup>th</sup> April** to create awareness about the importance of **pregnancy care, safe delivery, Childbirth and postnatal services** along with a **focus on reducing anaemia**.