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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Economic Impact of Judicial Decisions

- The NITI Aayog has asked research organisation 'Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) International' to conduct a study on the "economic impact" of various judgments delivered by courts and tribunals and the 'judicial activism' of such courts and tribunals.

Assam's Jerenga Pothar and Dhekiajuli Town

- The Prime Minister visited two significant historical places in Assam.
- The first was Sivasagar's Jerenga Pothar, where 17th-century Ahom Princess Joymoti sacrificed her life.
- Second was Dhekiajuli town, associated with the Quit India Movement of 1942.

45th International Kolkata Book Fair

- The 45th International Kolkata Book Fair, will be held in July 2021 at the Central Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- The fair will be organised by Publishers & Booksellers Guild. The focal theme country of the Book fair 2021 will be Bangladesh.

STATE AFFAIRS

Odisha's Border Disputes

- A border dispute between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh once again resurfaced when Andhra Pradesh announced panchayat polls in three villages of Kotia panchayat in Koraput district of Odisha.
- Odisha was carved out of the Bengal-Bihar-Odisha province on 1st April, 1936.

e-Cabinet

- Jai Ram Thakur, Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh inaugurated the first e-cabinet at Shimla.
- The state became the first to implement e-cabinet and make the end-to-end processing of cabinets paperless.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Virtual 8th ASEAN-India Tourism Ministers Meeting 2021

- The 8th ASEAN (Association of SouthEast Asian Nations) - India Tourism Minister Meeting 2021 took place virtually, it was co-chaired by Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State for Culture & Tourism, India & Dr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism, Cambodia.

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India, Bahrain hold 1st Joint Working Group Meeting 2021

- India & Bahrain held the 1st Joint Working Group Meeting 2021 in the field of Renewable Energy in a virtual format.
- The Indian side was led by Mr Dinesh Dayanand Jagdale & Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza, President of Sustainable Energy Authority led the Bahraini side.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Ministry of Corporate Affairs to launch MCA21 Version 3.0 Portal in Fiscal 2021-22

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs is set to launch the portal 'MCA21 Version 3.0' during the Fiscal Year 2021-22.
- The portal will be the 1st Mission Mode e-Governance project of Government of India. It's objective is to strengthen enforcement & transform Corporate regulatory environment in India.

ICICI Bank Signs MoU with MUFG Bank, Japan

- ICICI Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MUFG Bank Ltd, Japan to jointly cater the banking requirements of Japanese corporates present in India.

GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

Uttarakhand Flash Flood

- A glacial break in the Tapovan-Reni area of Chamoli District of Uttarakhand led to massive Flash Flood in Dhaul Ganga and Alaknanda Rivers.
- It occurred in river Rishi Ganga due to the falling of a portion of Nanda Devi glacier in the river which exponentially increased the volume of water.

Clean Fuel Hydrogen

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D) have come up with a way to generate clean fuel hydrogen from water at a low-cost.
- Hydrogen gas is a viable choice as a renewable substitute for fossil fuels, and can help mitigate emissions to reduce pollution.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Padma Shri Sridhar Vembu

- Padma Shri Sridhar Vembu, founder & Chief Executive Office of Zoho has been appointed to the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).
- Generally, members of NSAB have a 2 year term.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2021

- The United Nations International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is annually observed across the globe on 6th February to heighten the efforts towards eliminating the process of Female Genital Mutilation.
- Theme: "No Time for Global Inaction, Unite, Fund, and Act to End Female Genital Mutilation".

OBITUARY

Christopher Plummer

- The legendary Canadian Actor Christopher Plummer, the star of "The Sound of Music" and the oldest person to win the Oscar Award passed away at the age of 91.
- He was well known for his works like "The Last Station", "The Sound of Music", "The Insider", "A Beautiful Mind" and "Up" and others.

Tony Trabert

- Legendary American tennis champion Marion Anthony Trabert (Tony Trabert) who was a 5-time Grand Slam singles champion passed away at the age of 90.
- He won 3 grand slams singles in 1955 US Open and French Open and Wimbledon.

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