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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries

- The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises inaugurated 50 artisan-based SFURTI clusters, to provide a boost to the MSME sector.
- MSME is implementing a Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) with a view to organize traditional industries.

Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement

- India and Mauritius have signed a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement. This was first ever trade agreement with any African country.
- As per the agreement, India will be given preferential access to the markets in Mauritius and vice versa.

STATE AFFAIRS

Carbon Watch App

- Chandigarh became the first state or Union Territory in India to launch Carbon Watch, a mobile application to assess the carbon footprint of an individual.
- The app focuses on individuals' actions and calculates carbon footprint.

Flower processing centre

- The Karnataka government will set up a flower processing centre in collaboration with the International Flower Auction Bangalore.
- It will process the flowers and convert them into value-added products like floral arts, natural dyes, incense sticks, floral papers etc.

First undersea tunnel of India

- Mumbai will start the first undersea tunnel of India in 2023. The tunnel will have the length of 2.07 km out of which 1 kilometre portion will be under the sea.
- The tunnel will start from the Priyadarshani Park and will terminate at the Netaji Subhash Road in Marine Drive.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Green pass system

- Israel has launched a "green pass" system, which allows people who have been vaccinated to access public facilities that would otherwise be off-limits.
- Those who have recovered from the virus get a "Green Pass" certificate in the form of a QR code or printout for people without smart phones.



Vulture-Toxic Drugs

- **Bangladesh** has **banned** the **painkiller ketoprofen**. This painkiller is used widely to treat the cattle. But this painkiller is **toxic to vultures**.
- The Saving **Asia's Vultures from Extinction** report states that ketoprofen is now widely used as a main anti-inflammatory drug by vets in Bangladesh.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

India – Maldives

- **India and the Maldives** have signed a **defence Line of Credit agreement** worth **USD 50 million**.
- It is seen as key to India's and Maldives' strategic interests, particularly given China's increasing footprint in the **Indian Ocean Region**.

India's top trading partner – China

- In the year **2020**, **China** has again become **India's top trading partner**. The trade between both the countries in the year 2020 stood at **\$77.7 billion**.
- India's main **import** are **heavy machines, telecom equipment and home appliances** from China.

'Bima Jyoti' Plan

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India** launched a new Individual Savings Plan, **'Bima Jyoti' Plan**.
- It is a **Non-linked, Non-Participating, Individual, Limited Premium Payment, Life Insurance Savings Plan**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

First audio from Mars

- **NASA**, released the **first audio from Mars**. It was a faint **crackling recording of the wind** that was captured by **Perseverance rover**.
- The rover is on a mission to search if there is any sign of **past life on the MARS** (RED Planet).

Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation** has successfully launched the two indigenously designed and developed **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile**.
- Missiles have been launched for the **Indian Navy**.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

National Technology Awards 2020

- A total of 12 companies have been selected for the **National Technology Awards 2020** for commercialization of **innovative indigenous technologies**.
- The awards are conferred by the **Technology Development Board** for commercialization of technologies under three categories - Indigenous technologies, MSME, and Startups.

29th Global HRD Congress awards

- **Union Bank of India** was awarded **"Best Service Provider"** in **Human Resources**. It also got the award for best institution in **"Excellence in Learning & Development"**.
- These Awards are given to institutions annually for the best **HR practices**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"Leadership Lessons from 22 Yards"

- **Srikanth Ram** has authored a new book titled **"Leadership Lessons from 22 Yards"**.
- The foreword of the book is written by **Dilip Vengsarkar**. The book was published by **Becomeshakespeare.com**.

'Agriculture Acts 2020'

- **K. Veeramani**, president of **Dravida Kazhagam** released a book **"Agriculture Acts 2020"** written by **Justice A.K. Rajan**, former judge of the Madras High Court.
- It has shown how the laws hit at the federal structure of India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Thinking Day

- **22nd February** of every year is observed as **World Thinking Day**. The day aims to bring together the young people across the world to celebrate in **international fun and friendship**.
- It's theme is **"Peacebuilding"**.