

## International

### World Bank approves 500 million USD credit to help Bangladesh improve disaster preparedness



The credit has been approved under the Resilient Infrastructure for Adoption and Vulnerability Reduction (RIVER) project of the World Bank. It will fund the construction of 500 multipurpose flood shelters, access roads, and climate-resilient community infrastructure in the country.

World Bank Country Director for Bangladesh and Bhutan Mercy Tembon said that this project will help Bangladesh improve disaster preparedness in the non-coastal flood-prone areas. It will also support the country's transition from disaster response to a disaster risk management approach. The project will support the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100, a long-term plan to achieve a safe, climate-resilient, and prosperous delta, as well as the World Bank Group's Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025.

### UK declares national emergency after issuing its first red extreme heat warning



It is the first time a red heat warning has been issued for parts of the UK, although the extreme heat warning system was only introduced in 2021. Speed restrictions are likely on Railway lines, some schools will close early and some hospital appointments will be cancelled.

## 25 million children missed out on one or more doses of DTP vaccines: UN



Data by the World Health Organisation and UNICEF recorded the largest sustained decline in global childhood vaccinations in approximately 30 years.

It said the percentage of children who received three doses of the vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP3) – a marker for immunisation coverage within and across countries – fell 5 percentage points between 2019 and 2021 to 81 per cent.

## 16th round of military talks between India and China begins



Leh-based Fire and Fury General Officer Commanding Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta is leading the Indian Army delegation while South Xinjiang Military District Chief Major General Yang Lin is leading the Chinese People's Liberation Army in the talks.

This round of talks will be followed by External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar's meeting with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, on the sidelines of the G-20 Foreign Ministers meeting in Bali.

## Important Days

**World Day for International Justice:17<sup>th</sup> July**



On July 17, 1998, 120 countries came together to sign a treaty titled the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The establishment came to be known as the International Criminal Court (ICC), which came into force on July 1, 2002.

## BJP announces West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar as its Vice Presidential candidate



Mr. Dhankhar was born in a very humble family in an agrarian household in a remote village in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district. He entered public life after getting elected as a Member of Parliament from Jhunjhunu in the 1989 Lok Sabha elections. He also served as a Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs in 1990. In 1993, he was elected to the Rajasthan assembly from the Kishangarh constituency in Ajmer district. In July 2019, he was appointed as the Governor of West Bengal, where he made a mark as a People's Governor, highlighting issues of public welfare.

## Centre amends Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules



The Department of Consumer Affairs has allowed electronic products to declare certain mandatory declarations through the QR Code for a period of one year, if not declared in the package itself.

This amendment will allow important declarations to be declared effective on the label in the package while the other descriptive information can be conveyed to the Consumer through the QR Code.

### **PM visits UP and inaugurates Bundelkhand Expressway**



The 296 Km, four-lane expressway has been constructed at a cost of around Rs 14,850 crores, under the aegis of Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), and can later be expanded up to six lanes as well. It extends from NH-35 at Gonda village near Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot district to near Kudrail village in Etawah district, where it merges with the Agra-Lucknow expressway. It passes through seven districts, viz. Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah.

Along with improving connectivity in the region, the Bundelkhand Expressway will also give a major boost to economic development, resulting in the creation of thousands of jobs for the local people. Work on the creation of industrial corridor in Banda and Jalaun districts, next to the Expressway, has already been started.

**Tele-Law service is being made free of cost for citizens from this year- Shri Kiren Rijju**



Tele-Law mainstreams legal aid to the marginalized seeking legal help by connecting them with the Panel Lawyers through the tele/video-conferencing infrastructure available at Common Service Centers (CSCs) across 1 lakh Gram Panchayats.

Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice and National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) exchanged Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Integrated Delivery of Legal Services. The Union Minister said that the MoU is symbolic of our joint commitment to advance the cause of Justice for All and establish the Rule of Law as the greatest unifying factor among the citizens. Under the provision of the MoU, NALSA would provide the services of 700 lawyers, in each district exclusively for the Tele-Law program.

## **Economy/Banking**

**Xiaomi elevates Muralikrishnan B as president to head India business**



Muralikrishnan has been serving as chief operating officer of the company since 2018. He will assume charge as president of Xiaomi India from August 1.

Muralikrishnan, an alumnus of IIM-Calcutta, comes with over 25 years of experience in the consumer technology domain and has been instrumental in the brand's growth across offline sales, service and operations etc.

## **Airtel completes country's first 5G private network trial at Bosch unit**



Airtel implemented two Industrial-grade use cases for quality improvement and operational efficiency at Bosch's unit, utilising the trial spectrum allotted by the government. In both cases, 5G technology such as mobile broadband and ultra-reliable low-latency communications drove automated operations ensuring faster scale-up.

## **Govt releases Natural Resource Accounting to track mineral, energy deposits**



templates for the asset accounts for mineral and energy resources which were field-tested and reviewed by the experts in the consultative committee.

As on date, all 28 states and one Union Territory (J&K) have prepared the asset accounts for 2020-2021. The asset accounts captured details of 34 major minerals, 58 minor minerals and all four fossil fuels.

### **HDFC Bank Q1 net profit jumps 21% to ₹9,579 crore**



On a standalone basis, the largest private sector lender's net profit increased to ₹9,195.99 crore from ₹7,729.64 crore in the year-ago period, but was down from ₹10,055.18 crore in the preceding March quarter.

The core net interest income grew 14.5% to ₹19,481.4 crore from the year-ago quarter's ₹17,009 crore on the back of a 22.5% growth in advances. The core net interest margin (NIM) stood at 4%.

Other income, excluding trading and market losses, jumped 35 per cent to ₹7,699.99 crore on the back of an increase in fees and commissions, foreign exchange derivatives revenue and miscellaneous income which included recoveries and dividend, the bank said.



## Sports

### **Murali Sreeshankar becomes first Indian to enter men's long jump final at World Athletics Championships**



The World Athletics Championships is a congregation of over 2000 athletes from 200 countries around the world. The 10-day biennial event will come to conclusion on 24th of this month. The championships are being held in the United States of America for the very first time at the Hayward Field Stadium at the University of Oregon.

### **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar strikes gold at ISSF Shooting World Cup in Changwon**



He defeated Hungarian Zakan Pekler 16-12 in the gold medal match on day seven of the ongoing tournament. This was the youngster's second ISSF World Cup gold and India's fourth of the competition, helping them hold on to the top spot in the standings. India currently leads the medal tally with four gold, four silver and one bronze medal so far.