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टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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National & States Affairs

101. “Tezpur Litchi” of Assam has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. The news has been confirmed by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) which is responsible for the export promotion of agricultural products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tezpur Litchi (Assam) – received GI tag
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of APEDA – New Delhi | Chairman – Paban K. Borthakur

102. National & States Affairs A pioneering eco-sustainable programme “Parivarthanam”, to help the fishing community was launched in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. It aims to improve the livelihood skills of youngsters along the coastline and also enable socio-economic uplift of the fishermen community. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala launched “Parivarthanam” a pioneering eco-sustainable programme
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

103. A Green Innovation Fund, a six-month long fund-linked accelerator programme for social impact startups, was launched by Kerala Finance Minister Dr Thomas Isaac. The fund is a joint initiative of Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), Haritha Keralam Mission and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala launched – a six-month long “Green Innovation Fund” for social impact startups
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner

104. A snubbing unit from Canada is called to control the fire erupted in The Oil India Limited (OIL)-owned Baghjan well No. 5. Over the last 150 days, the fire has continued to burn, causing extensive damage to the villages in Assam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A snubbing unit from Canada is called to control the fire erupted in – Well No. 5, Baghjan district, Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



105. After studying the malaria data from Nagpur, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has decided to start issuing forecast for malaria outbreaks from next monsoon. India also plans to ramp up its High Performance Computing (HPC) facility from the existing capacity of 10 petaflops to 40 petaflops. Currently, India is only next to the US, the UK and Japan in HPC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMD – will start issuing forecast for malaria outbreaks from next monsoon
- India – ranks 4th in High Performance Computing (HPC)
- HQs of IMD – New Delhi | Director General – Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

106. Armstrong Fernando - a fisherman from the Ramanathapuram district's Pamban town has started 'Kadal Osai FM 90.4', India's first and only radio channel for fisherfolk. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Armstrong Fernando (Tamil Nadu) – started 'Kadal Osai FM 90.4' – India's 1st & only radio channel for 'fisherfolk'
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

107. In Assam, Bongaigaon District Administration has initiated "Mission Sampoorna" in a bid to improve the health condition of the malnourished children. The Mission also aims to relish the dream of women empowerment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bongaigaon, Assam – initiated "Mission Sampoorna"
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

108. In celebration of 'Maharashtra's most beloved personality' and the legendary Indian writer, Purushottam Laxman Deshpande, also known as Pu La Deshpande, Google dedicated Sunday's doodle to the multi-talented Indian for his 101st birth anniversary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google dedicated doodle to – Purushottam Laxman Deshpande (Maharashtra) – an Indian writer (101st birth anniversary)
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



109. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched the doorstep Digital Life Certificate (DLC) service to help the elderly pensioners who are not tech savvy. Every pensioner needs to submit Life Certificate in the month of November every year to continue getting the pension. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IPPB – launched the doorstep Digital Life Certificate (DLC) service – to help the elderly Pensioners
- Every pensioner needs to submit Life Certificate – in November
- HQs of IPPB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – J Venkatramu

110. India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) was dedicated in Lower Dibang Valley district in Arunachal Pradesh by Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. It was commissioned at a cost of Rs 28.50 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project inaugurated in – Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra

111. Kerala aims to start providing free, high-speed Internet to schools, public offices, and poor households in the state by December, making digital connectivity a basic right. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – 1st state to start providing free, high-speed Internet to schools, public offices, and poor households
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

112. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has capped the volume of transactions via Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on third-party apps at 30%. This will be with effect from January 1, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI – capped the volume of transactions via UPI on third-party apps at 30%
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe

113. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a “Ro-Pax Ferry Service” between Hazira near Surat and Ghogha in Bhavnagar district. The service will reduce the 375-km road distance between Bhavnagar and Surat to 90-km by sea rout. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- Narendra Modi – inaugurated a “Ro-Pax Ferry Service” – between Hazira (Surat) & Ghogha (Bhavnagar) – in Gujarat

- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

114. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given a green signal to the introduction of a “Flexi Cap” Category in mutual funds. Schemes in this category are required to invest at least 65% of their corpus in equity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI introduced “Flexi Cap” Category in mutual funds (at least 65% investment is required)

- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

115. Six women led startups have won “COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge” organized by MyGov in collaboration with UN Women. With an objective to encourage and involve women led startups to come up with innovative solutions that can help in the fight against COVID19 or solve problems that impact a large number of women, MyGov launched the “COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge” on April 13, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 6 women led startups won “COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge” = organized by MyGov + UN Women

- HQs of UN Women – New York, USA | Executive Director – Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

116. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the investment of Rs 1810.56 crore for 210 mw “Luhri Stage-I Hydro Electric Project” on river Satluj in Shimla & Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh. This project will generate 758.20 million units of electricity annually. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCEA – approved the investment of Rs 1810.56 crore for 210 mw “Luhri Stage-I Hydro Electric Project”

- The project located – ‘Satluj’ river – in Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

117. The Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, is set to become the largest care and cure centre for elephants in the world at a cost of Rs 108 crore with funding from KIIFB. The first phase of the internationally acclaimed Elephant Rehabilitation Centre will be commissioned in February 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- The largest care and cure centre for elephants in the world to be set up at – Kottoor, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- Cost: Rs 108 crore | It will be commissioned in – February 2021
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan
- HQs of KIIFB – Thiruvananthapuram | CEO – K. M. Abraham

118. Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has virtually inaugurated Tourist Facilitation Centre at Guruvayur, Kerala under PRASHAD Scheme. The PRASHAD scheme was launched by the Ministry of Tourism in 2014-15 with the objective of integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prahlad Singh Patel – inaugurated Tourist Facilitation Centre in Kerala – under ‘PRASHAD’ Scheme
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

119. Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has launched “eco-friendly” bamboo candles and diyas for Diwali to promote ‘vocal for local’ initiative. The newly launched bamboo candles comprises shells which can be used multiple times, reducing the use of plastic and other non bio-degradable products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – launched “eco-friendly” bamboo candles and diyas for Diwali
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

120. V. P. Singh Badnore, Governor of Punjab & Administrator of Chandigarh has launched a real time mobile application namely “Wildlife Rescue App” for online monitoring of Wildlife rescue in Chandigarh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V. P. Singh Badnore launched “Wildlife Rescue App” – in Chandigarh
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore



International Affairs

121. Interpol has created 2 secure and flexible services to facilitate cybercrime related communication among law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders. One of them is “Cybercrime Knowledge Exchange workspace” and the other is “Cybercrime Collaborative Platform-Operation”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Interpol created 2 secure and flexible services to facilitate cybercrime related communication:
1. Cybercrime Knowledge Exchange workspace | 2. Cybercrime Collaborative Platform-Operation
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Kim Jong Yang

122. China is building the world's Highest-Altitude Cloud Computing Data Centre in Tibet that will meet the data storage needs of the country and South Asian nations like Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – building the world's Highest-Altitude Cloud Computing Data Centre – in Tibet
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

123. Qatar’s Emir said that a long delayed vote for the country’s policy reviewing chamber will be held in October 2021, marking the Gulf emirate’s first national election. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Qatar sets its first National Election in – October 2021
- Qatar – Doha – Riyal | PM – Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani

124. Rio Tinto's Argyle diamond mine has stopped its production after 40 years. Rio Tinto's Argyle mine is the world's largest pink diamond mine and it produces 90% of the world's pink diamonds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Argyle diamond mine (Australia) – stopped its production after 40 years
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

125. The death toll from the calamitous storm Eta in Central America has soared on after it has hit Guatemala. Around 150 people have died or remain unaccounted for due to this. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Eta” storm – hit Guatemala
- Guatemala – Guatemala City – Guatemalan quetzal | President – Alejandro Giammattei



126. The First Committee of UN General Assembly also known as 'Disarmament and International Security Committee' has adopted 2 resolutions which were sponsored by India - 'Convention on the Prohibition of the use of Nuclear Weapons' and 'Reducing Nuclear Danger' under the 'Nuclear weapons' cluster. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st Committee of UNGA (Disarmament and International Security Committee) = adopted 2 resolutions
- HQs of UNGA – NewYork, USA | President – Tijjani Muhammad Bande

127. The largest Initial Public Offering (IPO) in global finance, worth around \$35 billion has been postponed in China. The Shanghai Stock Exchange has decided to temporarily postpone the listing of Ant Group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The largest IPO in global finance worth around \$35 billion postponed – in China
- HQs of Ant Group – Hangzhou, China | CEO – Simon Xiaoming Hu

128. The Russian-built Belarus' first nuclear power plant - "Astravyets Nuclear Power Plant" has begun operating recently. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Astravyets Nuclear Power Plant – located in Belarus (built by – Russia)
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Belarus – Minsk – Ruble | PM – Siarhiey Rumas

129. The UK in India network and over 100 partners has launched a "Pledge for Progress" campaign with the aim of promoting gender equality and bringing about real-world change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK – launched a "Pledge for Progress" campaign in India network and over 100 partners
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson

130. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced a major overhaul of the country's Islamic personal laws, allowing unmarried couples to cohabit, loosening alcohol restrictions and criminalizing so-called honor killings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UAE – relaxed Islamic personal laws
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan



131. The USA has formally exited the Paris Climate Agreement amid election uncertainty. President Trump originally announced his intention to withdraw from the agreement in 2017 and formally notified the United Nations last year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USA – exited the Paris Climate Agreement amid election uncertainty
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden

132. Typhoon Molave has slammed into Vietnam with destructive wind force of up to 150 kilometers (93 miles) per hour, causing at least two deaths and sinking two fishing boats with 26 crew. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Typhoon “Molave” – hit Vietnam
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM - Nguyen Xuan Phuc



Banking & Economic Affairs

133. Bank of Baroda (BoB) has introduced an “Employee Assistance Program” to help its employees to deal with their personal problems and professional issues through psychological counselling and consulting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BoB – introduced an “Employee Assistance Program” to help its employees to deal with their personal problems
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha

134. ICICI Bank has launched India’s first comprehensive banking programme called “ICICI Bank Mine” for millennial customers, in the age bracket of 18 years to 35 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – launched “ICICI Bank Mine” programme for millennial customers
- HQs of ICCI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

135. The Reserve Bank has launched a Co-Lending Model (CLM) scheme under which banks can provide loans along with NBFCs to priority sector borrowers based on a prior agreement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – launched a Co-Lending Model (CLM) scheme
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)



Defence Affairs

136. A special tri-Service combat exercise called “Bull Strike”, with Special Forces and amphibious operations, was conducted by the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) over the last three days at Teresa Island. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Bull Strike” tri-Service combat Exercise – conducted by the Andaman & Nicobar Command – Teresa Island
- Teresa Island – located at Nicobar Islands, India
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands: Capital – Port Blair | Lieu. Governor– Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi

137. A two-day joint Coastal Security Exercise, “Sagar Kavach” was launched at Paradip Coast, Odisha. The exercise is being carried out by a joint effort of the state of Odisha and West Bengal governments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sagar Kavach” Coastal Security Exercise – launched at Paradip Coast, Odisha = by Odisha + West Bengal
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

138. The 24th edition of “Malabar” Naval exercise is scheduled in 2 phases in November 2020 and Phase 1 involving participation by Indian Navy (IN), United States Navy (USN), Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), and Royal Australian Navy (RAN) is set to commence off Visakhapatnam in Bay of Bengal” from November 3 to November 6. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 24th edition of “Malabar” Naval exercise is scheduled in 2 phases in November 2020
- Phase 1 involving participation by = India + USA + Japan + Australia = held in Visakhapatnam (Bay of Bengal)

139. The Bangladesh and USA navies have launched the ‘Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Bangladesh 2020’ to expand relationships and broaden maritime awareness between the two countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh + USA = launched joint naval exercise “CARAT Bangladesh 2020”
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden



Schemes & Initiatives

140. Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge, which focuses on shaping cities for young children and their families. He also launched the Data Maturity Assessment Framework (DMAF) to evaluate data ecosystems of cities and an Online Training Programme for City Data Officers of smart cities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hardeep Singh Puri launched 3 initiatives:
 - Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge
 - Data Maturity Assessment Framework
 - Online Training Programme for City Data Officers
- [MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri](#)

141. On 7 November 2020, PM Narendra Modi has greeted on the 5th anniversary of his government's decision to implement OROP (One Rank One Pension) Scheme. OROP is aimed at ensuring uniform pensions for veterans retiring in the same rank. According to the government, over Rs 10,795.4 crore were distributed among 20.60 lakh ex-servicemen and their family pensioners as arrears with a yearly recurring expenditure of about Rs 7,123.38 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 7 – 5th anniversary of OROP (One Rank One Pension) Scheme (effective from – 1st July 2014)
- The scheme was launched in – 2015
- Rs 10,795.4 crore – distributed among 20.60 lakh ex-servicemen and their family pensioners

142. The 'Plastic Lao, Mask Le Jao' (bring plastic, take mask) campaign is initiated by Dehradun Municipal Corporation along with social organisations on November 3. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Plastic Lao, Mask Le Jao' campaign – initiated by Dehradun Municipal Corporation
- [Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya](#)



Important Days & Dates

143. “International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict” is observed annually on November 6 to raise awareness about the environmental damage caused due to wars. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 6 – “International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict”

144. “International Stress Awareness Week” was recently observed between 2 to 6 November. The theme of the week is “Managing stress and mental health issues in the age of Covid-19.” The week was created in 2018 by the International Stress Management Association (ISMA). The International Stress Management Association – United Kingdom (ISMAUK) has organised the first ever online global stress and wellbeing summit on the occasion of this week. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 2 to 6 – “International Stress Awareness Week” – since 2018
- Theme – “Managing stress and mental health issues in the age of Covid-19”

145. “National Cancer Awareness Day” is observed every year on November 7 to raise the awareness of cancer and encourage its prevention. Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan first announced National Cancer Awareness Day in September 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 7 – “National Cancer Awareness Day” – since 2014

146. “National Stress Awareness Day”, marked on the first Wednesday in November, aims to identify and reduce stress factors in our lives. This year, it falls on November 4. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 4 – “National Stress Awareness Day” (first Wednesday in November)



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

147. A Virtual Bilateral Summit was held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Italy Giuseppe Conte on November 6. The Summit resulted in the inking of 15 agreements/MoUs in various sectors. Bilateral trade between these two countries stood at Euros 9.52 billion in 2019. Italy is India's 5th largest trading partner in the EU, after Germany, Belgium, UK and France. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Italy = held a "Virtual Bilateral Summit" | signed 15 MoUs
- Italy – India's 5th largest trading partner in the European Union (EU)
- Italy – Rome – Euro | PM – Giuseppe Conte

148. Election Commission of India has organized a 3-day "International Virtual Election Visitors Programme" for Foreign Election Management Bodies and Organizations. Delegates from over 40 countries across the world have been invited to participate in the programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Election Commission of India – organized a 3-day "International Virtual Election Visitors Programme"
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Sunil Arora (23rd)

149. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has virtually addressed the first "India-Nordic-Baltic Conclave". It was held with a theme of "An Innovation-driven Partnership for Growth in a New World". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S Jaishankar –addressed the 1st "India-Nordic-Baltic Conclave"
- Theme – "An Innovation-driven Partnership for Growth in a New World"

150. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has co-chaired the 4th India-Philippines Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation. India, Philippines discussed the shared interest in visa liberation during the fourth Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S Jaishankar = co-chaired the 4th India-Philippines Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat



151. India has successfully hosted the 5th Joint Working Group (JWG) on Coal between India and Indonesia through video conference from New Delhi due to travel restrictions on account of Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India hosted the 5th Joint Working Group (JWG) on Coal between = India & Indonesia
- [Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo](#)

152. Prakash Javadekar has chaired “India CEO Forum on Climate Change” held virtually in November, 2020. He requested the companies to provide their internal roadmaps and targets on a yearly basis to the Environment Ministry and participate in achieving targets set under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar – chaired “India CEO Forum on Climate Change”
- [Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Information and Broadcasting \(Constituency – Maharashtra\)](#)

153. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chaired the “Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) 2020” which was attended by heads of 20 top institutional investors. The VGIR was organized by the Ministry of Finance and National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF). It focuses on discussions around India’s economic and investment outlook, the government’s vision for making the country a \$5 trillion economy and structural reforms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi (India) – chaired the “Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) 2020”
- VGIR was organized by – Ministry of Finance + NIIF
- [Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman \(Karnataka\) | MoS for Ministry of Finance – Anurag Thakur](#)

154. The IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry has organized a 3-day long “Indo-Africa Virtual Summit 2020”. A target of 100 billion USD of Bilateral Trade and 100 billion USD of Investment (100*100 matrix) is set between India and Africa by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry – organized a 3-day long “Indo-Africa Virtual Summit 2020”
- Trade & Investment target between India and Africa – 100*100 matrix – by 2025
- [HQs of IMC – Mumbai, MH | President – Rajiv Podar](#)



155. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has co-chaired the 4th high-level meeting of the “India-OPEC Energy Dialogue”. The meeting was co-chaired by Secretary-General of OPEC Secretariat Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – co-chaired the 4th high-level meeting of the “India-OPEC Energy Dialogue”
- HQs of OPEC – Vienna, Austria | Secretary General – Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

156. “Moustache” novel authored by Malayalam writer S. Hareesh and translated to English by Jayasree Kalathil, has won the “JCB Prize for Literature-2020”. The prize, worth Rs 25 lakh, is one of the most prestigious literary awards in India. [{Read more}](#)

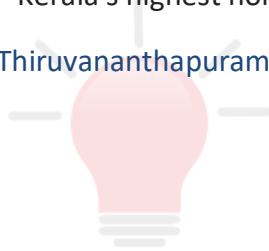
Key Points:

- S. Hareesh (Malayalam writer) – “JCB Prize for Literature-2020” – for “Moustache” novel
- Translated to English by – Jayasree Kalathil | The prize worth – Rs 25 lakh

157. Noted filmmaker Hariharan has been selected for the “JC Daniel Award”, Kerala's highest honour for lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema. The award carries a purse of Rs 5 lakh, a citation, and a sculpture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hariharan – selected for the “JC Daniel Award” (Rs 5 lakh)
- JC Daniel Award – Kerala's highest honour for lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



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Appointments & Resignations

158. Democratic candidate Joseph Robinette Biden Jr., was elected as the 46th President of the United States on November 7, beating incumbent U.S. President Donald Trump, by securing more than the required 270 of 538 Electoral College votes needed to win the White House. Kamala Devi Harris, a U.S. Senator from California, will become the first woman and first Indian- and African-American Vice-President of the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Joe Biden (Joe Biden) – elected as the 46th President of the USA (Democratic Party)
- He replaced – Donald Trump (Republican Party)
- Kamala Devi Harris – the 1st woman and first Indian- and African-American Vice-President of the USA
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden

159. Former Chief Secretary of Delhi M M Kutty was appointed as Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M M Kutty – appointed as Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in – New Delhi
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

160. Indian diplomat Vidisha Maitra was elected to the U.N. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly. In the Group of Asia-Pacific States, Ms. Maitra, First Secretary in India's Permanent Mission to the U.N., obtained 126 votes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vidisha Maitra – elected to the U.N. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)
- HQs of UNGA – NewYork, USA | President – Tijjani Muhammad Bande | Member Countries – 193

161. Manipur's Gyanendro Ningombam is elected unopposed as the Hockey India (HI) president, taking over from Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad. He has become the first from North East Region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gyanendro Ningombam (Manipur) – elected as the President of Hockey India (by replacing - Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad)
- HQs of Hockey India – New Delhi | President – Gyanendro Ningombam



162. The Association of Indian Forging Industry (AIFI) has elected Vikas Bajaj as its new President for the term 2020-22. He takes over from the outgoing President S. Muralishankar, who held the position from 2017 to 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vikas Bajaj – appointed as the President of Association of Indian Forging Industry (by replacing - S. Muralishankar)
- HQs of AIFI – Pune, Maharashtra | President – Vikas Bajaj

163. Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha was appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC). President Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath of office to Sinha as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Presently there are 7 Information Commissioners but the Commission can hold up to 10 Information Commissioners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha – appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)
- Maximum number of Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission – 10 (At present – 7)



Amount & Agreements

164. Amazon Web Services has agreed to invest about Rs 20,761 crore (\$2.77 billion) to set up a Cluster of Data Centres in Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon Web Services – to invest about Rs 20,761 Cr (\$2.77 billion) to set up Cluster of Data Centres in Telangana
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | Founder & CEO – Jeff Bezos
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

165. KfW bank has extended 2 loans totaling over 545 million Euros or Rs 4,767 crore to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for infrastructure projects in Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KfW bank – extended 2 loans totaling over 545 million Euros or Rs 4,767 crore – to MMRDA
- HQs of KfW bank – Frankfurt, Germany | CEO – Gunther Braunig

166. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has doubled the limit of overseas investments for individual fund houses to \$600 million. However, the industry-wide cap for investing abroad remains unchanged at \$7 billion. The SEBI has also quadrupled the quantum of investment that individual fund houses can make in foreign exchange-traded funds (ETFs) to \$200 million from \$50 million at present. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – doubled the limit of overseas investments for individual fund houses to \$600 million (from \$300 million)
- Industry-wide cap for investing abroad – \$7 billion
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

167. According to CARE Ratings, Tamil Nadu has topped Indian states in attracting investments during the first half of FY21. It has managed to grab 16% of the funds that came into India during this period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – topped Indian states in attracting investments during the first half of FY21 – according to CARE Ratings
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

168. Chandauli district of Uttar Pradesh has topped the rankings of aspirational districts by government think-tank Niti Aayog for September. Bokaro and Purbi Singhbhum (both in Jharkhand) have been placed at second and third positions, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandauli (UP) – topped the rankings of Aspirational districts by Niti Aayog for September
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

169. India has recorded a spike in its unemployment rate in both urban and rural areas in the month of October, according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). In October, India's unemployment rate stood at 6.98%. It was 6.67% in September 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's unemployment rate stood at 6.98% in October – according to CMIE
- HQs of CMIE – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Mahesh Vyas

170. Over 2.5 crore rural households have been provided tap connections under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' (JJM) since it started in 2019. Telangana is the top performing state in terms of providing tap connections to a maximum proportion (69.56%) of rural households. The JMM aims at providing a functional household tap connection to every rural household by 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Over 2.5 crore rural households – are provided tap connections under JJM since 2019
- Telangana – the top performing state (69.56%)
- Aim of JMM to provide a functional household tap connection to every rural household – by 2024
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan



Acquisitions & Mergers

171. Axis Bank has acquired over 57,700 shares in CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd for Rs 36.38 crore. CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd is a special purpose vehicle set up by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) to oversee the implementation of the common services centre scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank – acquired over 57,700 shares (Rs 36.38 Cr) – in CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry
- CSC e-Governance Services India – set up by Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)

172. Flipkart has acquired the intellectual property (IP) of gaming startup Mech Mocha for an undisclosed sum. Mech Mocha runs a regional language social gaming platform, Hello Play, which essentially builds for Bharat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Flipkart – acquired the gaming startup “Mech Mocha”
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal
- HQs of Mech Mocha – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Arpita Kapoor

173. Saudi Arabia’s sovereign Public Investment Fund (PIF) has invested Rs 9,555 Cr (\$1.3 billion) to pick 2.04% stake in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL), becoming the latest high-profile global fund to purchase stake in India’s largest retailer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PIF – acquired 2.04% stake (Rs 9,555 Cr or \$1.3 billion) – in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL)
- HQs of PIF – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | Chairman – Mohammad bin Salman
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

174. 'Project Future Ready' is launched by Dell Technologies in partnership with American India Foundation (AIF), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and University of Mumbai to equip the workforce with career skills. The project is set to impact over 100,000 students in Mumbai and Delhi NCR, of which 60% are female. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Project Future Ready' is launched by = Dell Technologies + AIF + NSDC + University of Mumbai
- HQs of Dell Tech. – Texas, USA | CEO – Michael S. Dell
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Manish Kumar

175. ICAR-Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture (CIBA) has partnered with the Fisheries Department in Kerala to set up a multi- species fish hatchery under the aegis of the government to increase brackish water fish production in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICAR-CIBA + Kerala = an MoU to set up a multi- species fish hatchery to increase brackish water fish production
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

176. Bangladesh has signed an MoU with Serum Institute of India (SII) and Bexmico Pharmaceuticals to procure 30 million doses of 'Covishield'. The Covid-19 vaccine candidate is being developed by the University of Oxford in collaboration with AstraZeneca and the Serum Institute of India (SII). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh + SII + Bexmico Pharmaceuticals = an MoU to procure 30 million doses of 'Covishield'
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid
- HQs of SII – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Adar C. Poonawalla
- HQs of Bexmico – Dhaka, Bangladesh | MD – Nazmul Hassan Papon

177. HIL Limited (Hindustan Insecticides Limited) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals recently to achieve the revenue target of Rs 451 crore in the current financial year (2020-21). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HIL Limited + Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals = an MoU to achieve the Revenue Target of Rs 451 Cr in FY21
- HQs of HIL Ltd – Kochi, Rasayani, Bathinda



178. IFFCO Bazar has announced its integration with the State Bank of India (SBI) YONO Krishi to boost accessibility of Quality Agri-Products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFFCO Bazar + YONO Krishi (SBI) = partnership to boost accessibility of Quality Agri-Products
- HQs of IFFCO – New Delhi | Chairman – Balvinder Singh Nakai
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Arjit Basu | Ashwani Bhatia
- CFO of SBI – Charanjit Singh Attra | MD & CEO of SBI General Ins. – Prakash Chandra Kandpal
- MD & CEO of SBI Card – Ashwini Kumar tewari | MD & CEO of SBI Mutual Funds – Vinay M. Tonse

179. Leading digital financial services platform Paytm and SBI Card have joined hands to launch co-branded credit cards available in two variants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm + SBI Card = partnership to launch co-branded credit cards available in 2 variants
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma
- HQs of SBI Card – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar | MD & CEO – Ashwini Kumar Tewari

180. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) in association with IIT Hyderabad has launched an Incubation and Fellowship program titled, “NICE Program” (NMDC Innovation and Incubation Centre). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Hyderabad + NMDC = launched “NICE Program”
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman & MD – Sumit Deb

181. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed an MoU with NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN) to promote usage of electric vehicles and set up solar power plants at its airports. The AAI owns and manages more than 100 airports across India. The airports in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mangaluru and Lucknow are managed by private companies and not by the AAI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AAI + NVVN = an MoU to promote usage of EVs and set up solar power plants at its airports
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Arvind Singh
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh



182. The Karnataka government has entered into an agreement with Tata Technologies Ltd to upgrade and modernise 150 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and thereby create increased employment opportunities to the youth of the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka + Tata Technologies = an agreement to upgrade and modernise 150 it is
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala
- HQs of Tata Technologies – Singapore | CEO – Warren Harris

183. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an MoU between India and Israel for cooperation in the field of health and medicine. The MoU covers areas of cooperation such as exchange and training of medical doctors and other health professionals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Israel = an MoU for cooperation in the field of health and medicine
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu



Books & Authors

184. Celebrated actor, author, and former Chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India Anupam Kher has announced his third book, “Your Best Day Is Today!” which he describes as a journey of self-discovery, willpower, small triumphs and the strength of positive thinking. The book will be released worldwide on December 5. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Your Best Day is Today!” – authored by ‘Anupam Kher’ (3rd book)
- His autobiography – “Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly”

185. Rachna Bisht Rawat’s ‘Insomnia’ is an engaging collection of tales about the Indian Army. With tales such as these, Rawat steps away from her 4 previous books on the Indian Army that celebrate the soldier’s derring-do in the nation’s many wars. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Insomnia: Army Stories” – Rachna Bisht Rawat

186. The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has virtually launched the book titled “Thavaasmi: Life and Skills through the lens of Ramayana”. The author of the book is Shri Rallabandi Srirama Chakradhar and the co-author is Smt. Amara Sarada Deepthi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Thavaasmi: Life and Skills through the lens of Ramayana” – launched by ‘M. Venkaiah Naidu’
- The book is authored by = ‘Rallabandi Srirama Chakradhar’ + ‘Amara Sarada Deepthi’



Persons in News

187. Army chief Gen MM Naravane has arrived in Nepal on a 3-day crucial visit to strengthen overall ties including in areas of defence and security. He was accompanied by his wife Veena Naravane, who is the chairperson of the Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) of the Indian Army. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MM Naravane visited 'Nepal' to strengthen ties in areas of defence and security
- Chairperson of the Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) – Veena Naravane
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – S K Saini

188. The president of Kosovo, Hashim Thaci, has resigned to face war crimes charges at a special court in the Hague. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hashim Thaci (Kosovo) – resigned to face war crimes charges at a special court in the Hague, Netherlands
- Kosovo – Pristina – Euro | President – Hashim Thaci

189. The recent Habeas Corpus petition by Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami before the Bombay High Court, challenging his arrest by Raigad Police on November 4 as illegal and thus seeking his immediate release, has raised the issue of maintainability of Habeas Corpus. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Habeas Corpus petition – by 'Arnab Goswami' (Republic TV Editor-in-Chief) – before the Bombay High Court



Science & Technology

190. A five-member team from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee has developed the world's first specific reliable bacterial "Biosensor" that can detect the presence of common environmental pollutant: Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate (SDS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Roorkee – developed the world's 1st specific reliable bacterial "Biosensor" - to detect 'Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate'

191. Amazon India has announced the launch of its first all-women Virtual Customer Service (VCS) site in Bengaluru. The company initially has extended flexible career opportunities for fresh hires of 60 women across the city, empowering them to pursue their careers from homes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon – launched its first all-women Virtual Customer Service (VCS) site – in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | Founder & CEO – Jeff Bezos
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

192. Australian scientists have found 500 metres tall and 1.5 Km wide coral reef on the 'Great Barrier Reef'. It lies 40 metres below the ocean surface and about six kilometres from the edge of Great Barrier Reef. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Australian scientists – found 500 metres tall and 1.5 Km wide Coral Reef – on 'Great Barrier Reef'
- Great Barrier Reef – located in Australia
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

193. Facebook has deleted the page of ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) from its platform without any intimation. This has prompted the ISSF to start a campaign '#unblock_ISSF_facebook'. The page was created on January 14, 2010. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Facebook – deleted the page of ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation)
- HQs of Facebook – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg
- HQs of ISSF – Brussels, Belgium | President – Vladimir Lisin



194. IIT Kharagpur will set up a Centre of Excellence for the Indian knowledge system. Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has inaugurated the international webinar called 'Bharata Tirtha' organised by IIT Kharagpur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kharagpur will set up a Centre of Excellence for the Indian knowledge system
- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated "Bharata Tirtha" webinar organised by – IIT Kharagpur
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

195. India has successfully launched its latest earth observation satellite "EOS-01" and nine customer satellites from 'PSLV-C49' in Sriharikota. The customer satellites are from Lithuania (1), Luxembourg (4) and USA (4). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – launched its latest earth observation satellite "EOS-01" & 9 customer satellites – from 'PSLV-C49'
- 9 customer satellites = Lithuania (1), Luxembourg (4) & USA (4)
- Lithuania – Vilnius – Euro | Luxembourg – Luxembourg – Euro
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden

196. NASA has detected the first mix of X-ray and radio signals called "Fast Radio Burst (FRB)" in the Milky Way galaxy. The study was published in the journal Nature on November 4. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA detected the first "Fast Radio Burst (FRB)" – in the 'Milky Way' galaxy
- The study published in the "Nature" journal
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

197. WhatsApp has finally launched "Disappearing Messages" feature. This feature has been in testing since last year. As the name suggests, this feature will automatically delete messages from chats once the time limit reaches. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WhatsApp – launched "Disappearing Messages" feature
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, USA | CEO – Jan Koum



198. WhatsApp has received the NPCI approval in India to go live with a payment feature on its messaging platform using the Unified Payments Interface in 10 regional languages. WhatsApp has been offering the service on a trial basis in India since February 2018. Moreover, WhatsApp has partnered with 5 Indian banks to process its payment services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WhatsApp – received the NPCI approval in India to launch a payment system on UPI – in 10 languages
- WhatsApp – partnered with 5 Indian banks to process its payment services
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, USA | CEO – Jan Koum
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe



Ordinance, Bills and Acts

199. The government has issued the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 to further amend the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The ordinance also does away with the 8th Schedule of the Act which contained the necessary qualifications for accreditation of arbitrators. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The government issued an Ordinance to amend “Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996”

200. The Haryana Assembly has passed a bill to give 75% reservation in the private sector to job seekers from the state. The Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Bill, 2020 provides the quota for local people in private sector jobs that offer a salary of less than Rs 50,000 a month. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – passed a bill to give 75% reservation in the private sector jobs (Salary of less than Rs 50,000/m)
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya



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