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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Sahtoot dam

- India and Afghanistan have signed a the deal to build a dam, called Sahtoot dam, in order to supply water to the Kabul City.
- Construction of the dam will provide drinking, irrigation and Environmental water in the Kabul province of Afghanistan.

#### 'Yudh Abhyas 20'

- The 16<sup>th</sup> edition of an annual joint military exercise between India and the United States, "Yudh Abhyas 20" was initiated as a part of defence cooperation at the Mahajan Field Firing Range, near the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### Karnataka Digital Economy Mission

- The office of the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission was inaugurated in Karnataka. The mission was founded on a public-private partnership model.
- The KDEM is aimed at attracting the investments for the IT or ITeS sector in the state.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### BioAsia event

- The 18<sup>th</sup> edition of BioAsia event will be held in between February 22, 2021 to February 23, 2021. It will be organised under the theme: 'Move the Needle'.
- This year, the BioAsia event will focus on Covid-19, pharma, medtech and global health.

#### United States to re-join the UN Human Rights Council

- United States is all set to re-join the UN Human Rights Council. The United States had withdrawn from the council in the year 2018 under Presidency of the Donald Trump.
- UNHRC is an intergovernmental body within the UN system.

### BUSINESS & ECONOMY

#### PhonePe Partnered with Axis Bank on UPI Multi-Bank

- The digital payment platform PhonePe has partnered with Axis Bank on a Unified Payments Interface multi-bank model.
- It will enable the PhonePe users to create and use multiple UPI IDs with Axis Bank's "@axl" handle.

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## GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

### Lancet Countdown

- The **Lancet Countdown** on **Health and Climate Change** has published its new research in **Lancet Planetary Health Journal**.
- The report has highlighted the benefits of adoption of the Paris Agreement to health.

### Srivilliputhur-Meghamalai Tiger Reserve

- The Government of India has approved the **Srivilliputhur-Meghamalai Tiger Reserve (SMTR)** in Tamil Nadu.
- It will be **TN's 5<sup>th</sup> Tiger Reserve** and the Largest ever Tiger Reserve in the state. It is also **India's 51<sup>st</sup> Tiger Reserve**.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Turkey unveiled the ambitious 10-year space program

- The **President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan**, have unveiled the ambitious **10-year space program** of his country.
- The space programme comprises of a **mission to the moon, developing internationally viable satellite systems** etc.

### United Arab Emirates MARS Mission

- The **United Arab Emirates** has put a probe called **Hope** in the orbit around the **MARS**.
- UAE has become the **fifth country** to launch the **spacecraft into the orbit of MARS** after United States, Soviet Union, Europe and India.

### 3D Printed Aircraft Engine Component

- **Wipro 3D** has collaborated with **Engine Division of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd** to Manufacture **Aero Engine Component, Nozzle Guide Vane, 3D Printed** in a high temperature resilient steel operating in the hot zone using **Metal 3D Printing**.

### Inspiration4

- **SpaceX** announced its plan for the **World's first all civilian mission to space**, the mission is named **Inspiration4**.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### TP Rajendran Committee

- The government has appointed an **expert panel to review the objections of industry to the proposed ban on 27 pesticides**, that are mentioned as **harmful to animals and humans** by the government.
- The committee is headed by **TP Rajendran**.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### "Beautiful Things"

- **Hunter Biden**, son of **President Joe Biden** has authored the memoir titled **"Beautiful Things"**.
- The book is published by **Gallery Books**, an imprint of **Simon & Schuster**. The book focuses on the **life of Hunter Biden's struggle with substance abuse**.