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### NATIONAL NEWS

#### NCPCR Celebrates its 17th Foundation Day

- On 01 March, 2022 the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (**NCPCR**) **celebrated its 17th Foundation Day** at Red Fort, New Delhi.
- **Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani** launched the new motto of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.
- It was organized by the Chairperson of NCPCR, Shri Priyank Kanoongo.
- On the occasion, exhibition based on freedom fighters' stories was organised by Border Security Forces (BSF) in collaboration with NCPCR to know the sacrifices of freedom fighters to the next generation.

#### BEE Observes its 20th Foundation Day

- Under the Ministry of Power, **The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)**, commemorated **its 20th Foundation Day on 01 March 2022**, by organizing the National Innovation Conclave on Low Carbon Technologies.
- Shri R.K. Singh emphasized that there is a need to establish a strong ecosystem for innovation showing benefits of energy savings and greenhouse gas emission reduction potential when deployed at a large scale in industrial and commercial sectors.
- Facility for Low Carbon Technology Deployment (FLCTD) is a project financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) in collaboration with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).
- More than 35 innovators participated in the exposition organised under the event.

#### National Conclave on 'Social Enterprises for Garbage Free Cities'

- On 03 March 2022, **The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** will organize a national conclave on 'Social Enterprises for Garbage Free Cities: Encouraging Women Entrepreneurs in Waste management' in collaboration with **the Government of Chhattisgarh in Raipur**.
- The day-long event will serve as a platform for learning on various centralised and decentralized waste management practices, as part of the Mission's capacity building

initiatives for States and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

- The event will also release the “National Capacity Building Framework for Garbage Free Cities” under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 which was launched by Prime Minister with vision of “waste from wealth”.
- It will help build capabilities of relevant stakeholders to strengthen the urban sanitation sector in the country.
- Chhattisgarh has been adjudged the Cleanest State in India in the category of ‘more than 100 ULBs’ for 3 years under Swachh Survekshan and the Best State in the SafaiMitra Suraksha Challenge run by MoHUA.

## FM Nirmala Sitharaman to Launch Major e-Governance Initiative

- **The 46th Civil Accounts Day** is celebrated on **2nd March 2022** at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi.
- During the occasion Finance Minister Sitharaman launched a major e-governance initiative - the Electronic Bill processing system as part of **ease of doing business and Digital India eco-system**.
- The e-Bill system will be implemented across all Central Ministries and Departments to enhance transparency, efficiency, and a faceless- paperless payment system.
- With this initiative, suppliers and contractors will now be able to submit their claim online which will be trackable in real-time basis.
- The finance minister had announced e-governance initiative in the Union Budget 2022-2023.

## Bilateral Swap Arrangement Between India and Japan

- On 28 February 2022, **Japan and India** renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA).
- The Bank of Japan, acting as agent for the Minister of Finance of Japan, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) signed the Amendment and Restatement Agreement of the BSA.
- The BSA is a two-way arrangement where both authorities can swap their local currencies in exchange for the US Dollar. The size of the BSA remains **unchanged 75 billion USD**.
- BSA aims to strengthen financial cooperation between the two countries and contribute to regional and global financial stability.
- The first BSA was signed between RBI and Bank of Japan in 2018.

## FSSAI to Issue Health Star Rating for Packaged Food

- **The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has announced that it will introduce star rating for packaged food to educate consumers about the nutrition profile of the food they are consuming.
- Packaged foods will display a number of stars on the Front of Pack Label (FOPL) to indicate whether the item is healthy or unhealthy.
- The system will be similar to the one that is being used by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency for

assessing the energy efficiency in electrical devices.

- The star rating will be determined by the amount of fats, sugar, and salt in the food item.
- The display of star ratings was recommended by a study conducted by **IIM Ahmedabad and Dexter Consultancy Pvt Ltd.**

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Bangladesh Signs Agreement With ADB

- **The Government of Bangladesh** signed two separate agreements for loans **worth USD 292 million with Asian Development Bank.**
- This is to finance different development projects on tackling river erosion across the country and to supply clean water in Dhaka.
- The first agreement of worth USD 157 million will help mitigate flood and riverbank erosion risks, strengthen climate resilience, and promote knowledge-based solutions along the Jamuna, Padma, and Ganges Rivers.
- The second agreement of worth USD 135 million is expected to improve access and quality of inclusive water supply services, while promoting environmentally sustainable surface water supply in Dhaka.
- In addition to this, the Government of **Netherlands** will provide USD 17.89 million in technical assistance grant, to be administered by ADB, to help finance the second tranche of the program, and promote innovations, and capacity building.

## BANKING

### Bank Of Maharashtra Launches Project “Bank Sakhi”

- **Bank of Maharashtra** has tied up with **Mahagram & Sunivesh India Finance Services Pvt Ltd** to launch ‘**Bank Sakhi**’ project in **Odisha.**
- It would provide financial technology and infrastructure support to increase rural financial inclusion to the people of Odisha.
- As part of the tie-up, the company appointed more than 11,000 bank sakhis (women) on the BharatATM platform to help the rural citizens avail basic banking services at their doorstep.
- It offers account opening, Aadhar enabled payment services, and various banking services at places where there are no banks within accessible limits.

### **About BoM:**

- HQ: Pune, Maharashtra.
- MD & CEO: A S Rajeev.

### **About Mahagram:**

- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- CEO: Ram Shriram.

## **Union Bank of India with Ambit Finvest**

- **Union Bank of India** has announced a co-lending agreement **with Ambit Finvest Private Limited**, a Non-Deposit taking Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) of the Ambit Group lending to **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) customers**.
- It facilitates credit of MSMEs in 11 states that are currently covered by Ambit Finvest.
- Through this innovative, MSMEs will enjoy a lower rate of interest, translating into a lower cost of funds, helping them deploy more capital effectively in their business.
- This initiative is also part of Union Bank's commitment to support the MSMEs by providing tailor-made financial solutions and accelerating the growth of MSMEs to contribute to the country's economic development.

### **About Union Bank of India:**

- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- MD & CEO: Rajkiran Rai G.

### **About Ambit Finvest:**

- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- CEO: Sanjay Agarwal.

## SPORTS

### Saurabh Chaudhary Bags Gold Medal in 10m Air Pistol

- The 19-year-old Indian shooter, **Saurabh Chaudhary** won India's first **gold medal at the International Sports Federation World Cup** conducted in Cairo, Egypt.
- He has clinched gold medal in the category of **Men's 10m Air Pistol**.
- He defeated German player Michael Schwald by shot 16-6.

### Para Archery World Championships

- **Indian, para-archer Pooja Jatyan** became the first Indian to win a **silver** in an individual section of the **Para Archery World Championships 2022 in Dubai**.
- Pooja Jatyan lost to Italian Petrilli Vincenza.
- Earlier, in the compound mixed pair Shyam Sundar Swami and Jyoti Baliyan won a silver medal, the country's first medal in the World Archery Para Championships
- India has won 2 Silver medals for the first time in the Para Archery World Championship.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### Chairman of NAAC

- Former vice-chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Professor **Bhushan Patwardhan** has been appointed as chairperson of the executive committee of the **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)**.
- Patwardhan is currently a member of an advisory committee constituted by the Ministry of AYUSH. He has over 40 years of experience in higher education, scientific research, and institutional governance.
- He served as the vice-chairman of UGC until March 2021.
- He succeeds Jagadish Kumar who was appointed as the chairman of UGC.

# IMPORTANT DAYS

## World Civil Defence Day 2022

- World Civil Defence is observed every year on **01 March**.
- The theme of the day is **“Civil Defence and the first aider in every home”**.
- It is celebrated to raise awareness and bring the attention of the world public to the vital importance of civil protection.
- The day was created to pay tribute to the efforts of national services responsible for the fight against disasters
- It also creates awareness of the need for self-protection and preventative measures in the event of accidents or disasters.

## Zero Discrimination Day

- The Zero Discrimination Day is observed every year on **01st March**.
- The theme of the day is **“Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower”**.
- The day was first observed on March 1, 2014 and was launched by UNAIDS released its Zero Discrimination Campaign on World AIDS Day.
- It is celebrated to honour everyone’s right to a productive and dignified life.
- Inclusion, compassion, and peace are promoted on Zero Discrimination Day.

## Janaushadhi Diwas Week

- Janaushadhi Diwas week is observed from **1st March to 7th March, 2022**. This year marks the 4th edition.
- Theme of Janaushadhi Diwas is **“Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi”**.
- This will generate awareness about the usages of generic medicines and benefits of Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana.
- It was organized by Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizer.
- The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025.

