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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi as a single non-lapsable reserve fund for share of Health from the proceeds of Health and Education Cess.
- Administration and maintenance of the PMSSN is entrusted to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Kala-azar

- Kala-azar or Visceral Leishmaniasis have been reported in Bihar.
- Bihar has already missed the Kala-azar elimination target four times since 2010. Kala-azar, is characterized by irregular bouts of fever, substantial weight loss, swelling of the spleen and liver, and anaemia.

Apprenticeship Outlook Report

- The National Employability Through Apprenticeship Program has released its latest edition of the Apprenticeship Outlook Report for 2021.
- It is a Skill Training program wherein a person is engaged by a company as an apprentice and gains classroom learning followed by on-the-job training.

"Tribes India GI Mahotsav"

- Arjun Munda, Union Minister, Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the "Tribes India GI Mahotsav" at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.
- This is the first of its kind exhibition featuring the GI Products from across India.

"DUSTLIK II"

- The India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise "DUSTLIK II" is being held in the Foreign Training Node Chaubatia at Ranikhet in Uttarakhand.
- The joint exercise will provide an impetus to the military and diplomatic ties of the two countries. It is the second edition of annual bilateral joint exercise of both the armies.

Virtual trade fair

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority launched the first virtual trade fair, under the theme "India Rice and Agro Commodity".
- It was organised to sustain the agricultural and processed food products exports of India.



STATE AFFAIRS

Bareilly Airport became the 8th Airport of Uttar Pradesh

- The **Trishul Military Airbase** has been upgraded as the **Bareilly Airport** for commercial flight operations under the **Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik** of the Government of India. UP became the first state of India to have the **highest number of Airports**.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

'Mobilising Electric Vehicle Financing in India'

- **NITI Aayog** along with **Rocky Mountain Institute India** released the **'Mobilising Finance for EVs in India: A Toolkit of Solutions to Mitigate Risks and Address Market Barriers'** report.
- It analyses the risk & market barriers involved in transforming **India's Electric Vehicle Sector** and provides **Target Instruments** to overcome the hurdles.

Aquaconnect partnered with Bank of Baroda

- **Aquaculture tech company Aquaconnect** partnered with **Bank of Baroda** to provide **credit access to aquaculture farmers** under the **Kisan Credit Card scheme**.
- The company aims to target the states **Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Odisha**.

DBS Bank partnered with Trust for Retailers & Retail Associate of India

- **DBS Bank India Ltd.** partnered with **Trust for Retailers & Retail Associate of India** to support the **youth from low income households, pandemic affected, and persons with disabilities** through **skill training and employment opportunities**.

Credit Rating Information Services

- The report of the rating agency **Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited** projected **India's GDP** to rebound to **11% in 2021-2022** with base-effect lift in first half and broad-based growth in the second, after an estimated contraction of **8% (- 8%) in 2020-2021**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

"AsterX"

- **France** started its **Military Exercise in Space** to analyse its ability against **attacks on its Satellites & other defence equipment**.
- The exercise was **codenamed as "AsterX"**, on the memory of its **1st satellite launched in 1965**. AsterX" is the **1st Space Military Exercise of France**.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

"King Bhumibol World Soil Day - 2020 Award"

- The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research** received the prestigious International **"King Bhumibol World Soil Day - 2020 Award"** conferred by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome**.
- The award was launched in 2018. It acknowledges individuals or institutions that raise **public awareness of soils**.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Tirath Singh Rawat

- **Tirath Singh Rawat**, Members of Parliament, Lok Sabha was sworn in as the **9th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand** following the resignation of **Trivendra Singh Rawat**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"Karunanidhi: A Life"

- **AS Panneerselvan** authored a new book titled **"Karunanidhi: A Life"**, a book about the **8-decade political career of Muthuvel Karunanidhi**.
- The **foreword** of the book was written by **N. Ram**, former editor in chief of **The Hindu**. The book was published by **Penguin Viking**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

CISF Raising Day

- **Central Industrial Security Force Raising Day** is annually observed across India on **10th March** to commemorate the service and **commitment of the personnels of CISF** towards protecting the major installations and integrity of the nation.