



## STATE AFFAIRS

### **IKEA to Invest Rs.5500 Crore in UP in 5 years**

- Government of **Uttar Pradesh** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with **IKEA**, a **Swedish furniture and home applications company**, which is set to **invest Rs.5500 crore** in the state during the next 5 years.
- The MoU was virtually signed in the Presence of **Yogi Adityanath**, the Chief Minister of UP.

### **Centre for Perishable Cargo**

- The Chief Minister of Assam **Sarbananda Sonowal** inaugurated the **Centre for Perishable Cargo (CPC)** at **Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport**, Assam in the presence of **Chandra Mohan Patowary**, Assam State Minister for Transport.

### **“Smart” anganwadis**

- The government of **Kerala** has decided for the conversion of conventional anganwadis into **“smart” anganwadis** with **better amenities**.
- The smart anganwadis will be built in order to provide **early childhood care** in a phased manner.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### **11<sup>th</sup> Macroeconomic Dialogue**

- The **11<sup>th</sup> India-European Union Macroeconomic dialogue** was held virtually.
- **Tarun Bajaj**, Secretary, Economic Affairs led the Indian Delegation & **Maarten Verwey**, Director General, Economic & Financial Affairs, European Commission led the European Union delegation.

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### **Amazon India signed MoU with Directorate General Resettlement**

- **Amazon India** signed **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Directorate General Resettlement** to provide work opportunities to **ex-service personnel of the armed force** and their families across its network in India.
- It's purpose is to **create alternative career opportunities** for ex-service personnel who have served the country.

### **₹ 1000 Withdrawal Cap on Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

- **Reserve Bank of India** on considering the present liquidity position of **Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd.**, has imposed a **withdrawal cap of Rs 1,000** on the customers of the bank.
- But, customers are allowed to set off loans against deposits subject to conditions.

### **‘YONO Merchant App’**

- **SBI Payment Services Pvt. Ltd** launched **YONO Merchant App** to expand the **digitization of merchant payments** in India.
- Through the app, merchants can turn their **Near Field Communication (NFC)**-enabled Android smartphones into payment acceptance devices.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### **CSIR, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation sign MoU**

- **Council of Scientific & Industrial Research** and **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** for supporting **development, conduct & promotion of health research** in India.
- Both Entities will work towards identifying possible areas of collaboration in the **Scientific & Technical fields**.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### **“Rashtra Pratham – 82 Varshon Ki Swarnim Gatha”**

- Union Home Minister of India, **Amit Shah**, released a book titled **“Rashtra Pratham – 82 varshon ki Swarnim Gatha”** (Nation First – The Golden Story of 82 Years), which chronicles the history of Central Reserve Police Force since its raising in 1939.
- The book was compiled by historian **Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha** of Delhi University.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **International Mother Language Day**

- **International Mother Language Day** is celebrated annually on **21<sup>st</sup> February** worldwide to aware of the diversity of the **language and its variety**.
- It was first announced by UNESCO in 1999. This day promotes the awareness of language and cultural diversity across the world.