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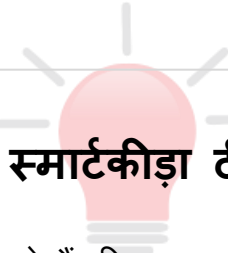
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501. National & States Affairs

Puducherry Chief Minister V Narayanasamy has presented a Rs 9000 Cr tax free budget for the financial year 2020-2021 in the assembly amidst objections from Lt Governor Kiran Bedi and without her customary address. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Puducherry – presented a Rs 9000 Cr tax free budget – for the financial year 2020-2021
- Puducherry: CM – Velu Narayanasamy | Governor – Dr. Kiran Bedi

502. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) and YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India) of UNICEF have signed a partnership to empower young people and to mobilise 1 Crore youth volunteers in India to achieve the goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoYAS + UNICEF (YuWaah) = partnership to empower young people and to mobilise 1 Crore youth volunteers in India
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports – Kiren Rijiju (Constituency – Arunachal West)

503. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

A formal MoU was signed between the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for sharing of data by CBDT to MSME. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBDT + MSME = an MoU for sharing of data
- HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Chairman – Pramod Chandra Mody
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

504. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India is among the top 10 worst countries for working people with a rating/score of 5, according to the 7th edition of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)'s "Global Rights Index" that ranks 144 countries on the degree of respect for workers' rights. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 7th edition of "Global Rights Index" – released by ITUC
- India (rating - 5) – in the Top 10 worst countries for 'working people'
- HQs of ITUC – Brussels, Belgium | President – Ayuba Philibus Wabba



505. Defence Affairs

Indian naval ships have conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the United States Navy's USS Nimitz carrier strike group near the Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) islands in the Indian Ocean region (IOR). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy + USA's Navy = conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) – near Andaman and Nicobar islands
- USA: Capital – Washington, D.C. | President – Donald Trump
- Military Exercises with USA: (Yudh Abhyas, Tiger Triumph, Vajra Prahar, Cope India, Indo-USCG)
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

506. National & States Affairs

The first ever lot of containers in "MV Shejyoti" container Ship transported from Kolkata port via Chattogram port in Bangladesh has reached Agartala, Tripura. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "MV Shejyoti" container Ship – reached Agartala, Tripura
- Transported from Kolkata port via Chattogram port (Bangladesh)
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

507. Appointments & Resignations

Arun Kumar, the Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), has been nominated to be the vice-chairman of the Security Platform of the Paris-based Union Internationale Des Chemins/International Union of Railways (UIC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arun Kumar (DG of RPF) – is nominated as the Vice-Chairman of UIC
- HQs of UIC – Paris, France | Chairman – Mr. Gianluigi Castelli | Member Countries – 194
- HQs of RPF – New Delhi | DG – Arun Kumar

508. National & States Affairs

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched digital platform "e-Sachivalaya", facilitating people to take online appointments for virtual meetings with the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, Ministers and other Heads of Departments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana launched – "e-Sachivalaya" a digital platform to take online appointments for virtual meetings
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya



509. Science & Technology

South Korea's first-ever military communications satellite "ANASIS-II" has been successfully launched by private operator SpaceX. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Korea's first-ever military communications satellite – "ANASIS-II"
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in

510. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the exchange of information. This MoU supersedes the MoU signed between CBDT and CBIC in the year 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBDT + CBIC = signed an MoU for the exchange of information
- It supersedes the MoU signed – in 2015
- CBDT & CBIC – both works under – Ministry of Finance
- HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Chairman – Pramod Chandra Mody
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar

511. International Affairs

Nicaragua has become the 87th country to join the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement, an initiative led by India to promote sustainable energy. The ISA is an alliance of 121 countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nicaragua – 87th country to join ISA Framework Agreement (led by India)
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Upendra Tripathy | Member Countries – 121

512. Science & Technology

Digiantra Research and Technology (DRT) has been selected for the SID (Society for Innovation and Development) incubation program at the IISc Bangalore. Digantara is India's first air and space Surveillance Company. It has developed India's first in-orbit space debris monitoring and tracking system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Digiantra – developed India's first in-orbit space debris monitoring and tracking system
- Digiantra – selected for the SID (Society for Innovation and Development) incubation program – at IISc Bangalore
- HQs of DRT – Kotdwara, Uttarakhand | Founded by – Anirudh Sharma & Rahul Rawat



513. International Affairs

HIL (India) Ltd has supplied 20.60 tonne of organochlorine insecticide DDT with 75% water-dispersible powder to South Africa for a malaria control programme. It is in the process of supplying 128 tonne of DDT to Zimbabwe and 113 tonne to Zambia in the current 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HIL – supplied 20.60 tonne of – organochlorine insecticide DDT with 75% water-dispersible powder – to South Africa
- For – Malaria control programme
- In process: Supplying 128 tonne of DDT to Zimbabwe & 113 tonne to Zambia
- South Africa – Cape Town – South African Rand

514. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India and Union Bank of India, after its amalgamation with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank, have announced a Corporate Agency Tie-up by which LIC policies will be distributed through the bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC + UBI = Corporate Agency Tie-up to distribute LIC policies
- Amalgamation = UBI + Andhra Bank + Corporation Bank
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rajkiran Rai G.
- Tagline of UBI – “Good People to Bank With”

515. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Ministry of Defence has signed a Rs 557 Cr contract with Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) for procurement of 1,512 mine plough (MP) for the Indian army’s main battle tank T-90. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence Ministry + BEML = contract for procurement of 1,512 mine plough for Army’s main battle tank ‘T-90’
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- HQs of BEML – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD – Deepak Kumar Hota



516. Banking & Economic Affairs

As per Nomura, Economic activity will continue to remain weak and will lead to a 6.1% contraction in India's GDP in the current fiscal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nomura's prediction for India's GDP = (-6.1%) in FY2020-21 {Flexible News}
- Nomura – Tokyo, Japan | CEO – Kentaro Okuda

517. International Affairs

Turkmenistan has been granted Observer status by the World Trade Organization (WTO) General Council. Turkmenistan has become the 25th and the last former Soviet republic to establish formal ties with the trade body. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Turkmenistan (25th) – has been granted Observer status by WTO
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Roberto Azevedo | Member Countries – 164 & Observer – 25

518. Banking & Economic Affairs

Singaporean brokerage DBS Bank has forecast deeper distress for India which will lead to a 6% growth contraction in FY21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBS's prediction for India's GDP = (-6%) for FY21 {Flexible News}
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta

519. Persons in News

Union Minister Jitendra Singh has launched the "Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration" for ensuring economic development of districts and improving service delivery among other criteria. The scheme was restructured in 2014 and it has been restructured again in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – launched restructured scheme "Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration"
- Jitendra Singh – MoS of DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space



520. Science & Technology

A unique and rare Yellow Turtle was rescued by locals from Sujapur village of Balasore district in Odisha. In June, a rare species of 'Trionychidae turtle' was caught by fishermen at Deuli Dam under the Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yellow Turtle – discovered – in Sujapur village, Balasore district, Odisha
- 'Trionychidae Turtle' – caught by fishermen – at Deuli Dam, Mayurbhanj district, Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

521. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Amazon Pay has tied up with Acko General Insurance Ltd to offer two-wheeler and four-wheeler insurance policies in India. Now, customers can buy auto insurance from Amazon Pay page, Amazon app or mobile website. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon Pay + Acko General Insurance Ltd = to offer two-wheeler & four-wheeler insurance policies
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle, USA | Founder & CEO – Jeff Bezos
- HQs of AGIL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Varun Dua

522. Appointments & Resignations

Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) has appointed Ramesh Babu Boddu as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer for three years. In January this year, Karur Vysya Bank's MD and CEO P R Seshadri had resigned. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Babu Boddu – appointed as the MD & CEO of – Karur Vysya Bank
- HQs of KVB – Karur, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Ramesh Babu Boddu

523. Banking & Economic Affairs

Bank of Baroda has launched 'Insta Click Savings Account', a digital self-assisted online savings account for all its customers. The Insta Click Savings Account uses a new form of digital KYC and Aadhar based OTP authentication of the customer, which can be operated from the bank's website. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of Baroda launched – 'Insta Click Savings Account' a digital self-assisted online savings account
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha



524. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

ICICI Lombard, under its Group Safeguard Insurance policy, has launched Hospital Daily cash benefit, a sachet-based group insurance product, in collaboration with PhonePe. It is a customized hospitalization policy that will allow PhonePe users to get an assured amount if they are hospitalized due to injury or illnesses, including COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

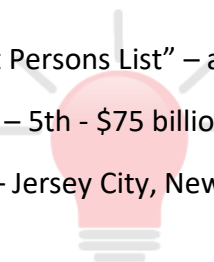
- ICICI Lombard + PhonePe = launched 'Hospital Daily cash benefit'
- PhonePE HQs – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta

525. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Reliance Industries Ltd Chairman Mukesh Ambani became the world's fifth-richest person in the new Forbes list with an estimated wealth of \$75 billion. Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos still sits at top in the richest list, with a net worth of \$185.8 billion followed by Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates with net worth of \$113.1 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "World's Richest Persons List" – as per Forbes (on July 23, 2020)
- Mukesh Ambani – 5th - \$75 billion | 1st – Jeff Bezos - \$185.8 billion | 2nd – Bill Gates - \$113.1 billion
- HQs of FORBES – Jersey City, New Jersey



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526. Appointments & Resignations

Sahil Seth, Deputy Commissioner of Mumbai Customs, has been appointed as an honorary adviser to the steering committee for the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) young leaders for the period 2020-2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sahil Seth – appointed as an honorary adviser to the steering committee for the BRICS CCI – for 2020-23
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa

527. Important Days & Dates

Every year, the "Pi Approximation Day" is observed on July 22 (22/7 in the day/month format), since the fraction 22/7 is a common approximation of π . The day is celebrated worldwide on July 22 to mark the Pi where the denominator 7 represents the 7th month (i.e., July and numerator 22 represents the 22nd day of the month). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 22 – "Pi Approximation Day"



528. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

In a bid to develop floating solar power projects with a total capacity of 500 MW, the Green Energy Development Corporation of Odisha Limited (GEDCOL) and the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) have signed an agreement to form a joint venture company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GEDCOL + NHPC = signed an agreement to develop floating solar power projects (Capacity - 500 MW)
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh

529. Science & Technology

"Tianwen-1" the first spacecraft of China to the Red Planet - Mars, was launched recently as Mars came close to the Earth in its orbit. The Mars probe will travel as far as 400 million kilometers into deep space. China's heavy-lift Long 'March 5 rocket' has been used for this Lunar mission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Tianwen-1" – the first spacecraft of China to the Mars Mission – launched by long 'March 5 rocket'
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

530. Appointments & Resignations

Sumit Deb has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC). He will succeed N Baijendra Kumar who superannuates in July-end. Deb will have tenure till February 28, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sumit Deb – appointed as the Chairman and MD of – NMDC (till February 28, 2023)
- He will replace – N Baijendra
- Location of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana

531. Appointments & Resignations

A professor at IIM Bangalore "R. Narayanaswamy", has been appointed as the Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA). The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) advises the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) on how it can fulfill its mandate to protect the public interest. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. Narayanaswamy (Professor at IIM Bangalore) – appointed as the Chair of TAC of – NFRA
- HQs of NFRA – New Delhi | Chairperson – R. Sridharan



532. International Affairs

The United States has told China to close its consulate in Houston and Beijing was considering shutting the US consulate in Wuhan in retaliation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USA told China to close its consulate – in Houston
- In retaliation – China to shut the US consulate – in Wuhan
- USA: Capital – Washington, D.C. | President – Donald Trump
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

533. International Affairs

The United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2020 as the “International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)” after receiving a proposal from Finland Government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Finland proposed the UNGA – to declare the “Year 2020” – as the “International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)”
- Finland – Helsinki – Euro | PM – Sanna Marin

534. International Affairs

India has revived an initiative for Preferential Trade Agreement with South African Customs Union (SACU). The Indian side at the dialogue was led by Srikar Reddy, a Joint Secretary in Department of Commerce while SACU was led by Amb. Steve Katjiuanjo, an Executive Director in Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development of Namibia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India revived an initiative – for Preferential Trade Agreement – with SACU
- Indian side was led by – Srikar Reddy
- HQs of SACU – Namibia, South Africa

535. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

To promote healthy lifestyle through holistic measures, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in association with hygiene brand "Savlon", has launched an awareness programme titled "Illness to Wellness". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ASSOCHAM + Savlon = launched “Illness to Wellness” - an awareness programme
- HQs of ASSOCHAM – New Delhi | President – Niranjan Hiranandani



536. Appointments & Resignations

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has extended BSV Prakash Kumar's tenure as Acting President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for 1 more month with effect from July 5. This extension is done for the second time. NCLT was set up under Section 408 of the Companies Act, 2013, on June 1, 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSV Prakash Kumar – extended as Acting President of – NCLT – for 1 more month (Second extension in July)
- NCLT was set up – under section 408 of the Companies Act, 2013 (in 2016)
- HQs of NCLT – New Delhi | Chairman – Bansi Lal Bhat

537. Defence Affairs

Russia's new "Mi-8AMTSh-VN" attack transport helicopter is being flight-tested, according to the Russian Helicopters manufacturing company, a part of Rostec corporation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Mi-8AMTSh-VN" attack transport helicopter – Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Military Exercise with Russia: (Indra, AVIA INDRA)
- HQs of Rostec Corp – Moscow, Russia | CEO – Sergey Chemezov | Founder – Vladimir Putin

538. Schemes & Initiatives

The Rajya Sabha secretariat has launched an Employees' Welfare Scheme in the name of former Union finance minister Arun Jaitley, who was also the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha. The Employee Welfare Scheme has been formulated and approved based on the decision of Sangeeta Jaitley. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajya Sabha launched – "Employees' Welfare Scheme" – in the name of 'Arun Jaitley'
- The scheme is formulated and approved on the decision of – Sangeeta Jaitley
- Present ex-officio chairman of Rajya Sabha – Venkaiah Naidu



539. Science & Technology

After two years of study, a team of researchers from Singapore has confirmed the discovery of a new species called 'Bathynomus raksasa' which has been described as the "cockroach of the sea" with 14 legs in Indonesia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers from Singapore – discovered 'Bathynomus raksasa' a cockroach of the sea with 14 legs in – Indonesia

540. Defence Affairs

Russia has for the first time conducted flight tests of the "MGTD-20" gas turbine engine made by 3D-printing aircraft engine. Its production is scheduled for 2021-2022. The flight tests were held at Kazanbush aviation center in Tatarstan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – conducted flight tests of the "MGTD-20" gas turbine engine – made by 3D-printing aircraft engine
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

541. National & States Affairs

Gujarat has taken the lead in the country to promote plasma donations by extending the benefit of free medical check-ups to kin of plasma donors. To promote plasma donations for plasma therapy, Ahmedabad based SVP hospital has come up with an attractive offer for donors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – to promote plasma donations – by extending the benefit of free medical check-ups
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

542. Current GK

The 10-day Hornbill Festival in Nagaland is unlikely to be held this year in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hornbill Festival – Nagaland – unlikely to be held this year
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi



543. Sports & Games

The Indian Super League (ISL) has been inducted into the prestigious World Leagues Forum (WLF). It has become the first league from South Asia and seventh in Asia to join the WLF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISL – 1st league from South Asia & 7th in Asia to join the World Leagues Forum (WLF)
- HQs of Football Sports Development Ltd (FSDL) – Mumbai, MH | Founder & Chairperson – Nita Ambani
- Chairman of WLF – Enrique Bonilla | Members – 42

544. Important Days & Dates

July 23 is observed as "National Broadcasting Day" every year. On this day in 1927, the first ever radio broadcast in the country went on air from the Bombay Station under a private company, the Indian Broadcasting Company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 23 – "National Broadcasting Day" (First radio broadcast in India – 1927 – from the Bombay Station)
- HQs of Prasar Bharati – New Delhi | CEO – Shashi Shekhar Vempati

545. Amount & Agreements

India and Maldives have signed a contract to set up "Geydhoshu Mas Plants" or Fish Processing Plants at two of the islands namely Maradhoo and Hulhudhoo in the Maldives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Maldives = to set up "Geydhoshu Mas Plants" or Fish Processing Plants at two islands
- Maradhoo & Hulhudhoo islands – Maldives
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

546. Books & Authors

A book titled "The Pandemic Century" by British medical historian Mark Honigsbaum combines science history, medical sociology and front-line reportage to tell the history of global contagion dating from the Spanish Flu (1918) to the present day coronavirus pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A book titled "The Pandemic Century" – authored by 'Mark Honigsbaum'



547. Obituaries

Madhya Pradesh Governor Lalji Tandon has passed away at the age of 85. Lalji Tandon has served in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council for two terms, as MP in the 15th Lok Sabha & as a Governor of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lalji Tandon – passed away – served as the Governor of Bihar & Madhya Pradesh (22nd)

548. Schemes & Initiatives

Union Power Minister R K Singh has launched a joint initiative "Retrofit of Air-conditioning to improve indoor air quality for safety and efficiency (RAISE)". This is a part of the larger initiative 'Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings' - a joint initiative by Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) and US Agency for International Development's (USAID) MAITREE programme. R K Singh has also unveiled India's first public EV (Electric Vehicle) charging plaza at Chelmsford Club in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EESL + USAID = launched "RAISE" - Retrofit of Air-conditioning to improve indoor air quality for safety and efficiency
- R K Singh – unveiled India's first public EV charging plaza – in New Delhi (established by EESL + NDMC)
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | Chairman – Rajeev Sharma
- HQs of USAID – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Mark Green

549. Important Days & Dates

July 20 holds a special place in the world of space and science as it is commemorated as the "Science/Space Exploration Day". Back in 1969 on the same date, Neil Armstrong and Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin became the first humans to land on the Moon's surface. The Science Exploration Day sometimes also called "Moon Day" was declared a holiday in 1984 by the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 20 – "Science Exploration Day" or "Moon Day" (declared a holiday in 1984)
- Neil Armstrong + Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin = the first humans to land on the Moon's surface – in 1969



550. Appointments & Resignations

Noted industrialist Rahul Bajaj will step down as Non-Executive Chairman of Bajaj Finance on July 31. He will be succeeded by Sanjiv Bajaj who is currently Vice Chairman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjiv Bajaj – appointed as the Chairman of – Bajaj Finance
- He will replace – Rahul Bajaj
- HQs of Bajaj Finance – Pune, Maharashtra | Chief Financial Officer – S. Sreenivasan

551. National & States Affairs

The Andhra Pradesh government has constituted a high-level committee to study the modalities for carving out new districts. The high-level committee will be headed by the Chief Secretary Nilam Sawhney. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – constituted a high-level committee – headed by the Chief Secretary Nilam Sawhney
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

552. Important Days & Dates

“National Mango Day” is observed every year on July 22. Kannapuram in Kannur district of Kerala is being declared an ‘Indigenous Mango Heritage Area’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 22 – “National Mango Day”
- Kannapuram (Kerala) – declared an ‘Indigenous Mango Heritage Area’
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

553. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India was ranked 63rd in the World Bank’s ease of doing business ranking last year, an improvement from its ranking of 134 before the Narendra Modi government came to power in 2014. Now, the target of India is to reach at the 50th spot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Bank’s ease of doing business ranking”
- India: Last Year – 63rd rank | This year’s Target – 50th
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



554. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the 'India Ideas Summit'. The Summit is being hosted by the US-India Business Council. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the formation of the Council. The theme for this year's Summit is 'Building a Better Future'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – addressed the 'India Ideas Summit' – hosted by the US-India Business Council (UIBC)
- On 45th anniversary of the formation of UIBC (founded in 1975)
- Theme – “Building a Better Future”
- HQs of UIBC – Washington, D.C., USA | Chairman – Nisha Desai Biswal

555. Defence Affairs

India has successfully conducted 3 flight tests of its indigenously developed anti-tank guided missile 'Dhruvastra' from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha. The helicopter-launched anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) is one of the most advanced anti-tank weapons in the world and it is developed by DRDO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – conducted 3 flight tests of – 'Dhruvastra' an indigenously developed “Anti-tank guided missile”
- Testing Location – Chandipur, Odisha | Missile Developed by – DRDO
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

556. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The 17 year old Swede girl 'Greta Thunberg' was named winner of the inaugural “Gulbenkian Prize” for Humanity. Climate activist Greta Thunberg has planned to donate this 1 million euro (\$1.14 million) prize to organizations focused on the environment and climate change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Greta Thunberg (Sweden) – received “Gulbenkian Prize” for Humanity – 1 million euro (\$1.14 million) prize

557. Defence Affairs

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has provided Indian Army with indigenously developed drones named 'Bharat' to provide an accurate surveillance along the Line of Actual Control in high altitude and mountainous terrains of Eastern Ladakh. It is developed by the Chandigarh based laboratory of DRDO - Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO provided – indigenously developed 'Bharat' drone – to Indian Army
- Developed by – DRDO's Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory | HQs – Chandigarh
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – SK Saini



558. Current GK

The indigenously built 3rd unit of Gujarat-based Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP-3) achieved criticality. KAPP-3 is India's first 700-megawatt electric unit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd unit of Kakrapar Atomic Power Project – achieved criticality
- KAPP-3 (Gujarat) – India's first 700-megawatt electric unit
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

559. Persons in News

Nitin Gadkari, the minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise sector has launched "RestartIndia" a mentoring platform primarily aimed at aiding the MSME sector to restart businesses across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – launched "RestartIndia" – to support MSME sector
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

560. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union information and technology minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has demanded digital platforms to be responsive, accountable and sensitive to the concerns of sovereign nations as far as safety, defence and privacy is concerned. Mr. Prasad raised the issue during the G20 Digital Minister's Meet hosted by Saudi Arabia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravi Shankar Prasad – represented India – in G20 Digital Minister's Meet – hosted by Saudi Arabia
- Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Constituency – Patna Sahib, Bihar)

561. Amount & Agreements

India and Maldives have signed an agreement for establishment of 'Emergency Medical Services' in capital Male. It is one of the several small and medium projects that are being financed by India under a grant assistance of around 20 million US dollars. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Maldives = an agreement for establishment of 'Emergency Medical Services' – in Male – For \$20 million
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih



562. Sports & Games

Sri Lanka woman cricketer Sripali Weerakkody has decided to retire from international cricket with immediate effect. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sripali Weerakkody (Sri Lanka) – retirement – from Cricket

563. National & States Affairs

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched "Vriksharopan Abhiyan" under which trees will be planted in mines, colonies and offices in New Delhi. Amit Shah has also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 6 Eco-parks and tourism sites. The "Vriksharopan Abhiyan" is being organised by the Ministry of Coal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – launched "Vriksharopan Abhiyan" – in New Delhi
- Organised by or it's an initiative of – Ministry of Coal
- Amit Shah – laid the foundation stone of 6 Eco-parks and tourism sites
- Ministry of Home Affairs - Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

564. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Senior principal of Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) scientist Kannan C S Warriar has received the "National Award of Excellence" for Outstanding Research in Forestry for the year 2019 by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kannan C S Warriar – received "National Award of Excellence" – for Outstanding Research in Forestry – by ICFRE
- Location of IFGTB – Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- HQs of ICFRE – Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Director General – Arun Singh Rawat

565. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Consumer Protection Act (CPA), which was passed by the Parliament in 2019, has come into effect from July 20. The new law is aimed at protecting consumers against errant manufacturers, distributors, and sellers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Consumer Protection Act (CPA) – passed by the Parliament in 2019 – came into effect from July 20, 2020



566. Sports & Games

Indian women's Cricket team was scheduled to tour England for the tri-series (also involving South Africa) but it has pulled out due to rising Covid-19 cases in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian women's Cricket team – pulled out of the proposed tour of – England for the tri-series
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Ethics Officer – D K Jain

567. Schemes & Initiatives

The Chhattisgarh government has launched "Godhan Nyay Yojana" under which cow dung will be procured from cattle rearers for production of organic fertiliser. The state government will buy cow dung from registered animal husbandmen at Rs 2 per kg and after processing it into vermicompost, it will sell it back to farmers for Rs 8 per kg. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – launched "Godhan Nyay Yojana" (Rs 2 per kg of cow dung)
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

568. Science & Technology

Vehant Technologies & International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad have jointly developed "KritiScan" UV Baggage Disinfection System for hotels, commercial and private complexes, airports, terminals and railway stations for the disinfection of baggage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vehant Technologies + ARCI = developed "KritiScan" UV Baggage Disinfection System
- HQs of Vehant Tech – Noida, UP | HQs of ARCI – Hyderabad, Telangana

569. Schemes & Initiatives

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the Rs 3,050-crore Manipur Water Supply Project under the Jal Jeevan Mission "Har Ghar Jal" Scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – laid the foundation stone Rs 3,050 Cr 'Water Supply Project' – in Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla



570. Sports & Games

The 2020 T20 World Cup has been postponed to 2022 due to the coronavirus pandemic as per the announcement by the International Cricket Council (ICC). It was scheduled to be played in 'Australia'. The ICC has also revised dates for their 3 upcoming global events in men's cricket, including the 2023 World Cup which is to be played in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- T20 World Cup 2020 – scheduled to be played in 'Australia' – postponed to 2022
- ICC Men's 2023 World Cup – to be hosted by – India
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Imran Khwaja | CEO – Manu Sawhney

571. Obituaries

Former Australian test wicketkeeper and ex-International Cricket Council match referee Barry Jarman has passed away in July. He was 84. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Barry Jarman (Australia) – passed away – Cricket

572. National & States Affairs

Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology's (CIPET) unit in Bhubaneswar, Odisha has received "NABL Accreditation" for testing and certification of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIPET (Bhubaneswar) – received "NABL Accreditation" for testing & certification of PPE Kit
- CIPET comes under – Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (D. V. Sadananda Gowda – Bangalore, Karnataka)

573. Schemes & Initiatives

Delhi government has launched a scheme known as "Mukhya Mantri Ghar Ghar Ration Ration Yojna" for the doorstep delivery of ration to eligible beneficiaries terming it as a "revolutionary" move. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi launched – "Mukhya Mantri Ghar Ghar Ration Ration Yojna" scheme
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev



574. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Punjab government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar, in the area of skill development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab + IIT Ropar = signed an MoU in the area of skill development
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

575. Appointments & Resignations

SBI General Insurance - the non-life a subsidiary of State Bank of India has appointed Prakash Chandra Kandpal as its new managing director & chief executive officer. Pushan Mahapatra has been appointed as Director of Strategic Investments & Digital Initiatives and continues to be whole-time director of SBI General Insurance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Chandra Kandpal – appointed as the MD & CEO of – SBI General Insurance
- Pushan Mahapatra – appointed as Director of – Strategic Investments & Digital Initiatives
- HQs of SBI General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | Tagline – ‘Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono’

576. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Airtel Payments Bank and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) have announced a partnership to skill the youth in rural India and enable them to find employment opportunities in the financial services sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank + NSDC = partnership to skill the youth in rural India
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Manish Kumar

577. National & States Affairs

In a move to enhance the flow of information between taxpayers and tax authorities, the Income Tax Department has launched a revised Form 26AS or Annual Information Statement from this assessment year, which will reflect details of all high-value transactions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Income Tax Dept launched – revised Form ‘26AS’ (Annual Information Statement)
- HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Chairman – Pramod Chandra Mody



578. Current GK

Fishermen on the shores of Kenya's Lake "Turkana", the world's biggest desert lake, have no doubt about what is to blame for their dwindling fish stocks: a giant hydroelectric dam built by Ethiopia on the River Omo, which feeds the lake. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Turkana" lake (Kenya) – the world's biggest desert lake
- Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling

579. Obituaries

Veteran Odia Actor Bijay Mohanty has recently passed away in Bhubaneswar. He was 70. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bijay Mohanty – passed away – Odia Actor

580. Persons in News

The Civil Aviation Ministry has set up a single-window clearance mechanism - an "Investment Clearance Cell (ICC)" to expedite various investment proposals in the domestic aviation industry. The 10-member ICC is headed by Amber Dubey, joint secretary in the aviation ministry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Civil Aviation Ministry – set up a 10-member "Investment Clearance Cell (ICC)" – headed by Amber Dubey
- Civil Aviation Ministry MoS – Hardeep Singh Puri

581. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Reliance Industries (RIL) has hit another milestone on the bourses with the stock price crossing Rs 2,000 and with this it has become 1st Indian company to reach the market Capitalization of Rs 13 lakh Crore. RIL is now world's 48th largest company by market- cap. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RIL – the 1st Indian Company to reach the market Capitalization of – Rs 13 lakh Crore
- RIL – became the 48th largest company by market- cap
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani



582. International Affairs

The USA has listed Reliance Jio among the companies that are becoming “Clean Telcos” as it is rejecting business with Chinese companies like Huawei. RIL Chairman Mukesh Ambani has announced that Reliance Jio has designed and developed a complete 5G solution from scratch that can be ready for field development in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USA listed – Reliance Jio – among the companies that are becoming “Clean Telcos”
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

583. National & States Affairs

Rajasthan government has approved "One-Stop Shop" for fast tracking investments. Entrepreneurs investing above Rs 10 Cr will be able to get 98 types of clearances under one roof at the 'One Stop Shop' (OSS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – approved "One-Stop Shop" – for fast tracking investments
- Entrepreneurs investing above Rs 10 Cr - will get 98 types of clearances under OSS
- OSS – One Stop Shop
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

584. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Gold prices in India has hit a record high and crossed Rs. 50,000 per 10 grams. In overseas market, spot gold jumped more than 1% to its highest in nearly nine years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gold prices in India – crossed Rs. 50,000 per 10 grams
- In overseas market: Gold jumped more than – 1% (highest in last 9 years)
- HQs of World Gold Council (WGC) – London, UK | President – David Harquail



585. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India has asked Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) to adopt a board-approved 'Fair Practices Code', which should prohibit the use of uncivilised, unlawful and questionable behaviour for recovery of loans . ARCs buy bad loans from banks to turn them around. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI asked ARCs – to adopt a board-approved 'Fair Practices Code'
- ARC – Asset Reconstruction Companies
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

586. National & States Affairs

The Andhra Pradesh government would reopen schools from September 5, 2020, as decided by the state government. However, this is tentative as the final decision will be taken based on the situation in the coming months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – may reopen schools from September 5, 2020
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

587. Schemes & Initiatives

Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal has launched 'Manodarpan', an initiative under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, to provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health and well-being. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal launched – 'Manodarpan' initiative – under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan
- HRD Minister – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' | Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand

588. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Andhra Pradesh Government has signed an MoU with the milk cooperative giant AMUL (Anand Milk Union Limited) to provide encouragement to the empowerment of women self-help groups and by encouraging the milk cooperatives in government sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh + AMUL = to encourage the empowerment of women self-help groups
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- HQs of AMUL – Anand, Gujarat | MD – Rupinder Singh Sodhi



589. Sports & Games

The 13th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL 2020) will be held in United Arab Emirates (UAE), as per the announcement of Brijesh Patel, the chairman of the IPL Governing Council. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

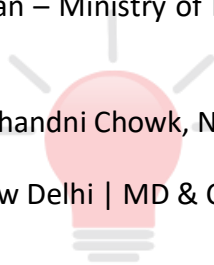
- 13th edition of IPL-2020 – will be held in UAE
- Chairman of the IPL Governing Council – Brijesh Patel

590. Banking & Economic Affairs

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched a Punjab National Bank's CSR campaign to distribute face masks and sanitisers in a bid to prevent the novel coronavirus spread. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – launched PNB's CSR campaign – to prevent the novel coronavirus spread
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao



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591. Sports & Games

The world-famous award ceremony "Ballon d'Or" has been cancelled for the first time in its 64-year history after coronavirus swallowed a huge chunk of the 2019-20 season. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Ballon d'Or" a Football Award ceremony – has been cancelled

592. Persons in News

Actor Sonu Sood has launched "Pravasi Rojgar" app to offer support to workers in finding right job opportunities in various sectors across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sonu Sood (Actor) – launched "Pravasi Rojgar" app



593. Obituaries

The Russian illustrator 'Viktor Chizhikov' who designed "Misha", the mascot of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, has passed away recently in July. He was 84. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Viktor Chizhikov (Russia) – passed away – illustrator (designed "Misha" - the mascot of 1980 Moscow Olympics)

594. Sports & Games

Jon Rahm has become the first Spaniard since Seve Ballesteros in 1989 to hold golf's world number one ranking by winning US PGA Memorial tournament. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jon Rahm (Golf) – to hold Golf's world number one ranking – by winning 'US PGA Memorial tournament'

595. Science & Technology

The University of Oxford has developed a coronavirus vaccine with AstraZeneca Plc and it has showed promising results in human testing. The results were published in The Lancet medical journal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- University of Oxford + AstraZeneca Plc = developed a coronavirus vaccine – showed results in human testing
- The results published in – "The Lancet medical journal"

596. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has given its nod to acquisition of Krishnapatnam Port Company Ltd by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. The proposed transaction involves acquisition of equity shareholding along with management control of 100% of the total issued. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved – acquisition of 'Krishnapatnam Port Company Ltd' – by Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd
- HQs of KPCL – Nellore, Andhra Pradesh | Managing Director – C. Sasidhar
- HQs of APSEZ – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Karan Adani
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta



597. National & States Affairs

Uttarakhand's forest department has developed a "Green Ramayana Park" where plant species mentioned in Valmiki's Ramayan and associated with Lord Rama in six major forest types in India, have been grown. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – developed a "Green Ramayana Park" – with plant species associated with Lord Rama
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

598. Appointments & Resignations

Partha Pratim Sengupta has been appointed as new managing director and chief executive of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) until December 31, 2022. He will replace Karnam Sekar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Partha Pratim Sengupta – appointed as new MD & CEO of – IOB
- He will replace – Karnam Sekar
- HQs of IOB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Partha Pratim Sengupta

599. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh, India will have around 60% of its installed electricity generation capacity from clean sources by 2030. Energy Transitions Commission (ETC) India has prepared two reports titled 'Renewable Power Pathways: Modelling the Integration of Wind and Solar in India by 2030' & 'Bending the Curve: 2025 Forecasts for Electricity Demand by Sector and State in the Light of the COVID Epidemic'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – will have 60% of its installed Electricity Generation Capacity from clean sources – by 2030
- Two reports prepared by – Energy Transitions Commission (ETC) India
- HQs of ETC – London, UK
- HQs of TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Ajay Mathur

600. National & States Affairs

The Thammampatti wood carvings of Salem, Tamil Nadu, are all set to be granted the Geographical Indications (GI) tag. The 'Oddar' community has been in this business of wood carving art and handed it down across generations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Thammampatti wood carvings – Salem, Tamil Nadu – to receive GI Tag
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit





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