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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Innovation Challenge #FOSS4GOV

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has announced an **Innovation Challenge #FOSS4GOV** to accelerate the **adoption of Free and Open Source Software** in Government.
- FOSS is **free software & open-source software** i.e. anyone is freely licensed to use, copy, study, and change the software in any way.

#### 'India Renewables Dashboard'

- The **Central Electricity Authority Council on Energy, Environment and Water – Centre for Energy Finance** have launched the '**India Renewables Dashboard**'.
- The dashboard will provide detailed operational information on **Renewable Energy projects** in India.

#### India's Demographic Growth Transition will overtake China's by 2035

- According to a report by **People's Bank of China, China's Central Bank**, **India's Demographic Advantage** will overtake **China's Demographic Advantage** by **2035**.
- The reason for the fall in **China's Demographic Advantage** is due to its **strict Birth policies**.

#### Boao Forum for Asia

- The **Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021** took place in **Boao, South China's Hainan Province**. The meeting was held in offline mode, while several global leaders participated virtually in it.
- Theme – **A World in Change : Join Hands to Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation**.

#### Proning

- The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** issued guidelines on **proning for self-care for COVID-19 patients** at home.
- Under the new guidelines, patients are advised to practice proning if they are facing breathing difficulties. **Lying face down is called proning**.

#### Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana

- The **Government of India** announced that it will provide **five kilo grams of free food grains** under the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana** till June 2021.
- The free food grains are being provided to those covered under the **National Food Security Act, 2013**.

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## STATE AFFAIRS

### HARIHAR Policy

- The Haryana government also approved the 'HARIHAR' (Homeless Abandoned and Surrendered Children Rehabilitation Initiative Haryana) policy. It aims to provide **employment, education and financial benefits** to abandoned & surrendered children.

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### New Development Bank issued a USD 1.5 billion benchmark bond

- New Development Bank of BRICS issued a **USD 1.5 billion benchmark bond** with **5 years of maturity**. This is the **3<sup>rd</sup> USD benchmark bond** offering of NDB in the international markets.
- It will use to provide **COVID-19 Emergency Program Loans** to the member countries.

### HSBC India ties up with Google Pay and Visa

- **HSBC India** has partnered with **Google Pay and Visa** to provide a secured tokenization on its **credit cards**.
- Because of this partnership, **contactless payments** can be done by **linking HSBC credit cards in Google Pay** and it will help to **avoid physical contact** for payment.

### RBI Cancelled the Licence of Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank

- The **RBI** has cancelled the **license of Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank Limited, Maharashtra**, as the bank **doesn't have adequate capital to fund** its depositors in full and as it did not comply with the various provisions of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

### India Ratings Reduced India's GDP Growth Forecast for FY22

- **India Ratings and Research** have reduced **India's GDP growth forecast** of FY22 to **10.1 per cent**, from its earlier projection of 10.4 per cent.
- **SBI Research** also reduced **India's growth forecast** for FY22 to **10.4 per cent** from 11 per cent of the earlier predictions.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021

- **Rumana Sinha Sehgal**, won the **Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021** by the **Diplomatic Mission Global Peace**.
- She was virtually awarded for **her contribution to the field of developing innovative and functional green products** by recycling varied materials and non biodegradable materials.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Rekha Menon

- **Accenture India's Chairperson and Senior Managing Director Rekha Menon** has been appointed as the **Chairman of IT industrial body, National Association of Software and Services Companies** for 2021-22.
- She succeeds **UB Pravin Rao**.

### Atanu Chakraborty

- As per the information received from **HDFC bank**, the **Reserve Bank of India** has approved the **appointment of Atanu Chakraborty** as the **part-time Chairman** of the bank.
- He has been appointed for a period of **3 years**.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Book and Copyright Day

- **World Book and Copyright Day** is annually observed across the globe on **23<sup>rd</sup> April** to promote the benefits of **reading, publishing and copyright**.

## SPORTS

### 2021 Monte-Carlo Masters Title

- **Stefanos Tsitsipas** of Greece defeated **Russia's Andrey Rublev** to win the **2021 Monte-Carlo Masters Title**, an **ATP Masters 1000 title**.
- It is his **Maiden Masters 1000 Title**. It is an annual tennis tournament for **male professional players** and is **played on clay courts**.