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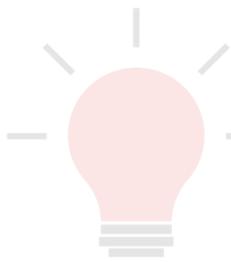


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201. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Bina Devi, fondly known as 'Mushroom Mahila' for popularizing mushroom cultivation, was one of the awardees and was 'sarpanch' of Dhauri Panchayat, Tetiabamber block for 5 years. A lady mason, a centenarian athlete, Jharkhand's lady Tarzan and a "Mushroom Mahila" were among the 15 women awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar by President Ram Nath Kovind [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Bina Devi – known as Mushroom Mahila – for popularizing mushroom cultivation – awarded with the Nari Shakti Puraskar by President Ram Nath Kovind
- Nari Shakti Puraskar: First Awarded – 1999 | Sponsored – Government of India

202. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the Chief Guest at the 6th edition of Economic Times Global Business summit, presented by The Economic Times and Yes Bank. GBS 2020 was held in New Delhi. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 6th edition of Economic Times Global Business summit (GBS 2020) – presented – by The Economic Times and Yes Bank
- GBS 2020 – held – in New Delhi
- Theme: "Collaborate to Create: Sustainable Growth in a Fractured World"

203. Defence Affairs

Final exercise of the National level Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2020) was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard in the sea at Vasco, South Goa district. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- SAREX-2020 conducted – by the Indian Coast Guard – at Vasco, South Goa district
- Indian Coast Guard: Hq – New Delhi | Director General – Krishnaswamy Natarajan

204. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated an exhibition titled Jallianwala Bagh in New Delhi on the occasion of 130th Foundation Day of National Archives of India (NAI). The exhibition will be held at the NAI premises. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Union Culture Minister – inaugurated – exhibition titled Jallianwala Bagh – on 130th Foundation Day of National Archives of India
- National Archives of India comes under Ministry of Culture
- NAI: Hq – New Delhi | Director General – Chandan Sinha (IAS)
- Union Culture Minister – Prahlad Singh Patel | Constituency – Damoh, MP



205. National & States Affairs

Tripura capital Agartala and West Bengal's Ghojadanga have been designated by the government as authorised land immigration check posts to enter or exit India. Both Agartala and Ghojadanga are located along the Indo-Bangladesh border. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Agartala & Ghojadanga – designated – as authorised land immigration check posts to enter or exit India
- West Bengal: CM – Mamata Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankhar
- Tripura: CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

206. Current GK

Indian mountaineer Bhawna Dehariya has successfully scaled Mount Kosciuszko, the highest mountain peak in Australia. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Bhawna Dehariya – scaled – Mount Kosciuszko – highest mountain peak in Australia
- Australia – Canberra – Dollar

207. Schemes & Initiatives

Google India introduced “DigiPivot”, a skilling programme designed for women who are looking to return to their corporate careers after a break or simply planning to make mid career shifts to digital marketing. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Google India – introduced – “DigiPivot”
- Google: Hq – Mountain View, California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai

208. Appointments & Resignations

Lt Gen KJS Dhillon (XV Corps of Army) will take over the post of Director General (DG) of Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) & Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Intelligence), under the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) in the newly created Department of Military Affairs. He will replace Lt Gen AS Bedi. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- KJS Dhillon(XV Corps of Army) appointed as Director General of DIA
- He replaced Lt Gen AS Bedi
- Department of Military Affairs: Hq – Secretariat Building, Delhi | Founded – 1 January 2020 | Officeholder – Bipin Rawat (CDS)



209. International Affairs

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) and the World Bank organized a discussion on the 'The Future of Work: Women in India's Workforce', in New Delhi. Minister of WCD along with Country Director of World Bank in India, inaugurated the event. This program is part of a series of events to observe International Women's Day 2020 to celebrate the achievements of women in business, women enablers and public, private and civil society organizations. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of WCD + World Bank – organized – 'The Future of Work: Women in India's Workforce' – in New Delhi
- Minister for Women and Child Development – Smriti Zubin Irani | Constituency – Amethi
- Country Director of World Bank in India – Junaid Kamal Ahmad
- WB : Hq – Washington, D.C., United States | President – David Malpass (13th President)

210. Banking & Economic Affairs

The State Bank of India (SBI), which is set to buy up to 49% equity stake in troubled Yes Bank, as proposed in the Reserve Bank of India's reconstruction plan, said that several potential investors have approached it to form a consortium to pick up stake in the private sector lender. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – buy – up to 49% equity stake – in troubled Yes Bank
- SBI: Hq – Mumbai | Founded – 1 July 1955 | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar

211. Amount & Agreements

The World Bank will provide USD 80 million (about Rs 600 crore) loan to improve water management practices and increase agricultural productivity in selected gram panchayats or village councils in Himachal Pradesh, an official statement said. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – provide – USD 80 million – to Himachal Pradesh – to improve water management practices & increase agricultural productivity
- WB : Hq – Washington, D.C., United States | President – David Malpass (13th President)

212. Banking & Economic Affairs

The State Bank of India (SBI) announced that it has waived off the requirement of holding average monthly balance for savings accounts. From now on all SBI customers will enjoy the zero balance facility in their savings bank accounts. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – waived off – requirement of holding average monthly balance for savings accounts
- SBI: Hq – Mumbai | Founded – 1 July 1955 | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar

213. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

NITI Aayog organized the 4th Edition of the Women Transforming India Awards on 8 March 2020 and Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh, presided over as the chief guest of the event and conferred the WTI Awards. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 4th Edition of the Women Transforming India Awards – organized by – NITI Aayog
- NITI Aayog: Hq – New Delhi | Founded – 1 January 2015 | Chairperson – Narendra Modi

214. National & States Affairs

Odisha has become the first state to have an exclusive department for Self Help Group (SHGs) called "Mission Shakti" and it will be dedicated to all women of the state, announced Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at a function on International Women's Day in Bhubaneswar. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – became the first state – an exclusive department for SHGs called "Mission Shakti"
- Odisha: CM – Naveen Patnaik (14th CM) | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

215. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The government has reconstituted the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) with Union Home Minister Amit Shah as its chairperson and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, among others, as its members. The NPDRR is a multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral decision making body on disaster management. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Government – reconstituted – NPDRR with Union Home Minister as its chairperson
- NPDRR – decision making body on disaster management
- Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs – Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Rajya Sabha (Karnataka)
- Present Union Home Minister – Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhi Nagar (Gujarat)
- Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow

216. Sports & Games

The BNP Paribas Open in Southern California, one of the world's leading tennis tournaments, will not be held in March because of the spreading COVID-19, making it one of the highest-profile sporting events canceled in the outbreak. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- BNP Paribas Open (tennis tournament) – Held in Southern California – postponed due to COVID-19
- BNP Paribas Open also known as "Indian Wells Masters"
- BNP Paribas Open: Venue – Indian Wells Tennis Garden | Founded – 1974

217. Arts & Cultural Affairs

Hola Mohalla festival was celebrated at Anandpur Sahib, Punjab. Recently, the Indian Government accorded the Holla Mohalla festival the status of a "National Festival". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Hola Mohalla festival – celebrated – in Punjab
- Punjab : CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

218. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Mrs Smriti Zubin Irani has stressed the need to train more female forensic investigators and cyber crime experts. Speaking after inaugurating a National Conference on Women in Police and CAPFs organized by the Bureau of Police Research and Development, the BPR&D in New Delhi, she advised to make an SoP for "One Stop Centre for Women". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Smriti Zubin Irani – inaugurated – National Conference on Women in Police and CAPFs
- It organized by the Bureau of Police Research and Development in New Delhi
- Minister for Women and Child Development – Smriti Zubin Irani | Constituency – Amethi
- BPR&D: Hq – New Delhi | Director General – V.S. Kaumudi (IPS)

219. Appointments & Resignations

Surjit Singh Deswal (IPS officer) took over the additional charge of Director General (DG) of Border Security Force (BSF). Deswal, a 1984-batch IPS officer, is currently the Director-General of Indo-Tibet Border Police. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Surjit Singh Deswal – additional charge of DG of BSF
- At present, he is DG of ITBP

220. Schemes & Initiatives

Indian Railways has conducted 10-day gender equality campaign for International women's day. The Railways has conducted a 10 day long 'Each for Equal' campaign from March 1 to 10 across the Zonal Railways in view of the International Women's Day. The theme of the Campaign is #EachforEqual. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways – conduct – 10 day gender equality campaign for upcoming women's day
- The theme of the Campaign is #EachforEqual

221. Books & Authors

A book entitled 'Messiah Modi: A Great Tale of Expectations' penned by senior journalist & author Tavleen Singh has been released. The book was published by HarperCollins India, 'Messiah Modi revolves around PM Narendra Modi's reign. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Messiah Modi: A Great Tale of Expectations – penned by Tavleen Singh

222. National & States Affairs

"Our youth only needs quality education and unemployment. There is large scale unemployment due to economic slowdown. A new scheme for educated unemployed wherein the government will bear 75% stipend due to them during training period in new industries, "The Chief Minister's Employment Generation Scheme" will create 1 lakh industrial units and create employment, said Finance Minister Ajit Pawar in his budget speech. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra launched "The Chief Minister's Employment Generation Scheme" for educated unemployed.
- Govt – bear 75% stipend – during training period in new industries
- Scheme will create 1 lakh industrial units & create employment
- Maharashtra: CM - Uddhav Thackeray | Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari

223. Important Days & Dates

The High Court of Bangladesh has ordered that 'Joy Bangla' will be the national slogan of Bangladesh. In an order passed on Tuesday, the two judge bench of High Court asked the authorities to take necessary steps so that all the people holding constitutional posts and state officials use 'Joy Bangla' after their speeches on national days and other appropriate occasions. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- High Court of Bangladesh – ordered – 'Joy Bangla' – national slogan of Bangladesh
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka

224. Important Days & Dates

"World Sleep Day is observed annually on the Friday before the March Equinox." World Sleep Day is an annual event that celebrates the benefits of good and healthy sleep and is organized in order to draw the attention of society to the burden of sleep problems. The World Sleep Day is organized by a committee since the year 2008. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- World Sleep Day 2020 – 13 March 2020
- Theme: 'Better Sleep, Better Life, Better Planet'.
- 1st World Sleep Day – on 14 March 2008



225. Important Days & Dates

On every second Thursday in the month of March, the World Kidney Day is celebrated. This year, on March 12, 2020 the World Kidney Day was observed. Theme for 2020 : “Kidney health for everyone everywhere – from prevention to detection and equitable access to care” [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 2nd Thursday of March – World Kidney Day
- World Kidney Day 2020 – observed – March 12, 2020
- Theme for 2020 : “Kidney health for everyone everywhere – from prevention to detection and equitable access to care”

226. National & States Affairs

Assam govt will construct 33 stadiums in state under Uttran scheme. Participating in an AIR talk show, Principal Secretary of Sports Avinash Joshi and Joint Director Kamaljit Talukdar said that 300 crore rupees will be spent to build the stadiums across the state. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Assam govt – construct – 33 stadiums – under Uttran scheme
- Assam : CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

227. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Software major Infosys said it is partnering with Qualcomm to offer smart city solutions through the US-based chip maker's accelerator programme. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Infosys + Qualcomm – partnership – for solutions through the US-based chip maker's accelerator programme
- Qualcomm: Hq – San Diego, California, US | CEO – Steven Mollenkopf
- Infosys: Hq – Bengaluru | CEO – Salil Parekh

228. Banking & Economic Affairs

PhonePe, which earlier partnered with Yes Bank, is now working with private sector lender ICICI Bank for UPI transactions. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe – partnered – with ICICI – for UPI transactions
- PhonePe: Hq – Bengaluru | CEO – Sameer Nigam
- ICICI Bank: Hq – Mumbai | CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

229. Important Days & Dates

No Smoking Day observes on 2nd Wednesday of March. No Smoking Day aims to bring awareness to the dangers of this addiction. The day also tries to spotlight resources available to help people decide to try and quit. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- No Smoking Day 2020 – 11th March
- 2nd Wednesday of March – No Smoking Day

230. Current GK

Surya Urja Rooftop Yojana scheme is announced to provide Solar Rooftop facility to the state of Gujarat. Rooftop solar leader Gujarat installed a whopping 50,915 subsidised rooftop solar plants in the residential segment as on 2 March, 2020, the highest in India, according to fresh data tabled in Parliament by renewable energy minister R K Singh. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Surya Urja Rooftop Yojana scheme – started – by Gujarat
- Gujarat: CM - Vijay Rupani | Governor- Acharya Devvrat

231. National & States Affairs

Ranchi University has launched its own Community Radio Station -- RADIO KHANCHI 90.4 FM Aap Sabka Radio on International Women's Day. Vice-chancellor of the University, Dr Ramesh Kumar Pandey has dedicated this Radio Station to all Women who have always remained the driving force behind every man. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ranchi University – launched – its own Community Radio Station -- RADIO KHANCHI 90.4 FM
- Jharkhand: CM - Hemant Soren | Governor- Draupadi Murmu

232. Schemes & Initiatives

The World Health Organization and The World Economic Forum are launching an emergency task force named "COVID Action Platform", in response to the global outbreak of coronavirus [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- WHO + WEF – launched – emergency task force named "COVID Action Platform" for COVID-19
- WHO: Hq – Geneva, Switzerland | Director General – Tedros Adhanom
- WEF: Hq – Geneva, Switzerland | President – Klaus Schwab

233. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The proposed amendments will ensure that companies which have an obligation to spend Rs. 50 lakh per annum or less on corporate social responsibility (CSR) are no longer required to have a CSR committee. Companies which spend over the obligated 2% on CSR in a particular year can carry it forward as credit for fulfilment of CSR obligations for the next few years as well. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- An obligation to spend Rs. 50 lakh per annum or less on CSR are no longer required
- Cabinet has approved 72 changes to 65 sections of the Companies Act,
- Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs – Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Rajya Sabha (Karnataka)

234. National & States Affairs

Uttarakhand state is going to become the first state of the country to measure Gross Environment Product (GEP) for quantifying ecological growth measurement. A five-member committee in this regard has already been formed which is headed by Anand Bardhan the principal secretary of forests, Uttarakhand. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – became – first state – to measure GEP for quantifying ecological growth measurement
- Five member committee in this regard formed – headed by Anand Bardhan
- Uttarakhand: CM - Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor- Baby Rani Maurya

235. Important Days & Dates

The 51st Raising Day of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was celebrated on March 10, 2020. On this day, in 1969, the CISF was set up under an Act of the Parliament of India with a strength of 2,800 forces. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 51st Raising Day of CISF – celebrated on March 10,2020

236. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the findings of the 1st edition of Gender Social Norms Index report (GSNI 2020), released recently by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the percentage of those holding at least one sexist bias was the most in Pakistan, at 99.81%. Qatar and Nigeria followed with 99.73%. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Pakistan – topped – 1st edition of GSNI 2020 – highest number of bias against women
- 1st edition of GSNI 2020 released by UNDP
- UNDP: Hq – New York, United States | Head – Achim Steiner

237. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

V Praveen Rao, Vice-Chancellor of Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJ TSAU), has won the 7th Dr MS Swaminathan Award for the period 2017-2019. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- V Praveen Rao (Vice-Chancellor of PJ TSAU) – won – Dr MS Swaminathan Award for (2017-19)
- He won award for his contributions in the fields of agricultural research, teaching, extension and administration

238. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

FICCI has released the 10th round of FICCI-IBA survey in New Delhi which was conducted by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for the period of July to December 2019. A total of 18 banks consisting of public sector, private sector and foreign banks participated in the survey. The key sectors with high level of NPAs such as infrastructure, metals, iron & steel, engineering goods and textiles, higher proportion of respondent bankers have indicated high levels of NPAs in these sectors. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- FICCI + IBA – conducted – 10th round of FICCI-IBA survey – in New Delhi
- High level of NPAs – infrastructure, metals, iron & steel, engineering goods and textiles sectors
- FICCI: Hq – New Delhi | Founded – 1927 | President – Sangita Reddy
- IBA: Hq – Mumbai | Founded – 26 September 1946 | CEO – Sunil Mehta

239. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY- NULM) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) signed MoU with Amazon for e-Marketing of products made by Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the Country. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- DAY- NULM + Amazon – signed MoU – for e-Marketing of products made by SHGs
- DAY- NULM – launched in 23rd September, 2013 – by replacing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs – Hardeep Singh Puri

240. National & States Affairs

To achieve renewable power generation goals, Gujarat has topped the list in the installations of solar rooftop plants across the country with about 50,915 systems being fixed on domestic rooftops in the State and Maharashtra follows with 5,513 installations. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – topped – in the installations of solar rooftop plants across the country
- Maharashtra – on 2nd place – with 5,513 installations
- Gujarat: CM - Vijay Rupani | Governor- Acharya Devvrat

241. International Affairs

The United Nations (UN), an intergovernmental organization that aims to maintain international peace and security, has adopted a stripped-down political declaration (during the 64th session of Commission on the Status of Women(CSW) held in New York, US), in which they pledged to step up action to fully implement the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on gender equality, agreed 25 years ago. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- UN adopted the Political Declaration on women’s rights during “64th session of CSW” held in New York, US
- United Nations: Hq – New York, United States | Secretary general – António Guterres

242. Sports & Games

Poonam Yadav is the only Indian player to feature in the Women's T20 World Cup team of the tournament, announced by International Cricket Council. 16-year-old Shafali Verma has been selected as the 12th member of the team, after not being picked in the playing XI. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Poonam Yadav – only Indian player – feature in the Women's T20 World Cup team of the tournament
- Shafali Verma – selected – as the 12th member of the team

243. International Affairs

British MP Nadine Dorries, a minister in the health department, has tested positive for coronavirus, she said in a statement, raising concerns about whether senior government figures have been infected. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Nadine Dorries (British MP) – health minister – tested positive for coronavirus
- UK – London – Sterling

244. Science & Technology

Researchers at Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST) Guwahati, an autonomous institute under Department of Science & Technology, have found significant plant-growth-promoting and antifungal activities of endophytic actinobacteria associated with Tea plant and related genera, Eurya to find potent plant growth-promoting strains. Application of endophytic Actinobacteria could reduce chemical inputs in Tea plantation. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- IASST (Guwahati) Researchers – found – Endophytic Actinobacteria
- Endophytic Actinobacteria – reduce chemical inputs in Tea plantation

245. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The government has formed a committee under the Ministry of Agriculture which also includes representatives of the Indian Railways to work out the modalities of 'Kisan Rail'. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A committee – under the Ministry of Agriculture which representatives of Indian Railways – to work out the modalities of 'Kisan Rail'
- Union Agriculture Minister – Narendra Singh Tomar | Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh

246. National & States Affairs

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat presented the surplus annual budget of Rs 53,526.97 crore for FY20-21. The budget is described as the document reflecting the hopes and aspirations of the people of the state. It aims to achieve 25 public welfare goals under the state government's Vision 2020. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand CM – presented – surplus annual budget of Rs 53,526.97 crore – for FY20-21
- Aim to achieve 25 public welfare goals
- Uttarakhand: CM - Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor- Baby Rani Maurya

247. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

BIMSTEC charter will be ready for adoption at its next biennial summit meeting scheduled to be held in Colombo later this year. This was informed by BIMSTEC Secretary General Mohammad Shahidu Islam during his meeting with Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa last evening. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 5th BIMSTEC Summit 2020 to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka
- BIMSTEC : Established – 1997 | HQ– Dhaka, Bangladesh | First Summit – 2004
- Sri Lanka – Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee

248. National & States Affairs

The recently renovated Animal War Memorial at Agram Grounds in ASC Centre and College Bengaluru, Karnataka was inaugurated by Lieutenant General Milind Hemant Thakur, Director General, Supply and Transport Corps, Indian Army. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Renovated Animal War Memorial – at Agram Grounds – in ASC Centre & College, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Inaugurated by Lt General of Indian Army Milind Hemant Thakur
- Indian Army: Hq – New Delhi | Founded – 1 April 1895 | Chief of the Army Staff – Manoj Mukund Naravane
- Karnataka: CM – B. S. Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

249. Obituaries

The great Swedish film and stage actor Max von Sydow, who has died aged 90, will be remembered by different people for different roles: the title role in “The Exorcist”, Christ in “The Greatest Story Ever Told” [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Max von Sydow (Sweden) – An Actor – passed away

250. National & States Affairs

The Punjab government launched a mobile application to spread awareness about the precautions to be taken against coronavirus. The "Cova Punjab" app has been developed by the Department of Government Reforms and Public Grievances in consultation with the Health and Family Welfare Department. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab Govt – launched – "Cova Punjab" app – to spread awareness about the precautions to be taken against coronavirus
- Punjab : CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

251. Banking & Economic Affairs

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has infused 1.46 lakh crore rupees in the rural banking system during the current fiscal. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – infused – 1.46 lakh crore rupees in the rural banking system
- NABARD: Hq – Mumbai | Founded – 12 July 1982 | Chairperson – Harsh Kumar Bhanwala



252. International Affairs

Kenya's only female white giraffe and her calf have been killed by poachers, conservationists said, in a major blow for the rare animals found nowhere else in the world. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Kenya's only female white giraffe & her calf – killed by poachers
- Kenya – Nairobi– Shilling

253. Sports & Games

Mohun Bagan won their second I-League 2019-20 title and fifth national league crown overall with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Aizawl FC at the Kalyani Stadium. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Mohun Bagan – won – 2nd I-League title and 5th national league crown – after defeating Aizawl FC
- I-League title – related to Football
- Kalyani Stadium – West Bengal

254. Defence Affairs

Wings India 2020, the biennial flagship event of the civil aviation ministry to be held at the Begumpet airport in Hyderabad, is on track, but the event will leverage digital communication modes for many of its meetings and avoid public gatherings amid the Coronavirus scare. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Wings India 2020 – flagship event of the civil aviation ministry – held at the Begumpet airport
- Telangana : CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- Begumpet airport – Hyderabad

255. National & States Affairs

According to the report of NITI Aayog, “Transforming Nutrition in India: POSHAN Abhiyaan”. Andhra Pradesh ranked 1st in the country for the overall implementation of POSHAN (Prime Minister’s Overreaching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment) Abhiyaan. The 2nd anniversary of POSHAN Abhiyaan is recognized by celebrating Poshan Pakhwada from 8th-22nd March 2020. Tamil Nadu tops the list of the states in terms of the number of participants in the programme. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Report of NITI Aayog – “Transforming Nutrition in India: POSHAN Abhiyaan”
- Andhra Pradesh – 1st ranked – for the overall implementation of POSHAN
- Tamil Nadu – topped – in terms of the number of participants in the programme
- Poshan Abhiyan – earlier known as – National Nutrition Mission
- NITI Aayog: Hq – New Delhi | Founded – 1 January 2015 | Chairperson – Narendra Modi



256. Books & Authors

On Women's Day, writer-producer Tahira Kashyap Khurrana announced her new book "The 12 Commandments of Being A Woman". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tahira Kashyap – new book "The 12 Commandments of Being A Woman"

257. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the "2020-21 Demands for Grants for school education", conducted by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development (HRD), more than 40% of government schools in India don't have any electricity or playgrounds. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- "2020-21 Demands for Grants for school education" – conducted – by Committee on HRD – more than 40% of govt schools – don't have any electricity or playgrounds
- Committee on HRD – said – more than 40% of govt schools – don't have any electricity or playgrounds
- Minister of HRD – Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank | Constituency - Haridwar (Uttarakhand)

258. National & States Affairs

The Delhi government declared COVID-19 an epidemic and announced shutting down of schools, colleges and cinema halls till March 31. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi govt – announced – shutting down of schools, colleges and cinema halls till March 31
- Delhi: CM - Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal

259. Current GK

The Qutb Shahi Tombs sport a new look after the refurbished tombs of Taramati and Premamati were unveiled. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tombs of Taramati and Premamati – Hyderabad
- Telangana : CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

260. Appointments & Resignations

India's largest mobile gaming platform, Mobile Premier League (MPL), has appointed actor Tamannaah Bhatia of Baahubali fame, as Brand Ambassador. Tamannaah joins Indian Cricket Captain Virat Kohli, who recently renewed his association with MPL, as Brand Ambassador of the skill gaming platform. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tamannaah & Virat Kohli – Brand Ambassador of the skill gaming platform, MPL
- MPL: Hq – Bangalore, India | CEO – Sai Srinivas Kiran G

261. Defence Affairs

The India-US Military Cooperation Group (MCG) dialogue, scheduled for later this month, has been cancelled in view of coronavirus outbreak, and the proposed trip of U.S. Defence Secretary Mark Esper is also in question, defence sources said. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- (India-US) MCG dialogue – held in USA this time – cancelled due to COVID-19
- USA – Washington, D.C. – Dollar

262. Obituaries

Veteran Bengali actor Santu Mukhopadhyay, known for his work in films like Sansar Simante and Bhalobasa Bhalobasa, died at his south Kolkata residence, after prolonged illness. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Santu Mukhopadhyay (Bengali actor) – passed away in Kolkata

263. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd (TCIS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Gambia for the latter's participation in the eVBAB Network Project for tele-education and tele-medicine in Africa. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- TCIS + Gambia – signed MoU – for participation in the eVBAB Network Project
- Gambia – Banjul – Dalasi

264. Sports & Games

Chennaiyin FC's 33-year-old Maltese forward Andre Schembri announced that he will retire from professional football after the Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2019-20 final against ATK FC. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Andre Schembri (Malta) – player of Chennaiyin FC – retire from professional football
- Malta – Valletta – Euro

265. Appointments & Resignations

Nupur Kulshrestha has become the first woman to be promoted as Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Indian Coast Guard. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Nupur Kulshrestha – 1st woman – promoted as DIG of Indian Coast Guard
- Indian Army: Hq – New Delhi | Founded – 5 September 1612 | Chief of the Naval Staff – Admiral Karambir Singh

266. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

In a major achievement for Uttar Pradesh's Yogi Adityanath government, the first phase of Jewar airport has been included in the world's 100 strategic global infrastructure projects for the year 2020. It has been recognized in the CG LA Infrastructure List. UP (India) and Yugoslavia (Europe) have been chosen in the field of aviation category all over the world. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Jewar airport (UP)– included – in the world's 100 strategic global infrastructure projects for the year 2020
- It has been recognised in the CG LA Infrastructure List
- UP (India) & Yugoslavia (Europe) – chose in the field of aviation category
- Yugoslavia – Belgrade – dinar

267. Banking & Economic Affairs

Foreign direct investment (FDI) flows across the world will witness a sharp decline of 5 to 15 % because of COVID-19 outbreak, according to a report. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its assessment said the decline would be restricted to 5 % if the outbreak was controlled. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- FDI – flows across the world – decline of 5 to 15 %
- UNCTAD: Hq – Geneva, Switzerland | Head – Mukhisa Kituyi

268. Science & Technology

GOKADDAL, world's first Digital Solutions Exchange in the cloud has been launched in India. www.gokaddal.com is a one of its kind solutions aggregator, marketplace and cloud delivery platform with focus on four A's: Automation, Artificial Intelligence, Analytics and Augmentative Technologies. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- GOKADDAL – world's first Digital Solutions Exchange in cloud – launched in India
- Focus on 4 A's: Automation – Artificial Intelligence – Analytics – Augmentative Technologies

269. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India was the world's second-largest arms importer followed by Saudi Arabia with Russia being the largest supplier during 2015-19, according to a Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)'s annual report "Trends in international arms transfers 2019". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- SIPRI's annual report – Saudi Arabia (1st) & India (2nd) – largest arms importer during 2015-19
- Russia being the largest supplier during 2015-19
- SIPRI: Hq – Stockholm, Sweden | Director – Dan Smith

270. Current GK

GMR Infrastructure has received the Andhra Pradesh government's approval for developing a greenfield international airport at Bhogapuram, near Visakhapatnam. The development of a new international airport at Bhogapuram was first proposed in 2014 post bifurcation of the state but was kept in cold storage for nearly six years. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Bhogapuram airport – is in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh : CM – Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

271. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The government constituted a Delimitation Commission, to be headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai, to redraw Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies of the Union Territory (UT) Jammu & Kashmir and the northeastern states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland, a Law Ministry notification said. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Delimitation Commission – headed by – Ranjana Prakash Desai (former SC judge)
- Delimitation Commission – to redraw Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies of the J&K (UT) & Northeastern states (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland).

272. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The CRPF has instituted a special 'Shakti Award' that will be annually given to a chosen personnel who works for the empowerment of women, a senior official said. The award has been announced just before International Women's Day on March 8 and will be given every year on March 19, the CRPF Raising Day. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The CRPF – instituted – a special 'Shakti Award'
- The CRPF Raising Day – every year on March 19

273. International Affairs

Moody's Investors Service, often referred to as Moody's, is the bond credit rating business of Moody's Corporation, representing the company's traditional line of business and its historical name. Moody's Investors Service provides international financial research on bonds issued by commercial and government entities.

Key Points:

- Moody's Investors Service: Hq – New York, United States | CEO – Raymond W. McDaniel Jr.

274. National & States Affairs

As part of its initiative to prevent decline in the area under paddy cultivation, the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences(UAHS), Shivamogga, has developed 'Sahyadri Megha', a new red variety of paddy that is resistant to blast disease and rich in nutrients. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- UAHS, Shivamogga (Karnataka) – developed – 'Sahyadri Megha', a new red variety of paddy
- Karnataka: CM – B. S. Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

275. Arts & Cultural Affairs

Attukal Pongala, an annual festival said to be the largest religious congregation of women in the world, was celebrated in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Attukal Pongala festival – largest religious congregation of women in the world – celebrated – in Kerala
- Kerala: CM - Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor- Arif Mohammad Khan

276. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India ranks 2nd in KPMG's tech innovation survey. Bengaluru has moved into the list of top ten cities ranked ninth, and Mumbai was ranked 16th, in KPMG's annual survey of global technology leaders that reveals which cities, in addition to Silicon Valley, would lead technology innovation hubs over the next four years. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- KPMG's tech innovation survey – India on 2nd place & China at 1st
- Bengaluru (9th) & Mumbai (16th) – in KPMG's annual survey of global technology leaders
- Silicon Valley – lead technology innovation hubs over the next 4 years

277. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Indian badminton player PV Sindhu won the inaugural BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award following a public vote. The shortlist of five contenders also consisted of sprinter Dutee Chand, boxer Mary Kom, wrestler Vinesh Phogat and para-badminton player Manasi Joshi. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- PV Sindhu – won – BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award

278. Appointments & Resignations

Ashraf Ghani was sworn in as the President of Afghanistan for the second term at a ceremony held at the Presidential Palace in Kabul. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ashraf Ghani – sworn – as the President of Afghanistan for the 2nd term
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani

279. Schemes & Initiatives

Facebook India announced a call for applications for its CSR initiative, Facebook Pragati - powered by N/Core (The/Nudge Centre for Social Innovation). The initiative will incubate and accelerate, early-stage women-led non-profits that are working in the areas of women entrepreneurship, and to drive awareness and adoption of technology among women in India. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Facebook India – announced – CSR initiative, "Pragati" – powered by N/Core – for women entrepreneurship
- Facebook: Hq – Menlo Park, California, US | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg

280. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Vice-President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu honoured the winners of BusinessLine Changemaker Awards 2020 organized by Hindu Business Line in New Delhi. The award was presented under 6 categories. The iconic woman athlete Ms. Dutee Chand for getting the Changemaker of the Year award. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Vice-President of India – honoured – winners of BusinessLine Changemaker Awards 2020
- Award organized by Hindu Business Line in New Delhi
- Ms. Dutee Chand – got – the Changemaker of the Year award
- BusinessLine initiated the awards – in 2018

281. Important Days & Dates

Leh, the capital of the Union territory of Ladakh will be the venue for the main event for International Yoga Day on June 21 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend it. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Leh – the venue for the main event for International Yoga Day on June 21
- It is celebrated annually on 21 June since 2015

282. Arts & Cultural Affairs

The traditional 'Fagli' festival was celebrated in Yangpa village of Kinnaur district, Himachal Pradesh with great fervour. The festival is organised to observe the "victory of good over evil". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 'Fagli' festival – celebrated – in Yangpa village of Kinnaur district, Himachal Pradesh
- Festival – organised – to observe the "victory of good over evil"
- Himachal Pradesh : CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

283. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Smriti Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development inaugurated the “National Conference on Women in Police and CAPFs (Central Armed Police Forces)” in New Delhi, India. The Conference was organized by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR & D). She also released a hand-out- ‘BPR & D Mirror- Gender Bender’ and also the book titled “To Greater Heights”. Themes of the Conference 2020: ‘Cyber Stalking and Bullying of Women: Steps for Protection’ and ‘Challenges faced by CAPF Women in Operational Areas’. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- National Conference on Women in Police and CAPFs – organized by BPR&D – in New Delhi
- Minister for Women and Child Development – Smriti Zubin Irani | Constituency – Amethi

284. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani clinched the National 6-Red Snooker Championship with a convincing 7-3 final over Maharashtra's Ishpreet Singh in Ahmedabad. It is the 34th national title overall for Advani. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Pankaj Advani(Pune) – clinched – The National 6-Red Snooker Championship – by defeated Ishpreet Singh (Maharashtra)
- National 6-Red Snooker Championship – held – in Ahmedabad

285. Schemes & Initiatives

The Karnataka government has decided to end “Shaadi Bhagya”, a scheme launched by the Congress government under which a Muslim bride would receive a onetime grant of Rs 50,000 towards marriage expenses, by not allocating a single rupee in the budget. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka govt – decided to end – “Shaadi Bhagya” scheme launched by the Congress govt
- Under this scheme: Muslim bride would receive a onetime grant of Rs 50,000 towards marriage expenses
- Karnataka: CM – B. S. Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

286. National & States Affairs

State-run aerospace behemoth Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) is looking at setting up logistics bases in Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia and Sri Lanka as part of initiatives to woo the countries to buy India's light combat aircraft Tejas and military helicopters. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- HAL – setting up logistics bases – in Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia and Sri Lanka
- HAL: Hq – Bengaluru | Founded – 23 December 1940 | CEO – Sajal Prakash

287. Current GK

In the country's biggest ever privatisation drive, the government invited bids for sale of its entire 52.98 per cent stake in India's second biggest oil refiner Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- BPCL: Hq – Mumbai | Founded – 1952 | CEO – D. Rajkumar

288. National & States Affairs

Campaign includes promoting menstrual hygiene, gender equality in Odisha slums. Fourteen teenage girls from Odisha's Berhampur have started a campaign 'kishori shakti karyakram' beginning from the International Women's Day on Sunday to empower young girls living in slums of the city. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 'kishori shakti karyakram' campaign – started by – 14 teenage girls from Odisha's Berhampur
- Odisha: CM – Naveen Patnaik (14th CM) | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

289. National & States Affairs

Battling the coronavirus threat, India has, for the first time, used the Lopinavir/ Ritonavir combination, usually a second line HIV medication, in the treatment of two Italian patients who tested positive for COVID-19 in Jaipur. Due consent of the patients, officials said, was obtained before administration of the drug. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India – used – for the first time – Lopinavir/ Ritonavir combination – for the treatment of COVID-19 patients
- Lopinavir/ Ritonavir: is a fixed dose combination medication for the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS

290. Schemes & Initiatives

The Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme, launched by the IIM-Bangalore, with support from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, welcomed the first batch consisting of 74 students, in an orientation ceremony at IIMB on March 08, 2020. The first cohort comprises 44 per cent women candidates. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- MGNF programme – launched by IIM- Bangalore – with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship – Mahendra Nath Pandey

291. Appointments & Resignations

Chalasan Venkat Nageswar, Deputy Managing Director, International Banking Group, has been given additional charge of Deputy Managing Director and CFO of State Bank of India. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Chalasan Venkat Nageswar – given additional charge – Deputy MD and CFO of SBI
- He is also Deputy MD of International Banking Group
- SBI: Hq – Mumbai | Founded – 1 July 1955 | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar
- SBI Tagline: “Pure banking, nothing else”

292. Science & Technology

The '11th Bengaluru INDIA Nano conference and exhibition' was recently organised by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of Karnataka and Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), in association with other state-owned Institutions and industries. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 11th Bengaluru INDIA Nano conference and exhibition – organised – by DST in Bengaluru
- Ministry of science and technology – Harsh Vardhan

293. National & States Affairs

The government of Karnataka has launched 'Namaste over Handshake' campaign in an attempt to contain the spread of COVID-19. With this campaign, the government advises people to keep a safe distance from one another. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – launched – 'Namaste over Handshake' campaign
- Karnataka: CM – B. S. Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

294. Important Days & Dates

National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) celebrated 35th Inception Day and launched Crime Multi Agency Centre and National Cybercrime Training Centre. NCRB celebrated its 35th Inception Day, on March 12, 2020. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- NCRB – celebrated – 35th Inception Day – on March 12, 2020
- NCRB: Hq – New Delhi | Director – Ramphal Pawar

295. Appointments & Resignations

Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan has been roped in as the new brand ambassador of audio equipment maker JBL. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Sara Ali Khan – new brand ambassador of audio equipment maker JBL

296. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Industrial technology giant Rolls-Royce has collaborated with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) to promote joint research programmes. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Rolls-Royce + IIT-Madras – collaborated – to promote joint research programmes
- Rolls-Royce: Hq – Westhampnett, United Kingdom | Founded – 1904 | Founder – BMW

297. Appointments & Resignations

IDFC FIRST Bank appointed bollywood celebrity, Amitabh Bachchan as its first ever brand ambassador. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Amitabh Bachchan – appointed – first ever brand ambassador – IDFC FIRST Bank
- IDFC FIRST Bank: Hq – Mumbai | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan

298. Sports & Games

The 2019-20 season of the Ranji Trophy, Indian cricket's premier domestic cricket competition, saw Saurashtra become the newest team to be crowned champions, after they beat Bengal in the final courtesy of a first-innings lead. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ranji Trophy 2019-20 – won by – Saurashtra – after defeating Bengal
- Ranji Trophy – related to cricket championship

299. National & States Affairs

Maharashtra govt has approved the implementation of "happy hour" for autorickshaws as recommended by Khatua panel. A govt resolution states that fares will be slashed by 15 % between 12 noon and 4 pm. The decision will however not be applicable to local taxis and app based taxis. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra govt – approved – implementation of "happy hour" for autorickshaws
- Fares will be slashed by 15 % between 12 noon – 4 pm
- Maharashtra: CM - Uddhav Thackeray | Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari



300. International Affairs

The coronavirus outbreak has been labelled a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Coronavirus outbreak – labelled – pandemic by the WHO
- WHO: Hq – Geneva, Switzerland | Director General – Tedros Adhanom



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