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101. Mergers & Acquisitions

India's largest pizza chain, Domino's has joined hands with packaged consumer goods major ITC Foods to launch 'Domino's Essentials'. The delivery infrastructure of Jubilant FoodWorks arm will be leveraged under this partnership to help customers order everyday grocery essentials offered by ITC Foods. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Domino’s Essentials” – by Domino's + ITC Foods
- Domino's HQs - Michigan, United States

102. International Affairs

Ukrainian officials have sought calm after forest fires in the restricted zone around Chernobyl, scene of the world's worst nuclear accident, led to a rise in radiation levels. The Geiger counter showing radiation at 16 times above normal. The fire had spread to about 100 hectares of forest. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 16 times increased radiation level – in Ukraine
- Ukraine: Capital – Kyiv | Currency – Ukrainian hryvnia
- President – Volodymyr Zelensky

103. Important Days and Dates

The WHO began observing the World Health Day on 7 April from 1950. The tagline of World Health Day 2020 is 'Support nurses and midwives'. To generate attention towards their contribution during the COVID-19 outbreak, the World Health Day will “highlight the current status of nursing around the world”. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 7th April – World Health Day
- Theme – “Support Nurses and Midwives”
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland
- Director-General – Tedros Adhanom

104. Amount & Agreements

A number of top fund managers from blue-chip venture capital firms – including Sequoia Capital, Accel and Lightspeed Venture Partners — and prominent startup CEOs have joined hands to set up a Rs 100 crore grant that will back fledgling firms working on products and services to combat the Covid-19 pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Action Covid-19 Team’ (ACT) Grants – 100 Cr – by Blue-chip venture capital firms

105. Schemes & Initiatives

The suspension of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for two years - one of the many measures that the central government has taken in preparation for a fight against coronavirus and its adverse impact on the economy - has evoked sharp criticism from many quarters, especially from opposition's Members of Parliament (MP). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- MP Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme – a scheme of Union Government suspended for 2 years

106. Amount & Agreements

Delhi government will provide a financial assistance of Rs 5,000 to each of the drivers of public transport vehicles including autos, taxis and e-rickshaws in the city rendered idle due to lockdown. He said the government is planning how to do this since bank account numbers of drivers of public service vehicles like autos, taxis, e rickshaws, Gramin Sewa, RTVs and other such vehicles were unavailable. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Government – Rs 5000 to all Auto-taxi drivers
- Delhi CM – Arvind Kejriwal

107. Science and Technology

Bharat Biotech has partnered with the University of Wisconsin Madison and US-based company FluGen to develop a vaccine, Coro-Flu, against Covid-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A vaccine 'Coro-Flu' - by Bharat Biotech
- Bharat Biotech HQs – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman - Dr. Krishna Ella

108. Sports and Games

City football giants East Bengal have roped in Iran's Indian-origin winger Omid Singh on a two-year deal. The 29-year-old will join the I-League heavyweights from Naft Masjed Soleyman FC in the Persian Gulf Pro League. He has already put pen to paper for our club. He is now in Tehran and he has been signed on a two-year deal. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- East Bengal FC – Omid Singh (Iran's Indian-origin footballer) – 2 Year deal HQs: Kolkata



109. Sports and Games

India has submitted its bid documents for hosting the AFC Asian Cup in 2027. If India wins the bid, it will be the first time the country will host the continental showpiece event. Recently, the AFC had extended the deadline to lodge expression of interest by three months from March 31 to June 30 in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India's bid for hosting the AFC Asian Cup in – 2027
- Asian Football Confederation(AFC) HQs – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- President – Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa

110. Awards, Rewards, Recognition and Prizes

The 2020 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame has been unveiled and it's a transcendent one, headlined by Kobe Bryant, Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett. In addition to those NBA legends, WNBA champion and 10-time All-Star Tamika Catchings will also be enshrined. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame – Kobe Bryan – An American Basketball Player Founded in: 1959

111. Important Days and Dates

The Army Medical Corps (AMC) on Friday celebrated its 256th Raising Day. It was raised based on the Royal Medical Corps. The 256th Raising Day was held with the motto 'Survey Santu Nirmaya', meaning 'Let all humans be free from disease and disability'. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd April – 256th Raising Day of The Army Medical Corps (AMC)
- Motto - 'Survey Santu Nirmaya' – 'Let all humans be free from disease and disability'

112. National and States Affairs

The Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar here today launched new features of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) Platform to strengthen agriculture marketing by farmers which will reduce their need to physically come to wholesale mandis for selling their harvested produce, at a time when there is critical need to decongest mandis to effectively fight against COVID-19. These three features are Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (e-NWRs) module, Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) trading module, Logistic Module. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Three new features of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) Platform – Narendra Singh Tomar
- Narendra Singh Tomar - Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj
- Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh

113. National and States Affairs

At a time when every segment of society is reeling under the impact of COVID-19, farmers have brought some cheer to Tamil Nadu. In the just-concluded financial year 2019-20, the State finished on top at the all-India level for micro-irrigation coverage. This has been achieved as part of implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), a programme aimed at promoting the “more crop per drop” concept by focussing on water-saving technologies. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) - topped by Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM - Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor - Banwarilal Purohit

114. Amount & Agreements

India is seeking loans worth \$6 billion from multilateral institutions including the Asian Development Bank to combat COVID-19, Bloomberg reported. The central government is in talks with Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and ADB to secure these loans to further the testing and infrastructure facilities in the country. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- \$6 billion loan – from ADB & AIIB
- ADB: HQs - [Mandaluyong, Philippines](#) | President - [Masatsugu Asakawa](#)
- AIIB: HQs - Beijing, China | President - Jin Liqun

115. Persons in News

Jeremy Corbyn's chequered leadership of the British Labour Party has officially come to an end after Keir Starmer was elected to replace him following a protracted four-month contest. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Keir Starmer – New Leader of UK's Labour Party Party founded in: 1900
- UK: Capital – London | Currency – Pound Sterling
- PM – Boris Johnson

116. International Affairs

A four-year-old female Malayan tiger, Nadia from the Bronx Zoo in New York City, has tested positive for the coronavirus according to media reports. Nadia is believed to be the first known case where transmission of the novel coronavirus from human to an animal has been confirmed according to a Reuters report. Nadia is believed to have been infected by a zoo-keeper who was asymptomatic at the time. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Nadia Tiger – Tested positive for Covid19 – in New York City, USA
- It is a Malayan Tiger

117. Sports and Games

Three sporty robots, collectively known as the “smart triplets”, representing the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Hangzhou in eastern China, were unveiled as the official mascots of the 2022 Asian Games. The Mascots - Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen , which reflect the internet prowess of Hangzhou city and Zhejiang province, were unveiled at a digital ceremony in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic that has brought the whole world to a stand. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 19th Asian games 2022 – Hangzhou, China
- Mascots: Congcong, Lianlian & Chenchen or collectively known as “Smart Triplets”
- Motto - "Heart to Heart, @Future"

118. Obituaries

Popular Kannada comedy actor Bullet Prakash, who was known for his performances in films like Aithalakkadi and Aryan passed away today (April 6). Aged 44, his sudden demise has sent shockwaves in the Kannada film industry with many celebrities grieving his loss. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Bullet Prakash – Kannad Actor – passed away

119. Obituaries

Mahmud Jibril, the former head of the Libyan rebel government that overthrew dictator Moamer Kadhafi in 2011, died Sunday of the coronavirus. Jibril, 68, died in Cairo where he had been hospitalised for two weeks. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Mahmoud Jibril – PM of Libiya – passed away due to Covid19
- Libiya: Capital - Tripoli | Currency - Dinar

120. Appointments & Resignations

Infosys’ chief operating officer, UB Pravin Rao, has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom), for 2020-21. Rekha M Menon, Chairman and Senior Managing Director, Accenture in India, will be the Vice-Chairperson for the industry body. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- NASSCOM HQs – New Delhi
- Chairman – UB Pravin Rao | Vice-Chairman – Rekha M Menon

121. Awards, Rewards, Recognition and Prizes

ARMMAN, an India-based non-profit organization, has been awarded the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2020 for its exceptional work in the maternal and child health space in India. The Skoll Awards are presented annually to select organizations with the ability to drive sustained change on the world's most pressing problems and carries a monetary investment of USD 1.5 million, along with other support. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The 'Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2020' – to ARMMAN NGO
- For the exceptional work in the maternal and child health space in India

122. Banking & Economic Affairs

In addition to SBI, Government has nominated State-owned Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) and private lender Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank for the collection of donations for PM-Cares Fund. The Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM-Cares Fund) was set up on March 28 to raise money for combating the Covid-19 crisis and to provide relief to the affected. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Overseas Bank + HDFC - for the collection of donations for PM-Cares Fund
- IOB HQs – Chennai, Tamilnadu | CEO - Shri Karnam Sekar
- IOB Tagline – "Good people to grow with"
- HDFC HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Aditya Puri
- HDFC Tagline – "We understand your world"

123. Obituaries

Former Australia Test spinner Stephen O'Keefe has retired from first class cricket after being omitted from New South Wales' list of contracted players for the next domestic season. The 35-year-old left-armer, who took 35 wickets in nine tests including 12 in a match against India at Pune in 2017. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Stephen O'Keefe – retirement – Cricket – Australia

124. National and States Affairs

The IRDAI cleared Arogya Sanjeevani products for 29 general and health insurers. The standard health cover policy is being offered by general and health insurers for a sum between ₹1-5 lakh. It comes with a minimum waiting period of 30 days and a disease-specific waiting period ranging from 24-48 months. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Arogya Sanjeevani insurance Product – by IRDAI
- Sum amount - Rs.1-5 lakh
- IRDAI HQs – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman - Subhash Chandra Khuntia



125. Science and Technology

Aerobiosys Innovations, a start-up incubated at The Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) in the Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H), has developed a low-cost, portable ventilator. Called Jeevan Lite, the device is internet of things (IoT)-enabled and can be operated through a mobile app. It can also be battery-operated for use in places where uninterrupted power supply cannot be assured. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Jeevan Lite” – launched by Aerobiosys Innovations – a startup of IIT-Hyderabad
- Aerobiosys Innovations HQs – Sangareddy, Telangana

126. Schemes & Initiatives

In order to keep children engaged in some creative work during 21-days lockdown due to coronavirus (COVID-19), the Odisha state government in collaboration with UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), has launched a creative skill competition programme called “Mo Prativa” (My talent). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Mo Prativa” (My Talent) programme – by Odisha with UNICEF
- UNICEF HQs – New York, United States
- UNICEF Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore
- Odisha: Capital - Bhubaneswar | CM - Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

127. International Affairs

The United Nations General Assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution, co-sponsored by 188 nations including India, on COVID-19, calling for intensified international cooperation to defeat the pandemic that is causing "severe disruption to societies and economies." The resolution titled 'Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)' was the first such document on the global pandemic to be adopted by the world organisation. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)’ – United Nations General Assembly
- UNGA HQs - New York, United States
- UNGA President - Tijjani Muhammad-Bande



128. International Affairs

Regular cargo flights for transporting critical medical equipment and supplies between the two countries India & China were operated from Air India from April 3. The Aviation ministry also said that 62 Lifeline Udan flights have operated during the March 26-30, transporting over 15.4 tons of essential medical supplies. Of these, 45 have been operated by Air India and Alliance Air. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A cargo air-bridge - between India & China Operated by Air India and Alliance Air: 45
- China: Capital - Beijing | Currency – Renminbi
- President - Xi Jinping

129. National and States Affairs

It has been decided to constitute a COVID-19 Fact Check Unit (FCU) in the Press Information Bureau (PIB) under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. The unit has become operational from today. It will receive messages by email at pibfactcheck@gmail.com to send response in a defined time-frame. The official version of any news on COVID-19 can be obtained from the Unit. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A fact check unit to curb fake facts and news – by PIB (Press Information Bureau)
- PIB HQs – New Delhi | Director General - KS Dhatwalia (28th)

130. Important Days and Dates

April 6, The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is an annual celebration of the power of sport to drive social change, community development and to foster peace and understanding. It is created by the United Nations General Assembly in 23 August 2013 and supported by the International Olympic Committee since 6 April 2014.

Key Points:

- April 6 – The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

131. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Among the global pandemic crisis and the expected economic turmoil, the Finance Bill 2020 has been passed by the Parliament with some major relaxations on March 23, 2020. Till end of FY 2019-20, NRIs (covers Indian citizens and Persons of Indian Origin) included those individuals who visited India for less than 182 days in a financial year. In February 2020, the Budget 2020 proposed to reduce this period to 120 days for all NRIs. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- New Criterion for NRIs – 120 days

132. Science and Technology

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Roorkee, in collaboration with All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), Rishikesh, has developed a low-cost ventilator. A presentation was made before 450 industry representatives for early mass production. The ventilator, Prana Vayu, will cost ₹25,000 per unit, much less than the products available in the market. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Prana-vayu” a low-cost portable ventilator – by IIT-Roorkee – at Rs. 25000
- Collaboration with AIIMS-Rishikesh

133. National and States Affairs

The decision to impose a temporary ban on the sale of chewing gums, bubble gums and similar products by State governments of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, as a precautionary measure to contain the spread of Covid-19, has put the chewing gum industry in a fix. Both the governments have reportedly imposed the ban till June 30. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ban on sale of chewing gums – in Himachal Pradesh – till 30th June
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala
- CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – [Bandaru](#) Dattatreya

134. Mergers & Acquisitions

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, an institute of National Importance of the Department of Science and Technology, has joined hands with WiproNSE -1.66 % 3D to build a prototype of an emergency ventilator system. The ventilator system is going to be based on an artificial manual breathing unit (AMBU), developed by the institute. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A portable and lightweight emergency ventilator system - based on ‘Artificial Manual Breathing Unit’
- By Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (Kerala) – Wipro 3D (Bangalore)
- SCTIMST Director– Asha Kishore

135. Schemes & Initiatives

Minister of State Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Human Resource Development Shri Sanjay Dhotre today launched Hack the Crisis – India, an Online Hackathon to find working solutions for overcoming COVID 19 pandemic. This hackathon is part of a global initiative and is being organised by ‘Hack A Cause – India’ and ‘Ficci Ladies Organization Pune’ and supported by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India (MEITY). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Hack the Crisis – India” - A 48 hours online hackathon - launched by Sanjay Dhotre
- Supported by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY)

136. Science and Technology

The Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccine, administered to millions of Indian children soon after birth to protect against tuberculosis, could be a "game-changer" in the fight against the deadly coronavirus, say US scientists. The severity of coronavirus impact may be linked to national policies on BCG childhood vaccination, the yet to be published study from the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) states while citing the examples of Italy and the US. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 'Bacillus Calmette Guérin vaccine' – Tuberculosis Vaccine

137. Persons in News

Bob Weighton, from the UK, has been officially confirmed as the oldest person living (male) at 112 Years and 1 day as of 30 March 2020. Bob Weighton received the record title after Mr. Chitetsu Watanabe (Japan, b. March 5, 1907) passed away on February 23rd 2020 at 112 years and 355 days. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Bob Weighton (UK) - The oldest living person on this planet
- He replaced Mr. Chitetsu Watanabe (Japan, b. March 5, 1907)
- UK Capital - London | Currency - Pound Sterling
- PM of UK - Boris Johnson

138. Appointments & Resignations

Nissan appoints Guillaume Cartier as Chairman of Africa, Middle East and India region. Japanese automaker Nissan said it has appointed Guillaume Cartier as senior vice president and chairman of Africa, Middle East and India region (AMI) and head of Global Datsun Business Unit, with immediate effect. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Guillaume Cartier – appointed as a Chairman of 'Nissan' CEO of Nissan: Makoto Uchida
- Nissan HQs – Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan

139. National and States Affairs

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) shared a standard operating procedure (SOP) with all telecom service providers regarding the application called COVID-19 Quarantine Alert System (CQAS). This mobile application triggers e-mails and SMS alerts to an authorised government agency if a person has jumped quarantine or escaped from isolation, based on the person's mobile phone's cell tower location. The "geo-fencing" is accurate by up to 300 m. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Covid19 Quarantine Alert System (CQAS) - by Dept. of Telecommunications

140. Schemes & Initiatives

The ministry of health and family welfare has put testing and treatment of covid-19 pandemic under Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), considered to be the world’s largest state-sponsored health insurance scheme. The testing and treatment of covid-19 is already available for free in the public facilities. Now, more than 50 crore citizens, eligible under the government of India’s health assurance scheme will be able to avail free testing through private labs and treatment for COVID-19 in empaneled hospitals. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Free testing through private labs and treatment for COVID-19 – Under AB-PMJAY NHA Funded: 2018

141. Science and Technology

NASA is forging ahead with its Artemis program to land humans on the moon by 2024, but the agency has also just offered its first plan for what a U.S. lunar presence may look like after that milestone. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The NASA’s “Artemis” the 1st human base camp on moon – by 2024
- HQs – Washington, D.C., United States
- Administrator – James Frederick Bridenstine

142. National and States Affairs

An international yoga festival began in Rishikesh on Sunday with yoga teachers and practitioners from eleven countries taking part in the week-long event. Inaugurating the annual event known as "antar rashtriya yog mahotsav", Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath asked people to make yoga part of their daily routine to lead a disease-free life. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Antar Rashtriya Yog Mahotsav’ – Uttarakhand
- Inaugurated by - Yogi Adityanath (CM of UP)
- Uttarakhand: Capital - Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

143. National and States Affairs

ICICI Bank's broking and investment banking arm ICICI Securities (I-Sec) said that as a part of its CSR initiative it is partnering with IIM Bangalore's startup hub N S Raghavan Centre of Entrepreneurial Learning (NSRCEL), to support startups in the fintech space through a structured program. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- N S Raghavan Centre of Entrepreneurial Learning – IIM Bangalore Director of IIM Bangalore: G Raghuram

144. Appointments & Resignations

Madhabi Puri Buch, Whole Time Member (WTM) at SEBI, has been given a six months extension by the government, sources told Business Line. Buch was appointed in April 2017 and her three-year tenure ends in March. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

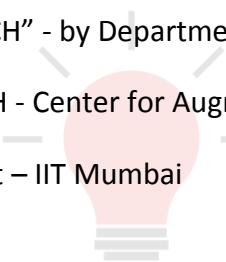
- Madhabi Puri Buch as a whole-time member (WTM) of – SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)
- SEBI HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- SEBI Chairman - Ajay Tyagi Founded: 1992

145. Science and Technology

Department of Science & Technology, Government of India in a rapid response to combat COVID-19 global pandemic approved setting up of a Centre for Augmenting WAR with COVID-19 Health Crisis (CAWACH) at a total cost of Rs 56 Cr to scout, evaluate and support the innovations and start-ups that address COVID-19 challenges. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “CAWACH” - by Department of Science & Technology
- CAWACH - Center for Augmenting WAR with Covid19 Health Crisis
- Set up at – IIT Mumbai



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146. Appointments & Resignations

Justice Rajnesh Oswal was sworn in as a permanent Judge of the common High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. He was administered oath of office by Chief Justice Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Justice Gita Mittal in a simple but impressive ceremony in Jammu. All previous Judges of High Court had taken oath under the constitution of Jammu and Kashmir, which ceased to have effect since August 5, 2019. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Permanent Judge of the common High Court of J & K – Rajnesh Oswal Established: 1928
- Chief Justice Jammu and Kashmir High Court – Gita Mittal
- J &K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

147. Current General Knowledge (GK)

The Indian Institute of Science is a public, deemed, research university for higher education and research in science, engineering, design, and management. It is located in Bangalore city, in the Indian state of Karnataka.

148. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

A national monitoring dashboard (NMD) on covid-19 grievances (darp.gov.in) was launched by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India. The dashboard is aimed at addressing grievances of Central government and State governments/Union territories. It has been launched by Jitendra Singh. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “National Monitoring Dashboard on Covid19 Grievances” – launched by Jitendra Singh (Dept of ARPG)
- Jitendra Singh – MoS of DoNER, PMO, Space, Atomic Energy & Dept. of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances

149. International Affairs

South Sudan is one of the 47 countries in the World Health Organization (WHO) African region. This is the 44 confirmed case of COVID-19 in the WHO African region: so far there have been confirmed cases in 43 countries. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- South Sudan: Capital – Juba South | Currency – Sudanese Pound

150. Science and Technology

As part of its efforts to ramp up the testing capacity, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has approved the use of diagnostic machines used for testing drug-resistant tuberculosis for conducting coronavirus tests. The ICMR has validated 'Truenat™ beta CoV test on Truelab™ workstation' and has recommended it as a screening test. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tuberculosis Machine – approved by ICMR for conducting Covid-19 tests
- ICMR HQs – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava



151. Books and Authors

The books, "How Contagion Works: Science, Awareness and Community in Times of Global Crisis" by Italian physicist Paolo Giordano and "Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs" by epidemiologist Michael Osterholm and author Mark Olshaker, will hit the stands in May, announced publishing house Hatchette. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- "Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs" Book
- Written by – Mark Olshaker & Michael Osterholm From: USA

152. Mergers & Acquisitions

Fair trade regulator Competition Commission has approved acquisition of 18.95 per cent stake in Religare Health Insurance Company by Trishikhar Ventures under the green channel route. Trishikhar is a part of Kedaara Group, which invests in a variety of companies through acquisitions and corporate restructurings, while Religare provides general insurance products relating to health segment. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Religare Health Insurance Company - acquisition by Trishikhar Ventures LLP
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) HQs - New Delhi
- CCI Chairman - Ashok Kumar Gupta
- Trishikhar Ventures HQs - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Religare Health Insurance Co. HQs - New Delhi

153. Current General Knowledge (GK)

A Grammy Award, or Grammy, is an award presented by The Recording Academy to recognize achievements in the music industry. The trophy depicts a gilded gramophone. The annual presentation ceremony features performances by prominent artists, and the presentation of those awards that have a more popular interest.

Key Points:

- Grammy Award – Music

154. Appointments & Resignations

The government has extended the tenure of acting President of National Company Law Tribunal BSV Prakash Kumar for another three months. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has informed the NCLT about the decision to extend the tenure to another three months or till the joining of new President, whichever is earlier. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) acting president's tenure - extended by 3 months HQs: New Delhi
- NCLT acting President - BSV Prakash Kumar
- Nirmala Sitharaman - Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency - Karnataka

155. National and States Affairs

In a bid to contain the spread of coronavirus, police in Chhattisgarh Janjgir-Champa district have created a mobile application to keep a tab on those violating the home quarantine order. Nearly 6,200 people, most of them with history of travel to foreign nations or other affected states in India, are kept under home quarantine in Janjgir-Champa district. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Janjgir-Champa district – Chhattisgarh – created a mobile application to keep state have a tab on those violating the home quarantine order
- Chhattisgarh Capital: Bilaspur, Raipur
- CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

156. Awards, Rewards, Recognition and Prizes

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has been conferred with an award by animal rights body PETA India for allocating funds to feed community animals in Odisha during the lockdown over the novel coronavirus pandemic. It comes after the state government sanctioned Rs 54 lakh to feed stray animals in five municipal corporations and all 48 municipalities as they are struggling to find food during the lockdown. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- "Hero to Animals Award" by PETA – to Naveen Patnaik
- Odisha: Capital - Bhubaneswar | CM - Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- PETA HQs – Norfolk, Virginia, United States

157. Science and Technology

Naval Dockyard, Mumbai has designed and developed its own handheld IR based temperature sensor for undertaking screening of large number of personnel at the entry gates of the yard reducing the load on the security sentries at the gate. The instrument has been manufactured under Rs. 1000/- through in-house resources. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Naval Dockyard Mumbai – designs the low-cost temperature gun to screen personnel

158. Obituaries

Veteran music composer M K Arjunan, known for his mellifluous melodies in Malayalam cinema, died in the wee hours of Monday at his house in Kochi. He was 84 and was suffering from age related ailments. He was from Kerala. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- M.K Arjunan – Musician – Malayalam Cinema – Kerala

159. National and States Affairs

National Cadet Corps (NCC) has offered a helping hand to civilian authorities in the country's fight against COVID-19 by extending the services of cadets under 'Exercise NCC Yogdan'. It has issued guidelines for temporary employment of its cadets to augment relief efforts and functioning of various agencies involved in battling the pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Exercise NCC Yogdan – by the NCC (National Cadets Corps)
- NCC HQs – New Delhi | Director General – Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chopra

160. Important Days and Dates

International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed on 4 April each year. The decision to mark the day as Mine Awareness Day was announced by the United Nations General Assembly on 8 December, 2005. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 4 April – International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

161. National and States Affairs

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said AIIMS, Jhajjar will function as a dedicated COVID-19 hospital with 300-bed isolation wards, which would ensure a prompt care for the patients in isolation requiring advanced medical support. The minister visited the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Haryana's Jhajjar to take stock of its preparedness to combat COVID-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- AIIMS Jhajjar – a dedicated COVID-19 hospital with 300-bed isolation wards
- Located in Haryana
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi

162. Schemes & Initiatives

IBM is offering Watson Assistant for Citizens to speedy reliable responses to COVID-19 questions. IBM Watson Assistant for Citizens on the IBM public cloud brings together Watson Assistant, Natural Language Processing capabilities from IBM Research, and enterprise AI search capabilities with Watson Discovery, to understand and respond to common questions about COVID-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 'Watson Assistant for Citizens' - introduced by IBM (International Business Machines)
- IBM HQs - Armonk, New York, United States | CEO - [Arvind Krishna](#)

163. Sports and Games

The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) announced that the coastal city of Shantou in southern China will remain as hosts of the third Asian Youth Games that will be held from November 20 to 28, 2021. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd edition of Asian Youth Games - in China (in 2021) First Event: 2009
- China: Capital - Beijing | Currency - Renminbi
- President - Xi Jinping

164. Science and Technology

The Indian Railways has developed a low-cost ventilator, Jeevan, at its Kapurthala Rail Coach Factory that could save thousands of lives at a time the country is grappling with a shortage of the medical equipment in its fight against coronavirus. It will cost around Rs 10,000 without the compressor. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A low-cost ventilator 'JEEVAN' – developed by Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala
- RCF General manager – Ravinder Gupta
- Chairman of Indian Railways - Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs - New Delhi
- Union Minister of Railways - Piyush Goyal

165. Mergers & Acquisitions

Ride-hailing platform Uber has partnered with the National Health Authority (NHA) to provide transport service to frontline healthcare workers in the country, who are engaged in the treatment of COVID-19 patients. Uber will initially facilitate the provision of 150 cars free of cost to support medical facilities in New Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Prayagraj and Patna through its recently launched UberMedic service. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- National Health Authority (NHA) – partners with Uber NHA HQs: Ghana
- Uber HQs - California, United States
- CEO - Dara Khosrowshahi

166. Important Days and Dates

The 1st International Day of Conscience is observed on 5 April. The day aims to promote a culture of peace with love and conscience. The day reminds the people to self-reflect, follow their conscience, and do the right things. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- April 5 – The 1st International Day of Conscience

167. Obituaries

Veteran Malayalam actor Sasi Kalinga, who has acted in more than 250 films, passed away. The actor was admitted to a private hospital in his hometown, Kozhikode, where he breathed his last. According to the reports, Sasi was diagnosed with liver disease a few years ago and had been undergoing treatment for a long time now. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Kalinga Sasi – Malayalam Actor – Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram
- CM – Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

168. Persons in News

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions today released the National Preparedness Survey on COVID 19 – Responses of District Collectors and IAS Officers (2014-2018 batches). The COVID 19 National Preparedness Survey 2020 was conducted in 410 Districts in the Country within 3 working days to attain a bird's eye view of the governance challenges of the Nation while coping with the greatest health crisis India faced since Independence. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- COVID- 19 National Preparedness Survey 2020 – launched by Jitendra Singh
- Jitendra Singh – MoS of DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space

169. National and States Affairs

Adopting a humanly approach towards animal live stocks and taking care of financial crunches being faced by the administrators of registered Gau Shalas of Gujarat during the presently prevalent 21-day long nation-wide lockdown situation being observed to fight against world-wide pandemic of 'COVID-19', Chief Minister Mr. Vijaybhai Rupani announced a financial assistance of Rs. 25 per day for each animal for the month of April residing in these Gau Shalas. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Rs 25 per day for each animal in registered Gau Shalas – Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

170. Important Days and Dates

International Children's Book Day is a yearly event sponsored by the International Board on Books for Young People, an international non-profit organization. Founded in 1967, the day is observed on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, April 2.

Key Points:

- 2nd April – International Children's Book Day Founded: in 1967
- Theme – "A hunger for Words"
- Hosted by - IBBY Slovenia

171. Persons in News

The government notified the empowered group set up for coordination with private sector, NGOs and international organisations for COVID-19 related response activities. The empowered group led by Amitabh Kant, CEO of Niti Aayog. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 10-member group to fight Coronavirus crisis – headed by Amitabh Kant
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi
- CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

172. International Affairs

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has registered a case and began an investigation into the terrorist attack on a gurdwara at Afghanistan's Kabul city. NIA registered a case under Sections 120B, 125 of IPC and 16, 18, 20 and 38 of UAPA under the provisions of Section 6(8) of the NIA Act and started an investigation. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A terrorist attack on a Gurudwara - Kabul, Afghanistan
- The National Investigation Agency (NIA) – New Delhi
- Director-General – Yogesh Chander Modi
- Afghanistan: Capital - Kabul | President - Ashraf Ghani

173. National and States Affairs

The Maharashtra government has created a digital platform, wherein citizens can assess their symptoms from the comfort of their homes and later contact authorities if they have any doubts about their condition. The state government has collaborated with Apollo 24x7 and launched an online tool, which is available at <https://covid-19.maharashtra.gov.in/> to help people assess their symptoms at home. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra State – Apollo Hospitals - an online tool to assess covid19 symptoms at their homes
- Maharashtra: CM - Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

174. National and States Affairs

SBI Mutual Fund has displaced HDFC Mutual Fund to become India's largest fund house, according to quarterly average AUM data released by the Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI) for January-March. According to the AMFI data, SBI Mutual Fund had assets of ₹3.73 trillion compared with ₹2.83 trillion in the same quarter of last year. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- SBI Mutual Fund – India's Largest Mutual Fund in Jan-March, 2020
- SBI Bank HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- SBI Bank Chairman - Rajnish Kumar
- SBI Bank MD & CEO - Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- SBI Bank Deputy MD & CFO - Chalasani Venkat Nageswar
- SBI Life CEO - Sanjeev Nautiyal

175. Current General Knowledge (GK)

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), is an autonomous organisation of the Government of India, involved in India's external cultural relations (cultural diplomacy), through cultural exchange with other countries and their peoples.

Key Points:

- MEA founded: 1946

176. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Study of consumers in China, Germany, India, South Korea, UK and US found that a majority spends 24 hours per week consuming news and entertainment, but less than half pay for it. Across these countries young people (16-34) are more likely to pay for content, however, low-income groups are less likely to pay for news services, suggesting that the rise of paid-for media may lead to information inequalities. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- News Consumers Survey by – WEF
- WEF HQs – Cologne, Switzerland
- Executive Chairman and Founder WEF – Klaus Schwab

177. International Affairs

Google has decided to shut the Neighbourly app, something it had specifically designed for India as a platform for the users to share hyper local information. In a mail, it told users: “We wanted to let you know that we will close down the Neighbourly Beta beginning on May 12, 2020.” [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The Neighbourly app – Google
- Google HQs - California, United States
- CEO - Sundar Pichai

178. Persons in News

In view of the outbreak of COVID19 and National lockdown since March 25th, some students have been facing difficulties due to closure of colleges and hostels. Hence in order to provide help and support to such students, AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) has come out with a unique MHRD AICTE COVID-19 Student Helpline Portal to address the issues. The website was launched by the Honorable Minister for Human Resource development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal “Nishank” [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A unique MHRD All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) COVID-19 - For Students
- launched by Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ Chairman of AICTE: Anil Sahasrabudhe
- Ministry of Human Resource Development - Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’
- Constituency - Haridwar, Uttarakhand



179. Science and Technology

To address the shortage, a team of engineers at IISc here has built a prototype of an electro-mechanical ventilator from scratch under the project named 'Praana', using only components found or made in India, based on guidelines issued by the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A prototype of an indigenous ventilator - developed by IISc Bengaluru
- Project - "Praana"

180. Amount & Agreements

Google has pledged \$6.5 million to support efforts by fact checkers and non-profits working across the world on busting fake news and misinformation around novel coronavirus infection. Google will help train 1,000 journalists across India and Nigeria to identify health-related misinformation. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- \$6.5 million – pledged by Google – to spot fake news & misinformation
- 1000 Journalists are to be trained by Google for this.
- Google HQs - California, United States
- CEO - Sundar Pichai

181. Amount & Agreements

Ministry of Home Affairs approves release of Rs 11,092 crores under State Disaster Risk Management Fund to all states. This is advance release of Govt of India share of first installment of SDRMF for 2020-21, to augment funds available with state governments. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 11,092 crores – by Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah Full form of SDRMF: State Disaster Risk Management Fund
- Ministry of Home Affairs - Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

182. Current General Knowledge (GK)

The Council is composed of 15 Members: Five permanent members: China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and ten non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly

Key Points:

- **UNSC Founded: 1945**

183. Sports and Games

China's world silver-medallist high jumper Zhang Guowei, renowned for his flamboyant twerking celebrations, has stunned fans by announcing his retirement aged 28. The colourful Zhang won silver at the Beijing 2015 World Championships and also competed at the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympics. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Zhang Guowei (China) – retirement from High Jumping

184. National and States Affairs

The Andhra Pradesh government claimed to have set a new record by door-delivery of social security pension to 58.99 lakh poor people in the state. As part of the YSR Pension Kanuka programme, the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government undertook the massive pension disbursal programme for the second consecutive month. Officials said by afternoon, 47 lakh pensions were delivered by the volunteers at the ward and village Secretariats. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Pensions to 59 lakh people at their doorsteps – Andhra Pradesh
- Under YSR Pension Kanuka programme
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital - Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM - YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor - Biswabhusan Harichandan

185. Sports and Games

The Independent Member Federation Sanctions Panel (IMFSP) of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has imposed disciplinary sanctions on Thailand and Malaysia and banned both the countries to from participating in weightlifting events at the Tokyo Olympics. The IMFPS also suspended the Thai Amateur Weightlifting Association (TAWA) for three years, while the Malaysian Weightlifting Federation (MWF) has been given a one-year ban. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Thailand and Malaysia – are barred from competing in Tokyo Olympics
- Thailand: Capital – Bangkok | Currency – Thai baht
- Malaysia: Capital – Kuala Lumpur | Currency – Malaysian ringgit
- IWF HQs – Budapest, Hungary
- President – Tamas AJAN

186. Important Days and Dates

International Transgender Day of Visibility is a day observed every year on 31st March since 2009. This day has been dedicated to celebrate the existence of transgender people all around the globe and to honor them for living openly and authentically while also to raise awareness of discrimination faced by the transgender people worldwide. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 31 March – International Transgender Day of Visibility
- Theme & Hashtag - #MoreThanVisibility

187. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

In view of the emerging situation arising due to the rapid spread of coronavirus, the cabinet promulgated an ordinance to reduce the salaries, allowances and pensions of Members of Parliament (MPs) by 30 per cent for one year. The decision was communicated by Prakash Javadekar in a presser. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Reduce in the salaries, allowances and pensions of Members of Parliament (MPs) – 30%
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Info. & Broadcasting
- Constituency – Maharashtra

188. National and States Affairs

The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) has cancelled the 49th edition of IHGF – Delhi Fair Spring-2020 in view of present status of COVID-19 in India and abroad. Earlier, the fair scheduled to be held from 15 – 19 April, 2020 was postponed hoping that the COVID-19 situation would improve and fair could be organized sometime in June/July. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair (IHGF) – Venue: New Delhi
- Organised by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)

189. Books and Authors

The books, "How Contagion Works: Science, Awareness and Community in Times of Global Crisis" by Italian physicist Paolo Giordano and "Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs" by epidemiologist Michael Osterholm and author Mark Olshaker, will hit the stands in May, announced publishing house Hachette. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- "How Contagion Works: Science, Awareness and Community in Times of Global Crisis" Book
- Written by – Paolo Giordano – An Italian Physicist



190. Sports and Games

The suspension of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for two years - one of the many measures that the central government has taken in preparation for a fight against coronavirus and its adverse impact on the economy - has evoked sharp criticism from many quarters, especially from opposition's Members of Parliament (MP). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2020 – India was the host
- FIFA HQs – Zürich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino

191. Important Days and Dates

National Maritime Day is celebrated on 5 April in India. The day creates awareness to support intercontinental commerce and the global economy as the most well-organized, safe and sound, environmentally responsive approach of transporting goods from one place to another of the world. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 5th April – 57th National Maritime Day
- Theme – "Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet"

192. Science and Technology

Bengaluru-based biotech startup Bione has launched a rapid covid-19 at-home screening test kit. The company claims that the kit, priced between ₹2,000 and ₹3,000 depending on global supply, is easy to use and displays accurate results within minutes. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India's 1st home screening kit for covid-19 – Bione
- Bione HQs - Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ICMR HQs – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava

193. International Affairs

An Indian Air Force (IAF) C-130J transport aircraft on Thursday delivered 6.2 tonne of essential medicines and hospital consumables to Maldives under Operation Sanjeevani. These medicines and consumables were procured from eight suppliers in India but couldn't be transported through any other means due to the 21-day lockdown imposed to contain the spread of COVID-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- IAF – 6.2 tonne of essential medicines – to Maldives
- Under "Operation Sanjeevani"
- Maldives: Capital – Male | Currency - Maldivian rufiyaa
- President - Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

194. Schemes & Initiatives

Civil servants across services have created a platform called the Civil Services Association Reach to Support National Disasters, or simply CARUNA, to assist the government in its Covid-19 efforts. The platform which includes officers from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS), Indian Revenue Service (IRS), state services and so on - was launched by the IAS Association vice-president Sanjeev Chopra. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- CARUNA – by Civil Service Officers Platform includes: IAS, IFS, IRS, IPS

195. Science and Technology

Many cases of healthcare workers catching the infection while working in hospitals. This issue was identified by the Pune based start-up JClean Weather Tech Pvt. Ltd. They developed the negative ion generator titled Scitech Airon, which helps to control the virus, bacteria, and fungal infections in a closed environment. It can also clean up the air and disinfect areas that are exposed to the infection through COVID19 positive cases and suspects. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “ScitechAiron negative ion generator” Technology – developed by Jclean Weather Technology Private Ltd.
- Jclean HQs – Pune, Maharashtra

196. Sports and Games

The 2021 World Games have been pushed back by a year to avoid clashing with the Tokyo Olympics which were rescheduled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The World Games, which are held every four years and feature 32 sports that are not part of the Olympic program, were scheduled to take place in Birmingham, Alabama, from 15–25 July next year but have now been postponed to 7-17 July, 2022. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- World games 2021 – postponed to 2022 – Old Venue: Birmingham, USA Clashed with: Tokyo Olympics
- IWGA (International World Games Association) HQs - Lausanne, Switzerland
- President - José Perurena López

197. Obituaries

Bill Withers, the legendary performer who defined 1970s soul with timeless hits like 'Ain't No Sunshine' and 'Lean on Me' has died. He was 81 years old. The Grammy-winning artist succumbed to heart complications. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Bill Withers (America) – Singer

198. Science and Technology

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a bio suit to keep the medical, paramedical and other personnel engaged in combating COVID-19 safe from the deadly virus. Scientists at various DRDO laboratories have applied their technical know-how and expertise in textile, coating and nanotechnology to develop the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) having specific type of fabric with coating. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A bio suit for medical personnel - developed by DRDO
- DRDO: HQs - New Delhi | Chairman - G. Satheesh Reddy

199. National and States Affairs

Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg held his first meeting with the group of experts supporting his work on a reflection process to further strengthen NATO's political dimension. The group, co-chaired by Thomas de Maizière and Wess Mitchell, was scheduled to meet by video-conference with the North Atlantic Council on 22 April 2020. [Click here for more details](#).

Key Points:

- NATO's first meeting with the Group of Experts
- The group co-chaired by – “Thomas de Maizière” & “Wess Mitchell”
- NATO's Secretary General – Jens Stoltenberg
- HQs of NATO – Brussels, Belgium
- Treaty signed on – 4th April, 1949

200. International Affairs

The government of Bangladesh has said that it will utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the management of Corona virus spread in the country. The ICT division of government of Bangladesh under its Access to Information (a2i) programme and the Ministry of Health collaborated with the largest mobile service provider of Bangladesh Robi to conduct a survey on Corona. More than 7 lakh people responded to the bulk SMS sent by the government to garner information about Corona. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh - decided to utilize AI for the management of Covid19 spread PM of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina
- Bangladesh: Capital - Dhaka | Currency - Taka



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