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101. National and States Affairs

In Uttar Pradesh, more than one lakh persons have downloaded the Ayush Kavach COVID App within two days of its launch. The app developed by AYUSH Ministry helps citizens of state in getting health remedies which can be useful in fight against COVID-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ayush Kavach COVID App – UP – more than 1 lakh downloads within 2 days
- UP: Capital – Lucknow
- CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

102. National and States Affairs

CMAPP (Comprehensive Monitoring of Agriculture, Price, and Procurement), a mobile application, was brought in to monitor the agriculture needs of the farmers of Andhra Pradesh. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- CMAPP – Comprehensive Monitoring of Agriculture, Price, and Procurement
- This app is launched by – Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital - Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM - YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor - Biswabhusan Harichandan



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103. National and States Affairs

In a move to provide fast-track approval and exemptions to government agencies for using remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) or drones, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has launched an online portal 'GARUD - 'Government Authorisation for Relief Using Drones''. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- "GARUD portal" – launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation
- GARUD – Government Authorisation for Relief Using Drones
- Ministry of Civil Aviation – Hardeep Singh Puri

The biggest since 2011, a "record-level" ozone hole over the Arctic region has now closed, as per the reports of the UN World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The springtime phenomenon in the northern hemisphere was driven by ozone-depleting substances still in the atmosphere and a very cold winter in the stratosphere. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A "record-level" ozone hole over – Arctic region
- HQs of WMO – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Petteri Taalas

105. Important Days and Dates

May 6 is celebrated as International No-Diet Day (INDD) every year. Created by Mary Evans Young in 1992, the day is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle with a focus on health at any size. It aims to increase awareness of the potential health risks of dieting and the unlikelihood of success - particularly on weight loss maintenance. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 6 – International No-Diet Day (INDD)
- Created by “Mary Evans Young” in – 1992



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106. OBITUARIES

Former Union Minister and former organising secretary of AIADMK, Dalit Ezhilmalai (74) died of a cardiac arrest. Ezhilmalai, from Tamil Nadu & one of the founding members of PMK was the first general secretary of the party in 1989. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Dalit Ezhilmalai (Tamil Nadu) – passed away – Politician
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

107. Books and Authors

The e-book, which will be released on May 15, is titled as “Vijyant at Kargil: The Life of a Kargil Hero”. Penned by Vijyant’s father Colonel VN Thapar and writer Neha Dwivedi, a martyr’s daughter herself, the book has been published by Penguin Random House. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Vijyant at Kargil: The Life of a Kargil Hero” book – by VN Thapar + Neha Dwivedi

108. Awards, Rewards, Recognition and Prizes

Professor Saurabh Lodha from Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay has received the Young Career Award in Nano Science and Technology. The award is conferred by the Department of Science and Technology (DST). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Saurabh Lodha (IIT Bombay) – received the “Young Career Award” in Nano Science and Technology

109. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Indian Economic Services officer "D P S Negi" took charge as Director General of Labour Bureau in the Ministry of Labour and Employment. Besides Negi also assumed charge as Senior Labour & Employment Advisor of the ministry. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- D P S Negi – took charge as “Director General of Labour Bureau”
- MoS in Ministry of Labour and Employment – Santosh Gangwar

110. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has been reappointed as chairperson of the Parliament's public accounts committee (PAC), the Lok Sabha Secretariat. The 22-member panel includes 15 members from the Lok Sabha and seven from the Rajya Sabha. Chowdhury was reappointed the chairman of the committee by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury – reappointed as chairperson of the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC)
- Lok Sabha Speaker – Om Birla
- 15 LS + 7 RS = 22 Total Members in PAC

111. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

The Central Government has nominated Tarun Bajaj (Present Secretary of Department of Economic Affairs) as a Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India. Bajaj replaces Atanu Chakraborty, who retired on April 30. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tarun Bajaj – appointed as Director on the Central Board of RBI
- He replaced – Atanu Chakraborty
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor - Shaktikanta Das(25th)

112. MOUS, COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

CSIR's constituent lab, Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) and TATA Sons signed a MoU for licensing of KNOWHOW for Fncas9 Editor Linked Uniform Detection Assay (FELUDA) for rapid diagnosis of Covid-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-IGIB + Tata Sons – MoU for licensing of KNOWHOW for FELUDA
- HQs of IGIB – New Delhi | Director – Anurag Agarwaal

113. MOUS, COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), a Defence Public Sector Undertaking, has come forward for the large scale manufacturing of the ventilators developed by Nocca Robotics, an incubated start-up of IIT Kanpur. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- BDL + NOCCA Robotics – MoU to manufacture ventilators for COVID-19
- NOCCA Robotics – an incubated start-up of “IIT Kanpur”
- HQs of BDL – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Siddharth Mishra

114. MOUS, COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

PNB Housing Finance Ltd signed an MoU with IIT-Delhi to support critical research and development of a unique prototype material to be used in manufacturing washable and reusable personal protective equipment (PPE) surgical gowns and masks. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- PNBHF + IIT Delhi – MoU to support critical research and development of a unique prototype material
- HQs of PNBHFL – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Neeraj Vyas



115. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

More than 5 million people were internally displaced in India due to natural disasters, conflict and violence in 2019, constituting the highest number of new internal displacements in the world during the period followed by the Philippines, Bangladesh and China, according to The 'Lost at Home' report, published by the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

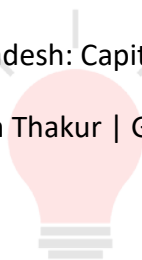
- 'Lost at Home' report – published by UNICEF
- India's total number of new internal displacements in 2019 – 5 million (Highest)
- UNICEF HQs – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

116. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

Himachal Pradesh government will launch a new programme, 'Nigah', to sensitise and educate families of people coming from other states to effectively maintain social distancing. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- "Nigah" programme – by Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala
- CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – [Bandaru](#) Dattatreya



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117. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

Government think tank Niti Aayog in association with Piramal Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Piramal Group launched a campaign 'Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan' focussed on ensuring well-being of senior citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Piramal Foundation + NITI Aayog – 'Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan'
- HQs of Piramal Group – Mumbai | CEO – Paresh Parasnis
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi
- CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar



118. PERSONS IN NEWS

Lieutenant General Raj Shukla has assumed command of the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) on May 1. A graduate of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, Lt Gen Shukla was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in December 1982. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Lieut. General Raj Shukla – assumed command of the Army Training Command (ARTRAC)
- HQs of ARTRAC – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

119. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

The Jammu and Kashmir administration extended the detention of former chief minister and president of People's Democratic Party (PDP) Mehbooba Mufti under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) for three more months. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- J & K extended the detention of Mehbooba Mufti – for next 3 months
- Her party – People's Democratic Party (PDP)
- Under – Public Safety Act (PSA)
- J & K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu

120. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Punjab National Bank is one of the 1st lenders to blink in extending moratorium to non-banking finance companies (NBFC) after Reserve Bank of India cleared doubts over the issue. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- PNB – 1st lenders to extend the moratorium to NBFCs
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

121. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

The National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi has presented the 'NGMA KE SANGRAH SE' virtual program. It will showcase the rarely seen or maybe unseen jewels from its repository. The theme for this week is 'ARTIST BY ARTISTS' and is dedicated to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The National Gallery of Modern Art (New Delhi) – launched 'Ngma Ke Sangrah Se' virtual program
- Theme – “Artist By Artists”

122. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

Newly developed android based mobile app named “CHDCOVID” launched in Chandigarh. Punjab Governor and Administrator of UT Chandigarh V.P Singh Badnore inaugurated it. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “CHDCOVID” app – launched Chandigarh
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh
- CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

123. MOUS, COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched the ‘Sanjivani’ app and two AYUSH based studies related to Covid-19. The new app is developed by the ministry of AYUSH in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) and is targeted to help about 50 lakh people across the country. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Sanjivani’ app – by Ministry of AYUSH + Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)
- MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa

124. IMPORTANT DAYS & DATES

The World Athletics Day was introduced by the IAAF to increase awareness about athletics and to encourage the youth to take up sports. Although this day is celebrated in the month of May every year, in 2020, the IAAF marked May 7 as the World Athletics Day. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 7 – The World Athletics Day by IAAF
- HQs of IAAF – Monaco | President – Sebastian Coe

125. OBITUARIES

Veteran director, story artist and writer of many Pixar films, Rob Gibbs passed away at the age of 55. Gibbs' contribution to many well-known and successful Pixar films, included Toy Story 2, Finding Nemo, Monsters, Inc., and more. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Rob Gibbs (USA) – passed away - Director, Story Artist And Writer

A team of astronomers has discovered that the closest known brown dwarf, Luhman 16A, shows signs of cloud bands similar to those seen on Jupiter and Saturn. This is the first time scientists have used the technique of polarimetry to determine the properties of atmospheric clouds. And this study accepted by Astrophysical Journal. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

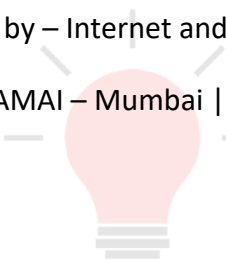
- Luhman 16A – the closest known brown dwarf
- Shows signs of cloud bands similar to those seen on – Jupiter & Saturn

127. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

With 451 million monthly active internet users at end of financial year 2019, India is now second only to China in terms of internet users, according to a report by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India – 2nd – in terms of internet users (Highest in Indian city – Mumbai)
- A report by – Internet and Mobile Association of India - IMAI
- HQs of IMAI – Mumbai | Chairman – Amit Agarwal



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128. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

US President Donald Trump has nominated senior Indian-American diplomat Manisha Singh as his envoy to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Paris-based OECD is an intergovernmental economic organisation with 36 member countries to stimulate economic progress and world trade. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Manisha Singh – nominated as an envoy to the OECD by USA President
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Angel Gurría
- Member countries in OECD – 36



129. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Former intelligence chief Mustafa al-Kadhimi, the third man to be nominated to replace Adel Abdul Mahdi since November 2019, was sworn in as prime minister. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Mustafa al-Kadhimi – nominated as the New PM of Iraq
- Iraq – Baghdad – Dinar | President – Barham Salih

130. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) extended environmentalist and actor-producer Dia Mirza's term as its National Goodwill Ambassador for another two years till the end of 2022. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Dia Mirza – extended as National Goodwill Ambassador for more 2 years by UNEP
- HQs – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen

131. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

In Tripura, Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has launched an online portal [scholarships.gov.in](#) under 'Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogayog Yojana' at the state secretariat. The state government will provide Rs. 5,000 to 14,608 youths who are in final year in colleges or Universities as a grant for Smart Phones. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – launched an online Portal for scholarships
- Under – “Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogayog Yojana”
- Rs 5000 – to youths studying in final year of college
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

132. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The parliament of Iran has approved a bill on national currency denomination, which allows to cutting four zeros from its national currency Rial & to rename it as 'Toman' which is equal to 10,000 rials. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Iran – Currency – Rial to Toman
- Capital – Tehran | President – Ali Khamenei

133. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS



In Madhya Pradesh, first unique vehicle named "Sanjeevani" has been developed at the local level. With the help of this vehicle, health workers can investigate any suspected patients without coming in to the contact of him. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

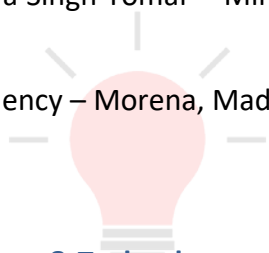
- Madhya Pradesh – developed – 1st of its kind Unique Vehicle – "Sanjeevani"
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal
- CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor - Lalji Tandon

134. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

The government will run a mission mode awareness campaign this fiscal in over 1 lakh villages for promoting use of bio/organic fertilisers and reducing consumption of chemical soil nutrients. A decision in this regard was taken after reviewing the progress of the Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme, launched in 2015. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A mission mode awareness campaign – will be run in over 1 lakh villages
- "Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme" launched in – 2015
- Narendra Singh Tomar – Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj
- Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh



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135. Science & Technology

The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) has prepared a 'Compendium of Indian Technologies for Combating COVID-19 (Tracing, Testing and Treating)'. It will serve as a ready-reference for the policymakers, industries, entrepreneurs, startups, MSMEs, research scholars, scientists, etc. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The NRDC – prepared a 'Compendium of Indian Technologies'
- 3T – Tracing, Testing and Treating
- NRDC works under – Ministry of Science and Technology
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi

136. CURRENT GK

Internet users in rural areas outpaced those in urban areas for the first time, according to the 'Digital in India' report by the Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). As per the report, the country has 504 million active internet users. The number of people actively accessing the internet in rural areas on a daily basis has been increased by 30 million since March 2019. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

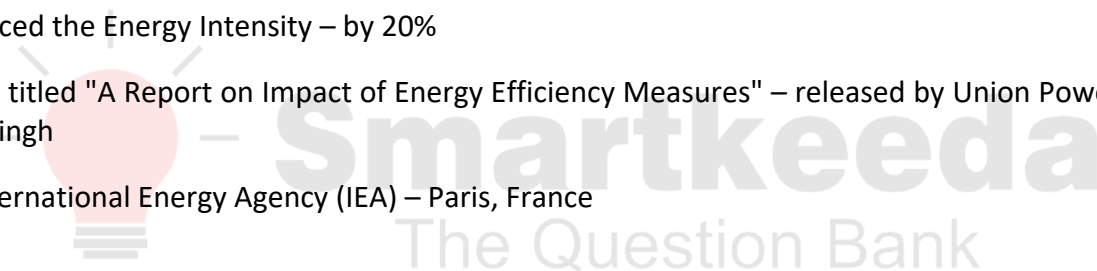
- 'Digital in India' report by – The Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)
- Increase in Rural areas on daily basis – 30 million since March 2019
- HQs of IMAI – Mumbai | Chairman – Amit Agarwal

137. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

India has reduced the energy intensity by 20% compared to 2005 levels which is a very good performance indeed. Implementation of various energy efficiency schemes have led to total electricity savings to the tune of 113.16 Billion Units in 2018-19, which is 9.39% of the net electricity consumption. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India reduced the Energy Intensity – by 20%
- An E-book titled "A Report on Impact of Energy Efficiency Measures" – released by Union Power Minister Raj Kumar Singh
- HQs of International Energy Agency (IEA) – Paris, France



138. IMPORTANT DAYS & DATES

Buddha Purnima, which is also known as Vesak Day, is a sacred occasion for millions of Buddhists around the world. This year, Buddha Purnima was celebrated on 7 May. Buddha Purnima marks the birth anniversary of Gautam Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 7 – "Buddha Purnima" / "Vesak Day"
- Birth anniversary of Gautam Buddha
- Celebrated every year by – Buddhist



139. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

A 'minuscule technical leak' had occurred at the chemical factory in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam where styrene gas leak claimed 11 lives. The National Green Tribunal took suo moto cognizance of the gas leak incident in Vizag and directed the firm, LG polymers, to deposit an initial amount of Rs 50 crores with the Vizag District Magistrate. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A 'minuscule technical leak' – at the chemical factory in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 11 death due to the leakage of – "Styrene Gas"

140. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

Through the Vande Bharat Mission, India will send 64 flights and three Navy ships to repatriate Indians stranded abroad due to the coronavirus pandemic. Nearly 15,000 Indians are expected to return home. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Vande Bharat Mission – 64 flights and 3 Navy ships
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

141. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Rajya Sabha passed the Indian Forest (Amendment) Bill, 2017, which excludes bamboo from the definition of "tree". Earlier, The Indian Forest Act, 1927, placed bamboo in the definition of "tree", besides palms, stumps, brush-wood and canes. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The Indian Forest Act, 1927 – amendment – excluded bamboo from the definition of "tree"

142. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the state government has made amendments in the Mandi Act with a view to provide farmers with the maximum value of their crops. With its implementation, farmers will be able to sell their grain, fruits and vegetables to private traders from home. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – amendment – "Mandi Act" for Farmers
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal
- CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor - Lalji Tandon

143. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

The first instance of African swine fever has been reported in the country in Assam where the disease has killed around 2,500 pigs across 306 villages. While swine flu can spread from animals to humans, swine fever does not, and therefore is not a public health threat. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – Firstly reported the case of Swine Fever
- Assam: Capital – Dispur
- CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

144. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION & PRIZES

Indian journalist Siddharth Varadarajan was one of 17 recipients of the "Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award" presented by German public news outlet Deutsche Welle for showing outstanding commitment to human rights and freedom of expression in the media. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Siddharth Varadarajan – recipient of "Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award"
- Presented by – German public news outlet Deutsche Welle

145. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Poynter Institute's International Fact-Checking Network, which received a \$1 million grant from WhatsApp to support fact checking on the messaging platform, launched its chatbot on WhatsApp. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Whatsapp Chatbot – by Poynter Institute's International Fact-Checking Network
- HQs of International Fact-Checking Network – St. Petersburg, Florida, USA

146. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

Tata Steel Ltd has withdrawn its membership from the Indian Steel Association (ISA), an apex steel industry body. Subsequent to it, the CEO & MD T V Narendran has also stepped down from the Presidentship of the Association. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Steel Ltd – withdrew its membership from – Indian Steel Association (ISA)
- CEO & MD "T V Narendran" stepped down
- HQs of Tata Steel Ltd – Mumbai
- HQs of Indian Steel Association (ISA) – New Delhi

147. Science & Technology

Israel developed key “Covid antibody” that ‘attacks and neutralises’ the virus in patient’s body. Israel Institute for Biological Research has isolated a monoclonal antibody that can neutralise Covid-19, but it is unclear if the vaccine has been tested on humans.. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Israel Institute for Biological Research – developed key “Covid antibody”
- Israel: Capital – Jerusalem | Currency – Israeli Shekel
- President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

148. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Rahul Dev from Tharparkar, the largest district in Sindh province, has become the first Hindu to be recruited as a General Duty pilot officer in the Pakistan’s air force. A large population of the Hindu community resides in Tharparkar. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Dev – 1st Hindu as a General Duty pilot officer in the Pakistan’s air force
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee
- PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

149. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the 'Pravasi Rahat Mitra' App that is aimed at aiding migrant citizens coming to Uttar Pradesh from other states so that they can take advantage of government schemes. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – launched the 'Pravasi Rahat Mitra' App
- UP: Capital – Lucknow
- CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

150. IMPORTANT DAYS & DATES

"World Thalassaemia Day 2020" was observed on 8 May to raise awareness about thalassaemia disease, its preventive measures and to avoid transmission among the people throughout the world. The theme was "The dawning of a new era for thalassaemia: Time for a global effort to make novel therapies accessible and affordable to patients". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 8 – World Thalassaemia Day
- Theme – "The dawning of a new era for thalassaemia: Time for a global effort to make novel therapies accessible and affordable to patients"

151. IMPORTANT DAYS & DATES

World Red Cross Day is celebrated on May 8 every year. This date marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who is the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and a Nobel Peace prize winner too. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 8 – World Red Cross Day
- The birth anniversary of – Henry Dunant (the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross)
- HQs of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) – Geneva, Switzerland

152. Science & Technology

The researchers from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), a multidisciplinary research institute, have invented a cost-efficient and energy-efficient wafer-scale photo detector, which is capable of detecting weak scattered light. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- JNCASR – invented a cost-efficient and energy-efficient wafer-scale photo detector
- HQs of JNCASR – Jakkur, Karnataka | President – G U Kulkarni

153. Science & Technology

China has successfully launched a new rocket 'Long march 5B' rocket and prototype spacecraft, according to state media, in a major test of its ambitions to operate a permanent space station and send astronauts to the Moon. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched a new rocket 'Long march 5B'
- China: Capital - Beijing | Currency - Renminbi
- President - Xi Jinping

154. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

Private equity firm Vista Equity Partners will invest Rs 11,367 crore in Jio Platforms for a 2.32% stake, the third deal after Facebook and Silver Lake's share acquisition plans.. This investment values Jio Platforms at an equity value of Rs 4.91 lakh crore and an enterprise value of Rs 5.16 lakh crore. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Vista Equity Partners – invests Rs 11,367 Cr (2.32% stake) in – Jio Platforms
- HQs of Vista Equity Partners – Texas, USA | Founder & CEO – Robert F. Smith
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

155. MOUS, COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

The Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) has announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Coir Board and IIT Madras for setting up a Centre of Excellence to boost the use of coir “exclusively or in combination with other natural fibres.” [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Coir Board + IIT Madras – MoU for setting up a Centre of Excellence
- Announced by MSMEs
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSME
- Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra

156. AMOUNT & AGREEMENTS

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has disbursed Rs 12,767 crore to state cooperative banks and regional rural banks for onlending to famers. The loans are being offered for one year at an interest rate of 4.8%. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – disbursed Rs 12,767 Cr – to Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

157. AMOUNT & AGREEMENTS

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) approved a \$500 million loan to support India's COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project. Co-financed by the World Bank, the funds were aimed at enabling the government to scale up its containment efforts and to strengthen the health system to manage future outbreaks as well. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- AIIB – \$500 million – for “COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project”
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun

158. CURRENT GK

The Finance Minister, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, presented the Budget for Assam for the financial year 2020-21 on March 6, 2020. Total expenditure for 2020-21 is estimated to be Rs 1,03,762 crore, a 13.3% decrease from the revised estimate of 2019-20. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – Budget – Rs 1,03,762 Cr – presented by FM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Assam: Capital – Dispur
- CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



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159. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

Uttar Pradesh has suspended labour laws for the next 3 years, in a move that the state government says is aimed at boosting industrial investment as well employing the large number of migrant workers that have come back. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – suspended labour laws – for 3 years
- UP: Capital – Lucknow
- CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

160. DEFENCE AFFAIRS

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the abolition of 9,304 posts in the Military Engineering Service. There was a proposal of Engineer-in-Chief of Military Engineering Services (MES) for optimisation of more than 9,300 posts in the basic and industrial workforce. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Abolition of “9,304 posts” in – Military Engineering Service
- On the recommendation of – D.B. Shekatkar committee
- Rajnath Singh – Minister of Defence Ministry | Constituency – Lucknow, UP
- Shripad Yesso Naik – MoS of Defence Ministry

161. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Supreme Court on held that cooperative banks established under a State law or multi-State level societies come within the ambit of the “Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act of 2002.” [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Cooperative Banks” – will come under – “SARFAESI Act - 2002”
- CJI - Sharad Arvind Bobde (47th)

162. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

India rejected objections raised by Nepal over the inauguration of a new road to the Lipulekh pass along the border with China in Uttarakhand. The road section in Pithoragarh district in Uttarakhand lies completely within the territory of India. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Lipulekh pass – related to Uttarakhand
- A new route for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra – dedicated by Raj Nath Singh (Defence Minister)
- Uttarakhand: Capital - Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

163. AMOUNT & AGREEMENTS

The road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari said that his ministry has fixed a target to build highways worth Rs 15 lakh crore in the next two years. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Target to build Highways – 15 lakh Cr – in next 2 years
- Nitin Gadkari - Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises
- Constituency - Nagpur, Maharashtra

164. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

As a consequence of global lockdown measures, Car sales in the United States experienced major declines, down 38% in March, while sales in India in the same month fell 50% as per International Energy Agency's (IEA) report titled "Global Energy Review-2020". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Car Sales decline – 50% - As per the report "Global Energy Review-2020"
- The report released by – International Energy Agency's (IEA) – HQs: Paris, France

165. CURRENT GK

Ministry of Railways clarified it has no plans to shift the Indian Railways Institute for Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (IRIMEE), Jamalpur, to Lucknow. Any assertions to this effect are incorrect and misleading and do not have the approval of the ministry. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- HQs of IRIMEE – Jamalpur, Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

166. CURRENT GK

Recently, two tigers attacked six people, injuring three of them in two separate areas in Uttar Pradesh's Pilibhit Tiger Reserve. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Pilibhit Tiger Reserve – Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow
- CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

167. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

With migrant workers heading back to their home states, the Maharashtra government allowed 12-hour work shifts until June 30 in factories across the state that are facing shortage of labourers. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

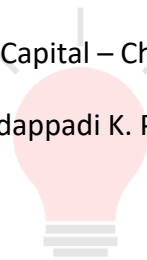
- Maharashtra – allowed 12-hour work shifts – until June 30
- Maharashtra: CM - Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

168. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

The Tamil Nadu government has raised the retirement age of State Government employees to 59 from 58. This will also apply to all teachers in government and government-aided schools and colleges. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – raised the retirement age of State Government employees to 59 from 58
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM - Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor - Banwarilal Purohit



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169. IMPORTANT DAYS & DATES

"World Migratory Bird Day" observed on May 9 every year is celebrated to raise awareness about conservation and ecological importance of such birds in the global ecosystem. The theme of this year is "Birds Connect Our World". The United Nations Environment Programme(UNEP) marked May 9th as WMBD. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 9 – World Migratory Bird Day
- Theme – "Birds Connect Our World"
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen

170. IMPORTANT DAYS & DATES

The United Nations (UN) has a two-day global observance that occurs on May 8 and 9 each year. It is known as the “Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War” [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 8 & 9 – “Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War” – by UN

171. BOOKS & AUTHORS

Harper Collins UK announced Monday that it will publish “Finding Freedom: Harry and Meghan and the Making of a Modern Royal Family” in Britain and the Commonwealth on August 11. The book is authored by Omid Scobie & Carolyn Durand. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Finding Freedom: Harry and Meghan and the Making of a Modern Royal Family” a book
- Written by - “Omid Scobie” & “Carolyn Durand”

172. Science & Technology

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has received approval from Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) for its two clinical trial drugs - 'favipiravir' and 'phytopharmaceutical' - to combat coronavirus. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR – received approval from DCGI – for two clinical trial drugs - 'favipiravir' and 'phytopharmaceutical'
- CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) HQs – New Delhi
- CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande
- Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) – VG Somani

173. Science & Technology

With increasing demand for face masks to contain transmission of deadly COVID-19 virus, Nanosafe Solutions, an IIT-Delhi startup has launched an antimicrobial and washable face mask that can be reused up-to 50 launderings. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Nanosafe Solutions (IIT Delhi) – launched an “antimicrobial and washable face mask”
- Delhi: CM - Arvind Kejriwal | Governor - Anil Bajjal

174. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

GlaxoSmithKline sold its stake in Unilever's Indian business for \$3.35 billion. The 5.7% stake in Hindustan Unilever was accepted by GSK as payment for the sale of its malted drink brand and other nutrition brands to Unilever, agreed in late 2018. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- GSK – sold 5.7% stake in – Hindustan Unilever – for \$3.35 billion
- HUL HQs - Mumbai, Maharashtra | CMD - Sanjiv Mehta
- GSKCH HQs - [Gurgaon](#), Haryana

175. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

The US based private equity firm The Carlyle Group has agreed to acquire 74% stake in SeQuent Scientific Ltd, the largest pure-play animal healthcare company in India, for \$210 million (Rs. 1587 crore). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The Carlyle Group – agreed to acquire 74% stake – in “SeQuent Scientific Ltd”
- For \$210 million (Rs. 1587 Cr)

176. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION & PRIZES

Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Giriraj Singh has been announced as the winners of 'Startup India-Animal Husbandry Grand Challenge'. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Giriraj Singh – Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- Winner of – “Startup India-Animal Husbandry Grand Challenge”

177. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

ELSA Corp (English Language Speech Assistant Corporation), India a global Edu-tech company has announced the appointment of Ajinkya Rahane (the Vice-Captain of the Indian Cricket Test Team) as its brand ambassador for India, Middle East, ANZ & SAARC. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ajinkya Rahane (Cricketer) – appointed as as brand ambassador of ELSA Corp
- For – India, Middle East, ANZ & SAARC

178. DEFENCE AFFAIRS

Tata Power Strategic Engineering Division (Tata Power SED), an arm of Tata Power Company, announced signing a Rs 1,200 crore contract with Ministry of Defence for modernisation of infrastructure of 37 airfields of Indian Air force, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power + Ministry of Defence = 1,200 crore contract for modernisation of infrastructure
- In “37” airfields of – Indian Air force, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard

179. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The BSE and the National Stock Exchange have launched Rupee-Dollar futures and options contracts on their international exchange platforms based at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- BSE + NSE = launched “Rupee-Dollar” futures and options contracts
- Launched by Nirmala Sitharaman (FM)
- GIFT City – Gandhinagar

180. AMOUNT & AGREEMENTS

The government has raised its gross market borrowing target for the current financial year to Rs 12 lakh crore from Rs 7.8 lakh crore estimated in the budget, attributing the increase of more than 50% to the coronavirus outbreak that’s stalled the economy. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Gross Market Borrowing Target – raised to Rs “12 lakh crore” from Rs 7.8 lakh crore
- Nirmala Sitharaman - Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency - Karnataka

181. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The WHO and the UN postal agency have released a commemorative postage stamp on the 40th anniversary of the eradication of smallpox, with the head of the global health body expressing gratitude to top Indian-origin UN official Atul Khare. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- WHO + UN Postal Agency – released a commemorative postage stamp
- On the 40th anniversary of the eradication of – Small Pox (a disease)
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | Director-General – Tedros Adhanom
- Countries in WHO – 194

182. CURRENT GK

The Sikkim Assembly passed the Rs 9,100-crore budget for the fiscal 2020-21. The 32-member state legislature passed the budget by voice vote on the second and final day of the budget session. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Sikkim – passed the budget – of Rs 9,100-crore
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

183. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has amended Rule 44G of Income-tax Rules, 1962 for making an application to invoke the mutual agreement procedure in Form No. 34F. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- CBDT – amended Rule 44G – of Income-tax Rules, 1962
- To invoke the mutual agreement procedure in Form No. – 34F
- HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Chairman – P C Mody

184. PERSONS IN NEWS

Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' announced that in order to encourage research in the country, certain amendments have been made in the Prime Minister's Research Fellowship Scheme. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- HRD Minister – amended – Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF) Scheme
- Ministry of Human Resource Development – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
- Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- MoS of HRD – Sanjay Dhotre

185. CURRENT GK

As the country fights the coronavirus battle, some good news on tiger population has emerged. The number of tigers in the Sunderbans reserve forest in West Bengal has increased to 96 from 88. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Sunderbans Tiger Reserve (West Bengal) – population of tiger – increased to "96" from 88
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

186. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

The Karnataka Youth Empowerment and Sports department and United Karnataka Chess Association hosted an online chess tournament to raise funds for CM Covid-19 relief fund. The Chess players across the country can register on Mobile Premier League gaming platform by donating fifty rupees. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- karnataka – to organize an “Online Chess Tournament” – to raise funds for CM Covid-19 relief fund
- Karnataka Capital - Bangalore
- CM - Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa | Governor - Vajubhai Vala

187. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

Punjab government has decided to promote all students of Classes 5th to 10th under Punjab School Education system to next class without any examination, in light of the unprecedented COVID crisis. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – to promote all students of Classes 5th to 10th
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh
- CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

188. PERSONS IN NEWS

Former Sri Lanka skipper Kumar Sangakkara is set to serve his second term as the president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) as the current activities have been postponed at the club. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Kumar Sangakkara – set to serve his 2nd term as the president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)
- HQs of MCC – London, UK

189. IMPORTANT DAYS & DATES

On May 9, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered reformer Gopal Krishna Gokhale on his 154th birth anniversary, recalling his contribution towards education and social empowerment. He was the founder of Servants of India Society. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 9 – 154th Birth Anniversary of – Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- He was the founder of – Servants of India Society

190. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

Jharkhand banned manufacture, sale and storage of 11 brands of pan masala for 1 year saying these products contain a chemical which is harmful to the heart and can cause various diseases. It is banned under the Food Safety Act, 2006. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Jharkhand – completely banned 11 brands of pan masala for 1 year
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi
- CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

191. MOUS, COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

TRIFED under Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Art Of Living Foundation (AOL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in respective programmes of each organisation for promoting Tribal Enterprises. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- TRIFED + Art Of Living Foundation – MoU to promote Tribal Enterprises
- TRIFED comes under – Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Arjun Munda – Khunti, Jharkhand)

192. IMPORTANT DAYS & DATES

To honour of the brave king, Maharana Pratap Jayanti is celebrated every year on 9 May. This year marks the 480th birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap. He was born on May 9, 1540 and was the 13th Rajput ruler of the kingdom of Mewar. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 9 – 480th Birth Anniversary of King Maharana Pratap (13th Rajput ruler)
- Born in May 9, 1540 – Mewar, Rajasthan

193. OBITUARIES

Hockey India on condoled the death of Pandanda Kuttappa, a legendary figure in the region of Coorg and the co-founder of the famous Kodava Hockey Festival. He was 85. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Pandanda Kuttappa (Karnataka) – passed away – the founder of the famous “Kodava Hockey Festival”

194. PERSONS IN NEWS

Former Chhattisgarh chief minister Ajit Jogi, who was admitted in a private hospital here after suffering a cardiac arrest, has slipped into coma. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ajit Jogi – slipped into coma – Former CM of Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh Capital: Bilaspur, Raipur
- CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

195. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The government has extended the last date for filing annual GST return for financial year 2018-19 by three months till September 2020. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- last date for filing annual GST return – extended by 3 months (till September)

196. PERSONS IN NEWS

Afghan officials said the country's health minister, Ferozuddin Feroz has tested positive for the new coronavirus as the country recorded 215 new infection cases in the last 24 hours. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ferozuddin Feroz – Health Minister of Afghanistan – Positive for Corona virus
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghan Afghani | President - Ashraf Ghani

197. PERSONS IN NEWS

Tamil Nadu has constituted a high-level committee under the Chairmanship of former Governor of Reserve Bank of India, C Rangarajan, to advise the government on medium term response post Covid lockdown period. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu's high-level committee – headed by C Rangarajanv (to respond post lockdown period)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

198. BOOKS & AUTHORS

The book "Fear of God" is authored by Bommadevara Chandravadhan. The story of "Fear of God" weaves law, corruption, vigilantism and courtroom drama to follow the three central characters who are looking to achieve the same thing but through different means.. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The book "Fear of God" by – Bommadevara Chandravadhan

199. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) has launched an integrated online platform "Own-Online" that will provide end-to-end sales experience for prospective buyers amid the coronavirus pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- "Own-Online" an online platform by – Mahindra & Mahindra
- HQs of Mahindra & Mahindra – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairperson – Anand Gopal Mahindra



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200. NATIONAL & STATES AFFAIRS

Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to provide the facility of beds with ventilators in hospitals of each and every district of state. Now, all 75 districts of state can provide higher level of care to the patients of COVID-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – 1st state to provide ventilators in hospitals of each and every district
- UP: Capital – Lucknow
- CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



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