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1. Shri Piyush Goyal launches “DGFT Trade Facilitation App” for providing instant access to Exporters/Importers



- Commerce & Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal launched DGFT Trade Facilitation App for promoting ease of doing business and providing quick access to information to importers/exporters.
- It has been developed by the **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**, as per the directions of the **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)**.
- **Trade facilitation App is READY for Industry 4.0, as it provides:**
 Real-time trade policy updates, notifications, application status alert, tracking help requests
 Explore item-wise Export-Import policy & statistics, Track IEC Portfolio
 AI based 24*7 assistance for trade queries
 DGFT services made accessible to all
 Your Trade Dashboard accessible anytime & anywhere

2. Launch of India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 by NITI Aayog



- The India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 was launched by Dr Rajiv Kumar (Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog), Dr V K Saraswat (Member, NITI Aayog), Shri Amitabh Kant (CEO, NITI Aayog) and Dr Rakesh Sarwal (Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog).

- **India Energy Dashboards (IED)** is an endeavour to provide single-window access to the energy data for the country.
- Energy data published/provided by Central Electricity Authority, Coal Controller's Organisation, and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is compiled in the Dashboards.
- **The key features** of the enhanced version, India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0, are: The IED provides time series data from FY 2005-06 until FY 2019-20, IED provides data at sub-yearly frequencies as well.
- API linked data from Saubhagya, UJALA, PRAAPTI, and Vidyut PRAVAH has been incorporated in the portal.
- **Note:** NITI Aayog launched the **India Energy Dashboards Version 1.0** in May 2017.

3. Justice Chandrachud inaugurates Judgments & Orders portal and e-filing 3.0 module



- Dr Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chairperson, e-Committee of the Supreme Court inaugurated a Judgments and Orders Portal for searching past judgments and orders and an e-Filing 3.0 module to allow electronic filing of court documents.
 - The initiatives developed by Pune based e-Courts project team are aimed to strengthen the legal system.
 - **The Judgments and Orders search portal** is a repository of judgments pronounced by various High Courts in the country. It provides facility to search judgements and final orders based on multiple search criteria.
 - **The e-filing 3.0 module**, introduced by the e-Committee of the Supreme Court, allows electronic filing of court documents. With the introduction of the new module, there will be no need for lawyers or clients to visit the court premises for filing of a case.
 - **Note:** The judgment search portal has data today of 38 million cases available, We have data of 106 million cases which are being disposed of & are available & the total number of 141 million orders.
4. **The National Regulator grants permission for restricted use in emergency situations to Sputnik-V vaccine**



- **The National Regulator, Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)** approved Russian Covid-19 vaccine Sputnik V for restricted use in emergency situations in India.
- Hyderabad-based M/s Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. had applied for the grant of permission to import and market Gam-COVID-Vac combined vector vaccine, popularly called Sputnik-V, developed by M/s Gamaleya Institute, Russia.
- **Note:** Two vaccines have been approved for Emergency Use Authorisation by the DCGI. These are "Covishield" manufactured by Serum Institute of India and "Covaxin" manufactured by Bharat Biotech International.

5. Punjab appoints Sonu Sood as brand ambassador of COVID Vaccination Programme



- Actor Sonu Sood has been made the brand ambassador for Punjab's COVID Vaccination Programme.
- During the nationwide coronavirus-induced lockdown last year, the actor, known for playing the antagonist in films, had helped thousands of migrant workers stranded across the country reach their home states.
- **Note:** Sonu Sood presented to the Punjab Chief Minister his book "I am no Messiah".
- **Facts about Punjab:**
Capital: Chandigarh
Governor: V P Singh Badnore
Chief Minister: Captain Amarinder Singh

6. Russian President signs law letting him run for president of Russia again



- Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a law letting him to hold office for two additional six-year terms, giving himself the possibility to stay in power until 2036.
- Vladimir Putin is a Russian politician and former intelligence officer who is serving as the current president of Russia since 2012.
- He was also prime minister from 1999 to 2000 and again from 2008 to 2012.
- Putin was first elected president in 2000 and served two consecutive four-year terms.
- Putin completes his ongoing 4th term as President in 2024.
- **Facts about Russia:**
President: Vladimir Putin
Capital: Moscow
Currency: Russian Ruble

7. **NCAER** appoints World Bank's economist Poonam Gupta as Director General



- National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) appointed the World Bank's lead economist Poonam Gupta as its next Director General.
- Gupta, the first woman Director General of NCAER, will succeed Shekhar Shah who has led NCAER since 2011 and will complete his second five-year term in early May 2021.
- **Facts about National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER):**
President: Nandan Nilekani
Headquarters: New Delhi
Founded: 1956

8. BAFTA Awards 2021: Nomadland wins 4 prizes



- The **74th British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)** were held on 10 and 11 April 2021 at the Royal Albert Hall in London, honouring the best national and foreign films of 2020 and early 2021.
- **Note:** The Film '**Nomadland**' directed by Chloe Zhao, won **4 BAFTA** awards, including Best Film, Best Director, Best Cinematography and Best Leading Actress.
- **Main Winners of BAFTA Awards 2021:**

Award	Winner
Best film	Nomadland
Outstanding British film	Promising Young Woman
Leading actress	Frances McDormand (Nomadland)
Leading actor	Anthony Hopkins (The Father)
Supporting actress	Yuh Jung Youn (Minari)
Supporting actor	Daniel Kaluuya (Judas and the Black Messiah)
Director	Chloé Zhao (Nomadland)
EE Rising Star Award	Bukky Bakray
Outstanding debut by a British writer, director or producer	His House

Film not in the English language	Another Round
Documentary	My Octopus Teacher
Cinematography	Nomadland
Original Screenplay	Promising Young Woman
Adapted Screenplay	The Father
British short film	The Present
Outstanding British contribution to cinema	Noel Clarke
Bafta Fellowship	Ang Lee

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