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INTERNATIONAL

1) Government of Sri Lanka seeks 500 million dollar as loan from india

The Government of Sri Lanka has sought a USD 500 million credit line from India to pay for its crude oil purchases, as the country is facing a severe foreign exchange crisis in the island nation after the pandemic hit the nation's earnings from tourism and remittances. The USD 500 million credit line is part of the India-Sri Lanka economic partnership arrangement.

NATIONAL

1) NITI Aayog has launched the Geospatial Energy Map of India

NITI Aayog has launched the Geospatial Energy Map of India which will provide a holistic picture of all energy resources of the country. The map has been developed by NITI Aayog in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Energy Ministries of the Government of India.

2) "Aadhaar Hackathon 2021"

The Unique Identification Authority of India will be hosting a Hackathon titled "Aadhaar Hackathon 2021". This is the first-ever event being conducted by the Aadhaar team. Its target is to identify young innovators in the field of information technology to solve the hackathon challenges through innovative technological solutions.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Mera Ghar Mere Naam

Chief Minister of Punjab, Charanjit Channi launched a new scheme titled 'Mera Ghar Mere Naam', which aims to confer proprietary rights on the people living in the houses within the 'Lal Lakir' of villages and the cities. The land area which is a part of the village habitation and is used for non-agriculture purposes only is known as Lal Lakir.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) RBI authorised Karur Vysya Bank to collect Direct taxes

The Reserve Bank of India has authorised Karur Vysya Bank to collect direct taxes on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes. After obtaining the approval, KVB has started the integration process with the CBDT to collect direct taxes.

2) RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1 crore on SBI

The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1 crore on State Bank of India (SBI). The penalty has been imposed for non-compliance with the directions contained in "RBI (Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs) directions 2016".





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GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1) Allium negianum

A newly discovered plant Allium negianum, in Uttarakhand has been confirmed to belong to the genus that includes many staple foods such as onion and garlic. Allium is one of the largest genera in Amaryllidaceae. Amaryllidaceae is a family of herbaceous (connected with plants that have soft stems), mainly perennial and bulbous flowering plants.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) 'Lucy Mission'

The US space agency NASA has launched a first-of-its-kind mission called 'Lucy Mission' to study Jupiter's Trojan asteroids. The mission life of Lucy is 12-year, during which the spacecraft will fly by a total of eight ancient asteroids to study about solar system's evolution.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Amitabh Chaudhry

The Reserve Bank of India approved the re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of private lender Axis Bank for a period of three years. Amitabh had taken charge as Axis Bank's new MD and CEO in January 2019 after as outgoing MD and CEO Shikha Sharma retired.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) 'Earthshot Prize'

Vidyut Mohan is among the five global winners for the inaugural 'Earthshot Prize', also known as the 'Eco-Oscars', that honours people trying to save the planet. Vidyut has been awarded in the Clean our Air category, for his technology called 'Takachar'.