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आभार,

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301. Important Days & Dates

International Day of Action for Rivers is celebrated on 14 March to raise awareness about the importance of rivers and climate change. The International Day of Action for Rivers 2020 theme is “Women, Water, and Climate Change”.

Key Points:

- International Day of Action for Rivers – 14 March
- Theme : “Women, Water, and Climate Change”

302. Obituaries

Dana Zatopkova (Czech Republic) , the 1952 Olympic javelin champion and wife of four-time Olympic champion Emil Zatopek, died at the age of 97. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Dana Zatopkova (Czech Republic) – passed away – Olympic javelin champion

303. Amount & Agreements

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sanctioned Rs 325 crores for building a new Integrated Check Post (ICP) with Bangladesh at Sabroom in South Tripura, 130 km from here, announced Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb. When constructed, Sabroom would have the second ICP of Tripura after Akhaura, which was set up in 2013. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- MHA – sanctioned – Rs 325 crores – for building a new Integrated Check Post (ICP) – at Sabroom in South Tripura
- Sabroom would have the second ICP of Tripura after Akhaura
- Tripura: CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor- Ramesh Bais

304. Sports & Games

Playing in her 4th straight final, Tai Tzu Ying defeated world No.1 Chen Yu Fei to lift her third women's singles All England Open title. In the men's singles, Denmark's Viktor Axelsen defeated Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien-chen in straight games to win his maiden trophy. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tai Tzu Ying defeated world No.1 Chen Yu Fei
- Tai Tzu Ying lifted her third women's singles All England Open title
- All England Open title held in Birmingham, England
- BWF: Hq – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen

305. Important Days & Dates

Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant π (pi). Pi Day is observed on March 14 (3/14 in the month/day format) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of π . Founded in 1988 at the Exploratorium, Pi (π) Day has become an international holiday, celebrated live and online all around the world. UNESCO's 40th General Conference decided Pi Day as the International Day of Mathematics in November 2019. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- International Pi Day / International Day of Mathematics – 14th March
- UNESCO decided – “Pi Day as the International Day of Mathematics”
- Theme: "Mathematics is Everywhere”

306. Current GK

S&P Global Ratings (previously Standard & Poor's) is an American credit rating agency (CRA) and a division of S&P Global that publishes financial research and analysis on stocks, bonds, and commodities. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- S&P Global Ratings: Hq – New York City, New York, U.S. | Chief Technology Officer – Marcus Daley

307. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Flying car-maker PAL-V of The Netherlands will set up a manufacturing plant in Gujarat and has set a target of commencing production by 2021. PAL-V stands for Personal Air Land Vehicle. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani between state Industries Principal Secretary MK Das and Carlo Maasbommel, vice president of PAL-V's international business development. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat State Industries + PAL-V – signed MOU – to set up a manufacturing plant in Gujarat – target of commencing production by 2021
- PAL-V: Hq – Raamsdonksveer, Netherlands | CEO – Robert Dingemans
- Gujarat: CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

308. International Affairs

Iran is seeking financial assistance from IMF for the first time since 1962 to counter coronavirus pandemic [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- First time since 1962– Iran seeks financial assistance from IMF
- IMF: Hq – Washington, D.C., United States | MD & Chairwoman – Kristalina Georgieva
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Hassan Rouhani

309. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Union Cabinet approved a 4 % increase in dearness allowance (DA) for central government employees and pensioners. The existing rate of 17 % of the basic pay or pension now it is 21%. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 4 % increase in DA – for central government employees and pensioners
- From 17% to 21%

310. Appointments & Resignations

Senior IPS officer Vivek Johri took charge as the Director General of Police (DGP) of Madhya Pradesh. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Vivek Johri – appointed as DGP of Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh : CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

311. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

An "Uttar Pradesh Recovery of Damages to Public and Private Property Ordinance, 2020" has been passed by the Uttar Pradesh governor even as a recovery exercise to collect damages to public property during anti-CAA riots is underway in the state. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – passed an ordinance – to collect damages to public property during anti-CAA riots
- "Uttar Pradesh Recovery of Damages to Public and Private Property Ordinance, 2020" has been passed
- Uttar Pradesh: CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor- Anandiben Patel

312. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

A parliamentary committee has said only three States and five Union Territories have become kerosene-free, though the government in September last met the target of eight crore LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. The committee is headed by BJP member Ramesh Bidhuri. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Committee on LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana – headed by Ramesh Bidhuri
- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana : Launch year – 2016

313. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said one 'Arogya Mitra' each will be deputed at all primary health centres in the state to inform people about health-related schemes being run by the government. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 'Arogya Mitra' each will be deputed at all primary health centres in the Uttar Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh: CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor- Anandiben Patel

314. Sports & Games

Ace Indian paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal produced a sensational performance to clinch the 2020 ITTF Challenger Plus Oman Open men's singles title. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Achanta Sharath Kamal – clinched the 2020 ITTF Challenger Plus Oman Open men's singles title
- Oman Open men's singles title held in Muscat
- Achanta Sharath Kamal – defeated – Marcos Freitas (Portugal)
- ITTF: Hq – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Weikert
- Oman – Muscat – Rial.

315. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Distinguished Non-Resident Indian (NRI) businessman, Mr. Rajesh Chaplot was honoured with the Highest Civilian Award (Golden Jubilee Medal-Civilians) of Uganda. The award was presented by none other than His Excellency Hon'ble President of Uganda, Mr Yoweri Museveni in a ceremony in Kampala recently. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Rajesh Chaplot – honoured – with the Highest Civilian Award (Golden Jubilee Medal-Civilians) of Uganda
- Award was presented by President of Uganda
- Uganda – Kampala – Shilling | President – Yoweri Museveni

316. Appointments & Resignations

The Central Government has nominated Debasish Panda, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, as a Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India vice Rajiv Kumar. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Debasish Panda – nominated – as a Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India
- Debasish Panda Replaced Rajiv Kumar
- RBI: Hq – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das | Founded – 1 April 1935

317. Obituaries

Sadanand Fulzele (92), a prominent figure in Babasaheb Ambedkar's historic conversion to Buddhism at the Deekshabhoomi ground in Nagpur on October 14, 1956, passed away. The death will leave an irreversible loss in Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Samiti in the city. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Sadanand Fulzele (Maharashtra) – a prominent figure in Babasaheb Ambedkar's historic conversion to Buddhism – passed away
- Maharashtra: CM - Uddhav Thackeray | Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari

318. Appointments & Resignations

Ajay Kumar has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Uganda. Ajay Kumar, a 2001-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, is currently serving as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ajay Kumar – appointed – as India's next High Commissioner to Uganda
- Ajay Kumar – currently serving as the Joint Secretary in the MEA
- Minister of MEA – S Jaishankar
- Uganda – Kampala – Shilling

319. Appointments & Resignations

Former IBM India head Karan Bajwa has been appointed by Google as Managing Director of Google Cloud in India. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Karan Bajwa – appointed – as MD of Google Cloud
- Google Cloud : Owner – Google
- Google: Hq – Mountain View, California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai

320. Obituaries

Late iconic screen villain Amjad Khan's brother, actor Imtiaz Khan, is no more. Imtiaz, who was married to TV star Krutika Desai. He was 77. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Imtiaz Khan (actor) – brother of Amjad Khan – passed away

321. Sports & Games

Nita Ambani, the owner of Mumbai Indians cricket team franchise, has been named in the list of 10 most influential women in sports for 2020 alongside likes of tennis superstar Serena Williams and gymnast Simone Biles. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Nita Ambani – in the list of 10 most influential women in sports for 2020
- Sport business network, iSportconnect releasing its 'Influential Women in Sport' list for 2020



322. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The Census India-2021 will be conducted in two phases. The first phase will begin from the 1st of next month and will continue until the 30th of September of this year. The second phase is Population Enumeration which will be conducted from 9th February to 28th February next year throughout the country simultaneously. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Census India-2021 will be conducted in two phases
- 1st Phase : 1st April 2020 – 30th September 2020
- 2nd Phase : 9th February 2021 – 28th February 2021
- The Census is conducted by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

323. Appointments & Resignations

The Andhra Pradesh government appointed the former CMD of Air India Ashwani Lohani as the chairman of the AP Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC), with the rank of a cabinet minister. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh govt – appointed – former CMD of Air India Ashwani Lohani as the chairman of APTDC
- Appointment is for a period of one year
- Andhra Pradesh : CM – Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

324. Important Days & Dates

The consumer movement marks 15th March with World Consumer Rights Day every year, as a means of raising global awareness about consumer rights and needs. The theme for 2020 is 'The Sustainable Consumer'.

Key Points:

- World Consumer Rights Day – 15th March every year
- Theme for 2020: 'The Sustainable Consumer'

325. International Affairs

India's 3 central Sanskrit universities hope to spread Shastraic education globally. India will now have three central Sanskrit universities — Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Delhi, and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth in Tirupati. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Indian govt – has given central university status – to 3 Sanskrit universities
- 3 Sanskrit universities – Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Delhi) , Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (Delhi) , Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (Tirupati)



326. National & States Affairs

The Uttarakhand government has declared novel coronavirus an epidemic and shut all multiplexes, cinema halls, degree colleges and technical institutes across the state till March 31. Under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, the Centre has authorised state governments to take preventive measures to control the spread of coronavirus. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The Uttarakhand govt has declared novel coronavirus an epidemic – Under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897
- Uttarakhand: CM - Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor- Baby Rani Maurya

327. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Dr Jaimanti Bakshi, Professor and Unit Head II, Department of Otolaryngology and Head Neck surgery at PGIMER was awarded the "Best Citizens of India Gold medal Award". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Jaimanti Bakshi – was awarded – with the "Best Citizens of India Gold medal Award"

328. Appointments & Resignations

IPS officer MV Rao has been appointed as the new Director-General of Police (DGP) Jharkhand. MV Rao replaced IPS officer Kamal Nayan Choubey who has been transferred to the Police Modernisation Division Camp in New Delhi. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- MV Rao (IPS) – appointed – as the DGP of Jharkhand
- MV Rao replaced IPS officer Kamal Nayan Choubey
- Jharkhand: CM - Hemant Soren | Governor- Draupadi Murmu

329. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Flipkart and Aegon Life Insurance has partnered to offer all-inclusive insurance solutions to its customers. From March 2020, an instant digital policy with a sum assured of up to Rs. 10 lakhs will be available to consumers. An instant life insurance cover through a digital policy eliminates the need for medical tests or paperwork ensuring a smooth and easy process. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Flipkart + Aegon Life Insurance – has partnered – to offer all-inclusive insurance solutions to its customers
- Aegon Life Insurance: Hq – Mumbai | CEO – Vineet Arora
- Flipkart: Founder – Sachin Bansal, Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy

330. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

A Crime Multi Agency Centre (Cri-MAC) which aims to share information between various police forces on heinous crimes was launched. The platform was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai at an event held here to mark the National 35th inception day of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Crime Multi Agency Centre (Cri-MAC) recently inaugurated is associated with National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)
- NCRB: Hq – New Delhi | Director – Ramphal Pawar

331. Science & Technology

“SuChek” has been developed with financial assistance from Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), which is 100% indigenous glucometer suitable for diverse climatic conditions, affordable and validated as per International standards. Another indigenous device developed as a part of ICMR study for HbA1c testing is under validation. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- SuChek – glucometer – for diverse climatic conditions, affordable and validated as per International standards
- Indigenous glucometer has been developed with financial assistance from ICMR
- ICMR: Hq – New Delhi | Secretary & Director General – Dr. Balram Bhargava

332. Schemes & Initiatives

The govt has enrolled Superhero Vaayu to clear all the queries related to COVID-19 and share healthy tips with kids on how to defeat COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Superhero “Vaayu” – to clear all the queries related to COVID-19 & share healthy tips with kids

333. Amount & Agreements

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide USD 200 million (about Rs 1,480 crore) to companies manufacturing and distributing medicines, and other items needed to combat the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – provide – \$200 million – to companies mfg and distribute medicines, to combat COVID-19
- ADB: Hq – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa



334. Sports & Games

Aadil Bedi won his maiden title in a thriller at the Bengal Open Golf Championship 2020, played at the Tollygunge Club in Kolkata. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Aadil Bedi won Bengal Open Golf Championship 2020
- Bengal Open Golf Championship 2020 held in Kolkata

335. Arts & Cultural Affairs

The Chaitra Jatra festival is celebrated in the month of Chaitra during Tuesdays. The second and third Tuesdays are more crowded. March 17 being second Tuesday, the festival has been cancelled. The festival is celebrated at Tara Tarini hill shrine, Odisha. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – the famous Chaitra Jatra festival cancelled due to the threat of Coronavirus
- Odisha: CM – Naveen Patnaik (14th CM) | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

336. Science & Technology

As the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) spreads like wildfire across countries, Microsoft's Bing team has launched a web portal to track its progress worldwide. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft's Bing team has launched a web portal to track its progress worldwide
- Bing is a web search engine owned and operated by Microsoft
- Microsoft: Hq – Redmond, Washington, US | CEO – Satya Nadella

337. Appointments & Resignations

Greece's first female president Ekaterini Sakellariopoulou, a former high court judge, was formally sworn in to office, nearly two months after the country's parliament voted overwhelmingly to elect her. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ekaterini Sakellariopoulou – Greece's first female president
- Greece – Athens – Euro

338. Science & Technology

Lava International Ltd launched its digital payments app, Lava Pay. The Noida-based smartphone company claims that the app is the world's first digital payment solution that does not require internet connectivity. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Lava – launched – world's first digital payment solution that does not require internet connectivity
- Lava: Hq – Noida | Chairman & MD – Hari Om Rai



339. Schemes & Initiatives

Minister of micro, small and medium enterprises, Nitin Gadkari requested the Lok Sabha members to spread the information about “Udyam Sakhi” Portal for awareness about government schemes and to facilitate the networking of women start ups, entrepreneurs, investors, incubators, mentors, students and enterprise facilitators. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari requested the Lok Sabha members to spread the information about “Udyam Sakhi” Portal.
- “Udyam Sakhi” Portal – for awareness about govt schemes & facilitates women start ups, entrepreneurs, mentors, students and so on.
- Minister of MSME – Nitin Gadkari | Constituency - Nagpur

340. Schemes & Initiatives

Uttar Pradesh government has launched three ambitious schemes for skill development and employment generation for youths in the state and also announced to depute "Arogya Mitras" at all primary health centres to inform people about govt health schemes. Launching three schemes Kaushal Satrang, Yuva Hub and apprenticeship scheme in Lucknow. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh government has launched three ambitious schemes
- Three schemes – Kaushal Satrang, Yuva Hub and Apprenticeship scheme
- To depute "Arogya Mitras" at all primary health centres to inform people about govt health schemes
- Uttar Pradesh: CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor- Anandiben Patel

341. Banking & Economic Affairs

Mobile phones will attract an 18% goods and services tax (GST) rate from April 1, 2020, up from existing 12%, after the GST Council corrected the inverted duty structure that was being faced by the industry [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- GST Council decided to increase GST rates on mobile phones to 18% from 12% wef April 1,2020
- GST Council: Hq – New Delhi | Chairperson – Nirmala Sitharaman | Secretary – Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey

342. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Journalist was awarded jointly this year to Arfa Khanum Sherwani, senior editor, The Wire and Rohini Mohan, a Bengaluru-based independent journalist. Rukmini S., an independent data-journalist from Chennai, received an Honourable Mention. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Chameli Devi Jain Award (Woman Journalist) – jointly this year to Arfa Khanum Sherwani & Rohini Mohan
- Chameli Devi Jain Award : First awarded – 1981



343. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The CRPF inked a deal with a disability support NGO in order to train its troops, who lost their limbs in operations, in various skills including cyber operations, artificial intelligence and para-sports. A MoU was formalised between the force and the Aditya Mehta Foundation here in presence of CRPF Director General (DG) A P Maheshwari. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The CRPF + Aditya Mehta Foundation (a disability support NGO) – inked MoU – to train its troops, who lost their limbs in various skills
- CRPF: Hq – New Delhi | Director General – A P Maheshwari

344. International Affairs

The Philippine Stock Exchange closed indefinitely while currency and bond trading were suspended, the first shutdown of financial markets worldwide in response to the coronavirus, with authorities citing risks to the safety of traders. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Philippine – become the first country to shutdown all the financial markets – due to COVID-19
- Philippine – Manila – Peso

345. Schemes & Initiatives

In a bid to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus across the state, the Kerala government has launched a mass hand washing campaign named 'break the chain'. The campaign aims to educate people about the importance of public and personal hygiene. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – launched – mass hand washing campaign named 'break the chain'
- Kerala: CM - Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor- Arif Mohammad Khan

346. Books & Authors

The book titled 'An Extraordinary Life: A biography of Manohar Parrikar' is written by veteran journalists Sadguru Patil and Mayabhushan Nagvenkar. In marks the first death anniversary of Parrikar who died after battling pancreatic cancer for over a year. He was 63. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 'An Extraordinary Life: A biography of Manohar Parrikar' – is written by veteran journalists Sadguru Patil and Mayabhushan Nagvenkar

347. Places in News

The Maharashtra cabinet on approved a proposal to rename Mumbai Central station in the city as "Nana Shankarsheth Mumbai Central Railway Station". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai Central station – renamed – "Nana Shankarsheth Mumbai Central Railway Station"
- Maharashtra: CM - Uddhav Thackeray | Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari

348. Schemes & Initiatives

For the first time in India, the Department of Posts is introducing a free digital parcel locker service in Kolkata, to enable customers collect their consignment from specified post offices at their convenience. The facility will be available in two post offices here -- the Nabadiganta IT Post Office in Sector 5 of Salt Lake City and another in New Town. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- For 1st time – Department of Posts – is introducing – a free digital parcel locker service – in Kolkata
- West Bengal: CM - Mamata Banerjee | Governor- Jagdeep Dhankhar
- India post : Hq – New Delhi

349. International Affairs

The U.K. backed off on herd immunity strategy to beat COVID-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The U.K. backed off on herd immunity to beat COVID-19
- UK – London – Sterling

350. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

According to a recent study on 'Women On Board 2020' by global recruitment tendering platform MyHiringClub.com and Sarkari-Naukri.info, India has been ranked 12th in the world as per study titled 'Women On Board 2020'. The list was topped by Norway with 40.72% women on board. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India – ranked 12th in the world – 'Women On Board 2020'
- The list was topped by Norway
- Norway – Oslo – krone



351. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The government has set up a 25-member development council for pulp, paper and allied industries, to spur growth of the sector. The central government hereby establishes the council and appointed members for a period of two years. J K Paper Ltd President A S Mehta will be the chairman of the council. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 25-member council – headed by A S Mehta – for pulp, paper and allied industries, to spur growth of the sector

352. Obituaries

Renowned poet and Malayalam scholar Puthussery Ramachandran recently passed away at the age of 91. He played an instrumental role in making Malayalam getting recognised as a classical language by the union government in 2013. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Puthussery Ramachandran (Kerala) – Renowned poet and Malayalam scholar – passed away

353. International Affairs

Supported by a global coalition founded by India and Norway, the US has begun the phase one human trial of an investigational vaccine designed to protect against the coronavirus disease which has claimed the lives of over 7,000 people globally. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The US has begun the phase one human trial of an investigational vaccine – to protect against COVID-19
- USA – Washington, D.C. – Dollar | President – Donald Trump

354. International Affairs

A roll on-roll off cum passenger ferry service, also called 'Ropax', between Mumbai and Mandwa near Alibaug, was launched in the presence of Union Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya and Maharashtra port and maritime board officials. The ferry was built in Greece, can carry 200 cars and 1000 passengers, and is capable of plying even during monsoon. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ferry service also called 'Ropax' – launched – between Mumbai and Mandwa near Alibaug
- The ferry was built in Greece – can carry 200 cars and 1000 passengers
- Greece – Athens – Euro | President – Katerina Sakellariopoulou

355. Amount & Agreements

India handed over 600 tonnes of rice to Madagascar for victims of the January flood which left 26 dead and 92,000 affected in the east African island nation. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India – handed over – 600 tonnes of rice – to Madagascar
- Madagascar – Antananarivo – Malagasy Ariary | President – Andry Rajoelina



356. Science & Technology

A newly identified species of treehopper has been named after Lady Gaga, who is often in news for her outrageous costumes. The insect, named Kaikaia gaga, looks as beautiful and vibrant as the pop diva. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Newly identified species of treehopper – named after Lady Gaga
- Its name is Kaikaia Gaga

357. Schemes & Initiatives

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) recently organised a grand event in the national capital to mark the conclusion of its flagship programme 'Ganga Amantran Abhiyan'. "Ganga Amantran Abhiyan" is a pioneering exploratory open-water rafting and kayaking expedition on the Ganga river from Devprayag to Ganga Sagar. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- NMCG – organized an event – to mark the conclusion of its flagship programme 'Ganga Amantran Abhiyan'
- NMCG comes under Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Minister of Jal Shakti – Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

358. Schemes & Initiatives

The website has additional portals such as 'Akshay Urja Portal' and 'India Renewable Idea Exchange' (IRIX). "Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy "R K Singh" launched the new website of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 'Akshay Urja Portal' and 'India Renewable Idea Exchange' (IRIX) – comes under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- Mos for Power and New and Renewable Energy – R K Singh

359. Defence Affairs

In an effort to augment India's fight against the spread of CoViD-19, Indian Navy has set up a Quarantine Camp at INS Vishwakarma in Vishakhapatnam, Eastern Naval Command (ENC) for Indian nationals being evacuated from CoViD-19 affected countries. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy has set up a Quarantine Camp at INS Vishwakarma in Vishakhapatnam
- Quarantine Camp for Indian nationals being evacuated from CoViD-19 affected countries
- Chief of the Naval Staff – Admiral Karambir Singh

360. Schemes & Initiatives

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched the Mission Solar Charkha in 2018-19 for implementation of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- MSME has launched the Mission Solar Charkha in 2018-19
- It is implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).
- To analyze the overall impact of the scheme, central government will implement this program initially for two years. It will officially end on 2020.
- Minister of MSME – Nitin Gadkari | Constituency – Nagpur

361. International Affairs

India pledged a contribution of \$10 million toward a Covid-19 emergency fund and said it was putting together a rapid response team of doctors and specialists for South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) nations as part of an initiative led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India pledged a contribution \$10 million toward a Covid-19 emergency fund for SAARC nation
- SAARC: Hq – Kathmandu, Nepal | Secretary general – Esala Weerakoon

362. Banking & Economic Affairs

Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance Company Limited announced the launch of iSelect+ Term Plan to provide enhanced protection cover at an affordable premium. The plan is available online. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance – launched – “iSelect+ Term Plan” – to provide enhanced protection cover at an affordable premium
- Canara HSBC OBC : Hq – Gurgaon, Haryana | MD & CEO – Anuj Mathur

363. Defence Affairs

Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved procurement of 83 indigenous Tejas fighter aircraft for Indian Air Force (IAF). The Light Combat Aircraft Tejas is going to be the backbone of Indian Air Force in future. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- DAC – approved – procurement of 83 indigenous Tejas fighter aircraft for IAF
- IAF Chief – Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria | IAF Hq – New Delhi.

364. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

GMR Hyderabad Aviation SEZ Limited (GHASL), a 100 per cent subsidiary of GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited, will build a facility for airline company SpiceJet to carry out the warehousing, distribution and trading activity within the Free Trade Warehousing Zone, known as GMR Aerospace and Industrial Park in the city. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- GHASL + SpiceJet – signed a pact – for setting up a warehousing, distribution and trading facility – in the airport operator's aerospace and industrial park
- SpiceJet: Hq – Gurugram | Founded – 2004 | CEO – Ajay Singh

365. International Affairs

The UK government has accepted India's appeal against the closure of Ambedkar House in north London and said the memorial will remain open to visitors. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- UK government – has accepted – India's appeal against the closure of Ambedkar House – in north London
- UK – London – Sterling

366. National & States Affairs

An outbreak of bird flu has been reported from two poultry farms in Kerala's Kozhikode district, prompting authorities to order culling of ducks and hens within one km radius of the affected areas. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala govt ordered the poultry culling in the backdrop of bird flu.
- Kerala: CM - Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor- Arif Mohammad Khan

367. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Rattan Lal Kataria, the ground water in India is contaminated with Uranium at 30 micro-grams per litre. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Minister of State for Jal Shakti – Uranium contaminated in ground water – at 30 micro-grams per litre
- Union Minister of Jal Shakti – Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- Minister of State for Jal Shakti – Rattan Lal Kataria

368. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Byju Classes' founder Byju Raveendran, Zomato co-founder Gaurav Gupta, CEO of Antara Senior Living, Tara Singh Vachani, Vinati Organics' MD & CEO Vinati Mutreja and Swapan Mehra, CEO of Iora Ecological Solutions are among in its list of 115 young leaders named by World Economic Forum (WEF).

Key Points:

- List of 115 young leaders named by World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 5 Indians in the list: Byju Raveendran, Gaurav Gupta, Tara Singh Vachani, Vinati Mutreja and Swapan Mehra
- WEF : Hq – Coligny, Switzerland | President – Børge Brende

369. Obituaries

Noted Marathi actor Jairam Kulkarni died in Pune due to old-age related ailments, a family member said. He was 88. Born in Barshi tehsil in Solapur district, Kulkarni had acted in more than 150 films. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Jairam Kulkarni – Noted Marathi actor – passed away

370. Banking & Economic Affairs

State-owned BSNL in partnership with State Bank of India launched a UPI-based payment platform, Bharat InstaPay. According to BSNL officials, the new payment facility developed by the company will enable its partners, especially prepaid sellers, to buy service immediately for sale. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- BSNL + SBI – launched – UPI-based payment platform, Bharat InstaPay
- SBI: Hq – Mumbai | Founded – 1 July 1955 | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar
- BSNL: Hq – New Delhi | CEO – Pravin Kumar Purwar

371. Appointments & Resignations

Actor Shraddha Kapoor will endorse phone brand Realme's smart products including wearables such as smart watches and bands. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Shraddha Kapoor – Brand ambassador of Realme
- Realme:Hq – Shenzhen, China | Founder – Sky Li

372. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The President of India nominated former Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi, to the Rajya Sabha (Upper House). In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 80 of the Constitution of India, and on the advice of the Prime Minister, the President of India can nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- President of India – nominated – former CJI, Ranjan Gogoi – to the Rajya Sabha – under Article 80 of the Constitution of India

373. Banking & Economic Affairs

The popular Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) for exporters will continue beyond March 31, for some more months and then be withdrawn in phases and replaced with the new Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Product (RoDTEP) scheme following discussions on the appropriate rates with exporters, Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said. RoDTEP was approved by the Cabinet. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- MEIS – be withdrawn – in phases manner & replaced with the new RoDTEP scheme
- RoDTEP – Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Product
- MEIS – Merchandise Export from India Scheme
- Minister of Commerce & Industry – Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra

374. Science & Technology

The World Athletics Council fined the Russian Athletics Federation (RusAF) USD 10 million for breaching the sport's anti-doping rules. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The World Athletics Council – fined – Russian Athletics Federation – USD 10 million – for breaching the sport's anti-doping rules
- World Athletics: Hq – Monaco | President – Sebastian Coe
- Russian Athletics Federation: Hq – Moscow, Russia | President – Dmitry Shlyakhtin

375. Arts & Cultural Affairs

Traditional “Phool Dei” festival begins in Uttarakhand. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat celebrated the traditional harvest festival “Phool Dei”. The festival also showcases the inner bonding between the communities who all are residing in the hills. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Phool Dei” festival – Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: CM - Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor- Baby Rani Maurya

376. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Lok Sabha passed "The Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020" which seeks to improve India's aviation safety ratings and provide statutory status to regulatory institutions, including the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020 provides for statutory backing to the DGCA, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Lok Sabha passed "The Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020" – to improve India's aviation safety ratings & provide statutory status to regulatory institutions
- Provide for statutory backing to – the DGCA, BCAS & AAIB
- DGCA: Hq – New Delhi | Chief – Arun Kumar
- BCAS : Director General – Rakesh Asthaana (IPS)



377. Amount & Agreements

The Government of India will provide 107.01 million Nepali Rupees (NPR) for three new school buildings in Nepal. The schools will be constructed in Darchula, Dhanusha and Kapilvastu districts. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India – provide 107.01 million NPR to Nepal – for three new school buildings
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese rupee | Prime minister – KP Sharma Oli

378. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Rajya Sabha passed The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020. The Bill proposes amendments to the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 and The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015. The Lok Sabha had passed this Bill on March 6, 2020. This bill that will remove end-use restrictions for participating in coal mine auctions and open up the coal sector fully for commercial mining by domestic and global companies. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Parliament passed The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- Bill will open up which sector fully for commercial mining by domestic and global companies
- Bill will remove end-use restrictions for participating in coal mine auctions

379. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Indian energy tycoon Mukesh Ambani is no longer Asia's richest man, relinquishing the title to Jack Ma after oil prices collapsed along with global stocks. Mukesh Ambani's net worth and pushed him to No. 2 on the list of Asia's richest people, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Jack Ma, the Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. founder who ceded the No. 1 ranking. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Jack Ma – No. 1 ranking – Asia's richest person as per 'Bloomberg Billionaires Index'
- Mukesh Ambani – No. 2 ranking – Asia's richest person as per 'Bloomberg Billionaires Index'

380. Amount & Agreements

The government approved a proposal for the construction of 780 km of green highways at a cost of Rs 7,660. The project pertains to rehabilitation and upgradation of various National Highways covering a total length of over 780 km in four states -- Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, UttarPradesh and Andhra Pradesh. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Government – approved – construction of 780 km of green highways
- 4 states included : Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, UttarPradesh and Andhra Pradesh



381. National & States Affairs

Dehradun Railway Station has become friendly for visually challenged persons with the introduction of signages and maps in Braille. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Dehradun Railway Station has become friendly for visually challenged persons
- Dehradun Railway Station introduce signages and maps in Braille
- Uttarakhand: CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

382. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Welcome Group Graduate School of Hotel Management (WGSHA) of Manipal Academy of Higher Education entered the Limca Book of Records for establishing India's first living culinary arts museum founded by celebrity chef Vikas Khanna. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- WGSHA – entered – Limca Book of Records – for establishing India's first living culinary arts museum
- India's first living culinary arts museum – founded by chef Vikas Khanna

383. Current GK

UBS Group AG is a Swiss multinational investment bank and financial services company founded and based in Switzerland. Co-headquartered in the cities of Zürich and Basel, it maintains a presence in all major financial centres as the largest Swiss banking institution in the world. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- UBS Group AG – Swiss multinational investment bank and financial services company
- USB: Union Bank of Switzerland | UBS Group AG:Hq – Zürich, Switzerland

384. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India and Saudi Arabia agreed that an exercise at level of G-20 similar to SAARC efforts, will be useful to address Covid-19 pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India and Saudi Arabia – decided to hold a virtual summit of the G20 nations
- G20: Hq – Cancún, Mexico
- SAARC : Hq – Kathmandu, Nepal
- Saudi Arabia – Riyadh – Riyal

385. International Affairs

The US Congress gave its final approval to a resolution to restrain President Donald Trump from attacking Iran after months of soaring tensions. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- US Congress – approval – to a resolution to restrain – Donald Trump from attacking Iran
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Hassan Rouhani

386. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The WION Global Summit: Navigating and Negotiating Global Imperatives held in Dubai. WION is India's first international news channel dedicated to putting forth India's perspective on impactful global issues. The WION Global Summit is a platform for global leaders to engage in dialogue on a common global agenda. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The 3rd WION Global Summit – held in Dubai
- WION: Hq – Noida, India | Launched – 15 August 2016

387. Persons in News

Singer Taylor Swift has been named as Google's most-searched for woman in music of 2020. The search engine honoured International Women's Day, March 08 by sharing their data surrounding the most looked-up women on the Internet. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Taylor Swift (Singer) – Google's most-searched for woman in music of 2020

388. National & States Affairs

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has announced the biggest ever scheme for the welfare of sports persons and artists of the State. The two schemes are 'Chief Minister's Akhannaba Sanaroising gi Tengbang (CMAST)' and Chief Minister Artist Sing gi Tengbang (CMAT)' would provide benefits to thousands of sportspersons and artistes of the State who have brought laurels to the State and Country. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Manipur – announced – 'CMAST' and 'CMAT' schemes
- Manipur: CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

389. Appointments & Resignations

Baseer Ahmed Khan, a 2000-batch IAS officer currently posted as the Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir, has been appointed as the fourth advisor to Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor G C Murmu. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Baseer Ahmed Khan – appointed – 4th advisor to Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor G C Murmu
- Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir – G C Murmu

390. Places in News

Niue, an island nation in the South Pacific, has earned the distinction of being the world's first whole country to become an International Dark Sky Place. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Niue has become the world's first whole country to recognize as “Dark Sky Place”.
- Niue – Alofi – dollar

391. Important Days & Dates

In India, National Vaccination Day is observed every year on March 16. The day is widely known as National Immunisation Day. The National Vaccination Day was first observed on March 16. On this day, the first dose of Oral Polio Vaccine was given in the year 1995. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- National Vaccination Day – every year on March 16
- Bengal Open Golf Championship 2020 held in Kolkata

392. Schemes & Initiatives

In the backdrop of the coronavirus scare expected to hit the livelihood of daily wage earners due to slowing down of economy, the Uttar Pradesh government announced to constitute a high-level committee to provide them the required monetary support. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- UP Govt announced to provide the required monetary support to daily wage earners
- Uttar Pradesh: CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor- Anandiben Patel

393. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

FIFA has joined hands with the World Health Organisation (WHO) to make people aware of the preventive measures needed to be taken against the deadly Novel Coronavirus. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- FIFA + WHO – to make people aware of the preventive measures for COVID-19
- FIFA: Hq – Zürich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino
- WHO: Hq – Geneva, Switzerland | Director General – Tedros Adhanom

394. Science & Technology

Scientists at International Advanced Research for Powder Metallurgy & New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad, an autonomous R&D Centre of Department of Science and Technology (DST) have developed Polymer Electrolyte Membrane fuel cells (PEMFC). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ARCI, Hyderabad – developed – Polymer Electrolyte Membrane fuel cells (PEMFC)

395. Appointments & Resignations

Iraqi President Barham Salih appointed Adnan al-Zurfi as the country's new prime minister-designate in an effort to resolve a months-long political crisis. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Adnan al-Zurfi – appointed – as the Iraq new prime minister
- Iraq – Baghdad – dinar | President – Barham Salih

396. Banking & Economic Affairs

"The CAD narrowed to 1% of GDP in April-December of 2019-20 from 2.6% in April-December of 2018-19 on the back of a reduction in the trade deficit which shrank to \$118.9 billion in April-December 2019-20 from \$145.1 billion in April-December of 2018-19," RBI said. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The CAD narrowed to 1% of GDP in April-December of 2019-20 from 2.6% in April-December of 2018-19
- CAD – Current Account Deficit
- RBI: Hq – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das | Founded – 1 April 1935

397. Sports & Games

ATK FC made history as it became the first club to win three Indian Super League (ISL) titles as it beat Chennaiyin FC 3-1 in the final of ISL 2019-20 at the Fatorda Stadium in Goa. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ATK FC defeated Chennaiyin FC – became the first club to win three Indian Super League (ISL) titles
- Indian Super League (ISL) titles held at Fatorda Stadium in Goa

398. Sports & Games

Former India batsman and now a renowned broadcaster Sanjay Manjrekar has been reportedly dropped from the commentary panel of BCCI. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Manjrekar – dropped from the commentary panel of BCCI
- BCCI : Hq – Mumbai | President – Sourav Ganguly

399. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The gas trading platform of Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) has found its first member in Manikaran Power Ltd (MPL). Called the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX), it will be India's first gas trading platform. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Manikaran Power – first member of India's gas trading platform (Indian Gas Exchange)
- Manikaran Power: Managing Director – Mr. Navjeet Singh Kalsi

400. Appointments & Resignations

Bajaj Auto Ltd. said its board has approved the re-appointment of Rajiv Bajaj as managing director and chief executive officer of the company. The approval was given in the board meeting. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Rajiv Bajaj re-appointed as MD & CEO of Bajaj Auto Ltd.
- Bajaj Auto Ltd : Hq – Pune



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