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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Budget 2020-21** that was **presented** by the **finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman** in the Parliament increased the **import duty of green energy equipment like cells by 20%**. This is being implemented to drive local manufacturing of the equipment and lowering the import of low-quality Chinese equipment.
 - The step is being introduced to protect the local companies and to boost Make in India strategy.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Finance Ministry Founded: 29 October 1946
 - Finance Ministry Headquarters: New Delhi

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Pakistan** which is **facing the worst locust attacks in decades has declared National Emergency**. The emergency was declared to tackle the insects that are destroying crops in Punjab province, the main region of agricultural production.
 - The locusts are currently in the India-Pakistan border along Cholistan.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Pakistan Capital: Islamabad
 - Pakistan Currency: Pakistani rupee
- The **Maldives has once again become a member of the Commonwealth of nations**. President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih made the announcement, fulfilling one of his key presidential pledges.

- The president said that the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Patricia Scotland, confirmed Maldives' reinstatement into the organization as its 54th member state.
- **Related Keys**
 - Maldives Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa
 - Maldives Capital: Malé

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation** (ISRO) has **announced** that it is preparing **low-cost satellite launch vehicles costing around 30-35 crores** rupees each, which can put into orbit satellites weighing 500 kgs.
 - The first such launch is expected to take place in the next four months from the country.
 - **Related Keys**
 - ISRO Founder: Vikram Sarabhai
 - ISRO Founded: 15 August 1969

APPOINTMENTS

- **Lieutenant General YK Joshi** took over as **General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Northern Command at Udhampur**. Before assuming the charge, he visited "**Dhruva War Memorial**".
 - He paid tribute to martyrs who have sacrificed their lives under the Northern Command since 1972.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Barren** - too poor to produce much or any vegetation.
 - Similar Words - unproductive , infertile
 - Antonyms - fertile , productive

- **Beseech** - ask for or request earnestly
 - Similar Words - implore , entreat
 - Antonyms - insist, demand.


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