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### **NATIONAL NEWS**

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- The Union Government has issued a certificate of GI registration for Saffron grown in the Kashmir Valley.
- On Providing Geographical indication (GI) tag Kashmir saffron will get a unique identity in the global market further helping farmers to be profitable.
- A geographical indication is a name or sign used on products which corresponds to a specific geographical location and ensures that none other than those registered as authorised users are allowed to use the popular product name.
- India, as a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, and come into force w.e.f September 2003.

#### **CCI approves Krishnapatnam port acquisition by Adani Ports and SEZL**

- The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited (KPCL) by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited.
- The acquisition foresees the equity shareholdings and management control of the KPCL by Adani groups and SEZL.
- KPCL engaged as a developer and operator of the deep-water port at Krishnapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Fact: Headquarters of CCI - New Delhi

Chairman of CCI - Ashok Kumar Gupta

#### **TRIFED Signs MoU with IIT, Delhi for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**

- An organisation under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare of the tribal peoples called the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has now come forward to sign a MoU with IIT Delhi for the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA).
- MoU will introduce Tribals to Newer Processing Technologies, Product Innovation, and Mentorship and Transformational Digital systems.
- UBA is a flagship national programme of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- It's a Tripartite MoU signed between TRIFED, IIT Delhi and Vijnana Bharati - Swadeshi Science Movement.
- UBA functions to bring transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging

knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive India.

Fact: Union Minister of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda

Union Minister of Human Resource Development - Ramesh Pokhriyal

## **Kargil Vijay Diwas Celebrated at Pune**

- Kargil Vijay Diwas is been celebrated in India every year on 26<sup>th</sup> July as the anniversary of India's victory in the 1999 Kargil conflict with Pakistan.
- This is to remember the victory of the Indian Armed Forces and to pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of our martyrs in the Kargil War.
- Kargil war was fought for over 60 days and the Indian Armed Forces fought valiantly against the Pakistani infiltrators despite all the odds and attained victory against its counterpart.
- The Kargil War also referred as Operation Vijay was fought at an altitude of approximately 16,000 feet against Pakistan.
- This year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary and the ceremony was organised at the National War Memorial, Pune.

## **ECONOMIC NEWS**

### **India announces 400 million dollar currency swap for Sri Lanka**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed agreement for extending a 400 million dollar currency swap facility with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- Indian High Commission in Colombo has remained closely engaged in fruitful bilateral cooperation with Sri Lanka on all matters of mutual interest.
- Sri Lanka has around one billion dollar loan commitment from India and has requested to reschedule the payment due to ongoing financial crisis and COVID situation.

Fact: President of Sri Lanka - Gotabaya Rajapaksa

RBI chairman - Shaktikanta Das

## **RANKINGS & REPORTS**

### **India ranked 3rd in gaining forest area in world - FAO**

- India has ranked 3rd among the top 10 countries that have gained in forest areas during 2010-2020.
- The report was released by Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2020 brought out by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN).
- China topped the rank followed by Australia, where Romania acquired the least position.
- The forest area managed by local, tribal and indigenous communities in India increased from zero in 1990 to about 25 million ha in 2015.

## Cooling Emissions and Policy Synthesis Report

- The Cooling Emissions and Policy Synthesis Report states that, by combining energy efficiency improvements with the transition away from super-polluting refrigerants, the world can avoid cumulative greenhouse gas emissions of between 210-460 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (GtCO<sub>2</sub>e) over the next four decades.
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) has assisted the report.
- The Kigali Cooling Efficiency Programme (K-CEP) supports the report.

Fact: Headquarters of IEA - Paris, France

Headquarters of UNEP - Nairobi, Kenya

## Hyderabad Ranked 16th in World's most Surveilled Cities & China tops: Comparitech

- Hyderabad has positioned in 16th rank among the list of top 20 cities with the maximum number of Closed-circuit television (CCTV) surveillance cameras in India.
- The analysis was done by Comparitech on the World's Most Surveilled Cities, in 150 major cities across the globe.
- The list was topped by Taiyuan, China followed by Wuxi, China and London, England.
- The research also highlighted the 20 most populated cities in the world where Tokyo, Japan topped the list followed by New Delhi and Shanghai, China.
- Other Indian cities, which made into top 20, are Mumbai in 9th rank and Kolkata in 15th rank.



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