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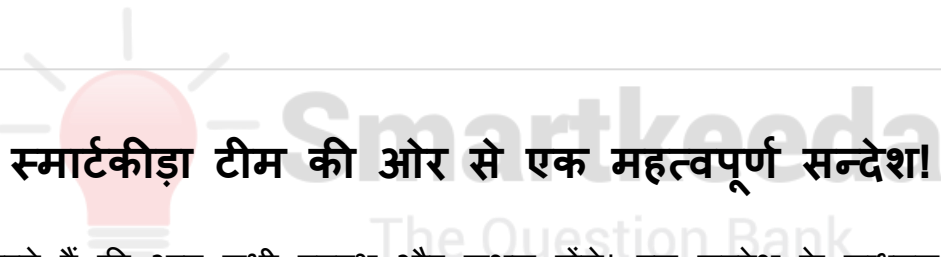
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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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## **National & States Affairs**

**701.** Narendra Singh Tomar has virtually inaugurated the “Honey Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) Programs” in 5 states which will be set up with the help of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) under the “Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPOs” Scheme. Under the new FPOs scheme, so far National Level Project Management Advisory and Fund Sanctioning Committee (N-PMAFSC) had allocated 2200 FPO clusters for 2020-21 to all Implementing agencies. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Narendra Singh Tomar – inaugurated the “Honey FPOs Programs” in 5 states (UP, MP, WB, Rajasthan & Bihar)
- N-PMAFSC – allocated 2200 FPO clusters for 2020-21
- HQs of NAFED – New Delhi | MD – Shri Sanjeev Kumar Chadha | Chairman – Bijender Singh

**702.** India will soon launch an ambitious ‘Deep Ocean Mission’ that envisages exploration of minerals, energy and marine diversity of the underwater world. The mission, which is expected to cost over ₹4,000 Cr, will give a boost to efforts to explore India’s vast Exclusive Economic Zone. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- India – will launch an ambitious ‘Deep Ocean Mission’ (Expected cost: over ₹4,000 Cr)

**703.** The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has approved the construction of the “Song Dam Drinking Water Project” worth Rs 1100 Cr in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- The “Song Dam Drinking Water Project” to be set up in – Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

**704.** NITI Aayog has released a compendium titled “Mitigation and Management of Covid-19: Practices from India’s States & UTs”. It consists of information about various initiatives implemented by states, districts, and cities in India for containing and managing the Covid-19 outbreak. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- NITI Aayog – a compendium titled “Mitigation and Management of Covid-19: Practices from India’s States & UTs”
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

**705.** Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has launched a Whatsapp helpline (7875756177) for women in distress in the state. This dedicated WhatsApp number will be functional round the clock at the State Police Control Room, Panaji to redress grievances of women in distress. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Goa – launched a Whatsapp helpline for women in distress
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

**706.** The Department of Telecommunications has announced that Callers in India using landlines to make calls to mobile phones will be required to add '0' as a prefix from January 15 onward. The use of the '0' prefix opens up new numbering resources for future wireless subscriptions. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian callers using landlines to make calls to mobile phones will be required to add '0' as a prefix from January 15
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Constituency – Patna Sahib, Bihar)

**707.** Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath has invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA), prohibiting strikes in all state government departments and corporations for 6 months (till May 2021). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttar Pradesh – invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) – for 6 months (till May 2021)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**708.** Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar has launched the “India Climate Change Knowledge Portal”. The portal will have all the major steps the Government is taking at both national and international levels to address the climate change issues. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Prakash Javadekar – launched the “India Climate Change Knowledge Portal”
- Prakash Javadekar – Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Constituency – Maharashtra)

**709.** Every year, for the past 10 years, 27 November has been celebrated as the “Indian Organ Donation Day” in the country. A study, published in the journal The Lancet, noted that countries with high infection rates have



seen organ donations fall by more than 50%. Tamil Nadu has been adjudged as the best in organ donation in the country for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 27 – 11<sup>th</sup> “Indian Organ Donation Day”
- August 13 – “World Organ Donation Day”
- Tamil Nadu – adjudged the best in organ donation in India (for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year)

**710.** The SEBI has launched the Securities Market Trainers (SMARTs) program, an initiative aimed at enhancing investor education and awareness as a part of World Investor Week being celebrated across India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI – launched the Securities Market Trainers (SMARTs) program
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | ED – G P Garg

**711.** The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is set to become the first Arab Gulf country to generate electricity from coal. Dubai is starting up the \$3.4 billion Hassyan coal plant, with capacity being increased from an initial 600 mega watts to 2,400 by 2023. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UAE – to become the first Arab Gulf country to generate electricity from coal
- Hassyan Clean Coal Power Plant – Dubai, UAE
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**712.** Uttar Pradesh Cabinet led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has cleared the proposal to rename the ‘Ayodhya airport’ as ‘Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Ayodhya airport” renamed as “Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport” – located in Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**713.** The Union Territory of Ladakh has got the largest solar power project setup namely “Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW” under the Centre's ‘Make in India’ initiative at Leh IAF station to provide sustainable energy alternative to fossil fuel and traditional methods of energy generation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- “Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW” the largest solar power project – in Leh, Ladakh
- [Ladakh Capital – Leh](#) | [Lt. Governor – R K Mathur](#)

**714.** The Nagarjuna Besha of Lord Jagannath and siblings were held recently in Odisha's Puri after a gap of 26 years. The last Besha of the Lords was held in 1994. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The Nagarjuna Besha of Lord Jagannath and siblings – held recently in Puri, Odisha (after 26 years)
- The last Besha of the Lords was held in – 1994
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

**715.** Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways Nitin Gadkari has virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 16 National Highway projects with a total length of over 500 Kms worth Rs 7,477 Cr in Uttar Pradesh. He has asked the Uttar Pradesh government to exempt toll plaza agreements from stamp duty in the State. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nitin Gadkari – inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 16 National Highway projects in Uttar Pradesh
- Length: 500 Kms | Worth: Rs 7,477 Cr
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

**716.** Odisha government has launched “Mission Zero F” in Sambalpur district to improve the pass rate in high school certificate examination. The initiative aims to minimise the number of students scoring grade F. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Odisha – launched “Mission Zero F” in Sambalpur to improve the pass rate in high school certificate exams
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

**717.** On the occasion of National Organ Donation Day, Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot has inaugurated the India's first organ donor memorial in Jaipur. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ashok Gehlot – inaugurated India's first organ donor memorial in Jaipur, Rajasthan
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur](#) | [CM – Ashok Gehlot](#) | [Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)





**718.** After a gap of 10 years, Kerala will receive the central funds for literacy programmes as it is now part of the union government's ambitious literacy drive "Padhna Likhna Abhiyan". The core objective of the new scheme is to impart functional literacy and numeracy to 57 lakh non-literate and non-numerate adults in both rural and urban areas across India in the age group of 15 years and above. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kerala – recently became the part of the "Padhna Likhna Abhiyan" of central government
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**719.** Bharat Heavy Electronics Limited (BHEL) has set a new record by successfully manufacturing and testing India's highest rated Auto Transformer "500 MVA 400/220/33 kV" at the National High Power Test Laboratory (NHPTL) at Bina in Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- BHEL sets a new record of manufacturing India's highest-rated auto transformer – at NHPT (in Bina, MP)
- HQs of BHEL – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Nalin Shinghal
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**720.** Airline major SpiceJet has launched dedicated freighter services connecting Leh with the rest of the country. The flight was operated by SpiceXpress, the dedicated cargo arm of SpiceJet. A Boeing 737 freighter has been deployed on this route. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SpiceJet – launched dedicated freighter services connecting Leh with the rest of the country
- HQs of SpiceJet – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Ajay Singh

**721.** PM Narendra Modi has addressed Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University's (PDPU) students virtually during the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation Day ceremony at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. He has also laid the foundation stone of a "45 MW Production Plant of Monocrystalline Solar Photo Voltaic Panel" and "Centre of Excellence on Water Technology" at the university. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University's students on the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation Day
- PM Modi – laid the foundation stone of a "45 MW Production Plant of Monocrystalline Solar Photo Voltaic Panel"



- PM Modi – laid the foundation stone of “Centre of Excellence on Water Technology”
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**722.** Recently, the newly electrified “Dighawara-Bandikui” section of Indian Railways’ North Western railway zone is inaugurated by Railway Minister Piyush Goyal. [{Read more}](#)

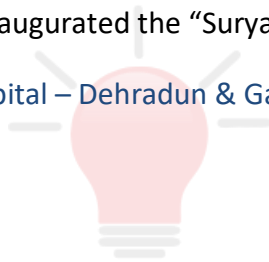
**Key Points:**

- Piyush Goyal inaugurated – “Dighawara-Bandikui section” of North Western railway zone
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra
- HQs of North Western railway zone – Jaipur, Rajasthan | GM – Anand Prakash

**723.** Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has inaugurated the “Suryadhar” lake at Doiwala to address the drinking water and irrigational needs of nearly 20 villages around it. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttarakhand – inaugurated the “Suryadhar” lake
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya



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# International Affairs

**724.** Cambridge Dictionary has named 'Quarantine' as Word of the Year 2020. Quarantine was the only word to rank in the top 5 for both search spikes and overall views (more than 183,000 by early November). [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- "Quarantine" – named as 'Word of the Year 2020' by Cambridge Dictionary

**725.** China has powered up its first domestically developed nuclear reactor - "Hualong One" a significant step in Beijing's attempts to become less dependent on Western allies for energy security and critical technology. The reactor can generate 10 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity each year and cut carbon emissions by 8.16 million tons. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- China – powered up its first domestically developed nuclear reactor "Hualong One"
- Capacity: 10 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity / year
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

**726.** Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla has inaugurated 3 schools built under Indian assistance in Nepal's Gorkha district. Still, 70 schools and 150 health facilities are coming up in 12 districts of Nepal with Indian support. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Harsh Vardhan Shringla inaugurated 3 schools built under Indian assistance – in Gorkha, Nepal
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

**727.** India and France have launched a "Bilateral Fast Track Mechanism" in investments in the 18<sup>th</sup> session of India France Joint Committee. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- India + France = launched a "Bilateral Fast Track Mechanism" in investments in the 18<sup>th</sup> session
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex

**728.** A Chinese hydropower company plans to construct the first downstream dam on the lower reaches of the Brahmaputra river or Yarlung Zangbo (known in Tibet) marking a new phase in China's hydropower exploitation of the river with potential ramifications for India. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Chinese Hydropower Company plans to construct the first downstream dam on Brahmaputra / Yarlung Zangbo
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

**729.** Japan's southern Kagawa prefecture has detected another outbreak of 'Avian influenza' disease in the Mitoyo city and is set to cull 77,000 chickens. [{Read more}](#)

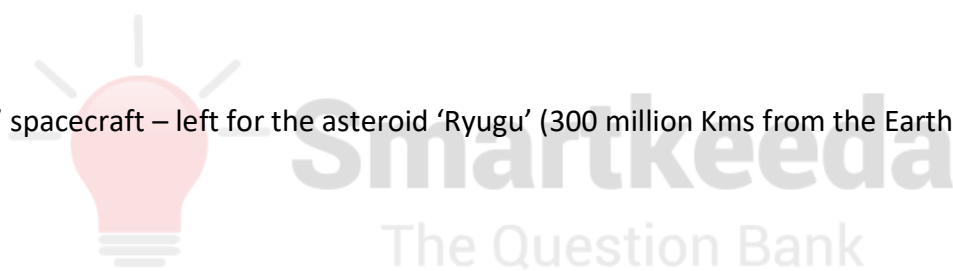
**Key Points:**

- Japan – detected outbreak of 'Avian influenza' disease in Mitoyo city
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

**730.** The "Hayabusa2" spacecraft has left for the asteroid 'Ryugu', about 300 million Kms (180 million miles) from Earth, a year ago and is expected to reach Earth and drop a capsule containing the soil samples in southern Australia on Dec. 6. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The "Hayabusa2" spacecraft – left for the asteroid 'Ryugu' (300 million Kms from the Earth)



# **Banking & Economic Affairs**

**731.** Luxury car manufacturer Mercedes-Benz has partnered with State Bank of India for car finance at 'attractive' interest rate besides many other benefits. Besides, all customers booking a Mercedes-Benz car online through SBI's digital platform YONO will get an additional benefit of Rs 25,000 at the dealerships. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Mercedes-Benz + SBI = partnership for car finance at 'attractive' interest rate besides many other benefits
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Arjit Basu | Ashwani Bhatia

**732.** India's GDP has contracted 7.5% in the Q2 of 2020-21, following the record 23.9% decline recorded in the Q1, as per estimates released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). India has now entered a 'Technical Recession' with 2 successive quarters of negative growth. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- India's GDP contracted 7.5% in the Q2 of 2020-21 – according to NSO
- India has now entered a 'Technical Recession'
- NSO comes under – Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoS I/C – Rao Inderjit Singh)
- HQs of NSO – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy

**733.** The RBI has set a precedent to Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) to write-off of Rs 318 Cr tier-II bonds before its amalgamation with DBS Bank India. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- RBI – set a precedent to Lakshmi Vilas Bank to write-off of Rs 318 Cr tier-II bonds
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)
- HQs of LVB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Subramanian Sundar

**734.** For the first time, Receivables Exchange of India Ltd. (RXIL) has initiated a Trade Credit Insurance (TCI) backed transaction with Tata AIG as the insurer and ICICI Bank, YES Bank as the financiers in Sandbox environment. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**



- RXIL initiated a Trade Credit Insurance (TCI) | Insurer – Tata AIG | Financiers - ICICI Bank & YES Bank
- HQs of RXIL – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Ketan Gaikwad

**735.** Indian Bank has entered into an agreement with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to use the latter's asset restructuring module for MSME borrowers. The SIDBI has come out with "Asset Restructuring Module for MSMEs - Do it Yourself (ARM-MSME DIY)" for supporting these MSMEs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian Bank + SIDBI = an agreement for asset restructuring module for MSMEs borrowers
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chunduru
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | Chairman – Mohammad Mustafa



## **Defence Affairs**

**736.** The Indian Navy has inducted two “MQ-9B Sea Guardian Unarmed Drones” procured from the U.S. on lease for one year. The recently released Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 has introduced an option for leasing military platforms. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Indian Navy – inducted two “MQ-9B Sea Guardian Unarmed Drones” procured from the U.S.
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar



## Schemes & Initiatives

**737.** Andhra Pradesh CM Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the “Jagananna Thodu” scheme under which an amount of ₹905 Cr was deposited into the bank accounts of 9.05 lakh small traders towards provision of interest-free loan. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh – launched the “Jagananna Thodu” scheme to provide interest-free loan to small traders and artisans
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

**738.** Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has unveiled a new initiative “Sahakar Pragya”. The 45 new training modules of “Sahakar Pragya” of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Narendra Singh Tomar – unveiled a new initiative “Sahakar Pragya” of NCDC – to impart training in rural areas
- NCDC works under – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Narendra Singh Tomar – Morena, MP)
- HQs of NCDC – New Delhi | MD – Sundeep Kumar Nayak

**739.** West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee has expanded the state-run ‘Swasthya Sathi’ health scheme to cover the entire population of the state. The decision will be applicable from December 1, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- West Bengal – expanded the state-run ‘Swasthya Sathi’ health scheme to cover the entire population
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

**740.** The Assam government has launched “Orunodoi” scheme in 29 districts to benefit women-headed households and specially-abled persons in the state. A subsidy amount of Rs 830 per month will be transferred directly into the account of the nominated female head of the household. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Assam – launched “Orunodoi” scheme for women-headed households and specially-abled persons
- A subsidy amount of Rs 830 per month







# Sports & Games

**741.** Sports Ministry has restored the government recognition to Archery Association of India (AAI) as a Nation Sports Federation (NSF) after 8 years. It was withdrawn 8 years back on account of failure to conduct its elections in accordance with the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011. Government recognition of AAI will be valid for one year. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Sports Ministry restored the government recognition to 'Archery Association of India' as NSF – for 1 year
- Sports Ministry – Kiren Rijiju | Constituency – Arunachal West
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | President – Arjun Munda

**742.** India all-rounder Hardik Pandya has broken Kedar Jadhav's record and became the fastest Indian batsman to score 1000 ODI runs against Australia. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Hardik Pandya – became the fastest Indian batsman to score 1000 runs in ODI Cricket

**743.** Lewis Hamilton has taken his 11<sup>th</sup> victory of the season in a "Bahrain Grand Prix - 2020" (Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix). [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Lewis Hamilton – won "Bahrain Grand Prix - 2020" (his 11<sup>th</sup> victory)
- Lewis Hamilton (UK) – drives 'Mercedes'

**744.** Virat Kohli has achieved yet another record and became the quickest batsman to score 22,000 international runs. He scored 89 in the second ODI against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Virat Kohli – became the quickest batsman to score 22,000 international runs

**745.** Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the "Fit India School Week" program on November 25. The virtual event was conducted with the aim to encourage kids to inculcate physical activity and sports in their daily routine. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**



- Kiren Rijiju – launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the “Fit India School Week” program
- Sports Ministry – Kiren Rijiju | Constituency – Arunachal West



## Important Days & Dates

**746.** “The Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare” is observed each year on 30 November. The Day urges countries to exclude completely the possibility of the use of chemical weapons through the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The Chemical Weapons Convention was adopted in 1993 and it came into effect on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1997. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- November 30 – “The Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare”
- The Chemical Weapons Convention was adopted in 1993 (effective from 1997)

**747.** “The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People” is observed each year on 29 November. Established in 1977, it marks the day in 1947 when the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution partitioning Palestine into an Arab State and a Jewish State. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- November 29 – “The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People” (since – 1977)
- HQs of UNGA – NewYork, USA | President – Tijjani Muhammad Bande

**748.** Every year on November 24, “Lachit Divas” is celebrated across Assam to remember the valor of ‘Chao Lachit Borphukan’ an army general of Ahom Kingdom. During the Battle of Saraighat in 1671, the legendary Ahom general had defeated the mighty Mughal forces led by Ramsingh and overcome all challenges. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- November 24 – “Lachit Divas” – across Assam (to remember ‘Chao Lachit Borphukan’)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



# Meetings, Conferences and Summits

**749.** President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the two-day 80<sup>th</sup> All India Presiding Officers' Conference at Kevadiya, Gujarat. The conference was organised on the theme "Harmonious coordination between Legislature, Executive and Judiciary - Key to a vibrant democracy". [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Ram Nath Kovind – inaugurated the two-day 80<sup>th</sup> All India Presiding Officers' Conference – at Kevadiya, Gujarat
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat](#)

**750.** Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has chaired & addressed a virtual National Conference on "Empowering through Zero-Shunya Se Sashaktikaran" organised by Sri Aurobindo Society on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. He has also launched "Innovation and Leadership Casebook - Covid Edition". [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Ramesh Pokhriyal – addressed a National Conference on "Empowering through Zero-Shunya Se Sashaktikaran"
- The Conference was organised by – Sri Aurobindo Society
- Ramesh Pokhriyal – launched "Innovation and Leadership Casebook - Covid Edition"
- [Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' \(Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand\)](#)

**751.** India has hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> Heads of Government (HoG) Council Meeting of the eight-nation Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) which will be chaired by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- India – hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> SCO Heads of Government Council Meeting – chaired by M. Venkaiah Naidu
- [HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | Member Countries – 8](#)

**752.** The 4<sup>th</sup> "NSA (National Security Advisor) Level Meeting on Trilateral Maritime Security Cooperation" was recently held between India, Sri Lanka and Maldives. India was represented by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. The meeting was hosted by Sri Lanka. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> NSA Level Meeting on Trilateral Maritime Security Cooperation – held between India, Sri Lanka & Maldives



- India was represented by – Ajit Doval | The meeting was hosted by – Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**753.** The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of “Healthcare Future Summit” is set to take place virtually from 6-8 December 2020 in Dubai under the theme “Bringing Healthcare Communities Together”. It will bring together the world’s most prominent healthcare specialists, to discuss the most pressing topics in the healthcare field. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The first edition of “Healthcare Future Summit” – to take place virtually from 6-8 December 2020 – in Dubai, UAE
- Theme – “Bringing Healthcare Communities Together”



# **Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes**

**754.** Indo-Japan cooperation has won the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Mutual Agreement Procedure 2019 Award for highest agreement ratio for a pair of jurisdictions for transfer pricing cases. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Indo-Japan cooperation – won the “OECD Mutual Agreement Procedure 2019 Award”
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Angel Gurría | Member countries in OECD – 37
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

**755.** The Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) has been selected as an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) ‘Milestone’ facility on November 23. This is the third such IEEE Milestone recognition for an Indian contribution. It is operated by the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), Pune. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- The Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (Maharashtra) – selected as the third IEEE ‘Milestone’ facility
- HQs of IEEE – New Jersey, USA | President – James A. Jefferies
- HQs of NCRA – Pune, Maharashtra | Director – Yashwant Gupta

**756.** Writer-director Keith Gomes’ short film titled “Shameless”, which released in April last year, is eligible for qualification from India at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Oscars in the ‘Live Action Short Film’ category. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- A short film titled “Shameless” – became eligible for qualification from India at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Oscars
- Category: ‘Live Action Short Film’ | Director – Keith Gomes



# Appointments & Resignations

**757.** Prof. Achyuta Samanta of Odisha has been elected unopposed as the President of Volleyball Federation of India (VFI). Raj Kumar of Punjab has been elected as Executive Vice President, while nine others were elected as Vice Presidents of VFI. Anil Choudhury of Rajasthan has been elected unopposed as Secretary General of VFI. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Achyuta Samanta (Odisha) – elected as the President of Volleyball Federation of India (VFI)
- Raj Kumar (Punjab) – elected as Executive Vice President of Volleyball Federation of India (VFI)
- HQs of VFI – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | President – Achyuta Samanta

**758.** Academy Award-winning Music Composer A R Rahman was appointed as the Ambassador for the “British Academy of Film and Television Arts” (BAFTA) ‘Breakthrough Initiative’. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- A R Rahman – appointed as the Ambassador for the “British Academy of Film and Television Arts” (BAFTA)

**759.** Hissein Brahim Taha has been elected as the 47<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). He will replace Youssef Al-Othaimeen. He will take over the post in November 2021. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Hissein Brahim Taha – elected as the 47<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General of the OIC (from November 2021)
- HQs of OIC – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia | Secretary-General – Youssef Al-Othaimeen (till Nov 2021)

**760.** Amitabh Jain, an IAS officer of 1989 batch, has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh. He has succeeded Rajendra Prasad Mandal. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Amitabh Jain – appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh (by replacing Rajendra Prasad Mandal)
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

**761.** The Government of India has appointed Varsha Joshi as the new Chairperson of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). She has replaced Dilip Rath on November 30. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- Varsha Joshi – appointed as the new Chairperson of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
- HQs of NDDB – Anand, Gujarat | Chairman – Varsha Joshi

**762.** Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has appointed senior IAS officer Utpal Kumar Singh as Secretary General of the Lok Sabha. A 1986 batch IAS officer of Uttarakhand Cadre has succeeded Snehlata Shrivastava on December 1. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Utpal Kumar Singh – appointed as Secretary General of the Lok Sabha (by replacing - Snehlata Shrivastava)
- The 17<sup>th</sup> Speaker of Lok Sabha – Om Prakash Birla

**763.** Footwear major Bata Shoe Organisation has announced the appointment of Sandeep Kataria as its global CEO, effective immediately. Kataria is the first Indian to be elevated to this global role at the company. He takes over from Alexis Nasard. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sandeep Kataria (1<sup>st</sup> Indian) – appointed as the Global CEO of – Bata (by replacing - Alexis Nasard)
- HQs of Bata – Lausanne, Switzerland | CEO – Alexis Nasard



## **Amount & Agreements**

**764.** The Union Cabinet has approved equity infusion of Rs 6,000 Cr by Government in NIIF debt platform sponsored by National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, comprising of Aseem Infrastructure Finance Limited and NIIF Infrastructure Finance Limited. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- The Union Cabinet – approved equity infusion of Rs 6,000 Cr in NIIF debt platform
- HQs of NIIFL – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Sujoy Bose

**765.** India and Vietnam has signed an Implementation Agreement (IA) for cooperation in the field of “Hydrography”. The agreement was signed during a virtual bilateral meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Vietnamese counterpart General Ngo Xuan Lich. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- India & Vietnam – signed an Implementation Agreement (IA) for cooperation in the field of “Hydrography”
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

**766.** The government has launched “Mission Covid Suraksha” to help accelerate the development of approximately 5-6 Covid-19 vaccine candidates. Under this mission, the government has announced a package of Rs 900 Cr for Covid-19 vaccine. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Government announced a package of Rs 900 Cr for Covid-19 vaccine – under “Mission Covid Suraksha”



## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**767.** HDFC Bank has crossed a new milestone as its market capitalisation hit ₹8 lakh Cr (\$108 billion) on November 25, strengthening in place as India's third most valuable company. Reliance Industries Ltd is India's most valued company with a market value of ₹13.17 Trillion followed by TCS at ₹10.13 Trillion. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – became India's third most valuable company with m-cap of ₹8 lakh Cr or ₹8 Trillion (\$108 billion)
- 1<sup>st</sup> – RIL (₹13.17 Trillion) | 2<sup>nd</sup> – TCS (₹10.13 Trillion)
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – "We understand your world"

**768.** Shanghai has dethroned London to become the world's most connected city as the coronavirus shakes up international travel. London has seen a 67% decline in connectivity via air travel, according to the International Air Transport Association (IATA). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Shanghai (China) – became the world's most connected city amid Covid-19 – according to IATA
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

**769.** India was the 4<sup>th</sup> major host of Greenfield Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) projects and 8 major host of cross-border M&A deals between 2004 to 2015, according to the paper titled 'Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and Pacific' released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 'Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and Pacific' a book – released by ADB
- India – 4<sup>th</sup> major host of Greenfield FDI projects between 2004 to 2015 (1<sup>st</sup> – USA | 2<sup>nd</sup> – China | 3<sup>rd</sup> – UK)
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68

**770.** A flagship report titled "The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2020" is released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The report stated that available freshwater resources have declined globally by more than 20% per person over the past 2 decades. Around 1.2 billion people across the globe are under high levels of water stress. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- A flagship report titled "The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2020" – released by the FAO
- 1.2 billion people across the globe are under high levels of water stress

- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu

**771.** OECD data has revealed that there are around 120 million migrants living in OECD member countries. 30 to 35% of these migrants are considered Highly Educated. For India has topped the list as of 2015-16 data with 3.12 million Highly Educated migrants in the OECD. China with 2.25 Million stood next to India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Around 120 million migrants living in OECD member countries (30 to 35% are Highly Educated)
- India topped the list as of 2015-16 data with 3.12 million Highly Educated migrants in the OECD countries
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Angel Gurría | Member countries in OECD – 37

**772.** Singapore has been the biggest contributor towards FDI equity inflows to India as per the data published by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DIPP). The data shows that Singapore has invested Rs 62,084 Cr into India between April and September 2020 followed by the USA with Rs 53,266 Cr of inflows. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Singapore – the biggest contributor towards FDI equity inflows to India (between April to Sep) – as per DIPP
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Singapore (Rs 62,084 Cr) | 2<sup>nd</sup> – USA (Rs 53,266 Cr)

**773.** The UNCTAD's report titled “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Trade and Development: Transitioning to a New Normal” has projected that the Global Economy would contract 4.3% this year due to the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Trade and Development: Transitioning to a New Normal” – by UNCTAD
- UNCTAD projected India's GDP = (-4.3%)
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | UNCTAD Secretary-General – Mukhisa Kituyi

**774.** PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the virtual 3<sup>rd</sup> “Global RE-Invest Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo 2020”. The Theme of RE-INVEST 2020 is “Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition”. India has emerged as the 4<sup>th</sup> largest producer of renewable energy in world. The renewable energy capacity in India is currently 136 Giga Watts, which is about 36% of the country's total capacity. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- PM Modi inaugurated the virtual 3<sup>rd</sup> “Global RE-Invest Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo 2020”
- Theme – “Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition”
- India – the 4<sup>th</sup> largest producer of renewable energy in world
- Current renewable energy capacity in India – 136 GW (36% of India’s total capacity)

**775.** “The QS Asia University Rankings 2021” have been released by the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) in association with King Abdulaziz University and a total of 107 Indian institutes have been selected among the total 650 universities ranked. The National University of Singapore has come up as Asia’s best university for the third consecutive year. The top-10 list doesn’t feature any Indian university. The top 3 Indian universities to feature on the Asia Rankings are IIT Bombay (Rank 47), IIT Delhi (Rank 50), and IIT Madras (Rank 56). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “The QS Asia University Rankings 2021” – released by the QS + King Abdulaziz University
- The National University of Singapore – Asia’s best university for the third consecutive year
- 107 Indian institutes selected among the total 650 universities ranked
- IIT Bombay (47<sup>th</sup>) | IIT Delhi (50<sup>th</sup>) | IIT Madras (56<sup>th</sup>)

**776.** India has the highest bribery rate in Asia which is 39% and the most number of people who use personal connections to access public services which is 46%, according to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of a report titled “Global Corruption Barometer (GCB) Asia-2020” by corruption watchdog ‘Transparency International’. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 10<sup>th</sup> edition of “Global Corruption Barometer (GCB) Asia-2020” report – by ‘Transparency International’
- India has the highest bribery rate in Asia (39%)
- India – has the most number of people who use personal connections to access public services (46%)

**777.** Pakistan's cultural capital Lahore has ranked the most polluted city in the world, according to air pollution data released by the US Air Quality Index. According to the index, Lahore reported a particulate matter (PM) rating of 423. New Delhi came in second with a PM of 229, while Nepal's capital Kathmandu ranked the third-worst city with a PM of 178. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Air Pollution Data as per “US Air Quality Index-2020”

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Lahore (423 PM) | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Delhi (229 PM) | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kathmandu (178PM)



## **Acquisitions & Mergers**

**778.** India Grid Trust (IndiGrid) has inked an agreement to acquire 74% stake in Parbati Koldam Transmission Company Ltd (PKTCL) from Reliance Infrastructure. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- India Grid Trust – to acquire 74% stake in Parbati Koldam Transmission Company – from Reliance Infra.
- HQs of IndiGrid – New Delhi | CEO – Harsh Shah
- HQs of PKTCL – Gurugram, Haryana



# MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**779.** Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu government to develop MSMEs Eco System by setting up Project Management Unit (PMU) for training and capacity-building programmes. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- SIDBI + Tamil Nadu = to develop MSMEs Eco System by setting up PMU for training programmes
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | Chairman – Mohammad Mustafa
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

**780.** BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd) has signed 4 MoUs with Mission Youth, Government of Jammu & Kashmir to spread financial awareness, support economic development, and encourage sustainable livelihood in the Union Territory. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- BSE – signed 4 MoUs with Mission Youth and Government of J & K to spread financial awareness
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sethurathnam Ravi | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**781.** Power Finance Corporation Ltd. (PFC) and REC Ltd. have signed an MoU with SJVN Thermal (P) Ltd. (STPL) for Extending Term Loan of Rs. 8520.46 Cr for 2x660 MW Buxar Thermal Power Project on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- PFC Ltd + REC Ltd – an MoU with SJVN Thermal for Extending Term Loan for 'Buxar Thermal Power Project' (Bihar)
- HQs of PFC Ltd – New Delhi | CMD – Ravinder Singh Dhillon
- HQs of REC Ltd – New Delhi | CMD – Sanjeev Kumar Gupta

**782.** Tech giant IBM has collaborated with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to create a robust education and skilling ecosystem in areas including Cloud and Artificial Intelligence (AI) through the Common Services Centre (CSC) Academy. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- IBM + MeitY – to create a robust education and skilling ecosystem in Cloud and A.I. through CSC





- HQs of IBM India – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD – Sandip Patel
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Constituency – Patna Sahib, Bihar)

**783.** The Punjab Government and International Digital Health & Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR) have signed an MoU in Geneva, Switzerland for deployment of Digital Technologies in the health sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Punjab + I-DAIR = an MoU in Geneva, Switzerland – for deployment of Digital Technologies in health sector
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore
- Switzerland – Bern – Swiss Franc | President – Simonetta Sommaruga

**784.** Consulting firm HexGn and AFC India have joined hands to promote agriculture-related entrepreneurship in India and aim to promote 1,000 agritech start-ups in the country over the next 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HexGn + AFC India = partnership to promote agriculture-related entrepreneurship in India
- HQs of AFC India – Mumbai, MH | Executive Director – Jay Prakash

## **Books & Authors**

**785.** In a new book titled “Indian Icon - A Cult called Royal Enfield” authored by Amrit Raj maps the story of the brand 'Royal Enfield', the company and the individuals who have made it what it is. The book is also the story of the clash of Royal Enfield’s old guard with the new. The book is published by Westland Books. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Indian Icon - A Cult called Royal Enfield” book – authored by Amrit Raj
- The book maps the story of the brand 'Royal Enfield'

**786.** Prakash Javadekar along with Hardeep Singh Puri has released a booklet titled “PM Modi and his government's special relations with Sikhs” on the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti. It was released in three languages - Hindi, English and Gurmukhi. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Prakash Javadekar + Hardeep Singh Puri = released “PM Modi and his government's special relations with Sikhs”



## Obituaries

**787.** Senior Congress leader and party treasurer Ahmed Patel (71) has passed away recently in November due to multiple organ failure more than a month after he was tested positive for COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ahmed Patel – a Politician – passed away (Party – Congress)

**788.** Leading Sudanese politician and former Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi has passed away recently due to coronavirus infection. He was 84. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Sadiq al-Mahdi – former PM of Sudan – passed away
- [Sudan – Khartoum – Sudanese Pound](#)

**789.** James Wolfensohn, a former investment banker has passed away recently. He was 86. He was former President of the World Bank from June 1995 to May 2005. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- James Wolfensohn – a Former Investment Banker – passed away (former President of the World Bank)
- [World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189](#)
- [President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant](#)

**790.** Former Senegal midfielder Papa Bouba Diop, who scored the first goal of the 2002 World Cup against reigning champions France, has passed away recently. He was 42. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Papa Bouba Diop (Senegal) – a Football Player – passed away
- [Senegal – Dakar – CFA franc](#)

**791.** Dave Prowse (David Prowse) has passed away recently. He was 85. He was a former body-builder turned actor. He had represented England at the Commonwealth Games in the early 1960s before forging a career in Hollywood. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dave Prowse (UK) – Bodybuilder, Weightlifter & Actor – passed away



- He represented England at the Commonwealth Games - 1960s – in Weightlifting
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson



## **Person in News**

**792.** Government think-tank NITI Aayog has formed a high-level panel to explore the technological and commercial viability of the Virgin Hyperloop technology for ultrahigh speed travel in India. The committee has V. K. Saraswat as its Chairman and Sudhendu Jyoti Sinha as its convener. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- NITI Aayog – formed a high-level panel to explore the Virgin Hyperloop technology for ultrahigh speed travel
- The committee is headed by – V. K. Saraswat
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

**793.** External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has undertaken a five-day visit to Bahrain, UAE & Seychelles from November 24-29, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- S. Jaishankar – undertook a 5-day visit to Bahrain, UAE & Seychelles from November 24-29
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar | PM – Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa | King – Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Seychelles – Victoria – Seychellois Rupee | President – Wavel Ramkalawan



# Science & Technology

**794.** Australia will temporarily host ISRO's Satellite Tracking Facilities. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has embarked on an ambitious plan to put an Indian in space by 2022 under 'Gaganyaan mission'. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Australia – will temporarily host Satellite Tracking Facilities for ISRO's 'Gaganyaan mission'
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

**795.** UNDP Accelerator Lab India has launched the "Grassroot Innovation Database" (GRID) to foster inclusive development at the community-level. It contains 1,500 solutions, ranging from simple to complex in design. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- UNDP Accelerator Lab India – launched the "Grassroot Innovation Database" (GRID)
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner

**796.** India has successfully test fired the surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile "BrahMos" in the Andaman and Nicobar as part of a series of planned trials of the weapon, known for its precision strike capabilities. The range of the new land-attack version of the missile has been extended to 400 km from the original 290 km. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- India – test fired the surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile "BrahMos" in the Andaman and Nicobar
- Missile range – extended to 400 km (from the original 290 km)

**797.** Around 23 rare medicinal plants in various forests of Karnataka are on the verge of extinction and listed as 'endangered' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) list. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Around 23 rare medicinal plants in various forests of Karnataka are on the verge of extinction
- These are listed as 'endangered' on the IUCN list
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xinsheng Zhang



**798.** The newly discovered dwarf gecko - “Cnemaspis Avasabinae” is the 12<sup>th</sup> species to be discovered outside the Western Ghats and also the first species reported from the Velikonda Range in Andhra Pradesh. It is a new species of lizard, the smallest known Indian gekkonid, has been discovered in the Eastern Ghats. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- A new dwarf gecko (lizard) - “Cnemaspis Avasabinae” – discovered in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

**799.** Scientists have started a project of Radio-Tagging Vultures in Madhya Pradesh’s “Panna Tiger Reserve” to study the movements and habits of these birds. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Scientists started a project of Radio-Tagging Vultures in “Panna Tiger Reserve” – located in MP
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**800.** “Sphaerotheca Bengaluru” - a type of burrowing frog discovered outside its natural habitat has been named after Bengaluru city. The frog was found in a barren tract of land near Rajankunte, on the outskirts of Bengaluru. The findings of newly discovered frog species were published in the international journal Zootaxa. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Sphaerotheca Bengaluru” a type of Frog – discovered in Rajankunte, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



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