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Regards

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



201. Science & Technology

Google has launched a new feature namely "Nearby Share" for Android users to share files seamlessly with other users in close range. Google's Nearby Share feature is similar to Apple's 'AirDrop' feature. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google launched – "Nearby Share" to share files with other users in close range
- 'AirDrop' feature – belong to Apple
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

202. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 'Gandagi Mukh Bharat', a week-long campaign for Swachhata (cleanliness) in the run-up to Independence Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi launched – 'Gandagi Mukh Bharat' campaign

203. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The US Congressional committee has passed a bill, written by civil rights icon John Lewis, to promote the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USA passed a bill – to promote the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi & Martin Luther King Jr
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

204. Obituaries

The 70-year-old teacher turned Urdu Poet Rahat Indori has passed away recently in August due to Heart Attack. He was being treated for COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahat Indori (Madhya Pradesh) – Urdu Poet – passed away



205. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

SBM Bank India has partnered with InstaReM (the consumer and SME brand under global fintech platform 'Nium') to improve existing outbound remittance service offerings from India. The users of both SBM Bank and InstaReM will be able to remit money to more markets and send funds overseas in real-time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBM Bank India + InstaReM = partnership to improve existing outbound remittance service offerings from India
- SBM Bank India – 1st bank to receive universal banking license from RBI
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath
- HQs of InstaReM – Singapore | CEO – Prajit Nanu

206. National & States Affairs

Mumbai has become the first city in India to have women symbols on traffic signals and signage. Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has installed traffic signals that display female icons ensuring gender equality with a simple idea. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai (BMC) – the first city in India to have women symbols on traffic signals and signage
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

207. Current GK

This year the government has cancelled to organise 'Independence Day' Function at 'Chhatrasal Stadium'. During the Independence Day celebrations, Delhi government honoured Covid warriors of Delhi who have played a key role in helping the society fight the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Chhatrasal Stadium' – Delhi
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

208. Appointments & Resignations

Mauritanian Prime Minister Ismail Ould Bedda Ould Cheikh Sidiya has recently resigned. Mohamed Ould Bilal has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Mauritanian. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ould Bedda Ould Cheikh Sidiya – resigned as the PM of – Mauritanian
- Mohamed Ould Bilal – appointed as the PM of – Mauritanian
- Mauritanian – Nouakchott – Ouguiya

209. Science & Technology

Paytm has launched a pocket Android POS (Point Of Sale) device called "Paytm All-in-One Portable Android Smart POS" with an aim to reduce contact while ordering and making payments. The device is available at Rs 499. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm launched – "Paytm All-in-One Portable Android Smart POS" – at Rs 499
- Paytm HQs – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Paytm CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma
- Paytm Payment Bank CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta | Paytm General Ins. CEO – Vineet Arora

210. National & States Affairs

According to Tribal Affairs Ministry, all 9 museums dedicated to Tribal Freedom Fighters are under development and will be completed by the end of 2022. The largest of these museums is being built in Rajpipla in Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 9 museums dedicated to Tribal Freedom Fighters – to be completed – by 2022
- The largest museum of all is – in Rajpipla, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

211. Books & Authors

The 14th Dalai Lama, is the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists. In 1989, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. His upcoming book is titled, 'Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World' and has been co-written with German environmental journalist Franz Alt. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World" book – written by 'Dalai Lama'
- Co-written with – 'Franz Alt' (a German environmental journalist)



212. Persons in News

The Central Government formulated "National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration" for COVID-19 on 12th August. The meeting was chaired by Dr V K Paul. It deliberates on strategy to ensure COVID-19 vaccines' availability and its delivery mechanism. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration" – chaired by Dr V K Paul

213. Defence Affairs

India will ban the import of 101 types of military weapons and ammunition over the next 5 years in a significant step towards achieving self-reliance in the defence sector. The import embargo will kick in between December 2020 and December 2025 for different categories of military hardware. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to ban the import of 101 types of military weapons – in next 5 years (From 2020 to 2025)
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

214. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

BSE has signed an MoU with two bullion trade associations namely Akola Sarafa Association and Akola Sarafa Va Suvarnakar Yuva Sangh for deepening the commodity derivatives market in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE + two bullion trade associations = an MoU for deepening the commodity derivatives market in India
- Both the Bullion Trade associations are based in – Maharashtra
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sethurathnam Ravi | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan

215. National & States Affairs

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has launched its own Virtual Office Network to spearhead Tribal Socio-Economic Development on its 33rd Foundation day on August 6, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TRIFED launched – its Own Virtual Office Network
- August 6 – 33rd Foundation day of TRIFED
- TRIFED works under – Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Arjun Munda – Khunti, Jharkhand)
- HQs of TRIFED – New Delhi | MD – Pravir Krishna



216. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Bihar State Pollution Control Board has signed an MoU with IIT Delhi for setting up of geographical information system (GIS) based platform for air quality management in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bihar + IIT Delhi = an MoU to set up a AI & ML facility at Vishakhapatnam for setting up GIS based platform
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

217. Schemes & Initiatives

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has transferred the 6th installment of Rs 17,000 crore directly into the bank accounts of 8.5 crore farmers under the PM-KISAN scheme. The Centre provides Rs 6,000 per year in 3 equal instalments under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme that was launched in December 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 6th installment of Rs 17,000 crore transferred to the bank a/c of 8.5 crore farmers – under PM-KISAN Scheme
- Rs 6,000 per year – in 3 equal installments | The PM-KISAN scheme was launched in – 2018

218. Science & Technology

77 new species of butterflies have been found in the ecologically sensitive forest of Matheran hill station near Mumbai in Maharashtra. With this, the total number of butterfly species in the Matheran forest has now gone up to 140. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 77 new species of butterflies found in – “Matheran” - an Eco-Sensitive Zone of Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

219. Defence Affairs

The defence minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated a newly established ‘Industrial Design Centre’ of Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) at Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new ‘Industrial Design Centre’ – of BEML – inaugurated at Bengaluru
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- HQs of BEML – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD – Deepak Kumar Hota

220. Important Days & Dates

“International Elephant Day” was recently observed on August 12, 2020. The first International Elephant Day was celebrated in 2012. On the eve of ‘World Elephant Day’, Prakash Javadekar launched a beta version of the national portal on human-elephant conflict called ‘Surakhsya’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 12 – “International Elephant Day” or “World Elephant Day” – since 2012
- Prakash Javadekar launched – ‘Surakhsya’ portal on human-elephant conflict
- Prakash Javadekar also launched – a booklet on “Best practices of Human-Elephant Conflict Management in India”
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment (Constituency – Maharashtra)

221. National & States Affairs

The Textiles Ministry has abolished the ‘Cotton Advisory Board’ and notified that all 8 Textiles Research Associations have ceased to be ‘affiliated bodies’ of the ministry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Textiles Ministry abolished – ‘Cotton Advisory Board’
- 8 Textiles Research Associations are ceased to be ‘affiliated bodies’
- Smriti Zubin Irani – Minister of Women & Child Development, Minister of Textiles (Amethi, Uttar Pradesh)

222. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved a combination proposal filed jointly by Keihin Corporation, Nissin Kogyo Co. Ltd., Showa Corporation and Hitachi Automotive Systems Ltd to form a joint venture between Honda Motor & Hitachi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved a combination proposal to form JV – between Honda Motor & Hitachi
- HQs of Honda Motor – Tokyo, Japan | CEO – Takahiro Hachigo
- HQs of Hitachi – Tokyo, Japan | CEO – Toshiaki Higashihara
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta



223. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Goa government has signed an MoU with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for setting up an institute to provide advanced skills training. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa + NSDC = to set up an institute to provide advanced skills training
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Manish Kumar

224. Current GK

Senior military commanders from India and China has held talks on Ladakh's "Depsang Plains" where the forward deployment of the Chinese People's Liberation Army has disrupted the Indian Army's patrolling patterns. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Depsang Plains" – Ladakh
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

225. National & States Affairs

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the "National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) online dashboard" in New Delhi through video conferencing. The dashboard is being hosted on the website of India Investment Grid. In the budget speech of 2019-2020, FM announced an outlay of Rs 100 lakh Crore for infrastructure projects over the next 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated – "National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) online dashboard" – in New Delhi
- An outlay of Rs 100 lakh Crore – For infrastructure projects over the next 5 years (in budget)
- Nirmala Sitharaman – Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency – Karnataka

226. Defence Affairs

Two Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) produced by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) have been deployed in Leh, Ladakh to support missions by the Indian Air Force. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- 2 Light Combat Helicopters – produced by HAL – deployed in Leh, Ladakh
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

227. Current GK

Italy's Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has inaugurated a 3,500-foot-long “Genova-San Giorgio Bridge” (Saint George Bridge) across the Polcevera River in the north-western city of Genoa. The bridge was collapsed on August 14, 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Genova-San Giorgio Bridge” (Saint George Bridge) – over Polcevera River – in Genoa, Italy
- Italy – Rome – Euro | PM – Giuseppe Conte

228. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Google has announced a collaboration with Prasar Bharati and Virtual Bharat for AI-enabled Independence Day celebration of India and to create one master track with the voices of thousands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google + Prasar Bharati + Virtual Bharat = collaboration For AI-enabled Independence Day celebration
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai
- HQs of Prasar Bharati – New Delhi | CEO – Shashi Shekhar Vempati

229. Schemes & Initiatives

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced the launch of “Indira Van Mitan Yojana” on the occasion of ‘World Tribal Day’ aiming to make the forest dwellers in Chhattisgarh self-reliant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – to launch “Indira Van Mitan Yojana” – For forest dwellers
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

230. Amount & Agreements

The Union government has granted investment clearance to 6 irrigation, flood control and multipurpose projects worth ₹7,922.69 crore for Himachal Pradesh during the 13th meeting of the Investment Clearance Committee (ICC) held in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 13th meeting of the Investment Clearance Committee – held in New Delhi
- An Investment Clearance of ₹ 7,922.69 Cr – to Himachal Pradesh – For 6 Flood control & multipurpose projects
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

231. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

“IC-IMPACTS” Annual Research Conference discussed ways of taking the cooperation between India-Canada to the next level by strengthening existing international connections. It will concentrate on STEM at schools. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “IC-IMPACTS” Annual Research Conference – held between India & Canada
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau

232. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Reliance Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Reliance Industries has partnered with US Agency for International Development (USAID) and W-GDP (Women's Global Development and Prosperity) to bridge the gender digital divide in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance Foundation + USAID + W-GDP = to bridge the gender digital divide in India
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani
- HQs of USAID – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Mark Green

233. National & States Affairs

Shri Piyush Goyal and Shri Pralhad Joshi has dedicated ‘Railway Museum’ at Hubballi through video conferencing. This Rail Museum is first of its kind in North Karnataka and second in South Western Railway after historic Mysuru Rail Museum at Mysuru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal & Shri Pralhad Joshi dedicated ‘Railway Museum’ – at Hubballi, Karnataka
- Mysuru Rail Museum – Karnataka



- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra
- Pralhad Joshi – Minister of Coal, Minister of Mines (Constituency – Dharwad, Karnataka)
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

234. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fixed the upper limit of a payment transaction in offline mode at Rs 200 and total limit for such transactions on an instrument at Rs 2,000 at any point of time for the pilot scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – fixed the upper limit of an offline payment transaction – at Rs 200 (Total limit – Rs 2000)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

235. Amount & Agreements

Any entity with a net worth of at least Rs 250 crore is eligible for obtaining the liberalised licence to sell petrol and diesel to either bulk or retail consumers & a minimum net worth of Rs 500 crore for those seeking authorisation for both retail and bulk. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Net worth of at least Rs 250 Cr – for the licence to sell petrol, diesel to either retail OR bulk consumers
- Net worth of at least Rs 500 Cr – for the licence to sell petrol, diesel to both retail and bulk consumers

236. Schemes & Initiatives

'The Women Entrepreneurship and Empowerment' - an initiative of IIT Delhi, helps women ranging from college going students to middle-aged housewives to take up entrepreneurship as a viable, fulfilling career option. It is supported and sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'The Women Entrepreneurship and Empowerment' – an initiative of IIT Delhi
- Sponsored by – Department of Science & Technology



237. Important Days & Dates

“World Lion Day” is annually observed on August 10 with an aim to raise awareness and gather support for lion conservation. The ‘Big Cat’ is listed as an endangered species in the IUCN Red List. Asiatic lion is one of the five big cats that are found in India. 'Asiatic Lion Conservation Project' was launched by Environment Ministry in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 10 – “World Lion Day”
- 'Asiatic Lion Conservation Project' launched by – MoEFCC – in 2017

238. Appointments & Resignations

Lebanon's Prime Minister Hassan Diab has announced the resignation in the wake of Beirut port explosion that triggered protests and international outrage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hassan Diab – resigned from the post of Prime Minister of – Lebanon
- Lebanon – Beirut – Lebanese Pound | President – Michel Aoun

239. Persons in News

Corporate Affairs Ministry has released a report on Business Responsibility Reporting (BRR). In its report, the committee recommended a new reporting framework called as 'Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR)' to better reflect the intent and scope of reporting on non-financial parameters. The committee on BRR is headed by Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Corporate Affairs Ministry released a report – 'Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR)'
- The committee on BRR is headed by – Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh

240. International Affairs

Russia has registered its first approved COVID-19 vaccine 'Sputnik V' in the foreign markets by becoming the first country to approve a COVID-19 vaccine. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia registered its first approved COVID-19 vaccine – 'Sputnik V'
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



241. National & States Affairs

Haryana has launched the “anti-bullying campaign” of Faridabad police by unveiling its Instagram, Facebook and Twitter pages to flag the problem of bullying at home, in neighbourhood, schools, colleges and workplace. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana launched – “anti-bullying campaign” of Faridabad police
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

242. Current GK

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has commenced civil works at 660-MW "Sagardighi Supercritical Thermal Power Project" in West Bengal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BHEL commenced civil works at – "Sagardighi Supercritical Thermal Power Project" – in West Bengal
- HQs of BHEL – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Nalin Shinghal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

243. Defence Affairs

Union defence minister Rajnath Singh has laid down the foundation for a Warhead Production Facility (WPC) and a Missile-Seeker Facility Centre (SFC) as part of the week-long ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ celebrations at Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) in Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh laid down Foundation for – Warhead Production Facility & Missile-Seeker Facility Centre – at BDL
- HQs of BDL – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Siddharth Mishra
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

244. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per Bloomberg Billionaire Index data as on August 8, 2020, Reliance Industries Chairman and MD Mukesh Ambani has become the world's 4th richest person. Ambani's net worth went up by \$326 million to \$80.2 billion (Rs 6.04 lakh crore). He has surpassed Bernard Arnault. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- “World’s Richest Persons List” – as per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (on August 8, 2020)
- Mukesh Ambani – 4th – \$80.2 billion | Topped by – Jeff Bezos (USA)

245. Science & Technology

In Uttar Pradesh, IIT Kanpur in collaboration with Agnys Waste Management Private Limited (start-up at IIT Kanpur) has developed indigenous seed balls named “BEEG” (Bio-compost Enriched Eco-friendly Globule). It will help people and farmers in plantation with safety in Corona times. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur + Agnys Waste Management = developed indigenous seed balls named “BEEG” – in Uttar Pradesh
- BEEG - Bio-compost Enriched Eco-friendly [Globule](#)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

246. Amount & Agreements

Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) has signed an MoA (Memorandum of Association) with Uttar Pradesh for construction of 2 Modular Operation Theatre Rooms in the District Hospital, Siddharthnagar. PFC will provide financial assistance of Rs 94 lakh under its CSR initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PFC + Uttar Pradesh = an MoU for construction of 2 Modular Operation Theatre Rooms in Siddharthnagar
- Financial assistance of – Rs 94 lakh by PFC
- HQs of PFC – New Delhi | CMD – Ravinder Singh Dhillon
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

247. National & States Affairs

Narendra Singh Tomar has launched a data recovery centre 'Krishi Megh' set up at National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad to protect the precious data of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). ‘Krishi Megh’ has been set up under the National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP), funded by both the government and World Bank. Tomar also launched the ‘KVC ALUNET’ (Krishi Vishwavidyalaya Chhatr Alumni Network) and Online Accreditation System for Higher Agricultural Educational Institutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Krishi Megh' - a data recovery centre of ICAR – set up at NAARM, located in Hyderabad



- 'Krishi Megh' – has been set up under NAHEP (Funded by = Indian Government + World Bank)
- Narendra Singh launched – 'KVC ALUNET' (Krishi Vishwavidyalaya Chhatr Alumni Network)
- HQs of ICAR – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra | President – Narendra Singh Tomar

248. Schemes & Initiatives

The Central Government has widened its Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the MSMEs. The turnover limits to avail the loan under the scheme was increased to annual turnover of Rs.250 Cr from Rs.100 Cr, outstanding loans up to Rs.50 Cr from Rs.25 Cr & the maximum loan amount of Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) funding under the scheme also increased to Rs.10 Cr from Rs.5 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Changes in Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the MSMEs
- Turnover limit – Rs.250 Cr (from Rs.100 Cr)
- Outstanding loans limit – Rs.50 Cr (from Rs.25 Cr)
- Maximum loan amount under ECLGS – Rs.10 Cr (from Rs.5 Cr)

249. National & States Affairs

NTPC Group has achieved over 100 Billion Units (BUs) of cumulative generation in the current financial year. NTPC Group has a total installed capacity of 62.9 GW. 2600 MW NTPC 'Korba Plant' in Chattisgarh has emerged as the top performing Thermal Power Plant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC achieved – over 100 Billion Units of cumulative generation | Total installed capacity – 62.9 GW
- NTPC Korba Super Thermal Power Station – Chhattisgarh – the Top performing Thermal Power Plant
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

250. Appointments & Resignations

Capital India Finance Limited has announced the appointment of Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as the Executive Chairman. He was the former Chairman of NABARD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala – appointed as the Executive Chairman of – Capital India Finance Limited



- He is Former Chairman of – NABARD
- HQs of CIFL – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Vineet Saxena | Executive Chairman – Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

251. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has given an in-principle approval for setting up a wholly owned non-financial subsidiary to South Indian Bank (SIB). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI gave an approval – to South Indian Bank – For setting up a wholly owned Non-Financial Subsidiary
- HQs of SIB – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO– V. G. Mathew | Tagline – Experience Next Generation Banking
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

252. Persons in News

Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has launched the 'Swachh Bharat Mission Academy' as a part of the ongoing week-long campaign 'Gandagi Mukh Bharat'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched – 'Swachh Bharat Mission Academy' – in Delhi
- Minister of Jal Shakti – Gajendra Singh Sekhawwat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan

253. Current GK

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has taken over the security of the "Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport", Leh the country's highest-altitude commercial aerodrome in the newly created Union Territory of Ladakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CISF – took over the security of – "Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport" – located in Leh, Ladakh
- CISF HQs – New Delhi | Director – Rajesh Ranjan
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur



254. National & States Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India has announced that it has brought in 'Startups' under the purview of Priority Sector Lending whilst limits for renewable energy including solar power and compressed bio-gas plants were being increased. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI brought in – 'Startups' under the purview of PSL (Priority Sector Lending)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

255. Amount & Agreements

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched the 'Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy' under which his government will waive registration fee and road tax, and provide incentive of up to ₹1.5 lakh for new electric cars in the national capital. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi launched 'Electric Vehicle Policy' – an incentive of up to ₹1.5 lakh for new Electric Car
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

256. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Niti Aayog and the Department of Biotechnology have launched the Consortium for Affordable & Rapid Diagnostics (CARD) to scale up India's capacity to make coronavirus testing kits. Project CARD's first goal was to roll out at least 10 million rapid antibody tests for Covid-19 by July. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Niti Aayog + Department of Biotechnology = launched the Consortium for Affordable & Rapid Diagnostics (CARD)
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

257. Current GK

Around 17 people were killed and scores injured when an Air India Express flight from Dubai with 190 on board overshot the tabletop runway in Kozhikode airport in Kerala. The pilot-in-command Captain Deepak Sathe and his co-pilot Akhilesh Kumar also died. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- Tabletop runway plane crash – at Kozhikode airport – in Kerala
- Pilot-in-command – Captain Deepak Sathe
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

258. National & States Affairs

Tamil Nadu is planning to set up India's first Electric Vehicle Park exclusively for the electric vehicle production Eco-system. The state is targeting around Rs 50,000 crore investment in the EV segment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – to set up India's first Electric Vehicle Park
- Target to invest in EV Segment – Rs 50,000 crore
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

259. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Andhra government has signed an MoU with The Boston Group to set up a facility at Vishakhapatnam devoted to R&D in the Information Technology sector with focus on learning platforms and leveraging advanced technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML) and cybersecurity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra government + Boston Group = an MoU to set up a AI & ML facility at Vishakhapatnam
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- HQs of Boston Group – Massachusetts, USA | CEO – Subu M. Kota

260. International Affairs

Bangladesh has decided to construct a monument for the Indian soldiers who died in 1971 during the country's struggle for independence from Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh – to construct a monument for the Indian soldiers – killed by Pakistan in 1971
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

261. Current GK

“Mount Sinabung” on Indonesia’s Sumatra island has erupted recently in August sending volcanic materials as high as 5,000 meters (16,400 feet) into the sky. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mount Sinabung” – on ‘Sumatra island’ – Indonesia
- [Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo](#)

262. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to a recent RBI survey, the confidence of consumers in the Indian economy has dropped to a historic low of 53.8 in the latest survey round (July 2020) from the 63.7 recorded in May 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- As per Consumer Confidence Survey by RBI – Consumer Index in July – 53.8 (from 63.7 in May)
- [RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das \(25th\)](#)

263. Obituaries

Veteran Sports Journalist Gopal Krishna (G K) Menon has passed away recently in August. He worked with the Indian Express and The Times of India and ended his freelance career in the early 1990s. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G K Menon – a Sports Journalist – passed away

264. National & States Affairs

Chhattisgarh has become the first state to hand over Urban Forest Land Rights, under the ‘Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act 2006’, to tribals. The process has begun with Jagdalpur municipal corporation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jagdalpur municipal corporation (Chhattisgarh) – 1st MC in India to hand over Urban Forest Land Rights
- Under – “Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act 2006”
- [Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey](#)



265. Current GK

A 5-year-old male tiger was killed by another tiger in 'Panna National Park'. It was fifth in last seven months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Panna National Park – Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

266. National & States Affairs

The RBI's Governor Shaktikanta Das has announced introduction of an Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) mechanism for digital payments. Payment System Operators (PSOs) will be required to establish an ODR system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI introduced – an Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) mechanism – For Digital Payments
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

267. Science & Technology

Hyderabad-based startup Skyroot Aerospace successfully tested an upper-stage rocket engine named "Raman" and became the first Indian private company to build a homegrown rocket engine. The engine Raman is named after Nobel laureate CV Raman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Skyroot Aerospace – first Indian private company to test – an upper-stage rocket engine named "Raman"
- The engine named after – C V Raman
- HQs of Skyroot Aerospace – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Pawan Kumar Chandana

268. Amount & Agreements

International Finance Corporation (IFC) has committed to invest \$10 million (Rs 75 Cr) in Endiya Partners-II. Endiya Partners invests in intellectual property led Indian product startups that are globally relevant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFC – to invest \$10 million (Rs 75 Cr) – in Endiya Partners-II
- HQs of IFC – Washington, D.C., USA | Head of IFC India – Jun Zhang
- HQs of Endiya Partners – Hyderabad, Telangana | MD – Ramesh Byrapaneni & Sateesh Andra



269. Schemes & Initiatives

Assam council of ministers has approved the “Assam Non-Government Education Institutions (Regulation of Fees) Rules 2020”. The council of ministers meeting also approved the ‘Assam Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) scheme 2020’. The meeting also took decision for implementation of ‘Uberization’ scheme under which 668 new buses would operate for 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam approved – “Assam Non-Government Education Institutions (Regulation of Fees) Rules 2020”
- Assam approved – ‘Assam Street Vendors Scheme’
- ‘Uberization’ scheme – belongs to Assam (668 new buses to be operated)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

270. Current GK

The Kozhikode tragedy has once again brought into focus the short size of the Gaya airport runway. The Gaya Airport runway is 2286 meters long, while the Kozhikode runway is 2,860 meters long and much longer than the Gaya airport runway and yet the tragedy occurred. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Gaya International Airport’ – Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

271. National & States Affairs

Goa’s popular Moira banana and Harmal chilli were recently accorded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. The two agricultural products are the fourth and fifth items from Goa to get the GI tag after feni, the Khola chilli, and khajem. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Moira banana (4th) & Harmal chilli (5th) of Goa – are given GI tag
- 1st – Feni | 2nd – Khola Chilli | 3rd – Khajem – already given GI tag in Goa
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Satya Pal Malik



272. Persons in News

The 74-year-old Sri Lanka People's Party leader, Mahinda Rajapaksa has taken oath as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka for fourth time. He polled over 500,000 individual preference votes, the highest ever recorded by a candidate in the country's history of elections. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahinda Rajapaksa – took oath as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka – for the 4th time
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

273. National & States Affairs

The Punjab Cricket Association has decided to name its new stadium in Mullanpur after the last ruler of erstwhile Patiala state, late “Maharaja Yadavindra Singh”, who played a Test match for India in 1934. He was the father of Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab Cricket Association – decided to name its new stadium in Mullanpur – after ‘Maharaja Yadavindra Singh’
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

274. Current GK

There was a major landslide inside the “Kudremukh National Park” at Alladakadu of Belthangady taluk in Karnataka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Kudremukh National Park” – Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

275. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari has addressed "India@75 Summit: Mission 2022" organised by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). He has emphasised upon improving MSME footprint in 115 aspirational districts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari addressed – "India@75 Summit : Mission 2022" – organized by CII



- To improve MSME footprint – in 115 aspirational districts
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- CII HQs – New Delhi | President – Uday Kotak | Director General – Chandrajit Banerjee

276. National & States Affairs

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has decided to launch a Special Revival Campaign from August 10 till October 9 for its customers to revive their individual lapsed LIC policies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC – to launch a ‘Special Revival Campaign’ for lapsed LIC policies
- LIC HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – M R Kumar

277. International Affairs

The Indian Ocean island of Mauritius has declared a state of ‘Environmental Emergency’ after a Japanese-owned grounded ship began spilling tons of fuel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mauritius declared – a state of ‘Environmental Emergency’ – over Fuel spill from Japanese ship
- Mauritius – Port Louis – Mauritian rupee | PM – Pravind Kumar Jugnauth

278. Amount & Agreements

India and Maldives have signed a contract for development of 5 Eco-Tourism Zones in Addu atoll of the island nation. These eco tourism zones are part of grant projects being implemented under the High-Impact Community Development project (HICDP) scheme which involves a total grant assistance of \$5.5 million to the Maldives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Maldives = to develop 5 Eco-Tourism Zones in Addu atoll
- Total grant assistance of \$5.5 million – to the Maldives – under HICDP Scheme
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih



279. Science & Technology

Scientists at the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) have discovered the new species of the Genus Ardisia in the Akkamalai forest within the “Anamalai Tiger Reserve” in Tamil Nadu recently. It has been named "Ardisia ramaswamii" after M. S. Ramaswami. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JNTBGRI discovered – "Ardisia ramaswamii" – a species of Genus Ardisia – in “Anamalai Tiger Reserve” (Tamil Nadu)
- The species is named after – M. S. Ramaswami
- HQs of JNTBGRI – Palode, Kerala | Director – Dr R Prakashkumar

280. Defence Affairs

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved the capital acquisition of 'Make in India' equipment worth Rs 8,722 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DAC – approved the capital acquisition of 'Make in India' equipment – worth Rs 8,722 crore
- Chairman of DAC – Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister – Lucknow, UP)

281. Current GK

With a new high-tech cold storage facility for safekeeping of delicate tulip bulbs, Srinagar's world-famous “Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip garden” is ready for next season's bloom. The garden is Asia's largest tulip garden situated on the foothills of the Zabarwan Range with an overview of Dal Lake. It was opened in 2007. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden” – Asia's largest tulip garden – in Srinagar, J & K
- Zabarwan Range – in J & K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

282. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to Business Confidence Index (BCI) released by National Council of Applied Economic Research's (NCAER), Business sentiment across Indian industry fell to its lowest level in the Q1 of 2020 since 1991 with a massive 62% decline from the last year. The index fell 40.1% over the last quarter of FY20. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 'Business Confidence Index' – released by NCAER
- The Index fell 40.1% – over the last quarter of FY20 (62% decline from the last year)
- HQs of NCAER – New Delhi | DG – Shekhar Shah

283. Appointments & Resignations

Walter Roger Martos Ruiz has sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Peru and replaced Pedro Cateriano. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Walter Roger Martos Ruiz – sworn in as the new Prime Minister of – Peru (by replacing - Pedro Cateriano)
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Martin Vizcarra

284. Schemes & Initiatives

Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani has launched "Mukhyamantri Kisan Sahay Yojana" for crop failures worth Rs 1,800 crore. It will replace "Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)" for FY 2020-21 only. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat launched – "Mukhyamantri Kisan Sahay Yojana" – worth Rs 1,800 Cr
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

285. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Dell Technologies has virtually launched the 2nd edition of 'Student Entrepreneurship Program 2.0', in association with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dell Technologies + AIM = launched the 2nd edition of 'Student Entrepreneurship Program 2.0'
- HQs of Dell Tech. – Texas, USA | CEO – Michael S. Dell
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant)
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar



286. Science & Technology

National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched “nth Rewards” - a business intelligence and analytics enabled omni-channel multi-branded loyalty platform. It will allow users to earn points through various bank transactions and redeem them on various products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI launched – “nth Rewards”
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe

287. Obituaries

Eight-time MLA, YSRC (Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party) leader ‘P Sambasiva Raju’ has passed away recently in August in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. He was 87. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P Sambasiva Raju (Andhra Pradesh) – a Politician – passed away (Party – YSRC | 8 time MLA)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

288. National & States Affairs

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is set to open the first-of-its kind training-cum-production centre of silk in tribal village of Chullyu in Arunachal Pradesh. It will soon be bustling with spinning and weaving activities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KVIC – to launch first silk training-cum-production centre – in Chullyu, Arunachal Pradesh
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena

289. Appointments & Resignations

Isher Judge Ahluwalia has stepped down as chairperson of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). Pramod Bhasin will now be the new chairman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Isher Judge Ahluwalia – resigned as the Chairperson of – ICRIER
- Pramod Bhasin – appointed as the Chairperson of – ICRIER
- HQs of ICRIER – New Delhi | Chairman – Pramod Bhasin



290. Current GK

The water level of Sharda Barrage in the Banbasa area of the Champawat district is constantly rising due to the rise in the level of Sharda river after incessant rainfall in Uttarakhand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sharda river” – Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

291. National & States Affairs

Minister of state for railways Suresh Angadi has inaugurated 2 lifts at Shivamogga Railway station. He has also dedicated ‘Malgudi Museum’ that has been developed after restoring the old station building at Arasalu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2 lifts were inaugurated at – Shivamogga Railway station, Karnataka
- ‘Malgudi Museum’ was inaugurated at – Arasalu Railway station, Karnataka
- Minister of Railways – Piyush Goyal (Maharashtra) | MoS for Railway Ministry – Suresh Angadi
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

292. Important Days & Dates

“International Youth Day” was celebrated by the United Nations (UN) on August 12. The first IYD was observed in 2000. The theme for 2020 is ‘Youth Engagement for Global Action’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 12 – International Youth Day – since 2000
- Theme – “Youth Engagement for Global Action”

293. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Nitin Sethi has been declared winner of the "Asian College of Journalism's Award" for investigative journalism and Shiv Sahay Singh has been declared winner of the "K P Narayana Kumar Memorial Award" for social impact journalism. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Sethi – winner of the "Asian College of Journalism's Award"
- Shiv Sahay Singh – winner of the "K P Narayana Kumar Memorial Award"



294. Appointments & Resignations

A longtime authoritarian leader of Belarus, Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko has won his sixth consecutive Presidential Election. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko – won the Presidential Elections of – Belarus
- Belarus – Minsk – Ruble | PM – Siarhiey Rumas

295. National & States Affairs

Online restaurant guide and food ordering platform Zomato has introduced 'Period Leaves' of up to 10 days for all women employees to build a more inclusive work culture in the organisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Zomato introduced – 'Period Leaves' of up to 10 days
- HQs of Zomato – Gurugram, Haryana | Founder – Pankaj Chaddah

296. Current GK

India has proposed Sri Lanka to send the first international flight to the newly upgraded Kushinagar airport in Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India proposed Sri Lanka – to send 1st International Flight – to “Kushinagar Airport” – located in Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

297. Books & Authors

Union minister for information and broadcasting, Prakash Javadekar has launched e-book 'Connecting, Communicating, Changing' written by the Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu, narrating his experiences during his past 3 year term in office. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar launched – “Connecting, Communicating, Changing” e-book – written by M Venkaiah Naidu
- The book is narrating the experiences of 'M Venkaiah Naidu' during his past 3 year term in office



298. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Delhi government has signed an MoU with IIT-Bombay and Tata Projects Limited to construct a smog tower in Connaught Place, New Delhi. The project is expected to cost around ₹19 Crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi government + IIT-Bombay + Tata Projects = to construct a smog tower
- HQs of Tata Projects Ltd – Secunderabad, Telangana | MD – Mr. Vinayak K Deshpande
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

299. Current GK

The researchers team from the University of Zurich has discovered that New Guinea has the highest plant diversity of any island in the world. More than 13,000 species can be found on New Guinea. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Guinea – the world's most plant rich island – with more than 13,000 species

300. National & States Affairs

SEBI has allowed listed companies to use digital signature certifications till December 31, 2020 for submissions made to the stock exchanges under the disclosure norms. Earlier, this was permitted till June 30. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI allowed listed companies – to use digital signature certifications – till December 31, 2020
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi





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