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All the best!

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



## 501. Sports & Games

The Fed Cup is changing its name to honor tennis great Billie Jean King. The Billie Jean King Cup will become the first major global team competition to be named after a woman, according to International Tennis Federation. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Fed Cup (Women-Tennis) – renamed as “Billie Jean King Cup”
- It is the first **major** global team competition to be named after a woman
- HQs of ITF – London, UK | CEO – David Haggerty

## 502. Appointments & Resignations

JSW Paints, a part of the JSW Group, has signed bollywood actors Alia Bhatt and Ayushmann Khurrana as its brand ambassadors. The company is set to release its first ever marketing campaign titled ‘Har Rang Har Kisi Ka’ featuring both these actors. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Alia Bhatt and Ayushmann Khurrana – appointed as the Brand Ambassadors of – JSW Paints
- HQs of JSW Group – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sajjan Jindal
- HQs of JSW Paint – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Sundaresan Arumbakkam

## 503. Defence Affairs

15 Shikaras have participated in the annual 'Shikara Race' organised by 20 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) of Indian Army for the people in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 15 Shikaras participated in the annual 'Shikara Race' organised by – Indian Army – in Srinagar, J & K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

## 504. National & States Affairs

West Bengal has decided to map its forgotten religious institutions in remote areas for conservation under two programs ‘Maha Tirtha Bhumi’ (Great Pilgrimage Land) and ‘Maha Punnya Bhumi’ (Great Sacred Land). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- ‘Maha Tirtha Bhumi’ & ‘Maha Punnya Bhumi’ programs – West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



## 505. National & States Affairs

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha has launched the “National Generic Document Registration System” (NGDRS), marking a major shift from the existing manual registration system to online registration for transactions in sale or purchase of land. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Jammu and Kashmir launched – “National Generic Document Registration System” (NGDRS)
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

## 506. Science & Technology

The Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) in Thiruvananthapuram has indigenously developed a device for the prevention of ‘Deep Vein Thrombosis’. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SCTIMST – developed a device for the prevention of ‘Deep Vein Thrombosis’
- HQs of SCTIMST – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala | Director – Asha Kishore

## 507. International Affairs

Another outbreak in China has sparked a wave of concern among authorities after thousands of people in the northern part of the country tested positive for a bacterial infection namely ‘Brucellosis’ which is caused by brucella bacteria. It is also known as ‘Malta fever’. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- ‘Brucellosis’ (Malta fever) – a bacterial infection – came out in China
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

## 508. Banking & Economic Affairs

IDFC Mutual Fund has started a new campaign called “SIFI” (SIP in Fixed Income) to make investors more aware about the benefits of investing in fixed income products via Systematic Investment Plans. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IDFC Mutual Fund – started a new campaign called “SIFI” (SIP in Fixed Income)
- HQs of IDFC Mutual Fund – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Vikram Limaye



## 509. Books & Authors

"From Bihar to Tihar" is the autobiography of Kanhaiya Kumar, it has been translated by Vandana R. Singh & published by Juggernaut Books.

### Key Points:

- "From Bihar to Tihar" autobiography of & written by – Kanhaiya Kumar
- Translated by – Vandana R. Singh

## 510. International Affairs

Nepal is planning to resume Passenger Railway Service after a 7-year suspension after it received 2 sets of Modern Diesel-Electric Multiple Unit (DMUC) trains from India. It will be India's first ever broad-gauge Passenger Railway Service. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nepal – to resume passenger railway services after a 7-year suspension
- Nepal – received 2 sets of Modern Diesel-Electric Multiple Unit (DMUC) trains – from India
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

## 511. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry has signed an agreement with the AYUSH Ministry to work together to control the menace of malnutrition through integration of AYUSH systems with ongoing nutrition interventions. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Women & Child Development Ministry + AYUSH Ministry = signed an MoU for ongoing nutrition interventions
- Smriti Zubin Irani – Minister of Women and Child Development, Minister of Textiles (Constituency – Amethi, UP)
- MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa

## 512. National & States Affairs

India's first general aviation terminal for private jets was inaugurated by union civil aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India's 1st general aviation terminal for private jets – inaugurated at Indira Gandhi International airport (Delhi)
- Civil Aviation Ministry MoS – Hardeep Singh Puri



### 513. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit will be inaugurated on 2nd October 2020 - the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

#### Key Points:

- Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik Summit – to be inaugurated on 2nd October – Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

### 514. Current GK

Wildlife expert bats for tiger reserve in Goa. The National Tiger Conservation Authority's (NTCA) report in February, while asking Goa government to declare the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary a tiger reserve, had found the state's efforts severely lacking to protect its big cats. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary – in Goa
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

### 515. Banking & Economic Affairs

Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has launched a special gold loan scheme "Vikas Laghu Suvarna" with a reduced interest rate of 7.25%. Under this new gold loan scheme, the bank is giving 80 % of the market value subject to a maximum of Rs 3,200/gram. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank – launched a special gold loan scheme "Vikas Laghu Suvarna"
- Reduced interest rate – 7.25%.
- HQs of KVGB – Dharwad, Karnataka | Chairman – P Gopi Krishna

### 516. Obituaries

Veteran Rabindra Sangeet exponent 'Purba Dam' has passed away recently in September. She was 85. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Purba Dam – Rabindra Sangeet exponent – passed away



### 517. National & States Affairs

Tamil Nadu has become the first state to come out with Tamil Nadu Safe and Ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain and Cybersecurity policies in the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – the first state to come out with AI, Blockchain & Cybersecurity policies
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

### 518. Schemes & Initiatives

In order to encourage the use of electric vehicles to prevent air pollution, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has announced subsidy schemes for electric two-wheelers and e-rickshaws. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Gujarat – announced subsidy schemes for electric two-wheelers and e-rickshaws
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

### 519. International Affairs

India's Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) has exited from Sudan oilfields after the African nation refused to pay for oil it lifted from the fields. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ONGC exited from – Sudan oilfields
- HQs of ONGC – New Delhi | CMD – Sashi Shanker

### 520. National & States Affairs

Himachal Pradesh has recently inaugurated the “Swachhta Café” at Nalagarh in Solan district. According to the latest reports, the online launch was organised on Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s birthday. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – inaugurated “Swachhta Café” in Solan district
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya





### 521. National & States Affairs

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has constituted a 7 member task force to look into guidelines/ provisions for vegan foods in the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- FSSAI – constituted a 7 member task force to look into guidelines/ provisions for vegan foods
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teotia | CEO – Shri Arun Singhal

### 522. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The second stage of ADB's (Asian Development Bank) 53rd Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, was held this year over 2 days in a virtual and abbreviated format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ADB's 53rd Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors held recently
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68

### 523. National & States Affairs

Former India cricketer Suresh Raina would set up a Cricket Academy in Jammu and Kashmir to train aspiring cricketers. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Suresh Raina would set up a Cricket Academy in – Jammu & Kashmir
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

### 524. Amount & Agreements

India has recently announced a US\$250 million loan to the Maldives to boost its coronavirus-battered economy in a further bid to counter China's growing financial footprint in South Asia. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India – announced a US\$250 million loan to 'Maldives' – to boost its coronavirus-battered economy
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih



## 525. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced to set up the biggest and most beautiful film city of the country in Gautam Buddha Nagar. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – announced to set up the biggest and most beautiful film city – in Gautam Buddha Nagar
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 526. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Bhubaneswar-based Krushi Bhawan building was selected as the "People's Choice Winner" at the AZ Awards 2020 in Social Good Category. The Krushi Bhawan was the only project from India at the globally recognised prestigious award. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Krushi Bhawan building – selected as "People's Choice Winner" at 'AZ Awards 2020' – in Social Good Category
- Building located in – Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

## 527. Current GK

"Nehru Zoological Park", Hyderabad has conducted online quiz competitions for all the age groups on the occasion of International Rhinoceros Day on September 22. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- September 22 – International Rhinoceros Day
- "Nehru Zoological Park" (Hyderabad, Telangana) – conducted online quiz competitions
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor - Tamilisai Soundararajan

## 528. Important Days & Dates

"International Red Panda Day" is celebrated annually on the 3rd Saturday of September to raise awareness for the Red Panda and its difficult situation. This year, it was observed on September 19. International Red Panda Day (IRPD) was first celebrated in 2010 by the Red Panda Network. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- September 19 (3rd Saturday of September) – "International Red Panda Day" – since 2010



### 529. Amount & Agreements

Asian Development Bank has agreed to invest \$500 million to 'Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation's (BMRCL) line' linking Central Silk Board Junction to Kempegowda International Airport. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ADB – agreed to invest \$500 million to Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation's (BMRCL) line
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68
- Kempegowda International Airport – Karnataka

### 530. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Mira Nair has received the 'Jeff Skoll Award' for Impact Media at the 45th "Toronto International Film Festival". [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mira Nair received – 'Jeff Skoll Award' for Impact Media – at the 45th "Toronto International Film Festival"

### 531. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India's National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval has represented India in the 10th virtual meeting of the National Security Adviser (NSA) of the Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) grouping. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ajit Doval (India's NSA) – attended the 10th virtual meeting of the BRICS National Security Advisers
- Presidency of BRICS in 2021 – India
- BRICS Countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa

### 532. Science & Technology

A group of 7 engineering students from IIIT-Bhubaneswar has developed a first-of-its-kind helmet-like ventilation device 'Swasner' that benefits patients suffering from mild respiratory distress. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- IIIT-Bhubaneswar – developed a first-of-its-kind helmet-like ventilation device 'Swasner'
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



### 533. International Affairs

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is going to set up a 'Community Response Forum' to conduct a thorough analysis of the impact of stubble burning on Delhi and its neighbouring areas. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- NASA – to set up a 'Community Response Forum' – to analyze the impact of stubble burning on Delhi
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

### 534. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

SBI Life Insurance and YES Bank have signed a Bancassurance agreement to offer a comprehensive bouquet of life insurance solutions to the bank's customers across the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SBI Life Insurance + YES BANK = signed a Bancassurance agreement
- HQs of SBI Life – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Mahesh Kumar Sharma
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – "Experience our Expertise"

### 535. Science & Technology

The Drugs Controller General of India has approved the commercial launch of "Feluda", the Tata CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) Covid-19 test. It is developed by the scientist of CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB). It will be manufactured by Tata Sons Pvt Ltd as per the agreement. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- DCGI – approved the commercial launch of "Feluda" Covid-19 test
- Developed by – CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology | It will be manufactured by – Tata Sons
- The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) – V G Somani



### 536. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The 1st ever “AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Awards 2020” were presented by Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ to 12 faculty members of AICTE approved institutes on the occasion of Engineers Day. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ presented – the 1st ever “AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Awards 2020”
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

### 537. National & States Affairs

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswamy has launched 3401 mobile public distribution outlets in the state under ‘Amma Mobile Ration Shops’. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu launched – 3401 mobile public distribution outlets – under ‘Amma Mobile Ration Shops’
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

### 538. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India's total External Debt increased by 2.8% to \$558.5 billion at the end of March mainly on account of a rise in commercial borrowings, as per the report released by the Finance Ministry. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India's total External Debt increased by 2.8% - to \$558.5 billion – by the end of March, 2020
- Nirmala Sitharaman – Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency – Karnataka

### 539. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

This year, the “Ig Nobel Peace Prize-2020” is given to India and Pakistan. Meanwhile, “Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education” has been jointly awarded to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Mexico’s President Jai Andrés Manuel López Obrador, the Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko and Turkmenistan’s President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow. With this, PM Modi has become the 2nd Prime Minister from India to win the Ig Nobel Prize after Atal Bihari Vajpayee. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Ig Nobel Peace Prize-2020” – given to India and Pakistan
- “Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education” winner: Donald Trump, Jair Bolsonaro, Boris Johnson, Vladimir Putin, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Jai Andrés Manuel López Obrador, Alexander Lukashenko, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow
- PM Modi – became the 2nd Indian PM to win “Ig Nobel Prize” (1st - Atal Bihari Vajpayee)



### 540. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has extended the tenure of the 11 member Company Law Committee by one year to September 2021. The committee, constituted in September 2019, is now chaired by Corporate Affairs Secretary Rajesh Verma. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs – extended the tenure of the Company Law Committee – by 1 year (upto Sep 2021)
- The committee chaired by – Rajesh Verma (Corporate Affairs Secretary)

### 541. Obituaries

Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Governor for 21 days, Amitabha Ghosh, has passed away recently. He was 90. He was 16th governor of RBI. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Amitabha Ghosh – passed away – 16th governor of RBI (for 21 days)

### 542. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

SBI Card has announced its collaboration with Google to enable cardholders to use their SBI Credit Cards on the Google Pay platform. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SBI Card & Google = partnership to enable cardholders to use their SBI Credit Cards on the Google Pay
- HQs of SBI Card – Gurugram, Haryana | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar | MD & CEO – Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

### 543. National & States Affairs

The Chennai Division of Southern Railways (SR) has launched an in-house mobile application “Freight Seva” to serve customers better. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Chennai Division (Southern Railways) – launched “Freight Seva” - an in-house mobile application
- HQs of Southern Railways – Chennai, TN | GM – John Thomas



#### 544. Schemes & Initiatives

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has announced 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana' (MMUY), a scheme of providing interest-free loans to women's groups in the state. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- Gujarat announced – 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana'
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

#### 545. International Affairs

Pakistan has decided to elevate Gilgit-Baltistan's status to that of a full-fledged province. India has protested to China over the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as it is being laid through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- Pakistan – decided to elevate Gilgit-Baltistan's status – of a full-fledged province
- India – protested to China over 'CPEC' - China Pakistan Economic Corridor
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

#### 546. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of 9 highway projects & also inaugurated Optical Fibre Internet Services in Bihar. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- PM Modi – laid the foundation stone of 9 Highway Projects – in Bihar
- PM Modi – inaugurated Optical Fibre Internet Services – in Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

#### 547. International Affairs

Israel, UAE and Bahrain have recently signed the historic peace agreement namely "Abraham Accord" which is the first Arab-Israeli peace deal in 26 years. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- Israel, UAE and Bahrain – signed the historic peace agreement namely "Abraham Accord"
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar



## 548. Appointments & Resignations

Former bureaucrat Raghvendra Singh was appointed as the Culture Secretary in place of Anand Kumar, who has shifted as the secretary of the National Commission for Backward Classes, as part of a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle. Besides, senior bureaucrat Apurva Chandra has been appointed as the Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Raghvendra Singh – appointed as the Culture Secretary
- Anand Kumar – appointed as the Secretary of the National Commission for Backward Classes
- Apurva Chandra – appointed as the Secretary of Ministry of Labour and Employment

## 549. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar has released a report brought out by FICCI and Shardul Amarchand and Mangaldas (SAM) titled 'India-Japan: Time to Seize New Opportunities'. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar released FICCI & SAM's report – titled 'India-Japan: Time to Seize New Opportunities'
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat

## 550. Important Days & Dates

The Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020 (CAROTAR, 2020) has come into force from 21st September, 2020. CAROTAR, 2020 implements the commitment of Finance Minister in her Budget Speech 2020 to protect the domestic industry from misuse of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- CAROTAR, 2020 – came into force from Sep 21, 2020
- FTAs – Free Trade Agreements
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar

## 551. Science & Technology

Google has restored payments app 'Paytm' on its Play Store, after removing it citing violations of the app store's gambling policies. Paytm is one of the biggest competitors of Google Pay in the Indian digital payments space. [{Read more}](#)





### Key Points:

- Google has restored payments app 'Paytm' on its Play Store
- Paytm – the biggest competitors of Google Pay
- Paytm HQs – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Paytm CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

### 552. National & States Affairs

According to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, the government has set a target to increase the number of 'Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras' (PMBJK) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- A target to increase the number of PMBJK to 10,500 – by the March 2025
- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers – D. V. Sadananda Gowda (Bangalore, Karnataka)

### 553. International Affairs

The U. S. Commerce Department have barred people in the United States from downloading Chinese-owned messaging app WeChat and video-sharing app TikTok starting from September 20. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- The USA banned – TikTok & WeChat applications
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

### 554. Current GK

The stricken crude oil tanker, MT New Diamond, which caught fire off the coast of Sri Lanka, is being towed to Vadinar, Gujarat where the crude oil will be pumped out at the offshore oil terminal of the Kandla Port Trust. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kandla Port Trust – located in Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



### 555. Important Days & Dates

The Bharatiya Janata Party has launched a week-long campaign namely 'Seva Saptah' from 14-20 September to mark the 70th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 'Seva Saptah' a week-long campaign launched by BJP – to mark the 70th birthday of PM Narendra Modi

### 556. Obituaries

John Turner, a Liberal party politician who served as Canada's justice and Finance Ministers and also as the country's 17th Prime Minister, has recently passed away in September. He was 91. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- John Turner – served as the 17th Prime Minister of Canada – passed away
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau

### 557. Important Days & Dates

The 60th anniversary of the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) between India and Pakistan has been marked on September 19. It is a treaty that is often cited as an example of the possibilities of peaceful coexistence that exist despite the troubled relationship. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- September 19 – 60th anniversary of the Indus Water Treaty – between India & Pakistan
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

### 558. Persons in News

The Centre has set up a high-level committee to prepare a roadmap for regularisation of land leasing in the agriculture sector. The committee is headed by Ajay Tirkey. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- The Centre – set up a high-level committee to prepare a roadmap for agriculture sector – headed by Ajay Tirkey



### 559. Important Days & Dates

“International Day of Peace” or “World Peace Day” is annually observed on September 21. In 1981, the United Nations General Assembly established this day. This year, the theme is "Shaping Peace Together". [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- September 21 – “International Day of Peace” or “World Peace Day”
- Theme – "Shaping Peace Together"
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Tijjani Muhammad Bande

### 560. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Upper House (Rajya Sabha) has passed the “Epidemic Diseases Amendment Bill, 2020” to amend “Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897”. It will bring a law that punishes those who attack health workers or doctors who are fighting the coronavirus outbreak. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rajya Sabha – passed the “Epidemic Diseases Amendment Bill, 2020” to amend “Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897”



### 561. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Niti Aayog and the Indian School of Public Policy (ISPP) have signed a statement of intent for training, mentoring and capacity building of government officials as well as public policy scholars. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Niti Aayog + ISPP = partnered for capacity building of government officials
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- Location of ISPP – New Delhi | Director – Parth Shah

### 562. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Jal Jeevan Mission, in partnership with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, has launched an Information & Communications Technology (ICT) contest to create innovative, modular and cost-effective solution to develop a smart water supply measurement and monitoring system. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- MeitY + Jal Jeevan Mission = launched ICT contest
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Patna Sahib, Bihar)

### 563. Obituaries

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a liberal and legal icon has passed away recently. He was 87. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg – U.S. Supreme Court Justice – passed away
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

### 564. Current GK

Death of two sloth bears in two days in Bhubaneswar's Nandankanan Zoological Park has spread panic. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nandankanan Zoological Park – Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

### 565. Persons in News

The Government has set up an expert committee led by Lt Gen (retd) Rajesh Pant, India's chief coordinator on National Cyber Security to study the revelations in China Watching. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Government – set up an expert committee to study the revelations in China Watching
- Committee led by – Rajesh Pant (Chief coordinator on National Cyber Security)

### 566. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formulated and is implementing a 'National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction' (NAPDDR) for 2018-2025. The Ministry has also launched 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan' in 272 most affected districts. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Ministry of SJE – implemented ‘National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction’ – for 2018-2025
- Ministry of SJE – launched ‘Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan’ in 272 most affected districts
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thawar Chand Gehlot (Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)

### 567. Persons in News

Former prime minister H D Deve Gowda has taken oath as a member of the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka. This is the first time that the JD(S) leader has become a member of the Upper House since 1996. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- H D Deve Gowda – Janata Dal (JDS) – took oath as a member of the Rajya Sabha – from Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

### 568. Banking & Economic Affairs

Canara Bank has launched Lead Management System (LMS) “i-Lead 2.0” (Inspiring Leads System version 2.0) to provide its services to customers irrespective of where they reside. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Canara Bank – launched Lead Management System (LMS) “i-Lead 2.0” (Inspiring Leads System version 2.0)
- HQs of Canara Bank – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
- Tagline of Canara bank – “Together We Can”

### 569. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Volvo Car India has introduced “Volvo Car Financial Services” in collaboration with HDFC Bank to enable buyers to receive easy finance for a Volvo car of their choice. The service facilitates finance of up-to 100% of ex-showroom price of the car. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Volvo Car India + HDFC Bank = introduced “Volvo Car Financial Services”
- HQs of Volvo – Gothenburg, Sweden | CEO – Martin Lundstedt
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline – “We understand your world”



## 570. National & States Affairs

E-commerce major Amazon India has set up an all-women delivery station in Kadi, Gujarat - its second such facility in the country. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Amazon set up an all-women delivery station – in Kadi, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

## 571. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Udit Singhal, an 18-year-old youngster from India has been named by the United Nations to the “2020 Cohort of Young Leaders” for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He is the founder of “Glass2Sand”, a zero waste ecosystem. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Udit Singhal – named to the “2020 Cohort of Young Leaders” for SDGs – by UN
- Udit Singhal – founder of “Glass2Sand”
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

## 572. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of Nutrition & Biosciences Inc. by International Flavors & Fragrances under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- International Flavors & Fragrances – acquired – Nutrition & Biosciences Inc.
- Approve the CII – under “Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002”
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta
- HQs of International Flavors & Fragrances – New York, USA | CEO – Andreas Fibig

## 573. Amount & Agreements

The International Finance Corporation will provide \$2 trillion to India to develop green buildings, improve public transport and to expand renewable sources of energy. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IFC – will provide \$2 trillion to India – to develop green buildings & expand renewable sources of Energy
- HQs of IFC – Washington, D.C., USA | Executive Vice President & CEO – Philippe Le Houerou



## 574. Banking & Economic Affairs

SBI has launched a programme by the name "Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" (Women Self-Reliance programme) in Assam on September 18, 2020. The basic objective of the programme is to create a strong bonding with the SHG members besides extending credit linkages to the women SHGs nurtured and sponsored by NRLM, Assam for self-reliance and economic uplift. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SBI – launched "Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" (Women Self-Reliance programme) program – in Assam
- SBI Bank HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | SBI Bank Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- SBI Bank MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

## 575. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The capital-starved Lakshmi Vilas Bank has signed a non-binding agreement with Clix Captial. Lakshmi Vilas Bank has substantially completed the due diligence for its proposed merger with the Clix Group. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Lakshmi Vilas Bank + Clix Captial = signed a non-binding agreement & completed the due diligence
- HQs of LVB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Subramanian Sundar
- HQs of Clix Captial – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Bhavesh Gupta

## 576. Persons in News

In a first, two women officers - Sub Lieutenant (S.Lt.) Kumudini Tyagi and S.Lt. Riti Singh, have been selected to join as 'Observers' (airborne tacticians) in the Indian Navy's helicopter stream. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kumudini Tyagi & Riti Singh – selected to join as 'Observers' (airborne tacticians) in the Indian Navy
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

## 577. Current GK

Snow leopards, one of the rarest, most elusive wild animals in the world, have been spotted several times over the past month in Uttarakhand's Gangotri National Park. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Rare 'Snow leopards' – spotted in 'Gangotri National Park' – located in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya



## 578. Important Days & Dates

Ever since 2012, September has been World Alzheimer's Month. "World Alzheimer's Day" has been observed on September 21. This year, the theme is "Let's talk about dementia". It was in 1901 when a German psychiatrist 'Alois Alzheimer' was identified the first case in a 50-year-old German woman and this brain condition finally got named after him. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- September 21 – "World Alzheimer's Day"
- Theme – "Let's talk about dementia"
- Named after German psychiatrist 'Alois Alzheimer' – in 1901

## 579. Banking & Economic Affairs

State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to introduce OTP-based cash withdrawal for Rs 10,000 and above throughout the day across all SBI ATMs in the country with effect from September 18, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SBI – decided to introduce OTP-based cash withdrawal for Rs 10,000 and above
- SBI Bank HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | SBI Bank Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- SBI Bank MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar

## 580. Schemes & Initiatives

The Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ministry has come out with new guidelines for two schemes - pottery and beekeeping activities. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- MSME ministry – released new guidelines for 2 schemes – "Pottery" & "Beekeeping activities"
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

## 581. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually inaugurated the Kosi Rail Mega Bridge in Bihar. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- PM Modi – inaugurated the Kosi Rail Mega Bridge – in Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan





## 582. Obituaries

Winston Groom has passed away recently. He was 77. His novel "Forrest Gump" was made into a 6-Oscar winning 1994 movie that became a soaring pop cultural phenomenon. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Winston Groom (USA) – Novelist & Journalist – passed away
- "Forrest Gump" novel – authored by 'Winston Groom'

## 583. National & States Affairs

Vistara has started offering in-flight Wi-Fi internet on Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners. With this, Vistara has become the first Indian airline to offer the service. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Vistara become the first Indian airline to offer in-flight Wi-Fi internet
- HQs of Vistara – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Leslie Thng

## 584. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Finance Ministry has, however, not disclosed its GDP estimates for the current financial year but most forecasters are now projecting a GDP in the next fiscal is likely to rebound 19%. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Finance Ministry predicted India's GDP for FY22 – 19% [{Flexible News}](#)
- Nirmala Sitharaman – Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency – Karnataka

## 585. National & States Affairs

Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL), a PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has been granted Bureau of Indian Standards - "BIS certification" for all its products. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- HOCL – granted Bureau of Indian Standards - "BIS certification"
- HQs of HOCL – Maharashtra | MD & Chairman – S B Bhide



## 586. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 6th "BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting" was held on September 17 & was hosted by Maxim Parshin, a minister from Russia. Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology Sanjay Dhotre, has represented India in this Meeting. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Sanjay Dhotre attended – 6th “BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting” – hosted by Russia
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Patna Sahib, Bihar)
- Sanjay Dhotre – MoS for Communications and Information Technology

## 587. Books & Authors

Michelin star chef Vikas Khanna's new book “Kitchens of Gratitude” will be released in 2021. He has previously written cookbooks and an urban fiction. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Kitchens of Gratitude” – written by Vikas Khanna – to be released in 2021

## 588. Defence Affairs

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has created 8 Advanced Technology Centres across India to carry out research activities in the identified futuristic/new technology areas. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- DRDO created – 8 Advanced Technology Centres across India
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

## 589. Persons in News

A high-level taskforce led by P K Mishra - Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has been constituted to initiate action in advance for the management of air pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- High-level Taskforce constituted to manage air pollution in the NCR - Delhi
- It is led by – Pramod Kumar (P K) Mishra (Principal Secretary to the PMO)



## 590. Appointments & Resignations

Former Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) chief Anil Dhasmana has been appointed as the chief of National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Anil Dhasmana – appointed as the Chief of National Technical Research Organisation
- HQs of NTRO – New Delhi | Chief – Anil Dhasmana

## 591. Important Days & Dates

On the eve of “International Coastal Clean-Up Day”, celebrated on September 19 in 100 countries since 1986, Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar has announced that 8 Indian beaches have been recommended for the international eco-label “Blue Flag certification”, given to the world’s cleanest beaches. This year the theme was “Achieving a Trash free coastline”. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- September 19 – “International Coastal Clean-Up Day” – since 1986
- Theme – “Achieving a Trash free coastline”
- 8 Indian beaches – recommended for the international Eco-label “Blue Flag certification”

## 592. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Visa and IFundWomen have partnered to bring ‘Global Grant Program’ to India to Support Women Entrepreneurs. As an extension of two successful programs launched in the U.S. this year, women entrepreneurs in India will now receive funding from Visa to grow and expand their business. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Visa & IFundWomen = partnered to bring ‘Global Grant Program’ to India to Support Women Entrepreneurs
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly
- HQs of IFundWomen – New York, USA | CEO – Karen Cahn

## 593. National & States Affairs

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to give cattle from its cow shelters to the families of malnourished children or women, as part of ‘Poshan Abhiyan’. Cow milk will be extremely useful in removing malnutrition. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh decided to give cows to the families of malnourished children – as part of ‘Poshan Abhiyan’
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

### 594. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Goa government has signed an MoU with Goa Institute of Management (GIM) to carry out vocational training for ITI trainers to enhance their skill set. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Goa government + GIM = signed an MoU to carry out vocational training for ITI trainers
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

### 595. Persons in News

President Martin Vizcarra (left) arriving to give a statement in Congress where he is facing an impeachment trial, in Lima on September 18, 2020. - Vizcarra remained defiant Friday as Peru's congress began an impeachment debate. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Martin Vizcarra – arriving to give a statement in Congress
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Martin Vizcarra

### 596. International Affairs

The 1st ever Indian cargo vessel (MCP Linz) operated by the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) reached northern Maldivian town of Kulhudhufushi launching a new phase in connectivity in the Southern Indian Ocean Region. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 1st ever Indian cargo vessel (MCP Linz) – launched between India & Maldives (Kulhudhufushi town)
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

### 597. Banking & Economic Affairs

Bandhan Bank has set up a new vertical called Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB) to support the emerging needs of the unbanked and underbanked segment of customers. It has recently completed 5 years of operations as a bank. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Bandhan Bank – set up a new vertical called Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB)
- Bandhan Bank – completed 5 years of operations as a bank
- HQs of Bandhan Bank – Kolkata, West Bengal | MD & CEO – Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- Tagline – “Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai”

### 598. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

HDFC Bank was ranked as India’s top brand for the 7th consecutive year in a row in the “2020 BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands rankings”. This year’s ranking was worth \$216 billion in brand value, a decline of 6% over last year. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – ranked as India’s top brand for the 7th consecutive year (worth \$216 billion – 6% decline)
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline – “We understand your world”

### 599. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the Government of India, has amended the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017. It will enable nodal Ministries/ Departments to notify higher minimum local content requirement for Class-I & Class-II local suppliers which was earlier fixed at 50% and 20% respectively. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dept. for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade – amended the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017
- DPIIT comes under – Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Piyush Goyal)
- DPIIT HQ – New Delhi | DPIIT Secretary – Guruprasad Mohapatra

### 600. International Affairs

India and Bangladesh have agreed to resume the Joint Coordinated Border Patrolling to reduce criminal activities like smuggling of cattle, weapons and narcotics on the border. The decision was taken during the 50th DG level conference of the border guarding forces of India and Bangladesh which concluded in Dhaka. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- India & Bangladesh – agreed to resume the Joint Coordinated Border Patrolling
- 50th DG level conference of the Border Guarding Forces of India and Bangladesh – held in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid





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