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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Committee to commemorate 75 years of independence

- The government set up a 259-member high-level national committee headed by Prime Minister to commemorate 75 years of India's independence.
- It will provide **policy direction and guidelines** for the formulation of programmes for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence.

World Book Fair 2021

- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated the New Delhi World Book Fair 2021 -Virtual Edition.
- 'National Education Policy-2020' is the theme of the book fair which is being organised by the National Book Trust.

STATE AFFAIRS

Madhya Pradesh has introduced the night safaris

- The Madhya Pradesh has introduced the night safaris in the three national parks in state.
- With the introduction of night safaris in three national parks, wildlife enthusiasts can now experience the majestic animals at night.

Delhi Board of School Education

- **Delhi Chief Arvind Kejriwal** announced that the Delhi Cabinet gave approval to the constitution of a Delhi **Board of School Education.**
- The CBSE affiliation of the schools will be scrapped and they will be affiliated to the new Delhi board.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Road to Gender Inequality

• The **United Nations Development Programme** in its latest report named "Protecting Women's Livelihoods in Times of Pandemic: Temporary Basic Income and the Road to Gender Equality" has proposed a **Temporary Basic Income for poor women** in developing countries.

Imran Khan wins trust vote in National Assembly

- Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan won a trust vote in the National Assembly amid a boycott call by the Opposition parties.
- Prime Minister Khan secured 178 votes in the 342member lower house of Parliament during a special session.

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

India's forex reserves increase by \$689 million

- India's forex reserves increased by USD 689 million to USD 584.554 billion. Foreign currency assets rose by USD 509 million to USD 542.615 billion.
- The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund rose by USD 9 million to USD 1.517 billion.

Singapore was top source of FDI into India

Singapore was the top source of foreign direct investment into India in the first nine months of FY21 at \$15.7 billion, followed by the US at \$12.82 billion with **Mauritius** at the third position at \$3.47 billion.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Rohit Sharma

- Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Limited has signed Indian Cricketer Rohit Sharma as its brand ambassador.
- He will be representing Glenmark's "Candid Powder", the well-known brand of Glenmark's consumer care division.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

CERAWeek global energy and environment leadership award

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the environment CERAWeek global energy and leadership award.
- The award recognises his **commitment** sustainability in the energy and the environment.

Boxam International Boxing Tournament

• M C Mary Kom (51kg) settled for a bronze medal in the 35th Boxam International Boxing Tournament in Castellon, Spain after going down to American Virginia Fuchs in an intensely contested semifinal bout.

India beat England by an innings and 45 runs

- Team India beat England by an innings and 45 runs in 4th test at Ahmedabad.
- India will now face New Zealand in the WTC final slated to be played from June 18 to 22, with June 23 as the reserve day at the Lord's Stadium in London.

OBITUARY

Mathai George

- Mathai George Muthoot, the chairman of Muthoot **Finance** passed away at the age of 71.
- His diversified group runs over 20 businesses from gold loans to securities, realty estate to infrastructure, hospitals to hospitality & education and is headquartered in Kochi.