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All the best!

Regards

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



## 601. Appointments & Resignations

Taiwanese electronics major 'Acer' has announced Bollywood actor Sonu Sood, who helped thousands of people during the Covid-19 pandemic, as its brand ambassador in India. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Sonu Sood – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – Acer
- HQs of Acer – New Taipei, Taiwan | CEO – Jason Chen

## 602. Important Days & Dates

The National Service Scheme is a public service program conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Every year, the "NSS day" is observed on September 24 across India. The motto of the NSS is "Not me but you". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- September 24 – “National Service Scheme Day” or “NSS Day” | Motto: “Not me but you”
- National Service Scheme – conducted by ‘Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports’

## 603. Appointments & Resignations

The Somali parliament has approved the appointment of Mohamed Hussein Roble as Prime Minister. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Mohamed Hussein Roble – appointed as the Prime Minister of – Somalia
- Somalia – Mogadishu – Dollar/Shilling | New PM – Mohamed Hussein Roble | President – Md Abdullahi

## 604. National & States Affairs

In order to promote potential technology solutions for enhancing farm mechanization with special emphasis on women friendly equipments, a hackathon named “KRITAGYA” has been planned by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- ICAR under NAHEP – planned a hackathon named “KRITAGYA”
- HQs of ICAR – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra | President – Narendra Singh Tomar



## 605. Obituaries

Minister of State for Railways 'Suresh Angadi' has passed away recently at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi due to Covid-19. He was 65-year-old BJP leader & a four-time MP (Member of Parliament). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Suresh Angadi – Minister of State for Railways – passed away
- Minister of Railways – Piyush Goyal (Maharashtra) | MoS for Railway Ministry – Suresh Angadi

## 606. Amount & Agreements

Space tech startup 'Pixxel' has signed an agreement with in-space satellite transportation and infrastructure company 'Momentus Inc' for launching its second satellite in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Pixxel + Momentus Inc = signed an agreement for launching its second satellite in 2021
- HQs of Pixxel – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Awais Ahmed
- HQs of Momentus Inc – Santa Clara, California | CEO – Mikhail Kokorich

## 607. Current GK

"Koyna dam" has been filled to 100% capacity while discharge of 9,274 cusec has already been started, Sangli district administration of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "Koyna dam" – located in Sangli, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## 608. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Public Sector Units claimed to have constructed 1.4 lakh toilets in government schools as part of a Right to Education project, but almost 40% of those surveyed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) were found to be non-existent, partially constructed, or unused. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- PSU – claimed to have constructed 1.4 lakh toilets in government schools – as part of a 'Right to Education' project
- As per the survey of CAG – 40% of government schools – found to be non-existent or unused



## 609. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

A webinar between India and Israel was held on September 24. The Theme of webinar was “Indian Defence Industry Global Outreach for Collaborative Partnership: Webinar and Expo”. It was organized under the aegis of Department of Defence Production. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- A webinar with “Indian Defence Industry Global Outreach for Collaborative Partnership: Webinar and Expo” – held between India and Israel
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

## 610. Obituaries

Veteran Nuclear Scientist and former chairman of Atomic Energy Commission Dr Sekhar Basu has recently died of COVID-19 at the age of 68. He played a key role in the development of the Indian Neutrino Observatory at Tamil Nadu. The atomic scientist was conferred the “Indian Nuclear Society Award” in 2002. Sekhar Basu has received Padma Shri (2014) in Science & Technology field. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dr Sekhar Basu – Nuclear Scientist – passed away (conferred with “Indian Nuclear Society Award-2002”)
- Recipient of Padma Shri (2014) – in Science & Technology field
- Indian Neutrino Observatory – to be set up at – Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

## 611. National & States Affairs

The Union Home Ministry has allowed states to spend up to 50% money from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to contain the Covid-19 pandemic, up from the existing limit of 35%. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Home Ministry – allowed states to spend from SDRF up to 50% money (from existing limit of 35%)
- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

## 612. Appointments & Resignations

The government has extended the term of Uday Kotak as Non-Executive Chairman of debt-ridden IL&FS group by 1 year. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Uday Kotak – extended as Non-Executive Chairman of – IL&FS group – by 1 year
- HQs of IL&FS – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Uday Kotak



### 613. Persons in News

Google has paid tribute to Indian swimmer Arati Saha on her 80<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary with a doodle by Kolkata's illustrator/ animator Lavanya Naidu. On September 29, 1959, She had covered 42 miles by swimming for 16 hours and 20 minutes across the English Channel. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Google doodle paid tribute to Indian swimmer – Arati Saha (on her 80<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary)
- She had covered 42 miles by swimming for 16 hours and 20 minutes across the 'English Channel'
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

### 614. National & States Affairs

The Tiruchi Range Police has launched 'Project Shield' - a unique initiative aimed at combating crimes against women and children and to create safe and violence-free communities for them in the five districts of Tamil Nadu namely Tiruchi, Pudukottai, Karur, Perambalur and Ariyalur. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 'Project Shield' – launched in 5 districts of Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

### 615. National & States Affairs

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has virtually inaugurated 2 major Green Projects worth around Rs 1226 Crore to be built by European Union countries in Kolkata and East Midnapore district. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- West Bengal – inaugurated 2 major Green Projects worth around Rs 1226 Crore – in Kolkata & East Midnapore
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

### 616. Sports & Games

Wimbledon tournament was cancelled this year for the first time since 'World War – 2' due to the coronavirus pandemic. It will now take place in 2021 even without fans . [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Wimbledon tournament – cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic in 2020
- Wimbledon tournament – to take place in 2021



### 617. Defence Affairs

Navies of India and Australia will carry out a 2-day 'Mega Exercise' in the Indian Ocean Region. It will involve a range of complex naval manoeuvres, anti-aircraft drills and helicopter operations. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Navies of India & Australia – will carry out a 2-day 'Mega Exercise' in the Indian Ocean Region
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

### 618. Current GK

The Indian Railways has announced that the name of 'Raigir railway station' in Telangana has been changed to 'Yadadri railway station'. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Raigir railway station – renamed as 'Yadadri railway station' – located in Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor - Tamilisai Soundararajan

### 619. Science & Technology

The Department of Biotechnology has initiated the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of "Science Diplomacy Initiative", the training program to strengthen the capacity of clinical trial research of vaccines in neighbouring countries. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Department of Biotechnology – initiated the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of "Science Diplomacy Initiative"

### 620. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Google Pay has partnered with Visa to allow card-based payments through tokenisation across its platform. It will enable users to safely transact with their debit or credit cards. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Google Pay + Visa = to allow card-based payments through tokenization
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly





## 621. International Affairs

New Zealand will be the first country in the world to require the financial sector to report on climate risks. The changes build on the huge progress this Government has made to tackle the climate crisis. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- New Zealand – the first country in the world to require the financial sector to report on climate risks
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD)

## 622. Science & Technology

India has conducted a successful testfire of its indigenously developed nuclear capable surface-to-surface "Prithvi-II" missile as part of a user trial by the Army from a base in Chandipur, Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India conducted a successful testfire of – "Prithvi-II" - Nuclear capable surface-to-surface Missile – in Odisha
- Strike range of surface-to-surface Prithvi-II missile – 350 Km
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

## 623. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been featured in TIME Magazine's annual list of the world's 100 most influential people for the fourth time since he took office in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – featured in "TIME Magazine's annual list of the world's 100 most influential people" (4<sup>th</sup> time)

## 624. Defence Affairs

The Indian Coast Guard will set up its first academy in Kenjar village, Mangaluru, Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka to train officers from the defence forces. It will come up on 158.23 acres of land. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- ICG – will set up its first academy in – Kenjar village of Mangaluru in Dakshina Kannada district (Karnataka)
- HQs of ICG – New Delhi | Director General – Krishnaswamy Natarajan
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



## 625. International Affairs

Vinay M Kwatra (Indian Ambassador to Nepal) and Sushil Gyewali (CEO of Nepal's National Reconstruction Authority) have launched a dedicated website for post-earthquake reconstruction of Education Sector Projects in Nepal. The website is developed by the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India + Nepal unveiled – a website for post-earthquake reconstruction of Education Sector Projects – in Nepal
- Vinay M Kwatra – Indian Ambassador to Nepal
- Website developed by – CBRI (Location – Roorkee, Uttarakhand)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

## 626. Obituaries

Veteran playback Singer SP Balasubramaniam, popularly known as SPB, has passed away recently in September. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SP Balasubramaniam – a Singer – passed away

## 627. Schemes & Initiatives

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has inaugurated 'Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojna' on the lines of Centre's Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) Scheme. Rs 4,000 will be transferred to accounts of 1,75,000 farmers in the state every year in two instalments under the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – inaugurated 'Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojna' (Rs 4,000 – to accounts of 1,75,000 farmers)
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 628. Current GK

The former KKR player also threw light on other dominant areas of Rajasthan. He feels that players of the franchise will be comfortable in playing on the pitches of UAE as they are similar to that of their home ground, Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Sawai Mansingh Stadium – Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra



## 629. Science & Technology

Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), along with others, have discovered an earth-sized "Pi Planet" namely "K2-315b" that revolves around its star every 3.14 days. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology – discovered an earth-sized "Pi Planet" namely "K2-315b"

## 630. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

United Nations and Britain will co-host a 'Global Climate Summit' on December 12, the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark Paris Agreement. The announcement came days after Chinese President Xi Jinping told the UN that the world's largest greenhouse gas polluter would peak emissions in 2030 and attempt to go carbon neutral by 2060. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- UN & Britain – will co-host a 'Global Climate Summit' on December 12 (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark Paris Agreement)
- Britain – London – Pound sterling | Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

## 631. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

4<sup>th</sup> edition of "World Economic Forum's Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2020" was held recently in September. The banner was "Realizing a Great Reset for Sustainable Development". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 4<sup>th</sup> edition of World Economic Forum's Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2020 – held recently

## 632. Important Days & Dates

"World Maritime Day" is observed on September 24 every year by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). This year, the theme is "Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- September 24 – "World Maritime Day" – by the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Theme – "Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet"
- HQs of IMO – London, UK | Secretary-General – Kitack Lim



### 633. Current GK

To augment border infrastructure, the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) has expedited making detailed project report for the world's longest high-altitude Shinkun La Tunnel. This tunnel is proposed to be built on the border between Himachal Pradesh & Ladakh. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- NHIDCL – expedited making detailed project report for world's longest High-altitude ‘Shinkun La Tunnel’
- ‘Shinkun La Tunnel’ also known as ‘Shingo-la’ tunnel – located between Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh

### 634. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) have signed a ‘Statement of Intent’ to launch ‘YuWaah’, Generation Unlimited (GenU), a global multi-stakeholder platform in India. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports + UNICEF = signed a ‘Statement of Intent’ to launch ‘YuWaah’
- Sports Ministry – Kiren Rijiju | Constituency – Arunachal West
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

### 635. National & States Affairs

Union Minister for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik and Union Minister of State PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh have jointly laid e-foundation of Post-Harvest Management Centre for Medicinal Plants at Bhaderwah in Jammu and Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ‘Post-Harvest Management Centre for Medicinal Plants’ – launched in Bhaderwah, J & K
- Launched by = Shripad Yesso Naik + Jitendra Singh
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

### 636. Schemes & Initiatives

With an aim to improve rural connectivity and generate employment in the villages, Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the “Mukhyamantri Grammya Paribahan Achoni” and distributed vehicles to beneficiaries under the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Assam – launched “Mukhyamantri Grammya Paribahan Achoni”
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



### 637. Obituaries

Former Australian cricket legend 'Dean Jones' has passed away due to a massive heart attack. Jones was part of Star Sports commentary team. He was 59. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

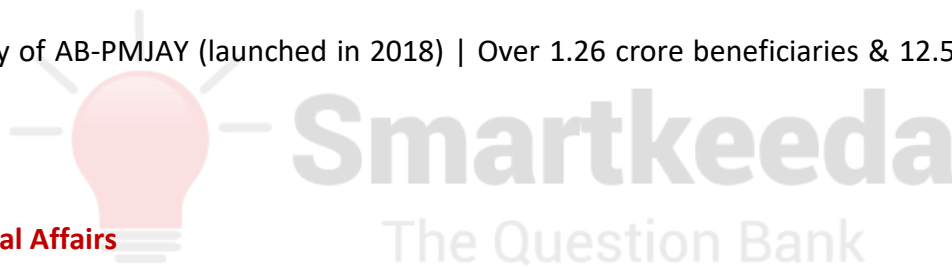
- Dean Jones (Australia) – a Cricketer – passed away
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

### 638. Schemes & Initiatives

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare has chaired 'Aarogya Manthan' 2.0 celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of 'Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana' (AB-PMJAY). Free treatment to more than 1.26 crore beneficiaries has been provided since its launch in Sept 2018 and more than 12.5 crore e-cards have been issued. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – chaired 'Aarogya Manthan' 2.0
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of AB-PMJAY (launched in 2018) | Over 1.26 crore beneficiaries & 12.5 crore e-cards till now



### 639. International Affairs

India and Nepal have started joint Security Patrol of the border between the two countries in Nepal's Kapilvastu district to check illegal cross-border activities and control the spread of corona virus. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India & Nepal – started Joint Security Patrol of the border – in Kapilvastu, Nepal
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

### 640. National & States Affairs

The Nagaland government has decided to withdraw the steep COVID-19 cess on petrol and diesel. The COVID-19 cess of ₹5 per litre on diesel and ₹6 per litre on petrol and other motor spirits was imposed on April 28, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Nagaland – decided to withdraw the steep COVID-19 cess on petrol and diesel
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi



### 641. National & States Affairs

Madhya Pradesh has targeted household tap connections in all rural areas under Jal Jeevan Mission by 2023. Approximately Rs. 197 crores have been approved in State government's rural tap water scheme. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – targeted household tap connections in all rural areas – by 2023
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

### 642. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

A virtual India-UK Water Partnership Forum will be held to discuss ways to collaborate on issues pertaining to water conservation and infrastructure development. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- A virtual Water Partnership Forum – held between India & UK
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson

### 643. Important Days & Dates

193 members of the United Nations has adopted a Commemorative declaration marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- UN – adopted a Commemorative declaration marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres | MC – 193

### 644. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Singapore Exchange (SGX) have entered into a formal agreement to confirm the key terms for operationalising the “NSE IFSC-SGX Connect”. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- NSE + SGX = signed a formal agreement to confirm the key terms to operationalise “NSE IFSC-SGX Connect”
- HQs of NSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Girish Chandra Chaturvedi | MD & CEO – Vikram Limaye
- HQs of SGX Ltd – Singapore | CEO – Loh Boon Chye



### 645. International Affairs

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has commenced work on the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the 'Hanimaadhoo International Airport' expansion project. This will be yet another India backed infrastructure project in Maldives. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

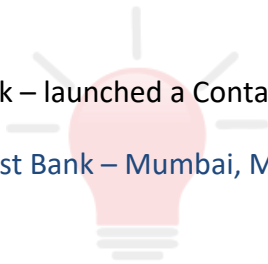
- Airports Authority of India – commenced work on 'Hanimaadhoo International Airport' expansion – in Maldives
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Arvind Singh

### 646. Science & Technology

IDFC FIRST Bank has launched a facility namely 'SafePay' allowing customers to store debit card details in the bank's phone app and make contactless payments using their smartphone. The app is certified by Visa. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- IDFC FIRST Bank – launched a Contactless Payments Facility 'SafePay' – certified by Visa
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan



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### 647. National & States Affairs

Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has announced that India has set high priority for ending tuberculosis by 2025, five years ahead of the Sustainable Development Goals. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India set high priority for ending Tuberculosis – by 2025
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)

### 648. Appointments & Resignations

Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) has announced the appointment of 'Rajat Sud' as its Managing Director from immediate effect. He has replaced S Gopal. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rajat Sud – appointed as the MD of – Energy Efficiency Services Ltd
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | MD – Rajat Sud | Chairman – Rajeev Sharma



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

Ayushmann Khurrana has been named among the 100 most influential people of 2020 in the world by the 'Time magazine'. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ayushmann Khurrana – named among the “100 most influential people of 2020” in the world – by ‘Time magazine’

### 650. Persons in News

Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh who hails from Uttar Pradesh’s Varanasi, is set to become the first woman fighter pilot of India to fly the Rafale combat aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh (UP) – to become the 1<sup>st</sup> woman fighter pilot of India to fly ‘Rafale’
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

### 651. Acquisitions & Mergers

Microsoft has decided to acquire ZeniMax Media Inc. for \$7.5 billion. ZeniMax is a parent company of game publisher ‘Bethesda Softworks’. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Microsoft – to acquire – ZeniMax Media Inc.
- Parent company of Bethesda Softworks – ZeniMax
- Microsoft: HQs – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella
- HQs of ZeniMax Media Inc – Maryland, USA | CEO – Robert A. Altman

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

The “Golden Pen of Freedom-2020” Award, the annual press freedom award of the World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA), has been awarded to Colombian journalist, Jineth Bedoya Lima. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Jineth Bedoya Lima (Colombia) – won “Golden Pen of Freedom-2020” Award of WAN-IFRA
- Colombia – Bogota – Peso





### 653. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) has partnered with online learning platform 'Coursera' to train 50,000 unemployed youth during the Covid-19 crisis. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu + Coursera – partnership to train 50,000 Unemployed Youth
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- HQs of Coursera – California, USA | CEO – Jeff Maggioncalda

### 654. Appointments & Resignations

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed A K Dixit as the new administrator of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank with effect from September 23. He was ex-General Manager of Union Bank of India. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- A K Dixit – appointed as the New Administrator of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank
- HQs of PMC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra

### 655. Books & Authors

Penguin Random House India and Seagull Books have come together to publish the book titled "Voices of Dissent". The book is authored by Romila Thapar. The book will be available in stores from October 19. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Voices of Dissent" book – authored by 'Romila Thapar'

### 656. Defence Affairs

INS Viraat, the world's longest serving warship that was decommissioned by the Indian Navy 3 years ago, has arrived off the Alang coast in Gujarat for dismantling. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- INS Viraat – the world's longest serving warship – arrived off the 'Alang coast' in Gujarat for dismantling
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



### 657. Defence Affairs

In a significant development in India's defence sector, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted successful flight test of "ABHYAS" – High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from ITR Balasore in Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- DRDO – conducted successful flight test of "ABHYAS" – HEAT – from ITR Balasore, in Odisha
- HEAT – High-speed Expendable Aerial Target
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

### 658. Important Days & Dates

September 22 was celebrated as the "World Car-Free Day", where motorists are encouraged to give up their cars and choose a more sustainable form of transport. This day has been observed since 2000. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- September 22 – "World Car-Free Day" – since 2000

### 659. Banking & Economic Affairs

As per UNCTAD 'Trade and Development Report 2020', it has projected India's economy to contract by 5.9% (-5.9%) in 2020. It has also expected the economy to rebound to 3.9% in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- UNCTAD 'Trade and Development Report 2020' – India's GDP to contract by 5.9% [{Flexible News}](#)
- In 2021 – India's GDP to rebound by – 3.9% [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | UNCTAD Secretary-General – Mukhisa Kituyi

### 660. National & States Affairs

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has issued a notification, extending the date of implementation of Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020 as 1.1.2021 in place of 1.9.2020. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- DPIIT – issued a notification, extending the date of implementation of Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020
- DPIIT comes under – Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Piyush Goyal – Maharashtra)
- DPIIT HQ – New Delhi | DPIIT Secretary – Guruprasad Mohapatra



## 661. Important Days & Dates

"The International Day of Sign Languages" is observed on September 23 every year by the UN General Assembly to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realisation of the human rights of people who are deaf. This year, the theme was "Sign Languages Are for Everyone!" The theme of the 2020 International Week of the Deaf is "Reaffirming Deaf People's Human Rights". According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are approximately 72 million deaf people around the world with more than 80% of them living in developing countries. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- September 23 – "The International Day of Sign Languages"
- Theme – "Sign Languages Are for Everyone!"
- Theme of 'International Week of the Deaf' – "Reaffirming Deaf People's Human Rights"
- HQs of World Federation of the Deaf – Helsinki, Finland

## 662. Appointments & Resignations

Khushi Chindaliya, a 17-year-old girl from Surat, has been appointed as Regional Ambassador (RA) for India by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Tunza Eco-Generation (TEG). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Khushi Chindaliya (Surat, Gujarat) – appointed as Regional Ambassador (RA) for India by UNEP
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen

## 663. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed 100% acquisition of Medlife by API Holdings. Healthcare company Medlife is primarily engaged in wholesale and distribution of drugs. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- CCI approved 100% acquisition of 'Medlife' – by API Holdings
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta
- HQs of Medlife – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Ananth Narayanan
- HQs of API Holdings – MEAUX, France

## 664. Appointments & Resignations

Former Defence Minister 'Bah Ndaw' has sworn in as Mali's new president recently. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Bah Ndaw – appointed as the New President of – Mali
- Mali – Bamako – CFA franc | President – Bah Ndaw



### 665. Amount & Agreements

Modi government's micro-credit scheme "PM SVANidhi" for nano entrepreneurs such as street vendors has disbursed 1,36,850 loan applications involving Rs 136.36 Cr till date. The approved outlay for 'PM SVANidhi' scheme is Rs 600 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- The approved outlay for 'PM SVANidhi' scheme – Rs 600 Cr
- "PM SVANidhi" scheme – for nano entrepreneurs such as Street Vendors

### 666. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has signed an MoU to promote adventure sports activities at Tehri Lake in the state. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Uttarakhand + ITBP = an MoU to promote adventure sports activities at Tehri Lake (located in Uttarakhand)
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya
- HQs of ITBP – New Delhi | Director General – Surjeet Singh Deswal

### 667. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

In Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Territory Administration has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Army for development and operationalization of Airstrip in Kishtwar. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- J&K + Army = an MoU to operationalise Airstrip – in Kishtwar, J & K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

### 668. Banking & Economic Affairs

HDFC Bank has launched consent-based 'Video KYC facility' as an alternate method of establishing the prospective customer's identity during the account opening process in a safe and secure environment. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- HDFC Bank launched – 'Video KYC facility' for its customers
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline – "We understand your world"



## 669. Defence Affairs

DRDO has successfully tested fires laser-guided anti-tank guided missile from 'Arjun Tank' in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- DRDO – tested fires laser-guided anti-tank guided missile – from 'Arjun Tank' in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

## 670. Sports & Games

In tennis, world number one Novak Djokovic won a record 36<sup>th</sup> Masters title by beating Diego Schwartzman in the Italian Open at Rome. And in women's single, Simona Halep has won the Italian Open Title-2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Novak Djokovic (Serbia - Tennis) – won 77<sup>th</sup> men's single Italian Open (his 36<sup>th</sup> Masters title)
- Simona Halep (Romania - Tennis) – won 77<sup>th</sup> women's single Italian Open
- Serbia – Belgrade – Serbian Dinar | Romania – Bucharest – leu

## 671. National & States Affairs

7 km 8 km 9 km 10 km None of these India is set to open 9 km (5.6mi) "Atal Rohtang tunnel" linking Manali and Leh. It is located at an altitude of more than 3,000 metres (9,800ft) in the Himalayas. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India is set to open 9 km (5.6mi) Atal Rohtang tunnel – linking Manali & Leh

## 672. Obituaries

Prominent Marathi film and theatre actor Ashalata Wabgaonkar has passed away recently in September. She was 79. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ashalata Wabgaonkar – Marathi Actor – passed away



### 673. 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 Teatia

### 674. Obituaries

Ang Rita Sherpa, popularly known as “Snow Leopard”, the first man to climb Mount Everest 10 times without bottled oxygen, has passed away recently. He was 72 years old from Nepal. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ang Rita Sherpa (Nepal) – a Mountaineer – passed away
- She was popularly known as – “Snow Leopard”
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

### 675. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to a study led by NASA, Greenland and Antarctica's ice sheets could together contribute more than 38 centimetres to global sea level rise by 2100, if greenhouse gas emissions continue. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- According to a study led by NASA – Global sea level to rise by 38 cms by 2100 – due to Greenland and Antarctica
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

### 676. Schemes & Initiatives

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot has approved a Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation's scheme namely “Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020” to allow free bus travel to two members of a family to immerse ashes of their loved ones in the Ganga in Haridwar. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rajasthan – “Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020” – to allow free Bus travel
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra



### 677. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

HDFC Life Insurance has partnered with YES Bank to enter into a Corporate Agency (CA) arrangement to sell policies to the bank's customers. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- HDFC Life Insurance + YES Bank = signed a Corporate Agency (CA) arrangement
- HQs of HDFC Life – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Vibha Padalkar
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”

### 678. Important Days & Dates

“World Rose Day” is a day to spread hope and cheer in the lives of cancer patients. It is observed on September 22 every year for the welfare of cancer patients. The day is also dedicated to spreading awareness about cancer. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- September 22 – “World Rose Day” – to spread hope and cheer in the lives of – Cancer patients

### 679. Important Days & Dates

September 19 has marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) between India and Pakistan. The World Bank has played a pivotal role in crafting the IWT, continues to take particular pride that the treaty functions. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- September 19 – 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) between – India & Pakistan
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

### 680. National & States Affairs

Bajaj Finserv has announced its foray into the healthcare ecosystem with the launch of “Bajaj Finserv Health Ltd” (BFHL), a healthtech solutions business. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Bajaj Finserv – entered Healthtech Solutions Business – by launching “Bajaj Finserv Health Ltd”
- HQs of Bajaj Finserv – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman and MD (CMD) – Sanjiv Bajaj



## 681. Science & Technology

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has begun a thorough investigation into an accident involving an indigenously-developed Howitzer Gun System in Pokhran in Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- DRDO – began an investigation into an accident involving Howitzer Gun System – in Pokhran, Rajasthan
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

## 682. National & States Affairs

The government has set foodgrain production target at a record 301 million tonnes for the 2020-21 crop year at the 'National Conference for Rabi Campaign 2020' to review the progress of the kharif (summer-sown) season and plan for the Rabi crops. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Government's foodgrain production target – "301 million tonnes" for the 2020-21

## 683. Defence Affairs

Goa-based Kineco Ltd, one of India's leading composite technology provider for defence, aerospace, railway and industrial sectors, has flagged off India's first commercial & indigenously manufactured 'Sonar Dome' for Indian Navy warships. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kineco Ltd (Goa) – flagged off India's 1<sup>st</sup> indigenously manufactured 'Sonar Dome' for Indian Navy warships
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## 684. Persons in News

The SEBI has set up a technical group on Social Stock Exchange to develop a framework for onboarding non-profit organisations and for-profit enterprises. The regulator has constituted the technical group under the chairmanship of Harsh Kumar Bhanwala. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SEBI set up a technical group on Social Stock Exchange – headed by 'Harsh Kumar Bhanwala'
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi





### 685. Acquisitions & Mergers

The USA based 'KKR' (Kohlberg Kravis Roberts) will invest Rs 5,550 Crore in Reliance Retail for 1.28% stake. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- KKR – will acquire 1.28% stake (Rs 5,550 Cr) – in Reliance Retail Ventures (RRVL)
- HQs of KKR - New York, USA | Co-CEOs – Henry Kravis, George R. Roberts
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

### 686. Obituaries

Assam musician (singer, lyricist & actor) Bibhuranjan Choudhury has passed away recently after a prolonged battle with cancer. He was 71. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Bibhuranjan Choudhury (Assam) – Musician – passed away
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

### 687. Important Days & Dates

“World Rhino Day” is observed on September 22 every year by the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) to raise awareness and build a safe natural habitat for this incredible species. This year, the theme is “Five Rhino Species Forever”. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- September 22 – World Rhino Day
- Theme – “Five Rhino Species Forever”

### 688. Appointments & Resignations

Embattled Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko has been appointed as the President of Belarus. President Alexander Lukashenko took his oath of office during an unannounced inauguration ceremony in Minsk on September 23. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Alexander Lukashenko – elected as the President of – Belarus
- Belarus – Minsk – Ruble



## 689. Books & Authors

Justice Ramana was speaking at the virtual launch of a book "Judiciary, Judges and the Administration of Justice" authored by former Supreme Court judge, Justice R. Banumathi. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- A book "Judiciary, Judges and the Administration of Justice" – authored by 'R Banumathi'

## 690. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal has represented India in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the "G20 Trade and Investments ministers". The meet was held under the Saudi Arabia Presidency which will end in the mid of November, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal has represented India – in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of "G20 Trade and Investments ministers"
- Presidency – Saudi Arabia (to end in - November, 2020)
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra
- Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal

## 691. National & States Affairs

'e-Peek Pahaní' app has been launched by Maharashtra government recently. It will reduce hardships of farmers and help them get the right price and good market for their produce. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Maharashtra – launched 'e-Peek Pahaní' app – to reduce hardships of farmers
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## 692. National & States Affairs

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched "AP Police Seva App" that offers 87 services to the doorstep. It will enable registration of complaints online and monitor the follow-up action. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh CM launched – "AP Police Seva App"
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



### 693. Appointments & Resignations

Pune based retired Colonel Dr Girija Shanker Mungali has been appointed as one of the 7 members of the Asian Football Confederation's task force for regulating football clubs in Asia and Australia. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Dr Girija Shanker Mungali (from Maharashtra) – appointed as one of the 7 members of – AFC's task force
- HQs of AFC – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa

### 694. Important Days & Dates

“World Water Monitoring Day” was recently observed on 18<sup>th</sup> September to create awareness among the general public on the importance of protecting water resources across the globe. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- September 18 – “World Water Monitoring Day”

### 695. International Affairs

Mansukh L. Mandaviya, MoS for Shipping (Independent Charge) and Aishath Nahula, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of the Maldives have jointly inaugurated the first ever Cargo Ferry Service between India and the Maldives opening a new chapter in connectivity initiatives in the Indian Ocean Region. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> ever Cargo Ferry Service – inaugurated between India & Maldives
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Shipping – Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Gujarat
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

### 696. Sports & Games

Tadej Pogacar has become the first Slovenian to win the “Tour de France” cycling event. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Tadej Pogacar (Slovenia) – won “Tour de France” cycling event
- Slovenia – Ljubljana – Euro



### 697. Appointments & Resignations

Ishmael Toroama, a former secessionist military commander turned peacemaker and cocoa farmer, has been elected the president of Bougainville. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ishmael Toroama – elected as the President of – Bougainville
- Bougainville – Buka – PNG kina

### 698. Science & Technology

Facebook has introduced 'Facebook Business Suite', a new interface for people to manage their small businesses on Facebook and Instagram. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Facebook introduced 'Facebook Business Suite' to help small businesses
- Facebook: HQs – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg

### 699. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

An MoU was signed between Israel's Start-Up Nation Central and India's International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology (iCreate) to initiate a bilateral program to accelerate innovation and technology cooperation between start-ups and corporates from both countries. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Israel + iCreate = an MoU to initiate a bilateral program to accelerate innovation and technology
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

### 700. Sports & Games

Croatia midfielder Ivan Rakitic has ended his international career with the 2018 World Cup runners-up. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ivan Rakitic (Croatia) – took retirement – from Football
- Croatia – Zagreb – Kuna | PM – Andrej Plenkovic | President – Zoran Milanovic





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