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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** has announced **#FOSS4GOV Innovation Challenge** to accelerate adoption of **Free and Open Source Software (FOSS)** in Govt departments.

STATES AFFAIRS

2. **Tamil Nadu Govt** has decided to reopen **Vedanta's oxygen manufacturing plant at Tuticorin** after considering the urgent need for increased oxygen production.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

3. **China's** first Mars rover will be named **Zhurong** after a traditional fire god. The rover is aboard the **Tianwen-1** probe that arrived in **Mars** orbit on February 24 and is due to land in May.
4. The **19th edition of Indian and French Navy bilateral exercise** titled as '**VARUNA-2021**' has been commenced in the Arabian Sea
 - The exercise will be conducted from **25th to 27th April 2021**.
 - INS Kolkata, INS Tarkash, INS Talwar and Chetak integral helicopters will participate in the exercise
 - It was initiated in **1983** as Indo-French naval cooperation plays a key role in the two countries' joint vision for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.
5. **Saudi Arabia** will join **United States, Canada, Norway, and Qatar** in forming '**Net Zero Producers Forum**' for oil and gas producers
 - The forum will about the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change and ways to achieve net zero carbon emission targets to limit global warming.
 - Saudi Arabia aims to reduce its carbon emissions by generating 50% of the country's energy from renewables by 2030.

REPORTS & INDICES

6. India has been placed at 87th position among 115 countries in the 10th edition of Global Energy Transition Index (ETI)
- ETI tracks nations on the current performance of their energy systems across various aspects.
 - Published by: World Economic Forum (WEF) in collaboration with Accenture
 - India was ranked 74th previous year.
 - Sweden has topped the index, followed by Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, and Austria.
 - Zimbabwe is the last ranked country in the index.
7. **India** has retained its position as the **3rd biggest military spender in the world in 2020**, according to '**SIPRI Military Expenditure Database**' published by **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**
- Top five biggest military spenders in 2020: US, China, India, Russia and UK
 - These five nations together accounted for **62% of global military expenditure**
 - Globally, military spending in 2020 rose by 2.6% as compared to 2019 to **\$1981 billion**
8. **India** has been placed at **49th rank** among 104 nations in **Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021**.
- **Finland** has topped the index, followed by **Switzerland, Singapore, Netherlands, Denmark**
 - Venezuela is ranked 104 (last)

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GOVERNMENT SCHEMES & PROGRAMMES

9. PM Narendra Modi has extended the **SVAMITVA scheme** across entire country.
- About 4.09 lakh property owners were given their e-property cards during the event, in more than 5 thousand villages.

- **Swamitva** (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) **Scheme**: It is a **Central Sector Scheme** to promote a socio-economically empowered and self-reliant rural India.
- It will use drones in surveying and mapping of properties in villages.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

10. N/A

FINANCE & BANKING

11. **RBI** has issued guidelines for appointment of statutory auditors of banks (Commercial Banks excluding RRBs, UCBs) and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), including housing finance companies
 - It will be applicable for **financial year 2021-22** and onwards.
12. Central govt has nominated **Ajay Seth (IAS officer of Karnataka Cadre's 1987 batch)** as the **Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India**.
13. **Shivalik Small Finance Bank Limited** has commenced operations as a **Small Finance Bank (SFB)** with effect from April 26, 2021, departing from being Mercantile Co-operative Bank.
 - **Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank (SMCB)** is the first urban co-operative bank (UCB) in India to receive license from RBI to operate as a Small Finance Bank (SFB) under **Section 22 (1) of Banking Regulation Act, 1949**
 - Shivalik SFB area of operation is UP, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

14. The **93rd Academy Awards** were held in a unique fashion in 2021 as the attendees observed social distancing while going maskless.
 - **Nomadland** won big this year.
 - The film won **Best Picture, Best Actress** for **Frances McDormand**, and **Best Director** for **Chloe Zhao**.
 - Chloe is the second woman to win this year in the Academy's 93 years of giving awards.

- Judas and the Black Messiah, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Mank, Soul, and Sound of Metal – all won two Oscars each at the ceremony

15. **Rumana Sinha Sehgal** has bagged the prestigious '**Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021**' by the Diplomatic Mission Global Peace.

PERSON IN NEWS

16. Puma has roped in Indian cricketers **Washington Sundar** and **Devdutt Padikkal** as the brand ambassador.

17. **Rekha M Menon** has been appointed as the **Chairperson of National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)** for 2021-22

18. Justice **Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana** took oath as the **48th Chief Justice of India**.

- The oath has been administered by **President Ram Nath Kovind** at a brief ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- He succeeded Justice **Sharad Arvind Bobde**.

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19. **Jnanpith** winner and renowned author **Amitav Ghosh** authored a new book titled '**The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times**'.

- Written during the course of the pandemic the book will be published by **Harper Collins India**.

20. American author **Jhumpa Lahiri** has rolled out her new novel titled as '**Whereabouts**'

21. Expenditure Secretary **T V Somanathan (1987 batch IAS officer of TN cadre)** has been appointed as the **Finance Secretary of India**

- His designation has been approved by **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)**
- He succeeded **Ajay Bhushan Pandey**.

OBITUARIES

22. Padma Bhushan **Pandit Rajan Mishra** of **Pandit Rajan Sajan** musical group passed away due to cardiac arrest after being diagnosed with Covid-19.

- Rajan Mishra was a famous classical singer from '**Banaras Gharana**' of India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

23. **UN English Language Day** is observed every year on **23 April** to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity by exploring the language

- **23 April** has been chosen to mark the birth as well as **death anniversary of William Shakespeare**
- English Language is the most popular spoken language in the world with more than **983 million speakers**
- English is one of the 6 official languages used by UN
- Six official languages: **Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.**

24. **World Book and Copyright Day** ('International Day of the Book' and 'World Book Day'), is observed every year on **April 23** to promote reading, publishing, and copyright

- The day is an initiative of **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**
- The first World Book Day was celebrated on 23 April 1995.
- April 23 is chosen because it marks the birth and death of several prominent authors.
- **World Book Capital for 2021** is **Tbilisi, Georgia.**

25. **National Panchayati Raj Day (National Local Self-Government day)** is observed every year on **April 24** In India.

- April 24 is the historic day on which Panchayati Raj had come into force through **73rd Amendment Act 1992** marking a defining moment in the history of decentralization of power to the grassroots in the country.
- National Panchayati Raj Day was declared on **24 April 2010** by the then PM Manmohan Singh
- On this occasion, **SVAMITVA scheme** will be launched this year

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26. The **World Intellectual Property Day** is celebrated on **26th April** every year to highlight the importance of Intellectual Property.

- The day was established by the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** in 2000.
- The day this is dedicated to Small and medium-sized enterprises.
- SMEs account for 90% of all companies worldwide and 70% of global employment that's why World IP Day 2021 is carrying the theme "**IP and SMEs: Taking your ideas to market.**"

27. **World Malaria Day (WMD)** is observed every year on **25 April** globally to recognize the efforts of the people worldwide to control malaria.

- WMD was established in **May 2007** at the **60th session of World Health Assembly**, WHO's decision-making body.
- Theme 2021: '**Reaching the zero-malaria target**'.
- WMD is one of eight official global public health campaigns currently marked by WHO.

SPORTS

28. Tamil Nadu teenager **Arjun Kalyan (18 years)** has become the **68th Chess Grandmaster of India**

29. **Rafael Nadal** has won **12th Barcelona Open Title** in Longest ATP Match of 2021 after beating **Stefanos Tsitsipas** by **6-4, 6-7 (6/8), 7-5**.

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