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NATIONAL NEWS

India, Chile hold first joint commission meeting

- India and Chile held their first joint commission meeting with focusses on trade, agriculture, health, defence, space and social securities.
- The meeting held virtually co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chilean counterpart Andres Allamand Zavala.

Fact: Capital of Chile – Santiago.

President of Chile - Sebastian Piñera

PM releases commemorative coin of Rs 75 denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of FAO

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually released commemorative coins of Rs 75 denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- FAO is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger and improve nutrition and food security.
- The World Food Programme by FAO has won the Nobel Peace Prize 2020.

Fact: FAO Headquarters - Rome, Italy

Chairperson of FAO - Qu Dongyu

NS Tomar virtually inaugurates the India - International Food & Agriculture Week

- Food Processing Industries Minister Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated the India - International Food and Agriculture Week.
- The Ministry has started an awareness campaign named ‘Anna Devo Bhava’ to mark the occasion.
- Indian food processing sector is 32% of India’s food market.

Fact: Minister of Food Processing Industries – Narendra Singh Tomar

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India – Kazakhstan Defence Cooperation: Webinar and Expo held

- A webinar between India and Kazakhstan held on the theme “Make in India for the World, India – Kazakhstan Defence Cooperation: Webinar and Expo”.
- The webinar organized under the aegis of Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence through FICCI.
- This webinar is the part of the series of webinars, which organized with friendly foreign countries in order to boost defence exports and achieve defence export target of $5 billion in the next five years.

Fact: Capital of Kazakhstan - Nur-Sultan

President - Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

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- Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law & Justice, Communication and Electronics & Information Technology, hosted the Seventh Meeting of Ministers of Justice of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
- The session has got importance for areas of cooperation; emphasized the high relevance of mutual exchange of legal information on counteraction to the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, or Shanghai Pact, is a Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance, formed on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai.

Fact: Headquarters of SCO - Beijing, China

Secretary General - Vladimir Norov

ECONOMIC NEWS

FM Nirmala Sitharaman participates in 102nd meeting of World Bank Development Committee Plenary

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 102nd meeting of the World Bank Development Committee Plenary through video conferencing.
- The meeting mainly focussed on the nation’s activities in combating the present pandemic situation.
- Sitharaman proposed that the government has committed $2.03 billion for strengthening health infrastructure in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.
- She emphasised that India plays a leading role in the South Asian region as part of its `Neighbourhood First' policy.

Fact: World Bank Headquarters - Washington, D.C.,

World Bank President - David Malpass

APPOINTMENTS

Vishal V Sharma appointed as next Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO

- Vishal V Sharma has been appointed as the next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- He replaces Jawed Ashraf.
- Sharma has previously worked as an officer on special duty for Narendra Modi in Gujarat, India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Food Day – 16th October

- World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year worldwide on 16 October to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945.
- The theme for the year 2020 - "Grow, nourish, sustain. Together. Our actions are our future."
- FSSAI has organised World Food day presided over by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Harsh Vardhan.

Fact: CEO of FSSAI - Arun Singhal