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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Third India Tourism Mart

- The Third India Tourism Mart was addressed by the Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan. The event was organised by the Federation of Associations in India **Tourism and Hospitality.**
- The event will bring together a mix of right buyers from world and right exhibitors from India.

India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon

- The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, addressed the India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon.
- It focuses on identification and development of the innovative technology solutions provided by students, MSMEs and start-ups from both the countries.

'Go Electric Campaign'

- The Union Minister of Road, Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari, had launched the 'Go Electric Campaign'.
- The campaign was launched in order to spread awareness with respect to the benefits of Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Workshop on 'Covid19 Management: Experience, Good **Practices and Way Forward'**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested that neighbouring countries should consider creating a special visa scheme for doctors and nurses.
- This suggestion was made during workshop hosted by India with nine neighbouring nations, including Pakistan.

Tree City of the World

- Hyderabad city has been recognised as a '2020 Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).
- It is the only City in India to get this recognition so far.

STATE AFFAIRS

"Snakepedia"

• A team of experts in **Kerala** have launched a **mobile** application named "Snakepedia", that will present all relevant information on snakes, to help the public as well as doctors in treating snake bites.

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Oxford Economics projection on India's GDP

The global forecasting firm Oxford Economics has revised India's economic growth projection for the Calendar year 2021 to 10.2 per cent, compared to a previous estimate of 8.8 per cent.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NASA's Mars 2020 Mission

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration **Perseverance Rover** has landed on **Mars.** This was one of the most crucial aspects of the Mars 2020 Mission.
- The mission is designed to better understand the geology of Mars and seek signs of ancient life.

"Arrow-4"

- Israel has announced that it is developing a new ballistic missile shield named "Arrow-4" in collaboration with the United States.
- This missile is being developed as another layer in the defensive system by keeping an eye towards Iran.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Ajai Malhotra

- Ajai Malhotra became the first Indian to be elected as the Chairperson of the United Nations Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council.
- Malhotra first joined the Indian Foreign Services in 1977.

Giorgi Gakharia

- The Prime Minister of Georgia, Giorgi Gakharia has announced his resignation.
- He was resigned because of disagreements within his own team over the decision to arrest Nika Melia. chairman of the United National Movement opposition party.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"Maveric Messiah"

• Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released "Maveric Messiah", a political biography on former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao authored by senior journalist Ramesh Kandula.

SPORTS

Chris Morris

- South African all-rounder Chris Morris shattered all records at the Indian Premier League 2021 auction in Chennai.
- Rajasthan Royals went all-out for the South African all-rounder Morris, buying him for ₹16.25 crore.

Faf du Plessis has announced his retirement

- South African cricketer, Faf du Plessis has announced his retirement from Test cricket.
- He scored 4163 runs in his Test career, at an average of 40.02, with 10 centuries and 21 fifties.

Kings XI Punjab has been renamed

- The IPL Franchise, Kings XI Punjab has formally been renamed as Punjab Kings.
- The Punjab-based IPL franchise 'Punjab Kings' is coowned by Bollywood actress Preity Zinta, along with businessman Ness Wadia, Mohit Burman and Karn Paul.

82nd Senior National Table Tennis Championship

- Manika Batra has won the 82nd Senior National Table **Tennis Championship.** She beaten Reeth Rishya at the Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex in Panchkula.
- Manika Batra is an Indian table tennis player. She is the top-ranked female table tennis player as of November 2020. She ranked 63rd in world.