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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, launched the EASE (Enhanced Access and Service Excellence) 3.0 reform agenda.** EASE 3.0 agenda aims at providing smart, tech-enabled public sector banking for aspiring India.
 - This launch of EASE 3.0 would change the customer's experience at the Public Sector Banks (PSBs).
 - **Related Keys**
 - Finance Ministry Founded: 29 October 1946
 - Finance Ministry Headquarters: New Delhi
- On February 28, 2020, the **Union Minister of Steel announced** at a workshop organized by **Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)** that GoI is to make Odisha the steel hub of India. This is to be achieved by the Government with the help of Japan.
 - The city of Kalinga Nagar is to be developed as the epicenter of Mission Purvodaya.
 - **Related Keys**
 - The mission was launched in January 2020.
 - It aims to develop Eastern India as an integrated steel hub.
- The **NTPC Ltd** has **signed an agreement** with the **Central Pollution Control Board** (CPCB). According to an agreement, NTPC Ltd will provide financial support of Rs 80 Crore for installation and commissioning of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations(CAAQMS).
 - A total of 25 Air Quality Monitoring Stations will be installed across six states and three Union Territories.

- **Related Keys**
 - The Air Quality Index will be evaluated for the respective cities with the help of data collected from these air quality monitoring stations.

- **The Eastern Zonal Council meeting for the states of Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand is to be chaired by home Minister Amit Shah.** The meeting is to discuss cases of rape against women, sexual offences, prevention of cattle smuggling in the India-Bangladesh Border, etc.
 - Under the amendment, the time limit of the completion of investigation of criminal cases were limited to two months.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Zonal Councils are statutory bodies constituted under States Reorganization Act of 1956. According to the act, India is divided into 5 zones and a council has been set up for every zone.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Abhishek Singh** has been **appointed** as **the next Ambassador of India to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.** He is currently serving as Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India in Kabul, Afghanistan.
 - He will succeed Rajiv Kumar Nepal, who passed away recently. He is a 2003-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Capital of Venezuela: Caracas.
 - Currency of Venezuela: Petro Bolivar Soberano.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Unbidden** - without having been commanded or invited.
 - Similar Words - unrequested , unsolicited
 - Antonyms - deliberate , planned.

- **Uppity** - self-important; arrogant.
 - Similar Words - bossy , bragging .
 - Antonyms - bashful, cowering.


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