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All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

101. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh has introduced a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Monitoring Mechanism in a move that aims at better implementation of investment proposals & will be launching a new MoU tracking portal that will be integrated with its single window system “Nivesh Mitra”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to launch a new MoU tracking Portal named – “Nivesh Mitra”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

102. Schemes & Initiatives

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change announced implementation of the “Nagar Van” scheme to develop 200 Urban Forests across the country in next five years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoEFCC – launched “Nagar Van” scheme - to develop “200 Urban Forests” – in next “5 years”
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Info. & Broadcasting
- Constituency – Maharashtra

103. Persons in News

The tenure of Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary K Shanmugam has been extended by three months till October 31. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K Shanmugam – extended as the Chief Secretary of “Tamil Nadu” by 3 months
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

104. Obituaries

Veteran lyricist Anwar Sagar passed away. He wrote the lyrics of the song “Waada Raha Sanam” for the 1992 film Khiladi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anwar Sagar – passed away – Lyricist

105. Amount & Agreements

Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged USD 15-million as India's contribution to the vaccines alliance GAVI at the Global Vaccine Summit hosted by the UK. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

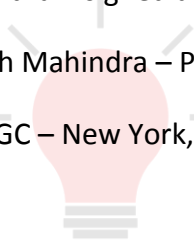
- USD 15-million – pledged by India - to the vaccines alliance GAVI
- Global Vaccine Summit – hosted by United Kingdom
- Organised by – GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization)
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK - Boris Johnson

106. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Tech Mahindra Ltd has signed a joint declaration with the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), urging governments to align their Covid-19 recovery efforts with the latest climate science & to reduce Co2 emissions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tech Mahindra – signed a joint declaration with UNGC – to reduce Co2 emissions
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani
- HQs of UNGC – New York, USA | CEO – Ms. Lise Kingo



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107. Important Days & Dates

“World Brain Tumour Day” is observed on 8th June, every year. Brain tumour is the tenth leading cause of morbidity in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 8 – “World Brain Tumour Day”

108. Appointments & Resignations

India opener and limited-over vice-captain Rohit Sharma has signed with IIFL Finance as its first-ever brand ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – signed as the first-ever brand ambassador of “IIFL Finance”
- HQs of IIFL Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – V. K. Chopra

109. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The World Economic Forum's (WEF) annual gathering of the rich and the powerful in Davos will focus on a post-pandemic world in January 2021. The theme of the 51st annual Davos Meeting is 'The Great Reset'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 51st annual Davos Meeting – an annual gathering of WEF
- Theme – “The Great Reset”
- HQs of WEF – Cologne, Switzerland | Executive Chairman & Founder – Klaus Schwab

110. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Executive Chairperson of Biocon, has been named “EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2020” for her contribution in improving universal access to affordable life-saving medicine and transforming the world in one of its kind virtual entrepreneurship award ceremony. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiran Mazumdar Shaw – “EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2020”
- She is the chairperson of – Biocon Ltd (Bengaluru)

111. Acquisitions & Mergers

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) invested Rs 5,683.50 crore for a 1.16% equity stake in Jio Platforms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADIA – acquired 1.16% stake (Rs 5683 Cr) – in Jio Platforms
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

112. Appointments & Resignations

Shri Rahul Shrivastava (IFS: 1999), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Romania. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Shrivastava – appointed as the Ambassador to – Romania
- Romania – Bucharest – leu

113. Persons in News

The government announced setting up of a high level Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS), to be chaired by the cabinet secretary, and a Project Development Cell (PDC) in ministries/ departments with a view to attracting investments to the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A high level Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) – chaired by Cabinet Secretary (Rajiv Gauba)
- PDC – Project Development Cell

114. Obituaries

British producer, songwriter and advocate Rupert Hine has died at the age of 72. Hine started out in the music business in the mid-1960s & posed with tape machines in a recording studio in 1973. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rupert Hine (UK) – passed away – Producer, Songwriter And Advocate
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK - Boris Johnson

115. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India & Australia are taking part in the first-ever virtual bilateral summit. The event signifies “the strengthening of ties with Australia and its upward trajectory. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Australia = first-ever virtual bilateral summit
- Indian Counterpart – Narendra Modi | Australian Counterpart – Scott Morrison
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

116. Obituaries

Bollywood Film producer Anil Suri, who had backed films like Raaj Kumar-Rekha starrer Karmayogi and Raaj Tilak, passed away due to coronavirus. He was 77. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anil Suri – passed away – Film Producer

117. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India secured 168th rank in the 12th edition of the biennial "Environment Performance Index (EPI Index 2020)" that measured the environmental performance of 180 countries and was released by the Yale University and Columbia University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – 168th – in the 12th edition of "Environment Performance Index (EPI Index 2020)"
- Released by – Yale University & Columbia University jointly



118. Sports & Games

Women's 400 metres world champion Salwa Eid Naser of Bahrain has been handed a provisional suspension for failing to make herself available for anti-doping tests, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Salwa Eid Naser (Bahrain) – 400m runner – provisional suspension – by AIU
- World Athletics HQs – Monaco | President – Sebastian Coe

119. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have topped an index that ranked states ensuring food safety in 2019-20 by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat(1st) + Tamil Nadu(2nd) + Maharashtra(3rd) = topped food safety index – by FSSAI
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teatota

120. National & States Affairs

Karnataka CM BS Yediyurappa said government employees and owners of tractors and other vehicles must return the BPL ration cards immediately, failing which stringent legal action would be initiated against them. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – ordered government employees, owners of tractors to return BPL ration cards
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

121. Sports & Games

Asian Champion middle distance runner Gomathi Marimuthu was suspended for 4 years by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for doping and stripped of her Asian Athletics Championships 800-meter title. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gomathi Marimuthu (800m runner) – banned for for 4 years – by AIU
- World Athletics HQs – Monaco | President – Sebastian Coe

122. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Akshay Kumar is the only Indian celebrity on the Forbes annual list of 100 Highest-Paid Celebrities. However, Akshay's rank has dropped to #52 (his earnings are estimated at \$48.5 million). The 2020 Forbes 100 list is topped by model-entrepreneur Kylie Jenner with \$590 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Forbes annual list of 100 Highest-Paid Celebrities-2020” – topped by Kylie Jenner - \$590 million (USA)
- Akshya Kumar (52nd) – \$48.5 million
- HQs of FORBES – Jersey City, New Jersey, US

123. Sports & Games

The 2020 World Archery Field Championships in Yankton, USA, have been postponed until 2022 in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Archery Field Championships-2020 – postponed until 2022 (Old venue - Yankton, USA)
- HQs of World Archery Federation – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Ugur Erdener

124. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

World silver-medallist Amit Panghal and the seasoned Vikas Krishan were nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award by the Boxing Federation of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Panghal + Vikas Krishan (Boxing) = nominated for – “Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award”
- HQs of Boxing Federation of India (BFI) – New Delhi | President – Ajay Singh

125. Important Days & Dates

“World Food Safety Day” was observed on June 7 to draw global attention to the health consequences of contaminated food and water. This year, the theme was “Food safety, everyone's business”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 7 – “World Food Safety Day”
- Theme – “Food safety, everyone's business”



126. Science & Technology

Students of IIT Guwahati have developed a mobile application, called “Flyzy” to provide a seamless air travelling experience to passengers during the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Guwahati – developed – “Flyzy” a mobile application to provide a seamless air travelling experience

127. International Affairs

Russia's President Vladimir Putin has declared a state of emergency after 20,000 tonnes of diesel oil leaked into Ambarbaya river (Siberia) within the Arctic Circle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – declared a State Of Emergency – after 20,000 tonnes of diesel oil leaked into Arctic Circle
- Ambarbaya river – Siberia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

128. Important Days & Dates

The United Nations General Assembly designated June 8 as "World Oceans Day". The first World Oceans Day was declared in Rio de Janeiro at the Global Forum on June 8, 1992. The theme of World Oceans Day 2020 is “Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 8 – World Oceans Day
- Theme – “Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean”



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129. Appointments & Resignations

Real estate major DLF (Delhi Land & Finance Ltd) reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 1,860.13 Cr for the January-March quarter of FY20. The real estate developer also announced its board decision of change in chairmanship of the company with Vice-president Rajiv Singh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DLF reported – Rs 1,860 Cr net loss in Q4
- Rajiv Singh – appointed as the Chairman of DLF (HQs – Gurgaon, Haryana)

130. Persons in News

Since March, telecom companies in India replaced ringtones with default caller tunes that spread awareness about the virus. And the voice that delivers you the message in Hindi, is of Delhiite Jasleen Bhalla. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhiite Jasleen Bhalla – voice behind the Covid-19 Caller tune in Hindi



131. Schemes & Initiatives

On World Environment Day, Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) in partnership with USAID MAITREE program, launched the 'Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings' initiative that will pioneer ways to make workplaces healthier and greener. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EESL + US Agency's MAITREE program = launched 'Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings' initiative
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | Chairman – Rajeev Sharma

132. Current GK

The “Bori Wildlife Sanctuary” is a wildlife sanctuary in Hoshangabad District of Madhya Pradesh state in central India. The sanctuary covers an area of 518 km², located in the northern foothills of the Satpura Range.

Key Points:

- “Bori Wildlife Sanctuary” – Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

133. Acquisitions & Mergers

Abu Dhabi-based sovereign investor Mubadala Investment Company will buy 1.85% stake in Jio Platforms for Rs 9,093.6 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mubadala Investment Company – to buy 1.85% stake (Rs. 9,093.6 Cr) in – Jio Platforms
- HQs of Mubadala – Abu Dhabi, UAE | CEO – Khaldoon Al Mubarak
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

134. National & States Affairs

The Tamil Nadu government issued orders to cap the charges for Covid-19 treatment in private hospitals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – to cap the charges – for Covid-19 treatment in private hospitals
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

135. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has entered into an agreement with Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) for cooperation in the field of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) and Astrophysics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO + ARIES = for cooperation in the field of SSA & Astrophysics
- HQs – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969
- HQs of ARIES – Nainital, Uttarakhand

136. Current GK

A 'Nomad' tiger that recorded a 510 km-long dispersal journey from Maharashtra's Chandrapur to Madhya Pradesh's Betul district in 2018 has been captured for killing three people in Kanha National Park. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Nomad' tiger – captured in "Kanha National Park" or "Kanha Tiger Reserve" (Madhya Pradesh)
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

137. National & States Affairs

To fulfill the long-standing demand of the people of Punjab, the Modi government has announced new connectivity to Amritsar from Nakodar, as part of the Delhi-Amritsar Expressway which is part of Bharatmala Pariyojana. An amount of Rs 25,000 Cr would be invested for the construction of the first phase of the expressway. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new connectivity to "Amritsar" – as part of the Delhi-Amritsar Expressway
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

138. Amount & Agreements

India and Australia unveiled a "shared vision for maritime cooperation in the Indo- Pacific" and signed 7 agreements focused on crucial areas such as defence and rare earth minerals including Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Australia = signed "Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA)"
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

139. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed merger between Peugeot S.A. and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. PSA is a publicly listed limited liability company incorporated in France. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Peugeot S.A. (France) + Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V (UK) = Merger approved by CCI
- CCI HQs - New Delhi | Chairman - Ashok Kumar Gupta

140. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As many as 750 tigers have died in the country in the last eight years due to poaching and other causes, with Madhya Pradesh reporting the highest casualties at 173, according to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of 526 tigers in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 750 tigers – died in the last 8 years (173 death in Madhya Pradesh) – as per NTCA
- NTCA founded in – 2005 | Chairperson – Prakash Javadekar
- Madhya Pradesh – the highest number of 526 tigers
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

141. Important Days & Dates

"World Pest Day", also known as "World Pest Awareness Day" is celebrated on June 6 every year to create awareness of how pest management helps preserve the quality of life for us and our loved ones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 6 – "World Pest Day" or "World Pest Awareness Day"

142. National & States Affairs

Human Resource Development Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched the information booklet titled "Safe online learning in the times of COVID-19" to raise awareness in students and teachers. The booklet is developed by The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HRD Minister launched – "Safe online learning in the times of COVID-19"
- The booklet is developed by – NCERT (HQs – New Delhi | Director – Hrushikesh Senapaty)
- MoHRD Minister – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

143. Obituaries

Former Santosh Trophy player Hamza Koya passed away after undergoing plasma therapy for Covid-19 infection in Kerala. He was 61. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hamza Koya (Kerala) – passed away – Football Player
- “Santosh Trophy” related to – Football

144. International Affairs

Former vice president Joe Biden, a votary for strong US-India relations, has formally become the Democratic presidential nominee to run for the White House against President Donald Trump in the elections in November. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Joe Biden – has formally become the presidential nominee to run for the White House against Trump
- He belongs to – Democratic Party
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

145. Schemes & Initiatives

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched Street Vendor Registration Portal and “Mukhyamantri Shahri Path Vyavsayi Utthan Yojana” and transferred Rs 300 crore to urban local bodies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – launched “Street Vendor Registration Portal” & “Mukhyamantri Shahri Path Vyavsayi Utthan Yojana”
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

146. National & States Affairs

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot recently launched the Raj Kaushal Portal and Online Shramik Employment Exchange through video conferencing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – launched “Raj Kaushal Portal” & “Online Shramik Employment Exchange”
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

147. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The IISc, Bangalore got the best rank among the Indian institutes at 36th spot, Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar was ranked 47th in the Times Higher Education Asian University list. This is for the first time that IIT-Ropar has entered in the list the top 50. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Times Higher Education Asian University List”
- IISc Bangalore – 36th (topped in India) | IIT Ropar – 47th (first time in top 50)
- Tsinghua University (China) – topped the overall List

148. Banking & Economic Affairs

HDFC Bank launched a special campaign 'Summer Treats', which has exciting offers to meet the changing needs of merchants as well as salaried and self-employed customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – launched “Summer Treats” campaign
- HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- CEO & Chairman of HDFC Bank – Aditya Puri
- Chairman of HDFC Ltd. – Deepak Parekh

149. Current GK

Sri Venkateshwara National Park is a national park and biosphere reserve in Andhra Pradesh, India. The total area of the park is 353 km². The park is known for its many waterfalls including the Talakona, Gundalakona and Gunjana.

Key Points:

- Sri Venkateshwara National Park – Andhra Pradesh

150. Persons in News

The RBI (Reserve Bank of India) has been promoting financial inclusion under the two pronged system namely- Horizontally Differentiated Banking System (HDBS) and Vertically Differentiated Banking System (VDBS) as per the recommendations of the committee on ‘Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low-Income Households’ headed by Shri Nachiket Mor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A committee on ‘Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low-Income Households’
- Headed by – Nachiket Mor
- HDBS – Horizontally Differentiated Banking System
- VDBS – Vertically Differentiated Banking System



151. Sports & Games

The Asian Football Confederation has awarded the hosting rights of the 2022 Women's Asian Cup to India for the first time since 1979. The decision was taken at the AFC Women's Football Committee meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022
- HQs of AFC – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa

152. National & States Affairs

On World Environment Day, Andhra Pradesh launched an online waste management platform to handle liquid waste, hazardous, and non-hazardous solid waste and air pollutants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – launched an “Online Waste Management Platform”
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

153. National & States Affairs

The Karnataka government along with Varunamitra web portal launched “Meghasandesha” App that would provide real-time information as well as forecast on rains, flooding and thunderstorm alerts in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka + Varunamitra web portal = launched “Meghasandesha” App
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

154. Science & Technology

Union Minister of State (I/C) for Development of North Eastern Region Dr. Jitendra Singh Launched "COVID BEEP" app, India's first indigenous, cost effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients. It was developed by ESIC Medical College, IIT Hyderabad & Department of Atomic Energy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ESIC + IIT Hyderabad + DAE = developed "COVID BEEP" app
- The app launched by – Dr. Jitendra Singh (MoS I/C for DoNER)

155. Schemes & Initiatives

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME Shri Nitin Gadkari has launched UNDP's national awareness campaign on "Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways" for the masses at large towards reducing or eliminating mortality on the roads of both human beings and animals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNDP's – "Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways" a national awareness campaign
- Launched by – Minister for Road Transport & Highways (Nitin Gadkari – Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner

156. Schemes & Initiatives

Shri R. K. Singh, the Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, initiated the '#iCommit' campaign, on the occasion of World Environment Day. The '#iCommit' initiative is driven by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- '#iCommit' initiative – initiated by Ministry of Power and New & Renewable Energy (R. K. Singh)
- Driven by – "EESL" (HQs of EESL – New Delhi | Chairman – Rajeev Sharma)

157. Important Days & Dates

"UN Russian Language Day" coincides with the birthday of Aleksandr Pushkin on June 6, a Russian poet considered the father of modern Russian literature. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 6 – "UN Russian Language Day"
- On the birthday of – Aleksandr Pushkin (the father of modern Russian literature)

158. National & States Affairs

Coal India arm Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL) has set an ambitious target of 100 million tonnes (MT) production by 2026-27 and plans to set up 20 more mines in the next four years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WCL – target of 100 MT production – by 2026-27 | 20 more mines in next – 4 years
- HQs – Nagpur, Maharashtra | CMD – Rajiv Ranjan Mishra

159. Science & Technology

The National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) here has successfully developed an indigenous nasopharyngeal (NP) swab for collecting samples from the throat cavity of patients affected with Sars-Cov-2 virus which causes the Covid-19 (coronavirus). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCL (Pune) – developed an indigenous nasopharyngeal (NP) swab

160. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Lyricist Javed Akhtar is a recipient of the prestigious Richard Dawkins award. He is also the only Indian to receive the honour. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Javed Akhtar (Lyricist) – the only recipient of – “Richard Dawkins award”

161. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Fifteen bird species, including Banasura and Ashambu laughingthrushes, of Kerala have been flagged as key species of concern in the State of India's Birds report released by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 15 Birds Species of “Kerala” – flagged as species of concern
- India's Birds report released by – National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
- HQs of NBA – Chennai, TN | Dr. V. B. Mathur
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram
- CM – Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

162. Amount & Agreements

Member countries of the Group of 20 (G-20) pledged more than \$21 billion to fight the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G-20 countries – pledged – \$21 billion – to fight the coronavirus
- G-20 Presidency – Saudi Arabia (Riyadh – Saudi Riyal)

163. International Affairs

OPEC and allied nations have agreed to extend a production cut of nearly 10 million barrels of oil a day through the end of July, hoping to encourage stability in energy markets hard hit by the coronavirus-induced global economic crisis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- OPEC and allied nations – to extend a production cut of nearly “10 million barrels”
- HQs of OPEC – Vienna, Austria | Secretary general – Mohammed Barkindo

164. Sports & Games

Qatar is set to inaugurate a third football stadium completed for the 2022 FIFA World Cup. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Qatar – set to inaugurate 3rd football stadium
- It will host – “2022 FIFA World Cup”
- Qatar – Doha – Riyal | PM – Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani

165. Amount & Agreements

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the creation of Rs 500 Cr payments infrastructure development fund (PIDF) to encourage acquirers to deploy points of sale (PoS) infrastructure, both physical and digital modes in tier-3 to tier-6 centres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – created – Rs 500 Cr PIDF to boost digitalization
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

166. Important Days & Dates

The Committee on Fisheries endorsed the proposal for the declaration of 5 June as the “International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing”. This day has been observed since 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (since 2018)

167. Amount & Agreements

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has made available a Special Liquidity Facility (SLF) of Rs 270 crore to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank for supporting the agricultural activities of the farmers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – SLF of Rs 270 Cr – to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- SLF – Special Liquidity Facility
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu

168. Appointments & Resignations

Diplomat Monika Kapil Mohta has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Switzerland, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced. Presently, Mohta, an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1985 batch, is India's Ambassador to Sweden. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Monika Kapil Mohta – appointed as the Ambassador to – Switzerland
- Switzerland – Bern – Swiss Franc | President – Simonetta Sommaruga

169. National & States Affairs

In Madhya Pradesh, a plantation drive named "Thank Mom" has been started on the premises of Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Directorate from on World Environment Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – started by "Thank Mom"
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

170. Persons in News

Markets regulator SEBI has re-constituted its commodity derivatives advisory committee that examines issues related to contract designs and new products in the segment and advises on matters related to delivery mechanism and warehouses. The 17-member committee would be chaired by retired IAS officer Ashok Dalwani. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI re-constituted – 17-members Commodity Derivatives Advisory Committee – chaired by Ashok Dalwani
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

171. National & States Affairs

The Government has issued Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017 vide the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Order and subsequent revisions vide Order to encourage 'Make in India' and to promote manufacturing and production of goods, services and works in India with a view to enhancing income and employment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government – issued Public Procurement Order 2017 vide the DPIIT
- DPIIT works under – Ministry of Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra

172. Banking & Economic Affairs

Standard Chartered Bank's local unit has started operations from the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), becoming the first global bank to commence operations from the special economic zone in Gandhinagar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Standard Chartered Bank – 1st foreign bank to start operations at IFSC GIFT City (Gandhinagar)
- HQs of SCB – London, UK | CEO – Bill Winters

173. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

GMR-led Rajiv Gandhi Hyderabad International Airport received the highest Platinum Recognition in the Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2020 in the 15-35 million passengers per annum (MPPA) category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajiv Gandhi Hyderabad International Airport – Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2020
- Category – 15-35 million passengers per annum (MPPA)

174. International Affairs

Tropical Storm Cristobal formed in the southern Gulf of Mexico threatening to bring deadly flooding in parts of southern Mexico and Central America. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Cristobal" storm – formed in "southern Gulf of Mexico"

175. Science & Technology

Within days of sending two NASA astronauts to ISS (International Space Station) on Falcon 9 rocket, SpaceX has now launched 60 new internet satellites into orbit using another Falcon 9 rocket. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SpaceX – launched – 60 new internet satellites – using Falcon 9 rocket
- HQs – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk

176. Science & Technology

Scientists at the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), an autonomous R&D centre of the Department of Science and Technology, have developed a rare-earth-based magnetocaloric material that can be effectively used for cancer treatment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IARCPMNM – developed a rare magnetocaloric material – for Cancer treatment
- HQs of HQs of IARCPMNM – Hyderabad, Telangana

177. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

CSIR and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) have signed a letter of intent to collaborate in areas of mutual interest for promoting innovation in the country in various sectors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR + AIM = signed a letter of intent to promote innovation
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande
- AIM Director – Ramanan Ramanathan

178. Persons in News

The Government of India has set up a Task Force to examine matters pertaining to age of motherhood, imperatives of lowering MMR, improvement of nutritional levels and related issues. The Task Force is headed by Ms. Jaya Jaitly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A Task Force to examine matters pertaining to age of motherhood – headed by “Jaya Jaitly”

179. National & States Affairs

Gairsain in Chamoli district was declared as the summer capital of Uttarakhand. A notification in this regard was issued by Chief Secretary Utpal Kumar Singh after Governor Baby Rani Maurya gave her assent to the move. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gairsain – declared as the Summer capital of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

180. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India's unemployment rate fell between July 2018 and June 2019 to 5.8% from 6.1% during the same period of 2017-18, even as the labour force participation rate rose to 37.5% from 36.9%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's unemployment rate – fell to 5.8% (from 6.1%)
- Labour force participation rate – rose to 37.5% (from 36.9%)

181. Obituaries

Former Delhi Police commissioner Ved Prakash Marwah passed away recently in Goa. He was 87. Marwah served as governor of Manipur from 1999 to 2003, governor of Mizoram from 2000 to 2001, and governor of Jharkhand from 2003 to 2004. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ved Prakash Marwah – passed away – Indian police officer & a Politician
- Served as the Governor of – Manipur, Mizoram & Jharkhand

182. Appointments & Resignations

International recognition came calling the 13-year-old girl, M Nethra as she was appointed as 'Goodwill Ambassador (GWA) for the Poor' by the United Nations Association for Development and Peace (UNADAP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M Nethra – appointed as 'Goodwill Ambassador (GWA) for the Poor' – by UNADAP
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

183. Appointments & Resignations

The government has cleared appointments of senior IAS officers Rajiv Topno, a 1996-batch bureaucrat of the Gujarat cadre who is the private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be a senior advisor at the Washington-based World Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajiv Topno – appointed as the Senior Advisor at – World Bank
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

184. National & States Affairs

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Bikram Keshari Arukh said that the Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik accorded state anthem status to "Bande Utkala Janani" for Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha Cabinet – approved a proposal – to give state anthem status to "Bande Utkala Janani"
- Odisha: Capital - Bhubaneswar | CM - Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

185. Acquisitions & Mergers

Reliance raised another Rs 4,546.80 Cr from sale of further 0.93% stake to Silver Lake. Silver Lake had previously taken 1.15% stake in Jio Platforms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Silver Lake – acquired 0.93% stake (Rs 4546 Cr) – in Reliance Jio
- HQs of Silver Lake – California, USA | CEO – Egon Durban
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

186. National & States Affairs

The finance ministry has asked all ministries and departments not to initiate any new scheme till March 31, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- No new schemes – till March 31, 2021
- Announced by Nirmala Sitharaman (FM Minister – Karnataka)

187. Current GK

The Agency reported that the oil spot was detected in the water area of uvek dipper in the zone of the Volgograd reservoir of the Volga river. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Volga river (Russia) – oil spot was detected in the water
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Military Exercise with Russia: (Indra, AVIA INDRA)

188. Defence Affairs

The Defence Ministry placed an order with the state-run Ordnance Factory Board for supply of 156 Infantry Combat Vehicles (ICVs) worth Rs 1,094 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence Ministry – placed order with OFB – for supply of “156” ICVs – worth Rs. 1,094 Cr
- ICV – Infantry Combat Vehicle
- Rajnath Singh – Minister of Defence Ministry | Constituency – Lucknow, UP
- Shripad Yesso Naik – MoS of Defence Ministry

189. Amount & Agreements

The US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is looking to invest \$350 million in India to support multiple projects in the country's financial services sector, health infrastructure, renewable energy and food security space. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USDFC – to invest \$350 million in India
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

190. Appointments & Resignations

Brajendra Navnit, a 1999-batch IAS officer, has been appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India (PRI) to the World Trade Organisation for a period of three years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Brajendra Navnit – Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India – to WTO
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Pascal Lamy

191. Amount & Agreements

Of the funds allocated for FY21, Rs 11,500 crore has been provided in the budget for Jal Jeevan Mission for the year 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rs 11,500 Cr – provided in the budget for “Jal Jeevan Mission”

192. Current GK

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTTC) has granted permission to operate 23 Vayu Vajra buses from 5 locations to the Kempegowda International Airport. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Kempegowda International Airport” – Karnataka

193. Defence Affairs

The Indian Air Force inducted an indigenously designed and manufactured pod called ARPIT, which will be used for evacuation of critical patients suffering from infectious diseases like COVID-19 from isolated and remote areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAF – inducted “ARPIT” an indigenously designed and manufactured pod
- IAF Chief – Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

194. Obituaries

Kurt Thomas, the first U.S. male gymnast to win a world championship gold medal, has died. He was 64. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kurt Thomas (USA) – passed away – Gymnast

195. Science & Technology

A researcher from the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, has developed an Artificial Intelligence-powered Covid-19 test kit that does not require RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Hyderabad – developed AI-powered Covid-19 Test Kit

196. Obituaries

Famous Kannada actor Chiranjeevi Sarja passed away at the age of 39 years in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chiranjeevi Sarja – passed away – Kannada Actor

197. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

India and Denmark have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Indo-Denmark Energy Cooperation to develop a strong, deep and long-term co-operation between the two countries in the power sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Denmark = MoU in the power sector
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone

198. Obituaries

Former Union Minister & Odisha MP Arjun Charan Sethi passed. He was 79. An eight-time Parliamentarian from Bhadrak (Odisha), Sethi was Water Resources Minister in Atal Bihari Vajpayee Cabinet from 2000 to 2004. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arjun Charan Sethi – passed away – Politician (MP from Odisha)
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

199. National & States Affairs

The government has modified public procurement norms to give maximum preference to companies whose goods and services have 50% or more local content, a move aimed at promoting 'Make in India' and making the country self-reliant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government modified – Public Procurement Norms – preference to “50% or more local content”

200. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

In an order that will come into force from October 1, 2020, the government has mandated all BS-VI-compliant cars to display a 1 cm long “Green sticker” that would provide all registration details of the vehicle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government – mandated all BS-VI-compliant cars to display – Green Stickers



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