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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Toy Fair

- The first-ever National Toy Fair will be starting from the February 27th, 2021. The toy fair is being organised by the Ministry of Textiles.
- During the event, the Centre for Creative Learning, which is based in IIT Gandhinagar, will showcase its 75 toy creations in the fair.

Corps Commander Level Meeting

- The 10th round of Corps Commander Level Meeting between India and China was held on the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control in Moldo.
- Both the sides appraised the smooth completion of disengagement of troops at the Pangong Lake area.

STATE AFFAIRS

Co-ownership rights to Women

- The Uttarakhand government has issued an ordinance providing the co-ownership rights to women in the ancestral property of their husband.
- It was put forward in the backdrop of large-scale migration of men from hill areas of the state to look for livelihood.

Hoshangabad city renamed as Narmadapuram

- The CM of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Chouhan, has announced to rename the Hoshangabad city of MP as Narmadapuram.
- Hoshangabad city was named after an attacker Hoshang Shah who was the first ruler of Malwa.

Paperless budget

- Uttar Pradesh has become the first Indian State that has tabled the paperless budget. The State finance minister, Suresh Khanna presented State Budget.
- The document was also made available on the App named as "Uttar Pradesh Sarkar Ka Budget".

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Armed forces for Women

- Saudi Arabia has opened up the armed forces for Women.
- Women will now be recruited as soldiers, lance corporals, corporals, sergeants, and staff sergeants. This move aims to increase the rights of women in the country.

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

State Bank of Sikkim

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has brought the **State Bank of Sikkim** under its **regulation**. It is a state-owned banking institution.
- It was **established in the year 1968**. Until February 21, 2021, it was not regulated by Reserve Bank of India unlike other banks.

Kala Namak rice

- **Uttar Pradesh** is all set to **export Kala Namak rice to Singapore**. This rice is also called as **Buddha Rice**. It is one of the finest varieties of **aromatic rice** that are **grown in India**.
- The rice was **offered to the Buddhist monks** so as to promote the rice in **Buddhist countries**.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

Blue earthworms

- The **Zoological Survey of India** has prepared a **report on mass migration** of the **blue earthworms** in the state of **Meghalaya**.
- The blue earthworms, migrate up and down to **300 metres in the East Khasi Hills** of the state.

Yellow-Billed Babbler

- The **Yellow-Billed Babbler, Green Sandpiper and Grey-Necked Bunting**, the rare birds were spotted in the **Mangalore University**.
- The campus bird count is the part of the **Great Backyard Bird Count** which is organised by the **Bird Count of India**.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2021

- **Late Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput** was honoured with the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award** in the '**Critic's Best Actor**' category during the prestigious award.