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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban)

- In the Budget 2021-22, **Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban)** has been announced under the **Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry** to provide universal coverage of water supply to all households through functional taps in all statutory towns in accordance with **Sustainable Development Goal- 6.**

#### LCA Tejas Production Plant

- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) 2<sup>nd</sup> Exclusive Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-Tejas Fighter Jets Production Plant** at Doddanekundi, Bangalore, Karnataka.

#### India's first Amputee Clinic

- The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research launched India's **first Amputee Clinic**, "**PGI Amputee Clinic**" in Chandigarh.
- It is to assess the recovery and co-morbidities of the amputee with a team of occupational therapists and a psychologist.

#### UP's Shravasti Tops Niti Aayog's Aspirational Districts

- The **Shravasti district of UP** topped the **Aspirational Districts Ranking of Niti Aayog** in December 2020.
- Health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure were the development areas that were considered for the ranking.

#### "Aatmanirbharta" named Oxford Hindi Word of 2020

- The **Oxford Languages** has named "**Aatmanirbharta or Self-Reliance**" as the **Hindi Word of the year 2020** since it validated the day-to-day achievements of the countless Indians who dealt with and survived the perils of a pandemic.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### Intellectual Property Rights Scheme & Quality Testing & Certification Scheme

- Uddhav Thackeray**, Chief Minister of Maharashtra launched **Intellectual Property Rights Scheme and Quality Testing & Certification Scheme** to provide **financial support to the innovative startups** to file for IT patents.

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### 'Central Water Treatment Plant'

- Punjab's First 'Central Water Treatment Plant' set up at Village Daudhar of Moga, Punjab began supply of **Clean Drinking Water** to 85 Villages of Moga district.
- This plant was built with financial assistance worth **INR 232 Crores from World Bank.**

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Democracy Index 2020

- According to the 'Democracy Index 2020' released by the **Economist Intelligence Unit**, India slipped two places to **53<sup>rd</sup> Rank (out of 167 countries)** in the Index due to **decline in Civil Liberties.**
- **Norway topped** the index followed by **Iceland & Sweden.**

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)

- In the Budget 2021-22, **ARC** have been proposed to be set up by **state-owned and private sector banks**, and there will be **no equity contribution** from the government.
- ARC is a specialized financial institution that buys the **NPAs from banks and financial institutions** so that they can clean up their balance sheets.

### Reserve Bank of India has appointed an external professional IT firm

- The RBI has appointed an **external professional IT firm** to carry out a **special audit of the entire IT infrastructure of HDFC bank.**
- The name of the IT firm was not disclosed. This appointment is part of **RBI's check** to examine whether the bank has improved its **digital capabilities** following recent issues.

### Federal Bank Launched FedFirst

- **Federal Bank Ltd** launched **FedFirst**, a special savings account for **children up to age of 18 years** (both Resident and Non Resident Indians-NRIs).
- The account is designed to help children learn about the **importance of money management.** FedFirst **contactless Debit Card** is given to this account holder.

## ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

### Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management

- MoEFCC announced the establishment of **India's 1<sup>st</sup> Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management** at **Chennai, Tamil Nadu.**
- It is being set up as part of the **National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) Institute**, a research institute under MoEFCC.

### Fishing Cat Conservation Alliance

- The **Fishing Cat Conservation Alliance** started a worldwide campaign to raise **awareness for conservation of fishing cats.**
- It is a team of conservationists, researchers and enthusiasts working to achieve **functioning floodplains and coastal ecosystems** that ensure **survival of the fishing cat.**

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Jeff Bezos to Step Down as CEO of Amazon

- **Jeff Bezos**, the **Founder and CEO of Amazon**, will **step down** as the CEO of Amazon in the third quarter October 2021 and **Andy Jassy**, the **lead of Amazon Web Services**, the cloud computing unit of Amazon will take over as the **New CEO.**

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Skyroot Aerospace

- **Skyroot Aerospace** has signed a **Non-Disclosure Agreement** with **ISRO** on behalf of **Department of Space (DoS)**, through which Skyroot Aerospace can use the **facilities & technical expertise in ISRO centers** for development of their **Launch Vehicle Development Program.**

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