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NATIONAL

1) Exercise Blue Flag 2021

Indian Air Force personnel took part in the international multilateral combat exercise Blue Flag 2021, along with IAF's Mirage 2000 aircraft squadron at Israel's Ovda Airbase. The theme of Blue Flag 2021: Integration of fourth and fifth-generation aircraft in complex operational scenarios.

2) 2nd National Tribal Dance Festival 2021

Chhattisgarh has observed the annual 2nd National Tribal Dance Festival 2021 at Raipur's Science College ground as a part of the tourism development plan of the state. It was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Jharkhand Hemant Soren and CM of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel.

3) SpaceX has incorporated its subsidiary in India

Elon Musk-owned SpaceX has incorporated its wholly-owned subsidiary in India to start local broadband operations. SpaceX's satellite broadband arm Starlink aims to start broadband services in India from December 2022, with 2 lakh active terminals subject to permission from the government.

4) One Sun One World One Grid Group

It is an initiative by India and the United Kingdom to tap solar energy and have it travel seamlessly across borders. It has the potential to be a modern engineering marvel, and a catalyst for greatly expanding renewable electricity generation, and effectively mitigating climate change in the next decade.

STATE BANK

1) 'Uttam Beej portal'

Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar has launched the 'Uttam Beej portal' which will benefit the farmers of Haryana by providing quality seeds with transparency. The portal will provide transparency in the seed production programme arranged by both the Government and private seed producing agencies and ensure the quality of certified seeds.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Ganges River Dolphin

Ministry of Jal Shakti released a guide for the safe rescue and release of stranded Ganges River Dolphins. Scientific name of Ganges river Dolphin is *Platanista gangetica gangetica*. The Ganges river dolphin can only live in freshwater and is essentially blind.



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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Axis Bank signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to offer “Power Salute”

Axis Bank signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to offer a defence service salary package under “Power Salute” at New Delhi. Through the agreement, the bank will provide several benefits to all ranks of Indian Navy veterans and cadets.

2) IREDA launched ‘Whistle-blower Portal’

The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. has launched a ‘Whistle-blower Portal’ as a part of the celebration of ‘Vigilance Awareness Week 2021’. The portal was launched by Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director, IREDA. The Whistle-blower Portal has been developed by the IT Team of the company and will help the IREDA employees to raise concerns related to fraud, corruption, abuse of power among other things.

3) RBI has appointed Bandhan Bank as an Agency Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has now appointed Bandhan Bank as an Agency Bank of the RBI to conduct government business. Bandhan Bank now joins several other private banks that have been empanelled as an Agency Bank of the RBI. Bandhan Bank will now be authorised to handle transactions related to GST, VAT and the collection of state taxes.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Arun Chawla named as new director-general of FICCI

Industry chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) named Arun Chawla as its new director-general. He will assume charge with immediate effect. He joined FICCI in 2011 and is currently the deputy secretary-general of the chamber.

SPORTS

1) 5th Rujna Zora chess tournament

Indian Grandmaster P Iniyani has won the 5th Rujna Zora chess tournament held at Serbia. International Master Makarian Rudik of Russia finished 2nd and another Indian Player V S Raaghul finished 3rd and IM S. Nitin placed 4th.