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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

'INS Dhruv'

- India commissioned 'INS Dhruv'. It's is for Ocean Surveillance & Nuclear Missile Tracking Vessel.
- With this it became the 5th Country after USA, France, Russia & China to possess such a Tracking vessel. It was constructed at Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, Visakhapatnam under the Make in India initiative.

Closure of Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation

- Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi gave approval for the closure of Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation of India Limited.
- It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Textiles.

'Rule curve'

- The Supreme Court said the Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary will be "personally responsible" and "appropriate action" will be taken on failure to give information on the 'rule curve' for the Mullaperiyar dam to the Supreme Court.
- The 'rule curve' in a dam decides the fluctuating storage levels in a reservoir.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

6th India-Brazil-South Africa Women's Forum

- The 6th India-Brazil-South Africa Women's Forum meeting was virtually held.
- The meeting was chaired by Smriti Zubin Irani, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The IBSA's vision to ensure improving the status and condition of women.

State of the World's Indigenous Peoples

- Department of Economic and Social Affairs of United Nations, released the State of the World's Indigenous Peoples, volume V entitled "Rights to Lands, Territories and Resources".
- It examines challenges faced by the indigenous people in asserting their rights to lands etc.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Secured Overnight Financing Rate

State Bank of India and Indian Oil Corporation Limited inked the first Secured Overnight Financing Rate linked External Commercial Borrowing deal by replacing the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate which is used by world banks when charging each other for short-term loans.

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RBI imposes ₹2 crore penalty on SBI

- RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.2 crore on the State Bank of India over "deficiencies in regulatory compliance".
- SBI was penalized for "contravention of provisions and specific directions of RBI issued to the bank on payment of remuneration to employees in the form of commission".

Gautam Adani overtakes world's richest Jeff Bezos, Elon

Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani is poised to become the world's richest man by 2021, ahead of Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon, and Tesla CEO, Elon Musk as per the recent **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

'2020 World Air Quality Report'

- As per the '2020 World Air Quality Report' released by IQAir (Swiss Air Technology Company), India was the 3rd Most Polluted Country in the World in 2020 after Bangladesh & Pakistan.
- World's most polluted cities, Hotan of China came first followed by India's Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) & Bulandshahr (Uttar Pradesh)
- Delhi was the most polluted Capital City. It was followed by Dhaka.

"Crotalaria lamelliformis"

- Botanists has discovered a new species of Calycinae genus named "Crotalaria lamelliformis" in the Eastern Ghats, in Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh.
- The discovery of "Crotalaria lamelliformis" has been published in "Phytotaxa", an international journal.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India & Finland had announced a new partnership in **Mobile Technology**

- India & Finland had announced a new partnership in the fields of ICT, Mobile Technology, Digital Education clean energy investment and evolution of
- Indian IT firms Wipro & Tech Mahindra will collaborate with Finnish companies for developing 5G & 6G technologies.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Pritzker Architecture Prize 2021

- French architects and educators Anne Lacaton and Jean-Philippe Vassal were selected as the laureates of the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2021, the highest honour in the field of architecture.
- The award was announced by **Tom Pritzker, Chairman** of The Hyatt Foundation.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Professional Golf Tour of India

- Former Indian Cricketer Kapil Dev was inducted into the Professional Golf Tour of India as a board member.
- As a member of the PGTI board, he will be convincing the corporates to associate and invest in Indian golf.

New chiefs for CRPF & NSG

- The Government named senior IPS officer Kuldiep Singh as the new Director General (DG) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- Another IPS officer of the 1986 batch M.A. Ganapathy of Uttarakhand cadre has been named as the DG of National Security Guard (NSG). His appointment is up to February 29, 2024.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"Gandhi in Bombay"

Ministry of Tourism in the Western Region organized an online book reading session of "Gandhi in Bombay" by the authors Dr. Usha Thakkar and Sandhya Mehta, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

"India's Power Elite: Caste, Class, and Cultural Revolution"

- Sanjaya Baru's book named "India's Power Elite: Caste, Class, and Cultural Revolution" to be released in April by Penguin Random House India.
- The book says about the inside story of **India's power**