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आभार,

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401. Books & Authors

Michael Cohen's memoir about President Donald Trump will be released September, 2020. The book is titled "Disloyal: The True Story of the Former Personal Attorney to President Donald J. Trump". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Disloyal: The True Story of the Former Personal Attorney to President Donald J. Trump" – by 'Michael Cohen'

402. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance has partnered with Element AI to develop a strategic AI (Artificial Intelligence) roadmap for the new-age insurer and prioritise investments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance + Element AI = to develop a strategic AI roadmap
- HQs of Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sumit Rai
- HQs of Element AI – Montreal, Canada | CEO & Founder – Jean-Francois Gagne

403. Important Days & Dates

August 19 is observed as "World Photography Day", which aims to inspire photographers across the world to share a single photo with a simple purpose. World Photo Day originates from the invention of the Daguerreotype, a photographic process developed by Frenchmen Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicéphore Niépce in 1837. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 19 – "World Photography Day"
- Invention of the Daguerreotype – by Louis Daguerre & Joseph Nicéphore Niépce – in 1837

404. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Bharti AXA Life Insurance has announced the bancassurance partnership with SBM Bank India to distribute life insurance products through the latter's network. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti AXA Life Insurance + SBM Bank India = to distribute Life Insurance Products
- HQs of Bharti AXA Life Ins. – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Parag Raja
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath



405. International Affairs

India has handed over 58 metric tonnes of emergency humanitarian aid to Lebanon including crucial medical and food supplies, in the wake of the deadly explosion. It is sent through IAF C17 aircraft of IAF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India handed over “58 metric tonnes” of emergency humanitarian aid – to Lebanon
- Lebanon – Beirut – Lebanese Pound | President – Michel Aoun

406. National & States Affairs

In the last week of September, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to inaugurate the 8.8-km-long 'Rohtang Tunnel' that is being built on the Leh-Manali highway in Himachal Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – will inaugurate the 8.8-km-long 'Rohtang Tunnel' – in Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

407. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has signed a 2-year MoU with the International Professional Scouting Organisation (IPSO) to deliver a number of courses and webinars with regards to scouting in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIFF + IPSO = signed a 2-year MoU – to deliver a number of courses and webinars
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel
- HQs of IPSO – Blackburn, England | Director – Colin Chambers

408. National & States Affairs

The government has set targets of 10% bio-ethanol blending of petrol by 2022 and to raise it to 20% by 2030 under the 'Ethanol Blending Programme'. It will help curb carbon emissions and reduce India's dependence on imported crude oil. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The government set targets of bio-ethanol blending of petrol – under 'Ethanol Blending Programme'
- 10% bio-ethanol blending of petrol – by 2022 | to raise it to 20% – by 2030



409. Banking & Economic Affairs

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the draft framework for recognition to an industry association as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for Payment System Operators. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI released – Draft Framework for recognition of SRO – For PSO
- SRO – Self Regulatory Organisation | PSO – Payment System Operators
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

410. Science & Technology

An International Team of researchers using data from Arecibo Observatory's Telescope and the NASA's Fermi Space Telescope have discovered "Gamma-ray heartbeat" coming from a cosmic gas cloud. It was published in the journal Nature Astronomy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arecibo Observatory's Telescope and the Fermi Space Telescope – discovered "Gamma-ray heartbeat"
- The discovery published in – "Nature Astronomy" Journal
- Fermi Space Telescope – operated by the NASA
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

411. Appointments & Resignations

Mali's President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has resigned from his post after detention by mutinous soldiers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ibrahim Boubacar – resigned from the post of President of – Mali
- Mali – Bamako – CFA franc

412. Obituaries

'Drishyam' and 'Madaari' movies director Nishikant Kamat has passed away recently in August at the age of 50. He was an actor too. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nishikant Kamat – Actor & Director – passed away



413. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Rural Development have signed an MoU to take the convergence endeavor and support rural poor including tribal community. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has released a book “Farm Livelihood Interventions under DAY-NRLM (Strategy, Convergence Framework, Models)”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs + Ministry of Rural Development = signed an MoU to support rural poor people
- Narendra Singh Tom released a book – “Farm Livelihood Interventions under DAY-NRLM”
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)
- Ministry of Rural Development – Narendra Singh Tomar (Morena, Madhya Pradesh)

414. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Home Affairs has approved the Uttar Pradesh government’s request to change the name of “Manduadih Railway Station” to “Banaras Railway Station”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Manduadih Railway Station” renamed as “Banaras Railway Station” – in Uttar Pradesh
- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

415. National & States Affairs

The Mumbai Division of Central Railway has recently procured two Ninja drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for better security and surveillance in railway areas like station premises, railway track sections, yards, workshops. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai Division of Central Railway Zone – procured 2 Ninja drones/UAVs
- HQ of Central Railway Zone – Mumbai, Maharashtra

416. Important Days & Dates

The Nagas tribe in Nagaland and parts of Manipur has celebrated the 74th “Naga Independence Day” on August 14, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- August 14 – 74th “Naga Independence Day” – celebrated by Nagas tribe in ‘Nagaland’ and parts of ‘Manipur’
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

417. National & States Affairs

The National Green Tribunal has directed Chief Secretaries of the northern states to periodically monitor the Ganga rejuvenation as the pollutants are continuously being discharged in the holy river even after constant monitoring by different courts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NGT directed Chief Secretaries – to periodically monitor the ‘Ganga’ rejuvenation
- Chairperson of NGT – Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel | The National Green Tribunal Act – 2010

418. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Solapur based social activist Ganesh Vilas Lengare has been awarded the “Star 2020 Certificate” by the World Book of Records, London. The organisation, found in 2017, honours personalities for their outstanding contribution towards humanity and universal peace. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ganesh Vilas Lengare – awarded the “Star 2020 Certificate” by the World Book of Records (London)
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

419. Appointments & Resignations

Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa has resigned recently in August to join the Philippines-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) as vice-president. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashok Lavasa – resigned from the post of Election Commissioner of India (He will now join ADB)
- Chief Election Commissioner – Sunil Arora (23rd)

420. National & States Affairs

Amul Bhatt, the Chairman of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) Standing Committee, has announced that total 5 flyover bridges in Ahmedabad city of Gujarat will be named where two fly-overs were named after Arun Jaitley and Sushma Swaraj. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ahmedabad – named 5 Flyover bridges
- The railway over-bridge at Ranip – Atma Nirbhar Gujarat Railway Flyover
- The flyover at Income Tax – Arun Jaitley Bridge
- The flyover at Anjali Crossroads – Sushma Swaraj Bridge
- The bridge at Dinesh Chamber in Bapunagar – Maharana Pratap Flyover
- The Hatkeshwar flyover – Chhatrapati Shivaji Flyover
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

421. Appointments & Resignations

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari will hold additional charge as the Governor of Goa and succeed Satya Pal Malik. And President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Satya Pal Malik as the Governor of Meghalaya. Satya Pal Malik has replaced Tathagata Roy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhagat Singh Koshyari – additional charge as the Governor of Goa (by replacing – Satya Pal Malik)
- Satya Pal Malik – appointed as the Governor of Meghalaya (by replacing – Tathagata Roy)
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

422. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 4th Session of the BRICS Anti-Drug Working Group comprising of Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa and India was held on August 12. The Indian delegation was led by Rakesh Asthana (Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau). The session was chaired by Russia this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 4th Session of the BRICS Anti-Drug Working Group – chaired by Russia
- Indian delegation – Rakesh Asthana (Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau)
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



423. International Affairs

Mysuru Zoo in Karnataka has acquired one male and two female African hunting Cheetah from Ann Van Dyke Cheetah Centre at Johannesburg, South Africa as part of the Animal Exchange Programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mysuru Zoo (Karnataka) acquired 'African Cheetah' From South Africa – under Animal Exchange Programme
- South Africa – Cape Town – South African Rand | President – Cyril Ramaphosa
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

424. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

IIT Madras has emerged as the best institute under the institute of National Importance category in Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2020 released by vice president Venkaiah Naidu. For the first time, ARIIA 2020 has a special prize category for 'women' only higher educational institutions. And the winners of this category were "Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women" (Tamil Nadu) & "Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2020" – released by M. Venkaiah Naidu
- IIT Madras – the best institute under the institute of National Importance category

425. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Andhra Pradesh Government has tied-up with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Canara Bank to set-up UPI payment facilities for over 15,004 village secretariats and wards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh + NPCI + Canara Bank = to set-up UPI payment facilities
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe

426. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As many as 41 lakh youth in India have lost jobs due to the Covid-19 pandemic according to a report titled "Tackling the Covid-19 youth employment crisis in Asia and the Pacific" jointly released by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Tackling the Covid-19 youth employment crisis in Asia and the Pacific” report – released by ADB + ILO
- According to report – “41 lakh youth” in India have lost their jobs due to Covid19
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68

427. Current GK

Modak Sagar, one of the seven reservoirs which supply water to the metropolis, had started overflowing on August 19, 2020 following heavy monsoon rainfall in Mumbai. Modak Sagar is on the Vaitarna river in Thane district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Modak Sagar Dam – on the Vaitarna river – in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

428. National & States Affairs

On August 13, the government has extended the Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS) 2.0 for 3 months. The Centre also allowed banks to invest up to 50% of total investments under the scheme in AA and AA-rated bonds and Commercial Papers to provide more flexibility to Public Sector Banks (PSBs). The PCGS was launched on May 20, 2020 as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The government extended – Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS) 2.0 – for 3 months
- The maximum limit for purchase of “AA/AA- bonds and Commercial Papers” increased to – 50% (from 25%)

429. Defence Affairs

Taiwan has formally signed an agreement to buy 66 of the latest model F-16 jets from the USA. These jets are built by Lockheed Martin Corporation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Taiwan – to buy 66 of the latest model F-16 jets – from the USA
- Taiwan – Taipei – New Taiwan dollar | President – Tsai Ing-wen
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump



430. Amount & Agreements

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 1 billion (about Rs 7,485 crore) loan to support the construction of the modern & first of its kind High-speed Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB approved – \$1 billion (about Rs 7,485 Cr) – to support the construction of High-speed Delhi-Meerut RRTS
- RRTS – Regional Rapid Transit System
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68

431. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day address has mentioned about the mega plan of "One Sun, One World, One Grid" (OSOWOG). The ambitious OSOWOG will connect 140 countries through a common grid that will be used to transfer solar power. The idea was first floated by PM Modi in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "One Sun, One World, One Grid" (OSOWOG) Project – launched by India (it will connect 140 countries)

432. Current GK

Palamu Tiger Reserve which is a part of Betla National Park has announced a cash reward of Rs 5,000 for providing credible information about presence or movement of tigers inside the state's only home for tigers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Palamu Tiger Reserve' or 'Betla National Park' – located in Jharkhand
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

433. Persons in News

The 53-year-old businessman, Luis Rodolfo Abinader has been sworn in as President of the Dominican Republic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Luis Rodolfo Abinader – sworn in as President of – Dominican Republic
- Dominican Republic – Santo Domingo – Peso | President – Luis Rodolfo Abinader



434. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Ministry of Education was renamed as the HRD ministry in 1985. Now again, HRD Ministry is officially named "Ministry of Education" as it has received President's nod under clause (3) of Article 77 of the Constitution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HRD Ministry – is now officially named "Ministry of Education" – under clause (3) of Article 77
- In 1985 – 'Ministry of Education' was renamed as the 'HRD ministry'
- [Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' \(Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand\)](#)

435. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

An MoU was signed between the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and the Delhi Police for extending ayurvedic mode of preventive and promotive health services in the residential colonies of the force. These services will be provided by AIIA through a unit named "Dhanwantari Rath". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIIA + Delhi Police = For "Dhanwantari Rath"
- [HQs of AIIA – New Delhi | Director – Tanuja Nesari](#)

436. Acquisitions & Mergers

Reliance Retail Ventures has acquired 60% stake in Vitalic Health Pvt Ltd and 100% stake in Netmeds for approximately Rs 620 crore (USD 83.08 million). Meanwhile, online medical store PharmEasy has agreed to merge with smaller rival Medlife. Medlife will sell 100% shares to PharmEasy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance Retail Ventures acquired 60% stake – in Vitalic Health Pvt ([Chennai, Tamil Nadu](#))
- Reliance Retail Ventures acquired 100% stake – in Netmeds ([Chennai, Tamil Nadu](#))
- PharmEasy ([Mumbai, MH](#)) – to acquire 100% shares of – Medlife ([Bengaluru, Karnataka](#))

437. Defence Affairs

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has sent a 10-member Specialist Pollution Response Team along with 30 tonnes of pollution response equipment to Mauritius for supplementing ongoing efforts to contain an oil spill from bulk carrier MV Wakashio on its South Eastern coastline. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICG sent 30 tonnes of specialised equipment and a 10-member Specialist Pollution Response Team – to Mauritius



- To contain an oil spill from bulk carrier – MV Wakashio
- Mauritius – Port Louis – Mauritian rupee | PM – Pravind Kumar Jugnauth

438. Banking & Economic Affairs

Fino Payments Bank has announced the launch of an Aadhaar authentication based digital savings account namely “Jan Bachat Khata” that would bring neo-banking experience to consumers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fino Payments Bank – to launch Aadhaar Authentication based Digital Savings Account - “Jan Bachat Khata”
- HQs of FPBL – Maharashtra | MD and CEO – Rishi Gupta

439. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Flipkart has signed an MoU with IIT Patna to help create industry-focused applied research in the areas of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning (ML). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Flipkart + IIT Patna = an MoU to help create industry-focused applied research in AI, NLP & ML
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal

440. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

YES Bank in partnership with KFin Technologies has launched a unique digital solution called ‘Loan against Securities’ under the bank’s loan in seconds platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- YES Bank + KFin Technologies = launched a unique digital solution called ‘Loan against Securities’
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”
- HQs of KFin Technologies – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Sreekanth Nadella

441. Science & Technology

Researchers at IIT Kharagpur have developed e-Classroom software namely ‘Deekshak’ for teachers. Deekshak is a single session platform where the teacher would concentrate on the screen with the teaching materials while being able to view queries on a live chat box. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kharagpur developed – ‘Deekshak’ e-Classroom software for Teachers



442. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The first-ever “Pallikkutam National Award for Innovation in Education” has been won by St Christopher School, Chessore Village, Nagaland. The award is instituted by ‘Rajagiri Media’ and sponsored under the ‘CSR initiative of Federal Bank’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Pallikkutam National Award for Innovation in Education” – won by St Christopher School – located in Nagaland
- The award instituted by – Rajagiri Media & sponsored by – CSR initiative of Federal Bank
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

443. Current GK

A thermometer at “Death Valley National Park” in the Southern California desert of the USA has registered a temperature of 54.4 degrees Celsius. It is the highest temperature in more than a century. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Death Valley National Park (in USA) – registered the highest temperature of 54.4 degrees Celsius
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

444. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Muthoot Finance has tied up with Kotak Mahindra General Insurance to offer COVID-19 insurance cover of up to Rs 1 lakh against gold loan. This cover however will be available only for the customers availing gold loan under the 'Super Loan scheme'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Muthoot Finance + Kotak Mahindra General Insurance = to offer COVID-19 insurance cover – up to Rs 1 lakh
- HQs of Muthoot Finance – Kochi, Kerala | MD & CEO – George Alexander Muthoot
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Gen Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Mahesh Balasubramanian

445. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Punjab has achieved 1st rank in operationalisation of Health & Wellness Centers (HWCs) as per the latest ranking of states released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. This scheme was launched in the state in the year 2019. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Punjab achieved – 1st rank in operationalisation of Health & Wellness Centers – released by MoHFW
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

446. Science & Technology

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched “Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge- Innovate Solutions for #Aatmanirbhar Bharat” to provide further impetus to the strong ecosystem of Start-up, innovation and research in the country. IIT Madras and Center for Development of Advance Computing (CDAC) have indigenously developed 2 microprocessors named SHAKTI (32 bit) and VEGA (64 bit) respectively using Open Source Architecture under the aegis of Microprocessor Development Programme of MeitY. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravi Shankar Prasad launched – “Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge- Innovate Solutions for #Aatmanirbhar Bharat”
- IIT Madras + CDAC ([Pune](#)) = indigenously developed 2 microprocessors – SHAKTI (32 bit) & VEGA (64 bit)
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Patna Sahib, Bihar)

447. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

BSE Ebix Insurance Broking has entered into a partnership with Universal Sompo General Insurance to sell general insurance products through the former’s distribution network in a fully digitized environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE Ebix (USA) + Universal Sompo Gen. Ins. = partnership to sell general insurance products
- HQs of Universal Sompo Gen. Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sharad Mathur

448. Important Days & Dates

The 11th World Humanitarian Day was observed on August 19, to remember the real life heroes who chose humanitarian service in most difficult circumstances. The United Nations General Assembly formalized the day as World Humanitarian Day in 2009. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 19 – 11th edition of “World Humanitarian Day” – by UNGA – since 2009
- HQs of UNGA – NewYork, USA | President – Volkan Bozkir



449. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has released the final framework for authorisation of a New Umbrella Entity (NUE) for retail payments. The guidelines demand that applicants have at least 3 years of experience in the payments space and a minimum paid-up capital of Rs 500 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – released the final framework for authorisation of a New Umbrella Entity (NUE) – For retail payments
- The Guidelines for NUE: at least 3 years of experience & a minimum paid-up capital of Rs 500 crore
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

450. National & States Affairs

Jharkhand Governor Droupadi Murmu and chief minister Hemant Soren have unveiled state's new emblem which represents the state's progress, culture, flora and fauna. In the new emblem, the second ring depicts white elephants which symbolize the natural wealth and prosperity of the state. The elephant is also Jharkhand's state animal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jharkhand – unveiled state's new Emblem
- Second ring in emblem depicts – White Elephants | [State animal of Jharkhand – Elephant](#)
- [Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu](#)

451. Sports & Games

Ronnie O'Sullivan has won the title of the "World Snooker Championship 2020". It is his sixth world title with a dominant 18-8 victory over Kyren Wilson at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ronnie O'Sullivan (Snooker - UK) – won 6th title at "World Snooker Championship 2020"

452. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India has ranked 1st in the number of organic farmers and 9th in terms of area under organic farming. Sikkim became the first state to become fully organic. The Government initiated Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER) and Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- India ranked – 1st in terms of ‘number of organic farmers’ & 9th in terms of ‘area under organic farming’
- 'MOVCD-NER' & 'PKVY' initiated in – 2015
- Sikkim – the 1st state to become fully organic
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

453. Current GK

Authorities in Mauritius have arrested the Indian captain of the Japanese ship that ran aground near Mauritius and spilled 1,000 tons of oil into two parts near “Blue Bay Marine Park” in south-east Mauritius. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1000 tons of oil spilled by Indian captain of the Japanese ship – near ‘Blue Bay Marine Park’ area – in Mauritius
- Mauritius – Port Louis – Mauritian rupee | PM – Pravind Kumar Jugnauth

454. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to an annual rankings released by Forbes magazine, Dwayne Johnson has topped the list of the "World's Highest-paid Male Actors-2020" for a second straight year with earnings of \$87.5 million. Akshay Kumar has ranked the sixth place with earnings of \$48.5 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The list of "World's Highest-paid Male Actors-2020"
- Topped by – Dwayne Johnson (American-Canadian) – \$87.5 million | Akshay Kumar – 6th – \$48.5 million
- HQs of FORBES – Jersey City, New Jersey

455. Science & Technology

A baby galaxy called “SPT0418-47” was recently found by the Astronomers at the Max Planck Institute of Astrophysics. It was picked up by the powerful Alma radio telescope in Chile using a technique called gravitational lensing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Astronomers at the Max Planck Institute of Astrophysics (Germany) – found a baby galaxy called “SPT0418-47”
- Germany – Berlin – Euro



456. Persons in News

The central government has set up a committee to reconsider the minimum age of marriage for women during his address to the nation on the 74th Independence Day. The committee is headed by former Samata Party president Jaya Jaitely. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A committee to reconsider the minimum age of marriage for women – headed by 'Jaya Jaitely'
- She was associated with – Samata Party
- [Currently, minimum age of marriage: For men – 21 years & For women – 18 years](#)

457. Obituaries

Former British Tennis Player, 2-time Grand Slam doubles champion and equal rights pioneer 'Angela Buxton' has passed away recently in August. She was 85. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Angela Buxton (UK) – a Tennis Player – passed away (2-time Grand Slam doubles champion)
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson](#)

458. Books & Authors

Actor Sharon Stone's book 'The Beauty of Living Twice' will be released in March 2021. The book will be published by Alfred A Knopf. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Beauty of Living Twice" book – written by 'Sharon Stone'

459. Appointments & Resignations

Sports eyewear brand 'Oakley' has appointed Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma as its Brand Ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – appointed as the Brand Ambassador of – 'Oakley' a Sports eyewear brand
- [HQs of Oakley – California, USA | CEO – James Jannard](#)

460. National & States Affairs

Union minister for road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari has laid the foundation stone for 13 highway projects worth Rs 3,000 crore in Manipur. The projects involve a road length of 316 kilometres. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – laid the foundation stone for 13 highway projects (worth Rs 3,000 Cr) – in Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

461. National & States Affairs

Shri Arjun Munda has inaugurated a first of its kind e-portal on tribal health and nutrition named 'Swasthya' and e-newsletter on health and nutrition namely 'ALEKH'. This platform will be providing all health and nutrition related information of the tribal population of India in a single platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arjun Munda inaugurated – 'Swasthya' e-portal & 'ALEKH' e-newsletter – on tribal health and nutrition
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

462. Books & Authors

The book titled "One Arranged Murder" was revealed by the author 'Chetan Bhagat' recently. It will be Bhagat's 9th novel and 11th book overall. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "One Arranged Murder" book – written by 'Chetan Bhagat'

463. Obituaries

Indian classical vocalist Pandit Jasraj has passed away recently in August. He was 90. With musical career spanning over 80 years, Pandit Jasraj was awarded with honours such as Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan. He belonged to Mewati Gharana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pandit Jasraj – Indian classical Vocalist – passed away (Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan & Padma Vibhushan)
- He belonged to – Mewati Gharana

464. Schemes & Initiatives

Chhattisgarh has launched the online education platform 'Padhai Tunhar Duar' scheme under which school students will be able to learn in their respective localities in view of the suspension of classes due to the coronavirus outbreak. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh launched – an online education platform 'Padhai Tunhar Duar' scheme
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey



465. International Affairs

Russia and Brazil have agreed to cooperate in the production and marketing of the world's first registered coronavirus vaccine "Sputnik V". The Russian Health Ministry had registered the world's first Sputnik V vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia + Brazil = agreed to cooperate in the production and marketing of – "Sputnik V" vaccine
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Brazil – Brasilia – Brazilian real | President – Jair Bolsonaro

466. National & States Affairs

The Northeast Frontier Railway Construction Organisation is constructing the world's tallest pier bridge with a pier height of 141 metres across 'Ijai river' in Manipur. The rail line project involves construction of a total 45 tunnels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways – constructing the world's tallest (141 metres) pier bridge across 'Ijai river' – in Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

467. National & States Affairs

NTPC has begun bulk supply of fly ash using newly developed infrastructure at its 'Rihand project' in Uttar Pradesh to distant cement plants at a cheaper cost. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC – began bulk supply of fly ash using newly developed infrastructure – at 'Rihand project' (Uttar Pradesh)
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

468. Important Days & Dates

Puducherry has celebrated its 59th anniversary of the "De-Jure" day on August 16. Puducherry became independent by virtue of a referendum on October 18, 1954. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Puducherry celebrated – 59th anniversary of the "De-Jure" day – on August 16
- CM – Velu Narayanasamy | Governor – Dr. Kiran Bedi



469. Important Days & Dates

Dr Harsh Vardhan has inaugurated a public health conference as part of the "India Healthcare Week" which was organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) from August 17 – 21, 2020. The theme of the conference was "Redefining Healthcare Ecosystem". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated – a public health conference of "India Healthcare Week" – From August 17 - 21
- The conference organised by – CII
- Theme – "Redefining Healthcare Ecosystem"

470. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 4th edition of the National Public Procurement Conclave (NPPC), organised by GeM (Government e-Marketplace), in association with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) was inaugurated online by Piyush Goyal to coincide with the anniversary of GeM Establishment Day on August 9, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal inaugurated – the 4th edition of the National Public Procurement Conclave
- It was organised by = GeM + CII
- August 9 – GeM Establishment Day
- CII HQs – New Delhi | President – Uday Kotak | Director General – Chandrajit Banerjee

471. Banking & Economic Affairs

Government of India has formed a search-cum-selection committee to name the new 3 government nominees on the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). The panel is headed by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GoI formed a search-cum-selection committee – to name the new 3 government nominees on MPC
- The panel headed by – Rajiv Gauba (Cabinet Secretary)
- Total members in the RBI's MPC = 6 (3 of RBI + 3 of GoI)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)



472. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of the 74th Independence Day, has announced 10-year-long 'Project Dolphin' to give a stronger impetus for the conservation of 'Gangetic Dolphin' in the lines of 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'. The project is led by Prakash Javadekar. Gangetic Dolphins were declared national aquatic animals in 2010. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi announced – 10-year-long 'Project Dolphin' – for the conservation of 'Gangetic Dolphin'
- Gangetic Dolphins were declared national aquatic animals – in 2010
- The project is led by – Prakash Javadekar ([Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change – Maharashtra](#))

473. National & States Affairs

Haryana has decided to develop a Biodiversity Park on around 100 acres in the Aravalli mountain range at Gurgaon's Kasan village. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana decided to develop – a Biodiversity Park – on around 100 acres in the Aravalli mountain range
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya
- Guru Shikhar – the highest peak in Aravalli range

474. Science & Technology

As per the data collected by NASA's Dawn spacecraft, an ocean of 'salty water' is found at about 40 km beneath the surface of dwarf planet 'Ceres'. It is located between Mars and Jupiter. The scientists have given Ceres the status of an "ocean world" as it has a big reservoir of salty water. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Data of NASA's Dawn spacecraft – an ocean of 'salty water' is found 40 km beneath the surface of 'Ceres'
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

475. Sports & Games

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) have joined hands to launch "E-Pathshala" - a web platform to recognise the creativity and develop interest in football. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- AIFF + SAI = to launch “E-Pathshala” - a web platform
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | Director General – Sandip Pradhan

476. Appointments & Resignations

The Centre has appointed Gujarat cadre IPS officer - Rakesh Asthana as the new Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF). Currently, DG of ITBP S S Deswal was holding the additional charge of BSF since March this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rakesh Asthana – appointed as the Director General of – BSF
- HQs of BSF – New Delhi | Director General (DG) – Rakesh Asthana

477. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of AYUSH has launched a 3-month campaign on “Ayush for Immunity” through webinar. More than 50 thousand people participated in the Webinar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of AYUSH launched – 3-month campaign on “Ayush for Immunity”
- MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa

478. Books & Authors

Ex-Vice Marshal Arjun Subramaniam has authored a book on conflicts since 1972 namely "Full Spectrum: India's Wars, 1972-2020". In his new book, Subramaniam covers every major operation that the armed forces have participated in, including the Kargil conflict of 1999. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Full Spectrum: India's Wars, 1972-2020” book – written by ‘Arjun Subramaniam’

479. National & States Affairs

On the 2nd death anniversary of the former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced that the ‘Gwalior-Chambal Expressway’ will be named after former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee and a statue grand of the saffron stalwart will be built in Bhopal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- 'Gwalior-Chambal Expressway' – named after – Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- A statue grand of the saffron stalwart – to be built in 'Bhopal'
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

480. Appointments & Resignations

DBS Bank India has announced the appointment of Prashant Joshi as Managing Director and Head of National Distribution. Earlier, Prashant Joshi was Chief Operating Officer at IndoStar Capital Finance. He will replace Surojit Shome. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prashant Joshi – to be appointed as the MD & and Head of – DBS Bank India (by replacing - Surojit Shome)
- HQs of DBS Group – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta
- HQs of DBS bank India – Mumbai | CEO – Prashant Joshi

481. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his Independence Day 2020 speech, has announced that 6 lakh villages of India will be connected through high-speed internet via Optical Fiber in the next 1,000 days. Besides, a high speed internet connectivity via submarine optical fibre cable will be extended to Lakshadweep in this period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi announced – 6 lakh villages of India to be connected through Optical Fiber – in next 1,000 days
- A high speed internet connectivity via submarine Optical Fiber cable will be extended to – Lakshadweep

482. National & States Affairs

Thaawarchand Gehlot has e-inaugurated the new building of 'National Institute of Social Defence' (NISD) in Dwarka, New Delhi. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has also launched 'Nasha-Mukt Bharat' campaign to implement in 272 districts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Thaawarchand Gehlot inaugurated – 'National Institute of Social Defence' – in Dwarka, New Delhi
- MoSJE – also launched 'Nasha-Mukt Bharat' campaign
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thawar Chand Gehlot (Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)



483. Obituaries

Russell Kirsch, a Computer Scientist has passed away recently in August. He is credited with inventing the 'Pixel' and scanning the world's first digital photograph. He was 91. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russell Kirsch (USA) – a Computer Scientist – passed away (Inventor of 'Pixel')
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

484. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Google in association with the Central Water Commission (CWC) has taken flood forecasting initiative and sent numerous public alerts to people in impacted regions across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google + CWC = collaboration for flood forecasting initiative
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

485. Sports & Games

Tencent-backed "Dream11" has won the Title sponsorship for the 13th edition of the Indian Premier league (IPL) with a winning bid of 222 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dream11 – won the Title sponsorship for the 13th edition of IPL (winning bid of Rs. 222 Cr)
- HQs of Dream11 – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Harsh Jain

486. Science & Technology

Paytm has introduced 'Stock Trading services' on its investment and wealth management platform - Paytm Money. The new service is currently available in Beta mode. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm introduced – 'Stock Trading services' on its Paytm Money (currently available in - Beta mode)
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO of Paytm – Vijay Sekhar Sharma
- HQs of Paytm Money – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Varun Sridhar
- CEO of Paytm Payment Bank – Satish Kumar Gupta | CEO of Paytm General Ins. Ltd. – Vineet Arora



487. Sports & Games

Lewis Hamilton has become the driver with the most podiums in Formula One (F1) history after claiming his 156th victory at the Spanish Grand Prix. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton – won ‘Spanish Grand Prix’ (his 156th victory) & claimed the most podiums in F1 history
- Lewis Hamilton (UK) – drives ‘Mercedes’

488. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Chief Scientist of World Health Organisation (WHO), Soumya Swaminathan was conferred with the “Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Special Award” on the 74th Independence Day celebration. It is given in recognition of her advisory role in combating the COVID-19 pandemic in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Soumya Swaminathan (a WHO Scientist) – conferred with the “Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Special Award”
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

489. National & States Affairs

On this Independence Day, Nagaland has launched an e-commerce platform namely “Yellow Chain” which is developed by the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nagaland launched – “Yellow Chain” an e-commerce platform
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

490. Sports & Games

England's World Cup-winning spinner Laura Marsh has retired from all forms of Cricket recently. She was a key member of the England Women's team that won the 2017 World Cup and played in 103 one-day internationals during her career. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Laura Marsh (England) – retired – From Cricket
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

491. Science & Technology

Microsoft Research Lab has developed an Interactive Neural Machine Translation (INMT) tool, which translates sentences from Hindi to Gondi and vice-versa. Gondi is a tribal language. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft Research Lab developed – an INMT tool – to translate Gondi language
- INMT – Interactive Neural Machine Translation
- Microsoft: HQs – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella

492. National & States Affairs

MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched an online farm-to-fork service “VedKrishi.com” promoted by farmers for selling non-toxic farm produce. The platform is set-up by VedKrishi Farmer Producer Company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari launched – “VedKrishi.com” an online farm-to-fork service
- HQs of VedKrishi Farmer Producer Company – Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

493. Amount & Agreements

The government of the United Kingdom has announced a £3 million (\$3.9 million) “Innovation Challenge Fund 2020” in India for ideas from academicians, researchers and startups on COVID-19 and climate change. The fund has been divided into two parts – £1.5 million to Maharashtra & £1.5 million to Karnataka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK announced – £3 million (\$3.9 million) “Innovation Challenge Fund 2020” – in India
- £1.5 million – to Maharashtra & £1.5 million – to Karnataka
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



494. Obituaries

Former cricketer and UP cabinet minister Chetan Chauhan has passed away recently after succumbing to complications brought on by Covid-19. He was 73. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chetan Chauhan – Former Cricketer & a Politician – passed away (2-time Lok Sabha MP from – Amroha, UP)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

495. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the 3rd edition of the report “Elephants. Not commodities” released by World Animal Protection on the occasion of ‘World Elephant Day’ on August 12, India is home to the second highest number of elephants used in tourism in Asia and the report has also found that 45% (225 out of total 509) of the elephants were kept in ‘severely inadequate conditions’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd edition of the report “Elephants. Not commodities” – released by ‘World Animal Protection’
- India – home to the 2nd highest number of elephants used in tourism in Asia
- According to report – 45% (225) Elephants are kept in “severely inadequate conditions”

496. National & States Affairs

Odisha state cabinet has approved the tender for execution of the work of the “Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project” amounting to Rs 1138.63 Cr nearly 3 years after its announcement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha government approved the tender of – “Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project” – in Bargarh district
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

497. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 13th Session of the India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation was held virtually. India has invited further investments from UAE in key sectors of the economy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- 13th Session of Joint Commission Meeting on Trade, Economic & Technical Cooperation – between India & UAE
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

498. Current GK

“Indravati National Park” is a national park located in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh state of India. It derives its name from the nearby Indravati River. It is home to one of the last populations of rare wild buffalo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Indravati National Park” – in Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

499. Appointments & Resignations

Gujarat government has announced a 6 months extension for the senior bureaucrat and state Chief Secretary Anil Mukim. The 1985 batch IAS officer who took over as CS in December 2019 was set to retire on August 30. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anil Mukim – got an extension of 6 months as the Chief Secretary of – Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

500. Persons in News

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) has formed a 5-member panel to inquire into the circumstances of a plane crash in Kerala's Kozhikode airport. This panel will be headed by Captain S S Chahar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AAIB formed – 5-member panel for plane crash in Kerala's Kozhikode airport
- The panel headed by – Captain S S Chahar





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