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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs

- The 5th Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs was held virtually. It was inaugurated by Rita Teotia, Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.
- Dr M.R. Sudharshan is the current Chairman of the Committee.

TRIFED signed Memorandum of Understanding with The Link Fund

- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India, has signed MoU with The Link Fund, an Philanthropic operational foundation for empowerment of tribals.
- It aims to empower tribals by providing support to them for increasing value addition in their produce and products.

Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance

- Ministry of Labour & Employment implemented the Employees Provident Fund Organisation board's decision to increase the maximum sum assured payable under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 to Rs 7 lakh from Rs 6 lakh.

G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting

- Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology represented India at the G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting, which was held virtually.
- India attended the event as a Guest. Theme of the meeting – 'Building Back Better'.

WhatsApp number for pregnant women

- The National Commission for Women recently launched the WhatsApp number for pregnant women. The helpline number is 9354954224.
- It is a "message only" helpline number. It will provide round the clock medical assistance to expectant mothers all over the country.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Global EV Outlook 2021

- Global EV Outlook 2021 – the Annual Report of International Energy Agency has stated that the sale of Electric Vehicles will be more than 30% in new vehicle sales in India by 2030.
- In 2020, the Global EV sales increased by 41%.

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“The Global Forests Goals Report 2021”

- According to ‘The Global Forests Goals Report 2021’ released by the **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs**, COVID-19 has increased the challenges for **Countries to manage forests**.
- The Report of 2021 is an inaugural report.

“DEFENDER - Europe 21”

- The **North Atlantic Treaty Organisation** launched the **joint military exercises in Albania** called the “DEFENDER-Europe 21”. The exercise is an **annual US-led multinational exercise**.
- In 2021, the exercise is to focus on building operational readiness and interoperability.

Stampede in Israel

- A **massive stampede at Meron**, a **Jewish Pilgrimage site in Israel** killed at least 44 people. This was the largest **COVID-19 era gathering of Israel**.
- The stampede occurred at the **most reputed tomb of Shimon Bar Yochai**.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Vivad Se Vishwas

- The Government of India has extended the **deadline for making payments under the Vivad Se Vishwas**, the dispute resolution scheme, by 2 months till **30th June 2021** and also extended the deadlines for various compliance under **Income Tax Act** due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

Network for Greening the Financial System

- **RBI** joined as a member of **Central Banks and Supervisors’ Network for Greening the Financial System**.
- It consists of a group of central banks and supervisors willing, on a voluntary basis, they will share best practices and experiences for the **development of environment and climate risk management in the financial sector**.

Airtel Payments Bank

- As per the **Reserve Bank of India’s guidelines**, **Airtel Payments Bank** has **increased the day-end account balance limit** for customers from **Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh** and become the **first payments bank in the country** to do so.

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

Apple Launched Restore Fund to Reduce Carbon

- **Apple** in partnership with **Conservation International** and **Goldman Sachs** launched a **first-of-its-kind carbon removal initiative** called the **Restore Fund of \$200 million**, to make **investments in timber producing forest properties to remove carbon from the atmosphere** and in turn generating a financial return for investors.

Net Zero Producers Forum

- **Saudi Arabia** announced that it is to join **Canada, US, Qatar and Norway** in **forming the Net Zero Producers Forum**.
- The forum aims to develop pragmatic **net zero emission strategies**. It will aim at **Methane abatement**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MACS 1407

- High-yielding and **pest-resistant variety of soybean** named **MACS 1407** has been developed by **Indian Scientists** by the method of **conventional cross breeding**.
- It is suitable for rain-fed conditions of northeast India.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Japan’s “Order of Rising Sun” award

- The **Japanese Government** awarded the “**Order of Rising Sun**” to a **Bengaluru based Japanese teacher, Shyamala Ganesh**.
- Shyamala is a Japanese teacher at the **Septuagenarian institution** and also at the **Ohara School of Ikebana** in Bengaluru.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Niraj Bajaj

- **Bajaj Auto** has named **Niraj Bajaj** as its **new chairman**. He will succeed **Rahul Bajaj** with effect from **1st May 2021**.
- The company has also named **Rahul Bajaj** as **Chairman Emeritus** for a period of 5 years with effect from **1st May 2021**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

“Climate Change Explained – For One And All”

- The **e-book** titled “**Climate Change Explained – For One And All**” authored by **climate activist-author, Aakash Ranison** was released.
- The book is focused on topics like **climate change** and its effect on the lives of individuals.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Jazz Day

- **International Jazz Day** is annually observed across the globe on **30th April** to **highlight jazz and its diplomatic role** in uniting people across the globe.
- The year 2021 marks the **10th anniversary of International Jazz Day**. It is celebrated by **UNESCO**.

Ayushman Bharat Diwas

- **Ayushman Bharat Diwas** is annually celebrated across India on **30th April** to **promote affordable medical facilities** in the **remote parts of India**.
- The day aims to promote health and wellness and provide the benefits of insurance to the poor.

SPORTS

Srihari Nataraj

- **Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj** won his **second Gold** in **50m backstroke swimming** and made a national record in **Uzbekistan Open Championship**.
- This was **Srihari’s third national record** in the last two days as he had made a new record **twice in 100m backstroke**.