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आभार,

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701. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

India's Department of Posts and the United States Postal Service have entered into an agreement for Electronic Exchange of Customs data related to postal shipments exchanged between the two countries. It aims to facilitate 'ease of exports' for small and large exporters through postal channels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Post + US Postal Service = an agreement for Electronic Exchange of Customs data
- HQs of Indian Post – New Delhi | DG – Mrs. Meera Handa | Chairman – Ananta Narayan Nanda
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

702. Appointments & Resignations

The Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS), the self-regulatory industry body for fantasy sports, has appointed former Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of India, Bimal Julka, as its Chairman. He will take over from John Loffhagen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bimal Julka – appointed as Chairman of – Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS)
- HQs of FIFS – Gurugram, Haryana | Chairman – Bimal Julka

703. Appointments & Resignations

Senior India cricketer Rohit Sharma has been named Brand Ambassador of healthcare company "Dr Trust". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – "Dr Trust" - a healthcare firm
- HQs of Dr. Trust – New York, USA

704. Schemes & Initiatives

The government has extended for the third time the deadline for making payment under the Direct Tax Dispute Settlement scheme 'Vivad Se Vishwas' by 3 months to March 31, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deadline for making payment under 'Vivad Se Vishwas' scheme – by 3 months (till March 31, 2021)



705. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

CSB Bank has partnered with IIFL Finance (IIFL) for sourcing and managing retail gold loan assets. IIFL, with its vast branch network, would help CSB Bank penetrate the lower strata of customers and rural areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSB Bank + IIFL Finance = partnership for sourcing and managing retail gold loan assets
- HQs of CSB Bank – Thrissur, Kerala | CEO & MD – Rajendran Chinna Veerappan | Tagline – Support All the Way
- HQs of IIFL Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Nirmal jain

706. National & States Affairs

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched "Sumangal web portal" to promote inter-caste marriages. Patnaik also announced an incentive hike of Rs 1.5 lakh, from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2.5 lakh for couples. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched "Sumangal web portal" to promote inter-caste marriages
- An incentive to couples of – Rs 2.5 lakh
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

707. Science & Technology

ISRO & NASA have planned to launch the "NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)" satellite by 2022 to accelerate efforts to create a safe and sustainable space environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO & NASA – to launch the "NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)" satellite by 2022
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

708. Schemes & Initiatives

Uttar Pradesh has secured the first rank in implementing the "PM Atmnirbhar Nidhi Scheme" or "Svanidhi Scheme". Uttar Pradesh has ranked first in all the categories – applications, sanctions and disbursements. The scheme was launched on June 1, 2020 by the central government. According to official statistics of UP, loans under Svanidhi scheme would be disbursed to 2.51 beneficiaries by October 27, 2020. The scheme aims at facilitating working capital loan up to Rs. 10,000 at a subsidised rate of interest. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – secured the 1st rank in implementing the “Svanidhi Scheme” (2.51 beneficiaries by October 27)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

709. National & States Affairs

Union Education Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has virtually inaugurated the “DST-IEST Solar PV Hub” at Howrah, West Bengal. It has been established under the aegis of Centre of Excellence for Green Energy and Sensor System at IEST, Shibpur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated the “DST-IEST Solar PV Hub” – at Howrah, West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

710. Banking & Economic Affairs

ICICI Bank has closed its banking business in Sri Lanka with effect from 23 October 2020 and cancelled the licence issued to it in terms of the provisions of the Banking Act, No. 30 of 1988, subject to certain terms and conditions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank closed its banking business in – Sri Lanka
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

711. Current GK

“Ramadevara Betta Sanctuary” is India’s only vulture sanctuary located in Karnataka. This area of rocky hills is popular for hiking & birdwatching. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Ramadevara Betta Sanctuary” – located in Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



712. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Cochin Shipyard Limited has signed an MoU with Italy's Fincantieri S.P.A, to collaborate on design, shipbuilding, ship repair, marine equipment manufacturing, training and skill development. Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups operating 18 shipyards in four continents. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cochin Shipyard Limited ([Kerala](#)) + Fincantieri = signed an MOU for marine equipment manufacturing
- HQs of Fincantieri SPA – Trieste, Italy | CEO – Giuseppe Bono

713. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Microsoft has collaborated with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to impart digital skills to more than one lakh underserved women in India over the next 10 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft + NSDC – to impart digital skills to more than 1 lakh underserved women – in next 10 months
- Microsoft: HQs – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Manish Kumar

714. National & States Affairs

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has inaugurated the permanent campus of the Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar located in Punjab. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' – inaugurated the permanent campus of IIT Ropar – in Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

715. International Affairs

Pakistan will remain in the 'grey' list of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) till February 2021 as it has failed to fulfill six key obligations of the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pakistan will remain in the 'grey' list of FATF till February 2021
- HQs of FATF – Paris, France | President – Xiangmin Liu | Member Countries – 39



716. International Affairs

Japan has set a target of achieving Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050 in policy shift. Japan is the world's fifth-biggest emitter of carbon dioxide. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan – set a target of achieving Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050
- Japan – the world's 5th biggest emitter of carbon dioxide | 1st – China | 3rd – India
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

717. Defence Affairs

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has organised a 200-kilometre long Walkathon under Fit India Movement, from October 31 to November 2 in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer. Union Minister Kiren Rijiju has flagged off a 200-km long Walkathon. Earlier, ITBP had organised a "Run for Unity" at their headquarters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ITBP – organised a 200-kilometre long Walkathon under Fit India Movement in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- It was flagged off by – Kiren Rijiju (Sports Minister | Constituency – Arunachal West)
- HQs of ITBP – New Delhi | Director General – Surjeet Singh Deswal

718. Current GK

Customs officials at the Karipur airport seized 1.8kg of gold in three separate seizures at the “Calicut International Airport” on October 20. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Calicut International Airport” – located in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

719. National & States Affairs

Wipro with SAP SE has launched Tenant Acquisition Management Solution for real estate industry. It can be integrated as a cloud extension to SAP ‘Customer Experience’ and SAP S/4HANA software as well. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wipro + SAP SE = launched Tenant Acquisition Management Solution for real estate industry
- HQs of Wipro – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Thierry Delaporte
- HQs of SAP SE – Walldorf, Germany | MD & President – Kulmeet Bawa



720. Current GK

The world's largest single location solar plant, of 2.2 GW capacity was inaugurated in China's Quinghai province in October. In India, UP (150 MW over Rihand Dam reservoir) and Madhya Pradesh (1 GW on Indira Sagar reservoir) have regularly made announcements. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The world's largest single location solar plant of 2.2 GW capacity – inaugurated in Quinghai, China
- Rihand Dam reservoir – Uttar Pradesh | Indira Sagar reservoir – Madhya Pradesh

721. Important Days & Dates

"World Day for Audiovisual Heritage" is annually celebrated by The United Nations (UN) on October 27, 2020 since 2005. This year, the theme is "Your Window to the World". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 27 – "World Day for Audiovisual Heritage" – since 2005
- Theme – "Your Window to the World"

722. Important Days & Dates

28 October has marked the 19th anniversary of International Animation Day (IAD) that was created by ASIFA in 2002 to honour the birth of animation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 28 – 19th anniversary of International Animation Day – since 2002

723. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Global Himalayan Expedition (GHE) has won the "UN Global Climate Action Award-2020" by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). GHE has won the award in the category of 'Financing for Climate Friendly Investment'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Global Himalayan Expedition – won the "UN Global Climate Action Award-2020" – by UNFCCC
- HQs of UNFCCC – Bonn, Germany | Executive Secretary – Patricia Espinosa

724. Current GK

Kerala is seeing a spurt in cases due to "gross negligence" during Onam celebrations, according to Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan during his weekly online interaction. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Onam festival – Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



725. Books & Authors

Author Sarbpreet Singh's latest book is on the Sikh massacre of 1984 titled "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984". The book is published by Penguin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984" book – authored by 'Sarbpreet Singh'

726. National & States Affairs

Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda has launched two 'Centers of Excellence for Tribal Welfare' in Maharashtra & Jharkhand. These centers were launched in collaboration between the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Art of Living Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arjun Munda – launched 2 Centers of Excellence for Tribal Welfare in Maharashtra & Jharkhand
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

727. Current GK

Amid criticism, Nagaland has clarified that "Hornbill Festival" will be held virtually this year. The tourism industry in Nagaland is largely dependent on the mega Hornbill Festival. It is observed every year by Naga tribe. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Hornbill Festival" – celebrated by Naga tribe – in Nagaland
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

728. Science & Technology

Using NASA's Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), the researchers, including those from the University of Hawaii in the US, detected water molecules (H₂O) in 'Clavius Crater' - one of the largest craters visible from the Earth, located in the Moon's southern hemisphere. Data is published in the journal Nature Astronomy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA's SOFIA – detected water molecules (H₂O) in 'Clavius Crater' of the moon
- Research is published in – "Nature Astronomy" journal
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine



729. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

On October 27, India and the U.S. have signed the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) during the third 2+2 dialogue of defence and foreign ministers of the two countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + USA = signed the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

730. National & States Affairs

The Centre has released a list of 18 individuals who have been declared as ‘terrorists’ under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The UAPA, 1967 was amended in August 2019 to include the provision of declaring an individual as a terrorist. Before this, only organisations could be declared as terror outfits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A list of 18 individuals – declared as ‘terrorists’ under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967

731. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Prakash Birla has virtually addressed the meeting of the 6th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, which was held on the theme “BRICS partnership in the interest of the global stability, general safety and innovative growth: parliamentary dimension.” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Om Prakash Birla – addressed the meeting of the 6th BRICS Parliamentary Forum – held by Russia
- Theme – “BRICS partnership in the interest of the global stability, general safety and innovative growth: parliamentary dimension”
- Presidency of BRICS in 2021 – India | BRICS Countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa

732. National & States Affairs

Total 5 states - Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu will get a Vulture Conservation & Breeding Centre each, according to the “Action Plan for Vulture Conservation 2020-2025” which was approved by the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) October 5, 2020. The plan has also suggested that new veterinary Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDS) be tested on vultures before their commercial release. Four rescue centres will be established in Pinjore (Haryana), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam) and Hyderabad (Telangana). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- As per “Action Plan for Vulture Conservation 2020-2025” – 5 states to get Vulture Conservation & Breeding Centre
- Total 5 states – Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Maharashtra, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu
- Total 4 rescue centres – Pinjore, Bhopal, Guwahati and Hyderabad

733. National & States Affairs

The Gujarat High Court has become the first high court in the country to live-stream its court proceedings on Youtube in order to enhance access to courts, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat High Court – became the first high court in India to live-stream its court proceedings on Youtube
- Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court – Vikram Nath
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

734. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Hero MotoCorp has entered into a distribution and licensing agreement with American motorcycle maker Harley Davidson to develop and sell a range of premium motorcycles under the Harley Davidson brand name. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hero MotoCorp + Harley Davidson = partnership to develop and sell a range of premium motorcycles in India
- HQs of Hero MotoCorp – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Pawan Kant Munjal
- HQs of Harley Davidson – Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA | CEO – Jochen Zeitz

735. Current GK

“Asan Conservation Reserve” has become the first wetland from Uttarakhand to be included in the prestigious Ramsar sites list. Besides Asan, “Kabartal Wetland” also known as “Kanwar Jheel” from Bihar was the second new site to get included in this list. On the fresh inclusion, the Ramsar website stated that “India has named two new Wetlands of International Importance, bringing its total number of ‘Ramsar Sites’ to 39.” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Asan Conservation Reserve (Uttarakhand) – the 1st wetland included in the Ramsar sites list
- Kabartal Wetland / Kanwar Jheel (Bihar) – the 2nd wetland site included in the Ramsar sites list
- Total number of ‘Ramsar Sites’ in India – 39



736. National & States Affairs

Shipping minister Mansukh L. Mandaviya has inaugurated a Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility at V. O. Chidambaranar port trust, a development aimed at expediting cargo movement. Formerly known as the Tuticorin Port Trust, the V.O Chidambaranar port trust in Tamil Nadu is one of the 12 major ports in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mansukh L. Mandaviya – inaugurated a Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility at V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust
- V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust / Tuticorin Port Trust – located in Tamil Nadu
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Shipping – Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

737. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) and the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have signed an agreement with two institutions from Italy, seeking restoration and protection of historical monuments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur + ASI = signed an agreement with 2 institutions from 'Italy'
- HQs of ASI – New Delhi | Director General – V. Vidyavathi
- Italy – Rome – Euro | UK – London – Pound Sterling

738. Science & Technology

'Aenigmachanna gollum' a type of fish was discovered in the watery underground rocks of Kerala. It belongs to an old family of fish, called dragon snakeheads, which retains its primitive characteristics after all these millennia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Aenigmachanna gollum' – a type of 'Fish' discovered in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

739. Obituaries

Veteran Gujarati film star-turned-politician Naresh Kanodia has passed away recently. He was Gujarati Actor, Musician & a Politician. He was 77. He had joined politics and was elected as a BJP MLA from Karjan constituency between 2002 and 2007. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Naresh Kanodia – Gujarati Actor, Musician & Politician – passed away (Party: BJP)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



740. Science & Technology

IIT Guwahati researcher has developed a Low-Cost Membrane Technology to produce “Psychoactive Drugs” and anti-aging compounds from wide range of agricultural resources. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Guwahati – developed a Low-Cost Membrane Technology to produce “Psychoactive Drugs” and anti-aging compounds

741. Current GK

The Wildlife Society of Orissa (WSO) has urged CM Naveen Patnaik to approve proposed expansion of two Elephant Reserves of Odisha such as the “Mahanadi Elephant Reserve” and the “Sambalpur Elephant Reserve” to reduce surging human-animal conflicts and safety of the pachyderms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mahanadi Elephant Reserve” and “Sambalpur Elephant Reserve” – located in Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

742. Current GK

“Great Living Chola Temples” is a Unesco World Heritage Site for a group of Chola dynasty era Hindu temples in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The site includes three great temples— the Brihadeeswarar Temple at Thanjavur, the Airavatesvara Temple at Darasuram and the Gangaikonda Cholapuram Temple at Jayankondam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Great Living Chola Temples” – a Unesco World Heritage Site – located in Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

743. Current GK

Despite ban, the annual “Banni Utsavam”, also called as “Karrala Samaram”, was celebrated in Andhra Pradesh. Over 50,000 people from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka thronged Devaragattu to witness the festival. As part of the celebrations, about 3,000 people fought with sticks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Banni Utsavam” or “Karrala Samaram” – celebrated in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



744. Science & Technology

Researchers from India and Italy have discovered a new plant species of the Sahyadri globe thistle namely “Echinops Sahyadricus”, from the Rajgad Fort area in Pune district, which is located in the Sahyadri hills in the northern Western Ghats of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Echinops Sahyadricus” a new plant species – discovered in Rajgad Fort, Pune, Maharashtra
- Sahyadri hills – located in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

745. National & States Affairs

Kerala is the first state which has decided to fix a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for vegetables and fruits as part of its decision to support farmers and boost the agricultural sector. The scheme for the 16 crops will come into effect from November 1. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – the first state to fix MSP for the 16 vegetables and fruits – from November 1
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

746. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Acko General insurance has partnered with Finserv MARKETS, a fintech aggregator to offer two and four-wheeler insurance policies. In partnership with Finserv MARKETS, a Bajaj Finserv subsidiary, Acko seeks to make the insurance buying experience easy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Acko General insurance + Finserv MARKETS = to offer two and four-wheeler insurance policies
- HQs of AGIL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Varun Dua
- HQs of Finserv MARKETS – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Rakesh Bhatt

747. International Affairs

In the 70th address on his monthly radio programme Mann ki Baat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi renewed his pitch for domestic products. He also pointed towards khadi’s popularity in Mexico’s Oaxaca. The fabric has become popular by the name “Oaxaca khadi”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Khadi fabric has become popular by the name “Oaxaca khadi” – in Mexico
- Mexico – Mexico city – Mexican Peso



748. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC) has inked an MOU to collaborate on the Multi-Level Bus Depot Project which will be constructed at Hari Nagar and Vasant Vihar localities of New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Transport Corporation + NBCC = an MOU to collaborate on the Multi-Level Bus Depot Project
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

749. International Affairs

A bipartisan group of five influential US senators has urged the Trump administration to seek removal of High Tariffs on import of 'Pecans' by India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US senators urged the Trump administration to seek removal of high tariffs on import of 'Pecans' by India
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

750. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Atal Innovation Mission (Niti Aayog), in association with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), has organized a two-day hackathon on circular economy, "India–Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)", on 7 and 8 December. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIM-Niti Aayog + CSIRO = organized "India–Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)"
- Atal Innovation Mission – under "NITI Aayog" (HQs – New Delhi)
- CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of CSIRO – Canberra, Australia | Head – David Thodey

751. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

NTPC Limited (National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd) has ranked 1st among Indian PSUs in the "World's Best Employer 2020" published by Forbes. The recognition is testimony to the NTPC's commitment towards inculcating best in class practices that are thoughtfully designed and robustly executed. Samsung has globally topped the list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC – ranked 1st among Indian PSUs in the "World's Best Employer 2020" published by Forbes
- Overall 1st at global level – Samsung
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh



752. International Affairs

Sweden has banned the use of telecom equipment from China's Huawei and ZTE in its 5G network. The United Kingdom in July has ordered Huawei equipment to be purged completely from Britain's 5G network by 2027, becoming one of the first European countries to do so. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sweden – banned the use of telecom equipment from China's Huawei and ZTE in its 5G network
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona

753. Obituaries

Former BJP MP from Patan Loksabha constituency and legendary Gujarati singer-musician Mahesh Kanodia has passed away recently in October. He was 83. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahesh Kanodia – Politician & Musician/Singer – passed away (Party: BJP | Gujarati film Industry)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

754. Banking & Economic Affairs

In a bid to provide better user convenience and encourage digital transaction in India, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed the payment operators such as Paytm, PhonePe, MobiKwik, Google Pay to shift to interoperable Quick Response (QR) codes by March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI directed the payment operators to shift to interoperable Quick Response (QR) codes by March 2022
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

755. National & States Affairs

Maharashtra energy minister Nitin Raut has asked state-run power generation company to add gas-based capacity of up to 2,000 MW at the Uran Gas Turbine Power Station (GTPS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra asked to add gas-based capacity upto 2,000 MW at 'Uran Gas Turbine Power Station' (Maharashtra)
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



756. National & States Affairs

The Central Government has further extended the due date for filing Income Tax Returns by individual taxpayers for the financial year 2019-20. The deadline is now December 31. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The deadline for filing returns by individual taxpayers for FY 2019-20 extended – till December 31

757. International Affairs

‘Wroclaw’ city in Poland has named a square after celebrated poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan. He was best known for his poem “Madhushala”, received the Padma Bhushan in 1976 for his contribution to Hindi literature. He passed away in 2003. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wroclaw, Poland – named a square after ‘Harivansh Rai Bachchan’
- Poland – Warsaw – Polish Zloty | President – Andrzej Sebastian Duda

758. National & States Affairs

The Northern Railways' Delhi Division has announced the app-based “Bags on Wheels”, a first of its kind service through which their luggage will be transported to their homes from the railway station upon their arrival in trains and vice versa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Northern Railways – launched “Bags on Wheels” service for Indian passengers
- HQs of Northern Railway Zone – New Delhi | General Manager – Rajiv Chaudhry

759. Obituaries

Shri Jashomatinandan Das Ji has passed away recently in Gujarat. He was 72 and he was the President of The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) temple. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shri Jashomatinandan Das – President of ISKCON Temple – passed away
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



760. Appointments & Resignations

The 1989-batch IFS officer, Alok Verma, has been selected as the new chairman of the Haryana Public Service Commission. Alok Verma, who hails from Bihar's Bhagalpur district, completes 56 years of age on October 24 and his tenure as HPSC chairman will come to end in 2026. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alok Verma – selected as the new chairman of 'Haryana Public Service Commission' – till 2026
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

761. Current GK

"Mohindra Chaudhary Zoological Park" or "Chhatbir Zoo", is situated close to Zirakpur, Punjab. The zoo was constructed in the 1970s and is home to a large variety of birds, mammals and reptiles.

Key Points:

- "Mohindra Chaudhary Zoological Park" or "Chhatbir Zoo" – located in Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

762. Sports & Games

British driver Lewis Hamilton has made Formula One (F1) history, winning the "Portuguese Grand Prix" for a 92nd career victory. Hamilton won his first F1 race in 2007 and first title in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton – won "Portuguese Grand Prix" | His 92nd victory
- Lewis Hamilton (UK) – drives 'Mercedes'

763. International Affairs

Bangladesh's government has launched a 'No mask, No service' policy in order to fight the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As per the orders, no services will be provided to the people who will not be wearing masks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh – launched a 'No mask, No service' policy
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid



764. National & States Affairs

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has now introduced “Facial Recognition System” for accessing digital documents of class 10 and Class 12. CBSE has already pushed 12 crores digital academic documents in Digi locker which can be opened by a student to access Mark sheets, Pass certificate and Migration certificate. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBSE introduced “Facial Recognition System” for accessing digital documents of class 10 and Class 12
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shri Manoj Ahuja

765. Appointments & Resignations

Alpha Conde has won a controversial third term in office as the President of Guinea. The electoral commission said the 82-year-old had taken 59.5% of the vote. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alpha Conde – won a controversial third term as the President of Guinea
- Guinea – Conakry – franc | President – Alpha Conde

766. Obituaries

Lee Kun-Hee has passed away recently. He was 78. He was the Chairman of Samsung Electronics and transformed the small television maker into a global giant of consumer electronics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lee Kun-Hee – Chairman of Samsung Electronics – passed away
- HQs of Samsung Electronics – Suwon-si, South Korea | CEO – Kim Hyun Suk

767. International Affairs

Tech giant LG has launched the world's first rollable TV in South Korea. The 65-inch "LG Signature OLED R" will cost 100 million won, or \$87,000 (approximately Rs 64 lakh). Its name "R" contains the meaning of "revolutionary," "rollable" and "redefine the space". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LG launched the world's 1st rollable TV “LG Signature OLED R” in South Korea (Cost: Rs 64 lakh)
- HQs of LG Electronics – Seoul, South Korea | CEO – Kwon Bong-seok



768. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

SVC Co-operative Bank (Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank Ltd) has tied up with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for a rewards programme. The SVC Rewards programme is designed to make banking experience more rewarding for its customers in the form of points earned upon use of SVC Bank Cards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SVC Co-operative Bank + NPCI = partnership for a rewards programme
- HQs of SVC Co-operative Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shrinivas Joshi

769. Current GK

India has identified 3 sets of landscape 'Hemis-Spiti' across Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh, 'Nanda Devi-Gangotri' in Uttarakhand and 'Khangchendzonga-Tawang' across Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh, for the restoration of the flagship species in the high-altitude region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India identified 3 sets of landscape – 'Hemis-Spiti' + 'Nanda Devi-Gangotri' + 'Khangchendzonga-Tawang'
- Khangchendzonga National Park – Sikkim | Namdapha National Park – Arunachal Pradesh

770. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

"The Speedtest Global Index by Ookla" has ranked India's mobile internet speeds at 131 for mobile internet speeds, much behind its neighbouring nations like South Korea, Sri Lanka, and even Nepal and Pakistan. India's average mobile download speed is 12.07 Mbps, much lower than the global average of 35.26 Mbps. According to Ookla's Global Index, South Korea ranks number one with an average mobile data speed of 121 Mbps. The index puts India at the 70th position in terms of fixed broadband speed. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Ookla Speedtest Global Index-2020" = India – 131st (12.07 Mbps) | Topped by – South Korea (121 Mbps)
- "Fixed Broadband Speed" = India – 70th | Topped by – Singapore

771. Books & Authors

Architect-author Goonmeet Singh Chauhan has written a book titled "Invertonomics: Eight Ideas to Transform India". It presents innovative yet pragmatic ideas for solving some of India's most fundamental and chronic problems. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Invertonomics: Eight Ideas to Transform India" book – authored by 'Goonmeet Singh Chauhan'



772. Important Days & Dates

“Dharmachakra Pravartan Day” is observed every year on October 14. It is also called “Dhamma Chakra Anupravartan Din” and is marked to celebrate the Buddhist conversion of Dr BR Ambedkar and his thousands of followers on October 14, 1956, at Deekshabhoomi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 14 – “Dharmachakra Pravartan Day” or “Dhamma Chakra Anupravartan Din”
- It is marked to celebrate the Buddhist conversion of ‘Dr BR Ambedkar’ – at Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur, MH

773. Important Days & Dates

The “Ayurveda Day” is observed every year on the day of ‘Dhanwantri Jayanti’ since 2016. This year it falls on November 13. The Ayurveda Day aims to focus on strengths of Ayurveda and its unique treatment principles, to work towards reducing the burden of disease and related mortality. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 13 – “Ayurveda Day” (on the day of ‘Dhanwantri Jayanti’ since 2016)

774. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Stock exchange BSE has signed an agreement with Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI) to support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, and promote their listing on the exchange. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE + ICCI = signed an agreement to support SMEs and start-ups
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sethurathnam Ravi | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- HQs of ICCI – New Delhi

775. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Rakayet UI Karim Nakim, a native of Chittagong, Bangladesh, has won the 12th edition of the “Greenstorm International Nature Photography Contest” conducted in association with UNEP in connection with the World Environment Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 12th edition of the “Greenstorm International Nature Photography Contest” – conducted in association with ‘UNEP’
- 1st – Rakayet UI Karim Nakim (Bangladesh) | 2nd – Mohamed Noufal (UAE) | 3rd – Kartikeya Grover (India)
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen



776. Important Days & Dates

The Indian Army has celebrated October 27 as the 74th “Infantry Day”, as it was on this day that the 1st Battalion of the Sikh Regiment landed at Srinagar airbase and displayed resoluteness and extraordinary courage and became 'The Wall' to thwart the evil designs of the Pakistan Army. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 27 – 74th “Infantry Day” – celebrated by Indian Army
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – S K Saini

777. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Chennai birder and wildlife photographer Sambath Subbaiah has won the “Wildlife Photographer of the Year” award in the Birds Behaviour category from London’s Natural History Museum. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sambath Subbaiah (Tamil Nadu) – won the “Wildlife Photographer of the Year” award – in ‘Birds Behaviour’
- Natural History Museum – located in London, UK

778. Obituaries

Renowned Economist from Assam, Dr Jayanta Madhab has passed away recently. He was 91. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Jayanta Madhab (Assam) – an Economist – passed away
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

779. National & States Affairs

Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh has laid the foundation stone of Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University (MBSPSU) at village Sidhuwal in Patiala on October 25. The Punjab Cabinet last year had approved the Punjab Sports University Ordinance for the establishment of the MBS Punjab Sports University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The foundation stone of Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University laid at – Patiala, Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore



780. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has addressed the 4-day “Army Commanders' Conference” held in Delhi. The Army Commanders' Conference, an apex level biannual event, which formulates important policy decisions through collegiate deliberations in the Indian Army, is being held in New Delhi from October 26 to 29, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh addressed – 4-day “Army Commanders' Conference” – in Delhi
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

781. Important Days & Dates

The United Nations “Disarmament Week” is held annually from October 24 till October 30. The week-long annual observance was first called for in the Final Document of the General Assembly’s 1978 special session on disarmament (resolution S-10/2). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 24-30 – UN “Disarmament Week”
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – António Guterres

782. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) in association with the SBI Card, has launched “Delhi Metro - SBI card”. This multipurpose Delhi Metro SBI card will allow its users to use it as a Smart Card with the facility of auto-top up whenever the balance of the card goes below the amount of Rs 100. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Metro + SBI Card = launched “Delhi Metro - SBI card”
- Auto-top up facility whenever the balance of the card goes below the amount of – Rs 100
- HQs of SBI Card – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar | MD & CEO – Ashwini Kumar Tewari

783. Current GK

An international team of researchers has found a “lost” river that ran through the central Thar desert, near Bikaner, 1,72,000 years ago. The river was likely a lifeline for Stone Age populations, helping them thrive in that region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers found a “lost” river – in the central Thar desert – located near Bikaner, Rajasthan, India
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra



784. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Dr A N Chandrasekaran has been selected for the Asia Pacific League of Association for Rheumatology (APLAR) Master Award 2020, for his contribution in the field of rheumatology. He will receive the APLAR Master Award 2020 during the 22nd Asia-Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology Virtual Congress. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 22nd edition of Asia-Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology Congress held virtually
- Dr A N Chandrasekaran (Tamil Nadu) – selected for the “APLAR Master Award 2020”

785. International Affairs

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) has announced to set up a new ‘Space Centre’ at its airbase in Ramstein, Germany, to counter a rising Russian and Chinese threat. Last year NATO declared space to be a new "area of operations", the fifth such zone after land, air, sea and cyberspace, which was added in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NATO – to set up a new ‘Space Centre’ at its airbase in Ramstein, Germany
- HQs of NATO – Brussels, Belgium | Secretary General – Jens Stoltenberg | Member States – 30

786. Appointments & Resignations

Indian-origin Wavel Ramkalawan has been elected as the President of Seychelles. Ramkalawan, a former Anglican priest, defeated President Danny Faure after three decades of unsuccessful runs for the presidency of the East African nation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wavel Ramkalawan – elected as the President of Seychelles
- Seychelles – Victoria – Seychellois Rupee | President – Wavel Ramkalawan

787. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Dr Jajini Varghese, a UK-based Indian-origin plastic surgeon, has been named an “Outstanding Young Person of the World 2020” by a non-profit NGO for her "incredible" scientific contributions to diagnosing and treating breast cancer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Jajini Varghese (UK) – named an “Outstanding Young Person of the World 2020” by a non-profit NGO
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson



788. International Affairs

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) Michelle Bachelet has appealed to the Government of India to review the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act and its compliance with international human rights norms, and regretted that it was being “used to deter or punish NGOs for human rights reporting”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNHCHR appealed to Indian government to review the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act
- HQs of UNHCHR – Geneva, Switzerland | Head – Michelle Bachelet

789. Science & Technology

The NASA has contributed the “Moon Mineralogy Mapper or M3” to India's first mission to the moon namely “Chandrayaan-1”. It was an imaging spectrometer designed to map the mineralogy of the lunar surface. In 2008, ISRO launched their Chandrayaan-1 lunar orbiter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – contributed the “Moon Mineralogy Mapper or M3” to “Chandrayaan-1”
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

790. National & States Affairs

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has released “DRDO Procurement Manual 2020” to encourage more participation of Indian industry, including Start-ups and MSMEs in Defence Research & Development (R&D) for achieving ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh – released “DRDO Procurement Manual 2020”
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

791. Appointments & Resignations

Luis Arce was elected as President of Bolivia in the elections held on October 18. He is the chosen successor of Evo Morales, who was president of the country from 2006 to 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Luis Arce – elected as President of Bolivia (by replacing - Evo Morales)
- Bolivia – La Paz/Sucre – Boliviano | President – Luis Arce



792. National & States Affairs

Phase-II of the Rs 11,000 crore Urban Environment Improvement Programme (UEIP) was launched in Chandigarh by Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh with a virtual foundation-laying ceremony. The CM also announced a One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme of pending VAT assessment to promote economic activity in urban areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – launched Phase-II of the Rs 11,000 crore Urban Environment Improvement Programme
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

793. Defence Affairs

The Navy has operationally deployed its first batch of 3 women pilots on the Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft operating from the Southern Naval Command headquartered in Kochi. The 3 women - Divya Sharma, Shivangi and Shubhangi Swaroop are part of the 6 pilots of the 27th Dornier Operational Flying Training (DOFT) Course. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy deployed its first batch of 3 women pilots on the Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft at Kochi, Kerala
- The 3 women – Divya Sharma, Shivangi & Shubhangi Swaroop
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

794. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) has announced a tie up with Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) to enable finance options for the automaker's customers and dealers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BoB + Toyota Kirloskar Motor = partnership for auto finance
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha
- HQs of Toyota Kirloskar Motor – Bidadi, Karnataka | CEO – Akito Tachibana

795. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has joined hands with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur to share expertise, skills for betterment of country's road infrastructure. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Jodhpur + NHAI = to share expertise, skills for betterment of country's road infrastructure
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu



796. National & States Affairs

The Centre has set up a 70-member high-level committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to commemorate the 400th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 70-member high-level committee is set up – to commemorate the 400th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur
- Committee is headed by – PM Narendra Modi

797. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

An estimated one in 6 children - or 356 million globally were living in extreme poverty before the COVID-19 pandemic began, and this is set to worsen significantly, according to a new World Bank Group and UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) analysis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 356 million children – were living in extreme poverty before COVID-19 pandemic began
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

798. Sports & Games

Former India under-19 and Uttar Pradesh left-hander Tanmay Manoj Srivastava has decided to retire from all forms of Cricket. The 30-year-old Tanmay played 90 first-class matches and aggregated 4918 runs with ten centuries and 27 half-centuries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tanmay Srivastava (Uttar Pradesh) – retired from – Cricket
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

799. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the “National Conference on Vigilance and Anti-Corruption” on the theme “Vigilant India, Prosperous India” via video conferencing. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) organises the National Conference coinciding with ‘Vigilance Awareness Week’, which is observed in India every year from October 27 to November 2. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the “National Conference on Vigilance and Anti-Corruption”
- Theme – “Vigilant India, Prosperous India” / “Satark Bharat, Samridh Bharat”
- October 27 – November 2 = ‘Vigilance Awareness Week’ – by CBI
- HQs of CBI – New Delhi | DG – Rishi Kumar Shukla

800. Important Days & Dates

Ashfaqullah Khan was a prominent young freedom fighter who believed in radical movements to uproot British rule. He was born on 22 October, 1900 in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur, and his 120th birth anniversary is being observed this year. Ashfaqullah Khan came to the limelight recently when the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved a proposal to set aside Rs 234 crore for a Zoological Garden in Gorakhpur that would be named after the freedom fighter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 22 – 120th birth anniversary of Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan
- Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Zoological Garden – to be set up in Gorakhpur, UP (Cost: Rs 234 Cr)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel





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