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BANKING / FINANCIAL / ECONOMICAL NEWS

- **3 PSU banks likely to be out of PCA framework by March :-** Indian Overseas Bank, Central Bank of India and UCO Bank
- **RBI cancels license of Shivam Sahakari Bank :-** does not have adequate capital and earning prospects
- **RBI imposes Rs 55 lakh penalty on Pune-based Seva Vikas Cooperative Bank :-** non-compliance with certain directions, including for not ensuring end-use of funds lent.
- **RBI announces government bond purchase (OMO) :-** Rs. 20,000 crores
- **World Bank signs project with Chhattisgarh :-** \$100 mn project - 'CHIRAG – Chhattisgarh Inclusive Rural and Accelerated Agriculture Growth'.
- **India recorded \$1422 mn FDI inflow from UK in 2019-20**

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Cancer Day: 4 February:** - THEME-'I Am and I Will.'
- **International Day of Human Fraternity: 4 Feb:** - Theme 'A Pathway to the Future'.
- **Safer Internet Day: 9 February :-** Slogan "Together for a better internet"
- **Day of Women and Girls in Science: 11 February :-** Theme "Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19"
- **World Radio Day: 13 February :-** Theme is "New World, New Radio"
- **National Women's Day: 13 February :-** Sarojini Naidu.
- **Birth anniversary of Shivaji Maharaj:- 19 February.**
- **21 February: International Mother Language Day :-** Theme "Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society"
- **Marathi Bhasha Diwas: 27 February, 2021**

SPORTS

- **Rishabh Pant nominated for an award :-** ICC Men's Player of the Month
- **Lisa in Australian Cricket Hall of Fame :-** Former Australia captain- fourth female cricketer into Australian Cricket Hall of Fame.
- **ICC announces BYJU'S as global partner**
- **Ishant: 6th Indian to take 300 Test wickets**
- **Abhin Devadiga, Ancy Sojan claim 200m titles :-** under-20 men and women's - 36th National Junior Athletics Championships
- **Ravichandran: First to take 200 wickets :-** Test cricket- against left-handed batsmen.
- **M Rawat wins inaugural 35km race walk gold:-** National Open Race Walking Championships

- **Naomi Osaka won her fourth Grand Slam title:-** Australian Open final
- **Indian women boxers claim five gold medals:-** 30th Adriatic Pearl tournament in Budva, Montenegro-10 medals (five gold, three silver and two bronze).

APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

- **Lieutenant General Chandi Prasad Mohanty takes charge as Vice Chief of Army Staff**
- **Puligoru Venkata: CJ of Manipur High Court**
- **Mario Draghi, Italy's new Prime Minister**
- **Telangana Guv Tamilisai Soundararajan sworn in as Pondy Lt Governor**
- **Puducherry CM tenders his resignation**
- **Athlete Hima Das appointed Deputy Superintendent of Police of Assam**

SCHEMES AND POLICIES

- **Budget 2021 impact: Tea workers' lives to improve with FM's Rs 1,000 crore special package**
- **Web portal of the Gobardhan scheme launched :-** Swachh Bharat Mission Phase-2 for organic solid waste management.
- **Assam CM launches schemes for college students :-** Pragyan Bharati scheme- Rs. 1,500 each for purchasing textbooks, Bhasha Gourab scheme-21 Sahitya Sabhas.
- **Delhi Cabinet approves a scheme:-** 'Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha' - Rs 5,000 -1,000 meritorious students of Class 9.
- **Govt allocates 16000 cr for Fasal Bima Yojna**
- **Odisha Cabinet gives nod to REWARD project** 'Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD)'
- **CM Mamata Banerjee launches "Maa" scheme :-** meal for Rs.5 - subsidy of Rs.15 per plate.
- **UP CM inaugurates Abhyudaya scheme :-** free coaching center - IAS, IPS, PCS, NDS, CDS, NEET, and JEE
- **Delhi government notifies a scheme :-** 'Mukhya Mantri Ghar Ghar Ration Yojna' (MMGGRY)

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- **Manipur doctor wins high Japanese honour :-** "Order of the Rising Sun"
- **Andhra CM conferred Skoch CM of the Year award :-** Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.
- **K.K.Menon: Most Versatile Actor award:-** Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021
- **Deepika Padukone bags Dadasaheb Phalke Award:-** 'Best Actor' - 'Chhapaak'
- **PM Modi to receive global energy and environment leadership award :-** CERAWEEK global energy and environment leadership award.

- **Glenmark receives an award from govt of India :- 'India Pharma Innovation of the Year' - fourth time**



NATIONAL

- **Govt to facilitate a 'world-class' fintech hub Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) city**
- **Telangana: No road tax, registration fee on EV**
- **India sent 56 L COVID-19 vaccines to foreign nations as gift; 100 L doses as commercial supplies :- 1 lakh vaccines to Cambodia, Afghanistan received 500,000 doses, Morocco receives 4 mn, Mexico receives 870,000, Argentina receives 5,80,000 doses**
- **World Sustainable Development Summit 2021 :- 10th Feb. - PM N. Modi Inaugurated – theme - 'Redefining Our Common Future: Safe and Secure Environment for All'**
- **President Kovind inaugurates world's largest cricket arena; renamed from Sardar Patel stadium to Narendra Modi stadium - 1.32 lakh spectators**
- **U'khand: 1st to give ownership rights to women**

INTERNATIONAL

- **World's tallest swing ride now open in Dubai :- 'Bollywood Skyflyer'-460 ft.**
- **Bangladesh receives USD 200 mn from World Bank :- Water Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) project.**
- **Australia passes a new law :- Google and Facebook pay for news - News Media Bargaining Code.**
- **Japan appoints Minister of Loneliness :- tackle the rise in suicide rates - Tetsushi Sakamoto.**

DEFENCE

- **India to sign Rs 48,000 crore deal for LCA fighter jets today, new facility inaugurated**
- **Tata to build military aircraft in India as it acquires IP rights**

Feb. Month Capsule

- Indian Navy receives three Mk III Advanced Light Helicopters from HAL
- India, US armies to take part in joint exercise in Rajasthan :- land exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 20'
- PM Modi to dedicate Arjun tank to the nation on Sunday, Army to get 118 latest tanks
- IAF gets 'desi' dogs to scare away birds from runways: - Mudhol Hound - Four Mudhol hound puppies, including two females.
- Indian and Indonesian navies conduct exercise in Arabian sea:- Passage Exercise (PASSEX)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- New chameleon species found in Africa :- Brookesia nana (North of Madagascar)
- Mummy with a gold tongue found in Egypt :- 2,000-year-old mummy- Taposiris Magna.
- Reliance gets world's 1st 'carbon-neutral' oil :- zero-carbon company by 2035.
- New alpine plant species discovered:- Arunachal Pradesh - Himalayan sunflower - Cremanthodium Indicum.

OBITUARIES

- Paul Crutzen passes away :- Dutch chemist- a co-recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize for Chemistry - stratospheric ozone destruction.
- Tennis legend Akhtar Ali passes away :- 8 Davis Cup
- Former Governor M Rama Jois passes away :- Former Governor of Bihar and Jharkhand.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 'No govt jobs for those found staging protests, blocking roads': Bihar Police's new circular
- 'Aatmanirbharta' named Oxford Hindi word :- Aadhar (2017), Nari Shakti (2018) and Samvidhaan (2019)
- Aadhar authentication needed for availing online renewal of license, 15 other services
- India's first ever CNG Tractor launched
- India gifts 2K metric tonnes of rice to Syria
- Govt's new instant messaging platform: Sandes
- Pakistan to register Himalayan pink salt as GI



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