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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### India-Seychelles

- A virtual meet was held between the Prime Minister of India and the President of Seychelles. They jointly inaugurated the new magistrate's court building in Mahé, a 1 MW solar power plant and 10 community development projects in Seychelles.
- All the projects were built by the help of India.

#### SARTHAQ initiative

- Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched an National Education Policy Implementation Plan for School Education called 'Students' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education.
- It will help in achieving goals & objectives of the National Education Policy 2020.

#### People are free to choose religion: Supreme Court

- The Supreme Court said that people are free to choose their religion.
- The apex court also held that people have a right under the Constitution (Article 25) to profess, practise and propagate religion.

#### Muktijoddha Scholarship

- The Government of India announced scholarships to 2000 Bangladeshi students, the direct descendants of Muktijoddha or Liberation War-fighters of Bangladesh under the new Muktijoddha Scholarship scheme.
- The Government of India has sanctioned Tk 35 crore for the schemes.

#### Gifting of 'PS Zoroaster' to Seychelles

- PM Modi gifted a 48.9m Fast Patrol Vessel called 'PS Zoroaster' to Seychelles. It has been built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, Kolkata.
- It will help in Seychelles Coast Guard to strengthen its surveillance & Safeguarding capacities in its maritime space.

#### India and Netherlands launched a strategic partnership on water

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a virtual summit with his Netherlands counterpart Mark Rutte. During the summit, India and Netherlands launched a strategic partnership on water.
- Under the partnership the countries will focus on water budgeting, converting wastewater to energy etc.



### Fuel consumption falls 9.1% in FY21

- India's fuel demand contracted by a massive 9.1% in the financial year ended March 31, the first in more than two decades, as a stringent lockdown imposed to curb the spread of the pandemic pumelled economic activity.
- This is the first time fuel consumption has contracted since 1998-99.

## STATE AFFAIRS

### "Crushing the Curve"

- The Kerala Health Department is to launch a mass vaccination drive called the "Crushing the Curve". Kerala has recently witnessed a sharp spike in COVID-19 cases after the assembly elections. Break the Chain campaign was launched to promote social distancing in the state.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### US Restores Aid to Palestinians

- The United States, in a significant reversal to the earlier policy, has announced the restoration of at least USD 235 million in financial assistance to the Palestinians.
- The US administration had already announced USD 15 million in coronavirus relief to the Palestinians.

## ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

### Postal cover on Indian Skimmer released

- A special cover on the endangered Indian Skimmer was released by Andhra Pradesh Circle Chief Postmaster General M. Venkateswarlu and JNTU- K VC Ramalinga Raju.
- The Indian skimmer is one of the three species that belong to the skimmer genus Rynchops in the family Laridae.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### "NanoSniffer"

- The Union Education Minister launched the world's first Microsensor based Explosive Trace Detector called the "NanoSniffer".
- The NanoSniffer was developed by an IIT Bombay incubated startup called NanoSniff Technologies. It can detect all class of military, homemade and conventional explosives.

### Artificial Intelligence for Agriculture Hackathon

- The Artificial Intelligence for Agriculture Hackathon was begun by Google, MyGov and HUL to improve AI solutions in the field of Agriculture.
- Under this, the participants will develop ideas and will build prototypes that solve the challenges faced by farmers in water usage and sustainability.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### "Akhtari: The Life and Music of Begum Akhtar"

- "Akhtari: The Life and Music of Begum Akhtar" a new book to remember about the life and singing experience of great Indian Singer Begum Akhtar or Akhtari Bai Faizabadi.
- It was edited by Yatindra Mishra and published by Harper Collins India.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Central Reserve Police Force Valour Day

- The Central Reserve Police Force Valour Day is annually observed across India on 9th April to honour the valour of the Martyrs.

## OBITUARY

### Islamic scholar Mufti Azeemuddin passed away

- Noted Islamic scholar, and head mufti of the Islamic seminary Jamia Nizamia, Mufti Mohammed Azeemuddin, passed away after a brief illness. He was 84.
- Mufti was with the Islamic seminary for several decades, and was widely respected for his knowledge of the Islamic scriptures.

### Famed rapper DMX dies at 50

- DMX, the raspyvoiced hip hop artist who produced the songs Ruff Ryders' Anthem and Party Up (Up in Here) and who rapped with a trademark delivery that was of ten paired with growls, barks and "What!" as an ad lib, was passed away.
- He was 50.