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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Saras Aajeevika Mela 2021

- The Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, **Narendra Singh Tomar**, has inaugurated the **Saras Aajeevika Mela 2021**.
- It is being organised by the **Ministry of Rural Development**.

Guru Ravidas Jayanti

- The **Bhakti Movement Saint Guru Ravidas Jayanti** is being observed on **February 27, 2021**.
- He is well known for his efforts in **eradicating caste system from India**. The saint is **contemporary to Kabirdas** while **Mirabai** was a disciple him.

National Conference on Bamboo

- The **NITI Aayog and Invest India** have associated with the **National Bamboo Mission** to conduct the **National Conference on Opportunities and Challenges for Bamboo in India**.

NAVDEX-21

- Indian Navy Ship 'Pralaya'** participated in **NAVDEX 21 (Naval Defence Exhibition)** held at **Abu Dhabi, UAE**.
- NAVDEX 21 is the **Middle-East Region's leading naval defence & maritime security exhibition**.

STATE AFFAIRS

'Namma Cargo' services

- The Chief Minister of Karnataka, **B.S. Yediyurappa**, launched the **'Namma Cargo' services**. The **State road transport corporations** will transport the parcels so as to generate more revenue.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

G20 Central Bank Governors meeting

- The Finance Minister of India, **Nirmala Sitharaman**, attended the **G20 Central Bank Governors' meeting**.
- This was the **first ever G20 Central Bank Governors' meeting** that was held under the **Italian Presidency**.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Gross Domestic Product forecast

- The **National Statistical Office** released its data on the **Gross Domestic Product** for the financial year 2021.
- As per the NSO, the Indian economy will be **expanded by 0.4%** in the **December quarter**.

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India to Grow at 13.7% in FY 22

- Moody's projected India's growth at 13.7% for FY 22. Earlier it was estimated at 10.8%.
- Moody's also projected that Indian economy will contract by 7%(-7%) in FY21, which is lower than the previous estimate of -10.6%.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

State of Environment Report

- The Centre for Science and Environment has released its State of Environment Report, 2021. The report highlighted that the pandemic will impact the 375 million children across the world.
- Further, India's air, water and land have become more polluted in between the year 2009 and 2018.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

"CERAWeek global energy and environment leadership award"

- The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, to get "CERAWeek global energy and environment leadership award".
- He will also be delivering the keynote address at the CERAWeek Conference-2021.

SPORTS

R Vinay Kumar has announced retirement

- Indian cricketer, R Vinay Kumar also known as "Davangere Express" has announced retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Vinay, a medium-pacer, represented India in one Test, 31 ODIs and 9 T20s between 2010 and 2013.

Yusuf Pathan has announced his retirement

- India all-rounder, Yusuf Pathan has announced his retirement from all formats of cricket. He played 57 ODIs and 22 T20s for India.
- He was part of the Indian team that won the ICC T20 World Cup 2007 and ICC Cricket World Cup 2011.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World NGO Day

- World NGO Day is celebrated every year on 27th February globally.
- It was marked for the first time by the UN, EU leaders and international organisations in 2014.

OBITUARY

Vishnu Narayanan Namboothiri passes away

- Renowned Malayalam poet, Vishnu Narayanan Namboothiri, has passed away. He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2014, for his contribution to the world of Malayalam literature.
- He also won the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award.