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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Epilepsy

- A major drugmaker has developed the **Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API)** and the finished dosage formulation of **Brivanext**, a **drug for epilepsy**.
- Epilepsy** is a central nervous system (neurological) disorder in which brain activity becomes abnormal.

Indradhanush 3.0

- Union Health Minister, **Dr Harsh Vardhan**, has launched the **Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0**.
- It is to provide **immunization to the pregnant women and children** free of cost in India.

STATE AFFAIRS

Statehood Day of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram

- The PM extended his wishes to the people of **Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram** on their **35th Statehood Day**.
- Mizoram** became the **23rd state of India** with the **53rd Amendment, 1986**. Similarly, through the **55th Amendment 1986**, **Arunachal Pradesh** became the **24th state of the Indian Union** on **20th February, 1987**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

11th World PetroCoal Congress 2021

- Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, **Dharmendra Pradhan**, addressed the Joint Conference of the **11th World PetroCoal Congress 2021** and **World Future Fuel Summit 2021** in New Delhi, with theme "**Petroleum-Coal-Gas: Towards a Win-Win Strategy for Producer and Consumer**".

'PASSEX'

- Indian Navy** conducted a **Bilateral Military Exercise 'PASSEX'** (Passage Exercise) with the **Indonesian Navy** in the Arabian Sea.
- The main aim of the exercise is to **increase interoperability & strengthen the Bilateral Maritime Cooperation** between the two navies.

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- The **United States** has officially **re-joined** the **Paris climate accord**. The president of US, **Joe Biden**, had signed the executive order to reversed the withdrawal ordered by former President, Donald Trump.
- It is an agreement under the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**.



BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Mahabank Channel Financing Scheme

- Bank of Maharashtra in partnership with Vayana Network, launched its Mahabank Channel Financing Scheme, a Channel Financing solution for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- It enables BoM to provide short term credit to meet funding requirements.

Indian Bank signed MoU with Society for Innovation and Development

- Indian Bank signed Memorandum of Understanding with Society for Innovation and Development, an initiative of Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru to provide exclusive credit facility to start-ups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Helina and Dhruvastra

- DRDO has successfully carried out joint user trials of indigenously developed Helina and Dhruvastra Anti-Tank Guided Missiles from the Advanced Light Helicopter at the Pokhran deserts in Rajasthan.
- Helena is the Army version and Dhruvastra is the Air Force version.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

“Making Peace With Nature”

- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report title “Making Peace With Nature”, climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution posing a triple threat to human health due to environmental degradation.

Atal Paryavaran Bhavan

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar, inaugurated the Atal Paryavaran Bhavan at Lakshadweep.
- Lakshadweep is a group of islands is located 200 to 440 km off the southwestern coast of India.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Seiko Hashimoto

- Seiko Hashimoto, who was serving as the Minister for the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games became the President of the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- She succeeds Yoshiro Mori.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

TIME100 Next 2021

- Chandra Shekhar Aazad (Bhim Army Chief) have been featured in the 2021 TIME100 Next.
- TIME100 Next 2021 is the second edition of the annual list of Time magazine’s 100 ‘emerging leaders who are shaping the future.’

BOOKS & AUTHORS

“Star Struck: Confessions of a TV Executive”

- Peter Mukerjee, the former CEO of Star India Network, has penned down his memoir titled “Star Struck: Confessions of a TV Executive”.
- The book is published by Westland Books.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Soil Health Card Day

- Soil Health Card Day has been observed on 19 February to commemorate the launch of the Soil Health Card Scheme.
- 2021 marks the sixth year of the launch of the SHC Scheme.

World Pangolin Day

- World Pangolin Day is celebrated on the “Third Saturday of February” every year.
- In 2021, this Day is being celebrated on 20 February 2020. The day aims to raise awareness about pangolins and speed up conservation efforts.

World Day of Social Justice

- World Day of Social Justice is observed annually all over the world on 20 February.
- This year theme is “A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy”.

SPORTS

Dharmika Prasad

- Sri Lanka fast bowler Dharmika Prasad has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- He played 25 Tests and 24 ODIs for Sri Lanka and took 75 and 32 wickets respectively.