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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain'

- It is an initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti under National Water Mission.
- Theme – 'Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls'. It's objective is to create rainwater harvesting structure suitable to climatic conditions & ensuring proper storage of rainwater.

#### Shaheed Diwas

- Prime Minister of India paid tributes to Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru on Shaheed Diwas (23<sup>rd</sup> March). The Day is also known as Martyrs' Day or Sarvodaya Day.
- This Day should not be confused with the Martyrs' Day observed on 30th January, the day Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated.

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### Watershed Programme

- Government of Karnataka signed an Memorandum of Understanding with ITC to execute a Watershed Programme covering over one million acres in the southern state.
- The Programme will be in effect for 3 years.

#### 'Ethanol Production Promotion Policy, 2021'

- Bihar Cabinet has approved the state's own Ethanol policy called 'Ethanol Production Promotion Policy, 2021'.
- The approval has made Bihar as the 1<sup>st</sup> State in India to implement Ethanol Promotion Policy. Bihar is the 5<sup>th</sup> highest ethanol-producing state in India.

#### Government of Jharkhand launched the SAAMAR

- The Government of Jharkhand launched the SAAMAR (Strategic Action for Alleviation of Malnutrition and Anemia Reduction) campaign to tackle acute malnutrition in children and women in the state.
- For its implementation a provision of Rs.1 lakh will be given to every panchayat.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### 'Reimagining WASH:Water Security For All'

- 'Reimagining WASH:Water Security For All' released by United Nations Children's Fund, globally more than 1.42 Billion people, including 450 million children live in areas of high, or extremely high, water vulnerability.
- The report is part of UNICEF's 'Water Security for All' initiative.

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## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### 11 Committees to drive India to a Circular Economy

- In order to expedite the **Transition of India** from a **Linear Economy to a Circular Economy**, Government has formed **11 Committees for 11 focus areas**.
- The committees will prepare **action plans for Transition to Circular Economy** in respective focus areas.

### NITI Aayog has constituted 2 Task Forces for recommending policy frameworks

- The **Task Force for Enforcement of contracts** will be headed by **Rajiv Kumar**, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- The **Task Force for Effective conciliation mechanism** will be headed by **Amitabh Kant**, CEO of NITI Aayog.

### Government has fully exited from Tata Communications Ltd

- The **department of investment and public asset management** reported that the government has **fully exited from Tata Communications Ltd**, a part of the **Tata Group**, through the sale of its outstanding **26.12% stake** in it for **₹8,846 crores**.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Shyamala Gopinath

- **Reserve Bank of India** set up a **five-member Standing External Advisory Committee** which is **headed by** former RBI Deputy Governor **Shyamala Gopinath**, for **evaluating applications for universal banks and small finance banks**.
- The tenure for SEAC will be for **3 years**.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Meteorological Day

- The **United Nations World Meteorological Day** is annually observed across the world on **23<sup>rd</sup> March** to create awareness in **protecting the Earth's atmosphere**.
- The theme of World Meteorological Day 2021 is **"The ocean, our climate and weather"**.

## SPORTS

### 'Girl Gang'

- A song **'Girl Gang'** by **New Zealand singer Gin Wigmore**, has been announced as the **official song** of the **12<sup>th</sup> edition of 2022 International Cricket Council Women's World Cup**.

## OBITUARY

### G V Ramakrishna

- **G V Ramakrishna**, former **chairperson of Securities and Exchange Board of India** passed away at the age of **91** in **Chennai**.
- **G V Ramakrishna** was a **1952 batch IAS officer** from **Andhra Pradesh cadre**. He became the first **Chairman of Disinvestment Commission** in **1996**.