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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

601. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

“Surakshit Dada-Dadi, Nana-Nani Abhiyan” is a collaborative effort between NITI Aayog, Piramal Foundation, and 25 Aspirational Districts to ensure the well-being of 2.9 million Senior Citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog + Piramal Foundation = “Surakshit Dada-Dadi, Nana-Nani Abhiyan”
- To ensure the well-being of – 2.9 million Senior Citizens
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

602. Current GK

A tigress and three cubs were found dead in the “Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary” recently. The tigers were allegedly poisoned by some residents of Goulali village in a case of human-wildlife conflict over killed cattle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary” – Goa
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

603. Important Days & Dates

“National Statistics Day” is celebrated on June 29 across the country on the birth anniversary of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a world-renowned statistician whose invaluable contributions led to the establishment of National Statistical System in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 29 – “National Statistics Day” – the birth anniversary of “Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis” (statistician)

604. National & States Affairs

The Central government has launched a Product Application and Development Centre (PADC) setup by Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) at Paradip in Odisha to promote Eastern India-led national growth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government – launched – “PADC” – Product Application And Development Centre
- Set up by – Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) – in Odisha
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

605. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

IIT Ropar has emerged as the only Indian institution to appear in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2020. Among the top 70 young universities, IIT Ropar has been ranked 62nd in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Ropar – only Indian institution to appear in the “Times Higher Education Young University Rankings-2020”
- IIT Ropar – Topped in India | 62nd – in the world
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology – topped in the world

606. Persons in News

The US Space Agency, NASA will rename its Washington headquarters after its first black female engineer, Mary Jackson. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – to rename – its Washington headquarters – after “Mary Jackson” (first black female engineer)
- NASA HQs – Washington, D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

607. Amount & Agreements

The Uttar Pradesh government will raise Rs 1,500 Cr from commercial banks to expedite the work on its flagship 340-km ‘Purvanchal Expressway Project’ post lockdown. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to raise Rs 1,500 Cr – from commercial banks – for 340-km ‘Purvanchal Expressway Project’
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

608. Amount & Agreements

Sachin Bansal’s Navi Technologies has launched "Navi Lending" app for instant and contactless personal loans up to Rs 5 lakh for 36 months targeted towards middle-income customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Navi Lending" app – is launched – for instant & contactless personal loans – up to Rs 5 lakh – For 36 months
- HQs of Navi Tech – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Sachin Bansal

609. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 36th summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was held at Hanoi in Vietnam where the member nations discussed measures to deal with the crises induced by the novel coronavirus pandemic. The theme of this summit was “Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 36th ASEAN Summit – held – at Hanoi, Vietnam
- Theme – “Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN”
- Secretariat of ASEAN - Jakarta, Indonesia
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

610. Amount & Agreements

Amid the ongoing border tensions with China, the government has granted Rs 500 Cr as emergency funds to armed forces for war preparedness. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government – granted – Rs 500 Cr – as emergency funds to Armed Forces – for war preparedness

611. Persons in News

The Centre has extended the tenure of the OBC Commission headed by Justice G. Rohini by 6 months. The panel will submit its report to the government by January 31, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Centre has extended – the tenure of the OBC Commission – by 6 months (January 31, 2021)
- The commission headed by – Justice G. Rohini

612. Books & Authors

US President Donald Trump’s brother has requested for a temporary restraining order against his niece Mary Trump, in an attempt to halt the publication of her upcoming book based on her family – “Too Much and Never Enough: How My Family Created the World’s Most Dangerous Man”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Too Much and Never Enough: How My Family Created the World’s Most Dangerous Man” book – Mary Trump

613. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Covid-19 pandemic is likely to bring down India's per capita income (PCI) by 5.4% in the financial year 2020-21 (FY21) to Rs 1.43 lakh from Rs 1.52 lakh in FY20, suggests the latest report by the economic wing of State Bank of India (SBI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Covid-19 – to bring down India's PCI – by 5.4% – to Rs 1.43 lakh (from Rs 1.52) – as per SBI wing's report
- SBI Bank HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | SBI Bank Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- SBI Bank MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar
- SBI Life CEO – Sanjeev Nautiyal

614. Current GK

The Border Road Organisation (BRO) had built the all-weather, 70-tonne bridge over the river "Shyok" and the 255-km-long Darbuk Shyok Daulat Beg Oldi (DSDBO) road under 'Project Himank', known as Mountain Tamers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shyok river – in Ladakh
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

615. International Affairs

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced that it plans to set up a permanent base in the Indian Ocean in order to expand its presence in the international waters by March 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iran – to set up a permanent base in the Indian Ocean – by March 2021
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Hassan Rouhani

616. Persons in News

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Uttar Pradesh government's "Atmanirbhar UP Rojgar Abhiyan" to help migrant workers. Over 1.25 Cr migrant workers and labourers across 31 districts in Uttar Pradesh who lost their jobs due to coronavirus pandemic are likely to benefit from this unique initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – launched – "Atmanirbhar UP Rojgar Abhiyan" – to help migrant workers
- It covers – 1.25 Cr migrant workers and labourers – in 31 districts of UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

617. International Affairs

India has become a founding member of an Alliance for Poverty Eradication at the UN, launched by the President of the General Assembly. It is aimed at focussing on efforts to boost the global economy. Approximately 2.1 billion people are classified as poor across the globe. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – become – a founding member of an Alliance for Poverty Eradication
- Approximately 2.1 billion people – classified as poor globally

618. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Union government has decided to bring 1,482 urban cooperative banks and 58 multi-state cooperative banks, under the supervisory powers of the Reserve Bank of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- An ordinance – to bring “cooperative banks + multi-state cooperative banks” – under the supervisory of “RBI”
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

619. Current GK

Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for the declaration of Kushinagar Airport in the state of Uttar Pradesh as an international airport. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet – approved – “Kushinagar Airport” as an International Airport
- Airport located in – Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

620. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Bengaluru based B2B digital platform "SOLV" has launched an MSME segment focused Credit Card, in partnership with Standard Chartered Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SOLV + SCB = launched an MSME segment focused ‘Credit Card’
- HQs of SOLV – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Nitin Mittal
- HQs of SCB – London, UK | CEO – Bill Winters

621. Current GK

Kieren D'Souza finished a gruelling 5,289-metre trail run on the Pir Panjal mountain range in Himachal Pradesh. While most climbers take around 6 days to scale 'Friendship Peak', Kieren did it in just under 12 hours. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kieren D'Souza – finished 5,289-metre "Friendship Peak" – Pir Panjal mountain range – Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

622. Books & Authors

Dr. Adyasha Das, well-known poet from Odisha has released her fourth book of poems, "The Yogini Poems: Love and Life", based on the Chausathi Yoginis of Hirapur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Yogini Poems: Love and Life" book – authored by "Dr. Adyasha Das" (from Odisha)

623. National & States Affairs

Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao launched the phase-VI of "Haritha Haram" programme aimed at increasing greenery in the state. As part of the programme, the CM planted a sapling of black plum (neredu) in the Narsapur forest area of Medak district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana – launched – "Haritha Haram" programme – to increase greenery in the state
- Narsapur forest area – Medak, Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

624. Sports & Games

New Zealand wicketkeeper-batswoman Rachel Priest has announced her retirement from international cricket. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rachel Priest (New Zealand) – retirement – Cricket
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD)

625. Schemes & Initiatives

Chhattisgarh government is going to launch “Adarsh Police Station” scheme from July 1. The efforts will be made to develop all police stations in the state as Ideal police stations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh = to launch “Adarsh Police Station” scheme
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

626. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Two-time Commonwealth Games gold-winning weightlifter K. Sanjita Chanu, who was recently exonerated of doping charges, will receive the Arjuna Award for 2018, said Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLFF) secretary Sahdev Yadav. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. Sanjita Chanu (Weightlifting) – will receive the “Arjuna Award” – for 2018
- HQs of IWLFF – New Delhi, India | President – Birendra Prasad Baishya | Secretary – Sahdev Yadav
- HQs of IWF – Lausanne, Switzerland

627. Persons in News

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a 9-member panel headed by Anjan Dey to study the kind of insurance products that are required to cover the various risks involved in the use of drones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – constituted a 9-member panel to study – Drone insurance – headed by – Anjan Dey
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash Chandra Khuntia

628. International Affairs

As part of the 6th International Yoga Day commemorations, the world’s first yoga university - "Vivekananda Yoga University (VaYU)" outside India has been launched in Los Angeles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World’s first Yoga University – "Vivekananda Yoga University (VaYU)" – in Los Angeles

629. Persons in News

Union Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched a web portal for monitoring implementation of the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched "Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan" portal
- Narendra Singh Tomar – Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Minister of Rural Development, Minister of Panchayati Raj
- Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh

630. Obituaries

Trinamool Congress lawmaker "Tamonash Ghosh" has passed away recently. He had tested coronavirus disease (Covid-19) positive and was undergoing treatment. He was 60. He was a three-time MLA from the Falta Assembly constituency of South 24 Parganas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamonash Ghosh – passed away – Politician (Congress & 3-time MLA from Falta)

631. Banking & Economic Affairs

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projected a sharp contraction of 4.5% for the Indian economy in 2020, a "historic low". And it projected the global growth at -4.9% in 2020, 1.9 percentage points below the April 2020 World Economic Outlook forecast. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMF – projected India's GDP – a sharp contraction of 4.5% {Flexible News}
- IMF – Projected Global Growth – (-4.9%)
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 189

632. National & States Affairs

Madhya Pradesh has formed a State Migrant Labour Commission to provide employment to migrant labourers who have returned to the state from all over India during the nationwide lockdown. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – formed "State Migrant Labour Commission"
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

633. National & States Affairs

The commerce ministry's foreign trade arm DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) is launching a digital platform for delivery of services like issuance of Import-Export Code (IEC), a move aimed at promoting ease of doing business for traders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DGFT – is launching a digital platform for delivery of services like issuance of IEC
- ICE – Import-Export Code
- DGFT comes under – “Ministry of Commerce & Industry”
- DGFT HQs – New Delhi | Director General – Amit Yadav

634. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

More than 3 lakh people living with HIV (PLHIV) were provided with tuberculosis (TB) preventive therapy in 2019, and HIV testing for all notified TB patients increased to 81% in 2019 from 67% in 2018, noted that annual TB Report-2020 released by the Health Ministry. There was 14% rise in TB patients in 2019. The report release also saw unveiling of a Joint Monitoring Mission (JMM) report, a manual on Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to TB patients under “NIKSHAY” system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3 lakh+ people with HIV – provided with TB preventive therapy – in 2019
- HIV testing for TB Patients – increased to 81% in 2019 (from 67%)
- The rise was – 14% – in TB patients in 2019
- DBT-Direct Benefit Transfer – to TB patients under – “NIKSHAY” system

635. Current GK

The Maharashtra forest department said the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) was being frequently used by eight tigers. It was declared a tiger reserve in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sahyadri Tiger Reserve” – Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

636. Current GK

Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated two important Bridges - 10 meter long “Devika Bridge” and 50 meter long “Puneja Bridge” constructed by BRO in Udhampur and Doda districts respectively in Jammu and Kashmir through virtual platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Jitendra Singh – inaugurated “Devika Bridge” (Udhampur) + “Puneja Bridge” (Doda) – in J & K
- The bridges constructed by – BRO (Border Roads Organisation)
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Lt. Gen. Harpal Singh

637. Obituaries

Sqn Ldr Parvez Jamasji (retd), who was awarded the Vir Chakra for gallantry during the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war, has died. He was 77. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parvez Jamasji – passed away – Army Personnel (Vir Chakra – in 1971)

638. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh government has decided to form a dedicated force for security of courts, metro rail, airports, industrial establishments, banks and other organizations in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to form a dedicated Special Security Force for – Industrial Security
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

639. Acquisitions & Mergers

US-based Carlyle Group Inc will buy 20% stake in Piramal Pharma for around USD 490 million (over Rs 3,700 Cr). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Carlyle Group Inc – will buy 20% stake – in “Piramal Pharma” – for USD 490 million (over Rs 3,700 Cr)
- HQs of Carlyle Group Inc – Washington, D.C., USA | CEO – Kewsong Lee
- HQs of Piramal Group – Mumbai, MH | Executive Director – Anand Piramal

640. Schemes & Initiative

In Jammu and Kashmir, in order to provide adequate financial support to different business communities to overcome business challenges due to the prevailing conditions, J & K Bank has launched two products titled ‘J&K Bank Business Support Loan Scheme 2019-20’ and ‘J&K Bank Business Support Loan Scheme 2019-20 for Hotels and Guest Houses’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K Bank – launched 2 Schemes – “J&K Bank Business Support Loan Scheme” & “J&K Bank Business Support Loan Scheme for Hotels and Guest Houses”
- HQs of J & K Bank – Sri Nagar, J & K | CEO – R K Chhibber

641. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Two Indian cities ranked among top 40 of the world's most favourable ecosystems to build a globally successful startup, topped by the Silicon Valley in California. Bangalore was ranked 26th and Delhi 36th in "The Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2020". Bangalore stood out for high access to funding and Delhi ranked well for the volume and complexity of patent creation in the analysis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2020"
- Topped by – Silicon Valley | Bangalore – 26th | Delhi – 36th

642. International Affairs

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced that they have launched an app to check on the health and mental well-being of players during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh Cricket Board – launched an app to check on the health and mental well-being of players
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

643. Current GK

Godhan Nyay Yojana was launched in Chhattisgarh from the day of "Hareli Festival" to promote environment conservation, cowdung management and to make animal husbandry more profitable. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Hareli Festival" = Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

644. National & States Affairs

The Madhya Pradesh government decided to promote first and second year students of graduation courses along with students in the second semester of post-graduation without conducting exams in view of the coronavirus situation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – to promote first and second year university(college) students – to next semester
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

645. Important Days & Dates

The “International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking”, also known as “World Drug Day”, is celebrated annually on June 26. This year, the theme was “Better Knowledge for Better Care”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 26 – International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking or World Drug Day
- Theme – “Better Knowledge for Better Care”

646. Important Days & Dates

The UN General Assembly observed June 26 as the United Nations “International Day in Support of Victims of Torture” by resolution 52/149 since December 12, 1997. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 26 – “International Day in Support of Victims of Torture”

647. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

In a significant achievement in the health sector, 6 district Hospitals of Jammu and Kashmir have won “Kayakalap Award” claiming notable positions in the best hospitals category 2019-20. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 6 District Hospitals of J & K – won “Kayakalap Award”
- J & K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu

648. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The U.S. National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced the winners of the 47th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards. The Talk co-hosts Sharon Osbourne, Sheryl Underwood, Eve, Carrie Ann Inaba and Marie Osmond announced the winners via livestream on CBS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “U.S. NATAS – announced the winners of 47th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards
- Co-hosts = Sharon Osbourne + Sheryl Underwood + Eve + Carrie Ann Inaba + Marie Osmond

649. National & States Affairs

IIT Bombay has become the first major institute to start online lectures from next semester amid a spike in COVID-19 cases across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Bombay – 1st institute to start Online Lectures from the next semester



650. Appointments & Resignations

The Maharashtra government appointed senior bureaucrat Sanjay Kumar as the new Chief Secretary. Kumar will succeed Ajoy Mehta, who, post retirement on June 30, will take over as principal advisor to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, a new position created in the backdrop of the coronavirus crisis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – appointed senior bureaucrat “Sanjay Kumar” – as the new Chief Secretary
- He will succeed – Ajoy Mehta
- Ajoy Mehta to take over as Principal Advisor to Maharashtra CM

651. Sports & Games

Indian Grandmaster Pentala Harikrishna bowed out of contention for a quarterfinal spot in the USD 150,000 Chessable Masters online tournament, with a defeat at the hands of Alexander Grischuk of Russia in the 10th and final round. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P Harikrishna (Chess) – 1st Indian to participate in USD 150,000 Chessable Masters tournament
- He debuted the “Magnus Carlsen Chess(MCC) Tour 2020”

652. Sports & Games

Liverpool football club of England has won the English Premier League Title for 2019-20 in 30 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Liverpool football club (England) – won – “English Premier League” Title for 2019-20

653. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship & IBM partnered to launch Free Digital Learning Platform “Skills Build Reignite” to reach more job seekers & provide new resources to Business Owners in India. And they also announced a ten-week duration “Skills Build Innovation Camp” for students. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MSDE + IBM = to launch “Skills Build Reignite” & “Skills Build Innovation Camp” for students
- MSDE Minister – Mahendra Nath Pandey (Constituency – Chandauli, UP)
- IBM HQs – Armonk, New York, United States | CEO – [Arvind Krishna](#)

654. International Affairs

Republic of Mali has awarded Project Management Consultancy (PMC) contract to NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) for development of 500 MW Solar Park. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mali – awarded PMC Contract to “NTPC” – for development of 500 MW Solar Park
- Mali – Bamako – CFA franc
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh

655. Science & Technology

The RedDots team of astronomers from Germany has discovered two super-Earth planets orbiting nearby star Gliese 887, the brightest red dwarf star in the sky. The results were published in the journal Science. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RedDots team (Germany) – discovered two super-Earth planets – orbiting nearby star Gliese 887
- The brightest red dwarf star in the sky is – Gliese 887
- The study published in – “Journal Science”

656. Banking & Economic Affairs

President Ram Nath Kovind has promulgated the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 to bring all urban cooperative banks and multi-state cooperative banks under the supervision of the RBI in order to protect the interest of depositors. The Ordinance also amends Section 45 of the Banking Regulation Act 1949. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – promulgated – the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020
- To bring all urban cooperative banks and multi-state cooperative banks under – RBI’s supervision
- Ordinance – amends Section 45 of the Banking Regulation Act 1949

657. International Affairs

Russia will take the first tourist on a space walk in 2023, under the terms of a new contract with a US partner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – will take the first tourist on a space walk – in 2023
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

658. Defence Affairs

The Indian Navy has inducted an Advanced Anti-Torpedo Decoy System called “Maareech” that is capable of being fired from all frontline ships. Maareech’ has been designed and developed indigenously by DRDO and it is capable of detecting, locating and neutralizing incoming torpedo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – inducted an advanced Anti-Torpedo Decoy System (ATDS) called – “Maareech”
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

659. Persons in News

NITI Aayog launched behaviour change campaign 'Navigating the New Normal' and its website to help people follow norms to contain the spread of Covid-19. It is chaired by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog launched – “Navigating the New Normal” a behaviour change campaign – chaired by Amitabh Kant
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

660. International Affairs

China will join "UN arms trade treaty", a global pact to regulate arms sales that has been rejected by the United States. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – to join "UN arms trade treaty" – a global pact to regulate arms sales
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President - Xi Jinping

661. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Department has won first prize under the “e-Panchayat Puraskars-2020” to be given by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Department – won 1st prize under the “e-Panchayat Puraskars-2020”
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya
- Narendra Singh Tomar – Minister of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj
- Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh

662. Appointments & Resignations

Former England captain Clare Connor is set to become the first female president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), guardian of the laws of the game, in its 233-year history. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Clare Connor – to become the first female president – of MCC in 233-year history
- HQs of MCC – London, UK

663. Schemes & Initiatives

The government approved a 2% interest subsidy scheme for Shishu loan account holders under the Mudra Yojana to help small businesses tide over difficulties created by the lockdown. The scheme will be implemented through SIDBI and will be in operation for 12 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government approved – 2% Interest Subsidy Scheme – for Shishu loan account holders – under ‘Mudra Yojana’
- The scheme to be implemented through – SIDBI – for 12 months
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | Chairman – Mohammad Mustafa

664. Amount & Agreements

The government announced a Rs 15,000 Cr Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) with an interest subsidy scheme to promote investment by private players and MSMEs in dairy, meat processing and animal feed plants, a move which is expected to create 35 lakh jobs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government – to set up – Rs 15,000 Cr “AHIDF”
- AHIDF – Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund
- Shri Giriraj Singh – Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Begusarai, Bihar)

665. Sports & Games

Australia and New Zealand will serve as co-hosts for the 2023 Women’s World Cup, as per the announcement of FIFA. The joint hosting arrangement would be the first for women’s soccer’s biggest championship, which will expand to 32 teams for the event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Australia + New Zealand = co-hosts for the “FIFA Women’s World Cup” Football tournament – in 2023
- FIFA HQs – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino

666. National & States Affairs

The 'SATAT' (Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation) scheme is launched on 1st October, 2018, to target production of 15 million tonnes of CBG per annum from 5,000 plants by the year 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “SATAT” scheme – launched on 1st October, 2018
- SATAT – Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation
- Target production of – 15 million tonnes of CBG by – 2023

667. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Karnataka has become first state to amend “The Karnataka Industries (Facilitation) Act, 2002” for Small, Medium & Large-Scale industries. Currently, only Gujarat and Rajasthan are the two states in the country that have amended this Act for small scale industries only. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – 1st state to amend – “Industries (Facilitation) Act, 2002” – for Small, Medium & Large-Scale industries
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

668. Persons in News

Actress Priyanka Chopra and filmmaker Anurag Kashyap are among the 50 celebrated filmmakers and actors invited as the ambassadors of 45th edition of Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Priyanka Chopra + Anurag Kashyap = named as Ambassadors for the 45th edition of TIFF-2020

669. National & States Affairs

V P Singh Badnore, Governor of Punjab along with the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan, inaugurated Battery Swapping Facility Quick Interchange Service (QIS) at Chandigarh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Battery Swapping Facility Quick Interchange Service (QIS) – inaugurated – at Chandigarh, Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

670. National & States Affairs

The National Green Tribunal has imposed an interim penalty of Rs 25 Cr on PSU major Oil India over its failure to stop fire in Assam's Baghjan oil well resulting in damage to the environment. A committee is constituted which is headed by former high court judge B P Katakey to look into the matter and submit a report in 30 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NGT – imposed penalty of Rs 25 Cr – on Oil India Ltd – for its failure to stop fire in Baghjan oil well (Assam)
- A committee constituted for this – headed by – B P Katakey
- HQs of OIL – Noida, UP | CMD – Sushil Chandra Mishra

671. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India has moved down three places to 77th rank in terms of money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss banks at the end of 2019, while the UK has retained its top position, as per the latest data from Switzerland's central bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Latest data from Switzerland's central bank – in terms of money parked by citizen & enterprises
- India – 77th | Topped by – UK
- HQs of Swiss National Bank (SNB) – Zurich, Switzerland | Chairman– Thomas Jordan

672. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik inaugurated two-day "Defence Conclave 2020" in Gujarat via video conferencing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shripad Naik – inaugurated – 2-day "Defence Conclave 2020" – in Gujarat
- Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- MoS of Defence Ministry – Shripad Yesso Naik

673. Amount & Agreements

The World Bank approved \$500 million to help Bangladesh improve road connectivity along the Jashore-Jhenaidah corridor covering four western districts. The Western Economic Corridor and Regional Enhancement (WeCARE) Phase I project is the first of a multi-phased \$1.4 billion World Bank program. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – approved \$500 million – to help “Bangladesh” improve road connectivity
- WeCARE – the first of a multi-phased \$1.4 billion World Bank program
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

674. Sports & Games

World Athletics has launched “Road to Tokyo”, an online tool to track the qualification process for next year's Olympic Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Athletics – launched “Road to Tokyo”, an online tool to track the qualification process
- World Athletics HQs – Monaco | President – Sebastian Coe

675. Important Days & Dates

“International Day of the Tropics” was marked on June 29. On this day, we take a look at the importance of the tropical regions, which cover approximately 40% of the land area on the Earth. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared June 29th as the International Day of the Tropics in its resolution A/RES/70/267 adopted in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 29 – “International Day of the Tropics”
- Tropical regions cover – approx 40% of the Land area on the Earth

676. Appointments & Resignations

A 1987-batch IAS officer, Vini Mahajan has become the first woman Chief Secretary in the history of Punjab. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vini Mahajan – first woman Chief Secretary of Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

677. Obituaries

Veteran novelist Geetha Nagabhushan passed away recently in June. She was 78 and was suffering from age-related ailments since recent years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Geetha Nagabhushan – passed away – Veteran Novelist

678. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Flipkart-backed payments player - PhonePe has officially launched ‘@ibl’ handle in partnership with ICICI Bank as part of an effort to diversify into a Multi-Bank Partnership Model. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe + ICICI Bank = launched ‘@ibl’ handle – for UPI Multi-Bank Partnership Model
- PhonePE HQs – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam
- ICICI Bank: HQs – Mumbai | MD & CEO – [Sandeep Bakhshi](#)

679. International Affairs

Pakistan is likely to remain on the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for failing to comply with the global terrorist financing watchdog's deadline. As a result of travel restrictions caused by Covid-19, the FATF is meeting virtually. Germany took over presidency of the FATF in July for a year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Germany – took over presidency of the FATF – for July-2020
- HQs of FATF – Paris, France | President – Xiangmin Liu | Member Countries – 39
- Germany – Berlin – Euro

680. Sports & Games

Former Germany striker Mario Gomez (35) retired from Soccer (Football) after scoring in his last game for Stuttgart. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mario Gomez (Germany) – retirement – Soccer (Football)
- Germany – Berlin – Euro

681. Important Days & Dates

“World Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day” was celebrated recently on June 27. On April 6, 2017, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 27 as Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 27 – “World Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day”
- Declared by UNGA – in 2017

682. National & States Affairs

“Nasha Mukht Bharat: Annual Action Plan” (2020-21) for 272 Most Affected Districts, was e-launched by Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment on the occasion of “International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Nasha Mukht Bharat: Annual Action Plan” – launched in 272 districts by MoSJE
- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister – Thawar Chand Gehlot (Constituency – Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)
- MoS – Shri Rattan Lal Kataria

683. National & States Affairs

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has set up "Swavalamban Crisis Responsive Fund" to support free onboarding for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIDBI – set up "Swavalamban Crisis Responsive Fund" – to support free onboarding for MSMEs on TReDS
- TReDS – Trade Receivables Discounting System
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | Chairman – Mohammad Mustafa

684. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India's first virtual exhibition and conference, "Virtual Healthcare and Hygiene Expo 2020" (VHHE) is organised by FICCI and supported by Ministry of AYUSH. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FICCI – organized "Virtual Healthcare and Hygiene Expo 2020" (VHHE)
- HQs of FICCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sangita Reddy
- MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa

685. International Affairs

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh witnessed the 75-member Tri-service contingent of the Indian Armed Forces participating in the 75th anniversary of the Victory Day Parade at the iconic Red Square in Moscow on June 24. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – 75-member Tri-service contingent of Indian Army at Victory Day Parade in Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Military Exercise with Russia: (Indra, AVIA INDRA)

686. Schemes & Initiatives

Andhra Pradesh government has launched "Kapu Nestham Scheme" intended to provide financial assistance of Rs 15,000 per annum each to women members of the Kapu community. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – launched "Kapu Nestham Scheme" – financial assistance of Rs 15,000 per annum
- Kapu Community – Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

687. National & States Affairs

In a bid to attract fresh industrial investments in Maharashtra, the state government announced a new plan called "Maha Parwana", which will offer several incentives and offer a Single-Window Clearance System (SWCS) for project execution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – announced "Maha Parwana" initiative to attract fresh investment & offer SWCS
- SWCS – Single-Window Clearance System
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

688. Banking & Economic Affairs

Yes Bank launched "Yuva Pay" digital wallet in partnership with UDMA Technologies to enable contactless payments. The wallet is issued under minimum Know Your Client (KYC) regulations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yes Bank + UDMA = launched "Yuva Pay" digital wallet - under minimum KYC regulations
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar
- Tagline – "Experience our Expertise"
- HQs of UDMA – Karnataka | CEO – Prashanth B

689. Amount & Agreements

Instamojo, has launched "InstaCash" to enable merchants to gain access to working capital. Merchants can avail loans for up-to Rs 1 lakh, for a period of 7–14 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Instamojo – launched "InstaCash" to enable merchants to gain access to working capital
- Merchants can avail loans – up-to Rs 1 lakh
- HQs of Instamojo – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Co-founder and CEO – Sampad Swain

690. Schemes & Initiatives

The Chhattisgarh government will buy cow dung from livestock owners and convert it to fertiliser. The initiative is part of the "Godhan Nyay Yojana". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – to buy cow dung from livestock owners and convert it to fertilizer – under "Godhan Nyay Yojana"
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

691. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per UNESCO's 2020 Global Education Monitoring Report titled - "Inclusion and Education: All means All", all over the world, children face different forms of discrimination that hinder them from accessing education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Inclusion and Education: All means All" report – launched by UNESCO
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay

692. Schemes & Initiatives

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched its flagship "Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana" in Pokhran - a small town in the Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan where India conducted its first nuclear test. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KVIC – launched its flagship "Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana" – in Pokhran, Rajasthan
- KVIC works under – Ministry of MSME (Nitin Gadkari – Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena

693. Important Days & Dates

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) celebrated "Passport Seva Divas" (PSD) on 24 June, 2020, to commemorate the enactment of the Passports Act on 24 June, 1967. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 24 – "Passport Seva Divas" – by Ministry of External Affairs
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (Constituency – Gujarat)

694. Banking & Economic Affairs

According to S&P Global Ratings, Indian economy is in deep trouble with growth expected to contract by 5% this fiscal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to S&P Global Ratings – India's GDP to shrink by 5% this year {Flexible News}
- HQs of S&P Global Ratings – New York, USA

695. National & States Affairs

The government has decided to launch Floating Rate Savings Bonds 2020 (Taxable) with an interest rate of 7.15% from July 1, in place of 7.75% Savings (Taxable) Bonds, 2018, which was withdrawn from the close of banking business on May 28, 2020. The Reserve Bank of India will be issuing the bonds on behalf of the government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

The government – to launch Floating Rate Savings Bonds 2020 (Taxable) from July 1 – with an interest rate of 7.15% – in place of 7.75% Savings (Taxable) Bonds, 2018

RBI – will issue the bonds

RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

696. Schemes & Initiatives

Tripura launched "Mukhyamantri Matru Pushti Uphaar", an ambitious scheme to provide nutrition kits to pregnant and lactating women. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – launched "Mukhyamantri Matru Pushti Uphaar"
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

697. Amount & Agreements

The Central government has allocated Rs. 4125 Cr for rejuvenating the Small, Medium and Tiny Industries sector in Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government – allocated Rs. 4125 Cr – to Tamil Nadu – for rejuvenating the Small, Medium & Tiny Industries
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

698. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Cabinet approved participation of the private sector in the entire range of space activities, including planetary exploration missions. The newly-created Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) will provide a level playing field for private companies to use Indian space infrastructure. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved – participation of the Private Sector – in "Space" sector
- Cabinet created a body namely – "IN-SPACe" to provide a level playing field for private companies
- Jitendra Singh – MoS of DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space

699. Current GK

Army Chief Gen MM Naravane awarded commendation cards to the soldiers who fought with Chinese troops in face-offs in Eastern Ladakh sector. Indian & Chinese troops have been engaged in violent face-offs in “Pangong Tso lake” which is world’s highest salt water lake. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pangong Tso lake – world’s highest salt water lake – Ladakh

700. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India notified the highest number of 24.04 lakh tuberculosis cases last year. On the basis of the score in State TB Index, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh were the top three best-performing states for tuberculosis control under the category of states with 50 lakh population. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – 24.04 lakh TB cases – last year
- Increase in TB patients – 14% in 2019 (compared to 2018)
- Best Performing States in TB control = 1st – Gujarat | 2nd – Andhra Pradesh | 3rd – Himachal Pradesh





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