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701. Defence Affairs

The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) has conducted a successful test of a new Sea-to-Sea Missile System. The announcement comes a month after its rival Iran revealed its Abu-Mahdi long-range cruise missiles for its navy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Israel – conducted a successful test of a new “Sea-to-Sea Missile System”
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

702. Persons in News

The Reserve Bank of India has approved appointment of 3-member Committee of Directors (CoD) to run the daily affairs of debt-ridden Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB). The CoD composed of Meeta Makhan, Shakti Sinha, and Satish Kumar Kalra where the committee was headed by Meeta Makhan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI approved 3-member Committee of Directors (CoD) – for Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- The committee – headed by ‘Meeta Makhan’
- HQs of LVB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Subramanian Sundar
- Tagline of LVB – “The changing face of prosperity”

703. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind has virtually conferred the National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards for the year 2018-19 on 24th September, 2020 from Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – conferred the “National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards” for the year 2018-19

704. Banking & Economic Affairs

In order to check banking fraud, the Reserve Bank of India has decided to introduce from January 1, 2021, the 'Positive Pay System' for cheque, under which re-confirmation of key details may be needed for payments beyond Rs 50,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – introduced ‘Positive Pay System’ for Cheque Truncation System above Rs 50,000 – from January 1, 2021
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)



705. Important Days & Dates

The General Assembly commemorates September 26 as the “International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons”. This Day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a priority. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 – “International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons” – by UNGA
- HQs of UNGA – NewYork, USA | President – Tijjani Muhammad Bande

706. National & States Affairs

Vakrangee Ltd has been granted in-principle authorisation to set-up and operate Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU) under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 from Reserve Bank of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vakrangee Ltd – granted to set-up and operate Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit
- Under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 from the RBI
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)
- HQs of Vakrangee Ltd – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Mr. Dinesh Nandwana

707. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated a 4-day event ‘Destination North East-2020’ to showcase north east India’s various potentials like eco-tourism, culture, heritage and business. It is organised by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region annually. The theme of the event was “The Emerging Delightful Destinations”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – will inaugurate a 4-day event ‘Destination North East-2020’ – organized by ministry of DoNER
- Theme – “The Emerging Delightful Destinations”

708. International Affairs

Vodafone has won a long-pending arbitration against India with the Permanent Court of Arbitration in Hague ruling that income tax authorities had violated provisions of the Bilateral Investment Treaty with the Netherlands by amending the law retrospectively to demand over Rs 20,000 crore in tax and penalties. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Vodafone – won a long-pending arbitration against India – at Permanent Court of Arbitration in Hague, Netherlands
- Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro

709. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India, USA, Japan and Australia have held a virtual meeting under the framework of Quadrilateral coalition or "Quad", focusing on ways to promote peace, security, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India, USA, Japan and Australia – held a virtual meeting under the framework of QUAD
- QUAD countries – 4 – India, USA, Japan & Australia

710. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Against the backdrop of the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, International Energy Agency (IEA), in collaboration with NITI Aayog, have presented a 'Special Report on Sustainable Recovery' on 18 September 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IEA + NITI Aayog = presented a 'Special Report on Sustainable Recovery'
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

711. Important Days & Dates

On 28 of September, UNESCO and its partners have celebrated the "International Day for Universal Access to Information" as the UN International Day for the first time in its history. This year, the theme was "Access to Information in Times of Crisis". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 28 – "International Day for Universal Access to Information"
- Theme – "Access to Information in Times of Crisis"



712. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

India and Israel have planned to expand Defence Partnership by going in more co-development and co-production projects of High-tech weapon systems and exporting them to other friendly countries. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- India & Israel = to co-develop projects of High-tech weapon systems
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

713. Appointments & Resignations

Alapan Bandopadhyay was named as the new Chief Secretary of West Bengal. He has taken over the new role from Rajiva Sinha who retired on September 30. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Alapan Bandopadhyay – appointed as new Chief Secretary of – West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

714. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), India has signed an MoU with Denmark in the field of Intellectual Property (IP) Cooperation. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- India + Denmark = an MoU in the field of Intellectual Property (IP) Cooperation
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone

715. National & States Affairs

The Assam government has developed a mobile app “Visitassam” through which air passengers can download forms, fill it up, and show it at airports to avoid delay in completing formalities for COVID-19 tests. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – developed a mobile app “Visitassam” for air passengers
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



716. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) have signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel Programme). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IATA + UNOCT = signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation with UN CT-Travel Programme
- HQs of IATA – Montreal, Canada | DG & CEO – Alexandre de Juniac
- HQs of IATA India – Mumbai, Maharashtra

717. Obituaries

Economist Isher Judge Ahluwalia has passed away recently in September. She would have turned 75 on October 1. She was chairperson of the think-tank Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) for 15 years and stepped down last month due to ill health. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Isher Judge Ahluwalia – Economist – passed away (Former chairperson of ICRIER)
- HQs of ICRIER – New Delhi | Chairman – Pramod Bhasin

718. Science & Technology

The India Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has launched a Dedicated Vaccine Portal and National Clinical Registry of COVID-19 to address queries of the people on vaccine development and unveiled the historical timeline of ICMR since its inception in 1911. The web portal was inaugurated by Dr Harsh Vardhan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR launched – a Dedicated Vaccine Portal and National Clinical Registry of COVID-19
- ICMR HQs – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava | Established in – 1911

719. Important Days & Dates

Every year, September 28 is celebrated as “World Rabies Day” since 2007 to raise awareness about rabies and bring together partners to intensify prevention and control efforts all over the world. The theme for this year is “End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 28 – “World Rabies Day” – since 2007
- Theme – “End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate”



720. Sports & Games

Valtteri Bottas has recently won the “Russian Grand Prix” after his Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton's race was ruined by penalties. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Valtteri Bottas (Finland) – won “Russian Grand Prix”– drives Mercedes
- Finland – Helsinki – Euro | PM – Sanna Marin

721. Current GK

Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy has recently inaugurated the Durgam Cheruvu cable-stayed Bridge in Hyderabad, Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Durgam Cheruvu cable-stayed Bridge – inaugurated in Hyderabad, Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilsai Soundararajan

722. Amount & Agreements

The Manila-headquartered Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved 2 loans totalling USD 570 million (about Rs 4,200 crore) for urban sector projects in Rajasthan & Madhya Pradesh. USD 300 million (approx Rs. 2,200 Cr) loan to develop Rajasthan's secondary towns and a USD 270 (approx Rs. 2000 Cr) million loan for Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB approved USD 570 million – for urban sector projects in Rajasthan & Madhya Pradesh
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- ADB: HQs – [Mandaluyong, Philippines](#) | President – [Masatsugu Asakawa](#) | Member countries – 68

723. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Facebook has tied up with early stage venture capital fund Matrix Partners to scale small businesses in India by providing them with digital skills. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Facebook + Matrix Partners = partnership to scale small businesses in India by providing digital skills
- Facebook: HQs – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg
- HQs of Matrix Partners – California, USA | Partner & MD – Tarun Davda



724. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Tourism celebrated World Tourism Day through a virtual platform. This year the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) has designated 2020 as the Year of Tourism and Rural Development. During the event “SAATHI” Application was launched by the chief guest Dharmendra Pradhan. SAATHI is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism with the Quality Council of India. [\[Read more\]](#)

Key Points:

- UNWTO designated 2020 as – “Year of Tourism and Rural Development”
- Dharmendra Pradhan launched – “SAATHI” Application (The app belongs to Ministry of Tourism)
- Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister of Steel, Petroleum & Natural Gas (Constituency – Madhya Pradesh)

725. International Affairs

India has begun a probe into the alleged dumping of a certain pharmaceutical raw material - Ceftriaxone Sodium Sterile by Chinese companies. [\[Read more\]](#)

Key Points:

- India – began a probe into the alleged dumping of ‘Ceftriaxone Sodium Sterile’ – by Chinese companies
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

726. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to 3 farm/agriculture bills passed by Parliament. The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Service Bill, 2020 and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020. [\[Read more\]](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – gave his assent to 3 agriculture bills passed by Parliament

727. Important Days & Dates

“World Tourism Day” is commemorated each year on the 27th of September. Data from the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) shows that 100 to 120 million direct tourism jobs are at risk. The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) forecasts a loss of 1.5 to 2.8% of global GDP. This year, the theme was “Tourism and Rural Development”. [\[Read more\]](#)

Key Points:

- September 27 – “World Tourism Day”
- Theme – “Tourism and Rural Development”



- UNWTO's prediction – 100 to 120 million direct tourism jobs are at risk
- UNCTAD's prediction – loss of 1.5 to 2.8% of global GDP
- HQs of UNWTO – Madrid, Spain | Secretary-General – Zurab Pololikashvili
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Mukhisa Kituyi

728. Sports & Games

Australia's wicket-keeper batswoman Alyssa Healy has broken M S Dhoni's record of having most dismissals as a wicket-keeper in the shortest format of the game. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alyssa Healy (Australia) – broke M S Dhoni's record of having most dismissals as a wicket-keeper
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

729. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Axis Bank has joined Bayer's Better Life Farming initiative in India to provide holistic financial solutions to smallholder farmers and rural farming communities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank + Bayer's Better Life Farming initiative = to provide holistic financial solutions to smallholder farmers
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry
- HQs of Bayer – Leverkusen, Germany | CEO – Werner Baumann

730. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

India's oldest union of merchant navy officers - Maritime Union of India (MUI) has collaborated with the United Nations to assist around 4 lakh global seafarers, including thousands of Indians, stranded on ships due to COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MUI + UN = to assist global seafarers stranded on ships due to COVID-19 pandemic
- HQs of IMO (International Maritime Organisation) – London, UK | Secretary-General – Kitack Lim
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres



731. National & States Affairs

SBI Card announced the launch of its new brand campaign, “Contactless Connections” that spreads the message that love and care can be shared even during this difficult period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI Card – to launch new brand campaign - “Contactless Connections”
- HQs of SBI Card – Gurugram, Haryana | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar

732. National & States Affairs

The Centre has unveiled the first look of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) train whose design is inspired by Delhi's iconic Lotus Temple and can attain a top speed of 180 kilometres per hour on the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor. This first RRTS train will provide its services to 82 km long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS by 2022 after trials. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's 1st RRTS train with a top Speed of 180 Km/h is unveiled
- It will provide its services to 82 km long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS – by 2022

733. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India's PM Narendra Modi has held a ‘Virtual Bilateral Summit’ with Sri Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa. Narendra Modi announced a grant of \$15 million for promoting Buddhist ties between the two sides. It was agreed that the Indian side would facilitate the visit of a delegation of Buddhist pilgrims from Sri Lanka in the first inaugural flight to the sacred city of Kushinagar at Kushinagar international airport. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Virtual Bilateral Summit’ – held between India + Sri Lanka
- Kushinagar International Airport – Uttar Pradesh
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

734. Appointments & Resignations

Neetu David, one of India's finest woman cricketers in the late '90s and early 2000s, has been appointed Chairman of the women's selection committee by BCCI replacing Hemalata Kala. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Neetu David – appointed Chairman of the Women’s Selection Committee by BCCI (by replacing – Hemalata Kala)
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Ethics Officer – D K Jain

735. Appointments & Resignations

Entri, a local language learning app for jobs, has appointed Robin Uthappa (Rajasthan Royals cricketer) as its brand ambassador and has also partnered with Hotstar to run ad campaigns in 5 different languages throughout the ongoing IPL season. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Robin Uthappa (Rajasthan Royals Cricketer) – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – ‘Entri’
- HQs of Entri – Kakkanad, Kerala | CEO – Mohammed Hisamuddin

736. National & States Affairs

Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda has announced setting up 10 “Plastic Parks” with state-of-the-art infrastructure through cluster development approach. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers announced to set up 10 “Plastic Parks”
- Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers – D. V. Sadananda Gowda – Bangalore, Karnataka

737. National & States Affairs

Insurance regulator IRDAI has identified LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India), GIC (General Insurance Corporation of India), NIA (New India Assurance) as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers for 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI identified – LIC + GIC + NIA – as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash C. Khuntia
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M R Kumar
- HQs of GIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman & MD – Devesh Srivastava
- HQs of New India Assurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Atul Sahai



738. Banking & Economic Affairs

Private sector lender HDFC Bank has launched a Warehouse Commodity Finance App. This will enable customers in drawing down and managing the loan against pledge of commodities online without physical intervention or multiple visits to a bank branch. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank launched – a Warehouse Commodity Finance App
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline – "We understand your world"

739. Important Days & Dates

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), one of the first publicly-funded Science & Technology (S&T) research organisations in India, has observed its 79th Foundation Day on 26 September, 2020. It was established in 1942. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 – 79th Foundation Day of CSIR (established in 1942)
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

740. Appointments & Resignations

Mali's transitional government has appointed Moctar Ouane as its new Prime Minister recently in September, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Moctar Ouane – appointed as new Prime Minister of – Mali
- Mali – Bamako – CFA franc | President – Bah N'Daw | PM – Moctar Ouane

741. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The UK India Business Council (UKIBC) has signed an MoU with West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) to boost business and industrial development in the state by proactively developing the business environment and strengthening collaboration with British businesses in West Bengal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UKIBC + West Bengal = an MoU to strengthen State's Industrial Development
- HQs of UKIBC – London, UK | Chairman – Lord Davies of Abersoch
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



742. Important Days & Dates

“World Deaf Day” is observed every year on the last Sunday of September and this year it falls on September 27. The day is dedicated to the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) that was established in September 1951, in Rome, Italy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 27 – “World Deaf Day” (last Sunday of September)
- HQs of WFD – Helsinki, Finland | President – Joseph J. Murray | established in – 1951

743. Appointments & Resignations

Lebanon’s Prime Minister-designate Moustapha Adib has resigned amid a political impasse over government formation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Moustapha Adib = resigned from the post of Prime Minister of – Lebanon
- Lebanon – Beirut – Lebanese Pound

744. National & States Affairs

Shiromani Akali Dal, one of the oldest allies of the BJP and a founding member of the NDA, has announced to exit the BJP in protest against the farm reform bills pushed through Parliament by the Modi government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shiromani Akali Dal – exited the BJP – in protest against the passing of farm reform bills
- HQs of Shiromani Akali Dal – Chandigarh | President – Sukhbir Singh Badal

745. Current GK

15 Elephants that are deployed for various tasks in Madhya Pradesh's “Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve” got some respite, as the week-long Hathi Mahotsav began. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve” – Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel



746. Important Days & Dates

“World Contraception Day” is observed on the 26th of September every year. The day aims to improve awareness of contraception or birth control and to enable young people to make informed choices on their sexual and reproductive health. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 – “World Contraception Day”

747. Appointments & Resignations

The Reserve Bank has roped in Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan for the customer awareness campaign to prevent gullible account holders from being duped by fraudsters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI roped in – Amitabh Bachchan – for the customer awareness campaign
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

748. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Indian men's team goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu and women's squad's mid-fielder Sanju Yadav were declared the winners of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) Footballer of the Year awards for the 2019-20 season. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gurpreet Singh Sandhu + Sanju Yadav (Footballers) = won “AIFF Footballer of the Year awards for the 2019-20”
- AIFF Men’s Emerging Footballer of the Year – Anirudh Thapa
- AIFF Women’s Emerging Footballer of the Year – Ms. Ratanbala Devi
- AIFF Award for the Best Referee – Mr. L. Ajit Kumar Meetei (Manipur)
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel

749. Schemes & Initiatives Schemes & Initiatives

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has announced a new scheme namely “Paryatan Sanjeevani Scheme” under which loan up to Rs 20 lakh with interest subsidy would be provided to entrepreneurs to revive the Tourism Industry, the worst- affected sector by the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – announced “Paryatan Sanjeevani Scheme” – to revive Tourism Industry (loans upto Rs 20 lakh)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



750. Obituaries

Former Defence Minister Jaswant Singh has passed away recently. He was 82. He was in coma for the last 6 years. He was the founding member of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). “Jinnah: India, Partition, Independence” and “A Call to Honour” are the books written by him. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jaswant Singh (Rajasthan - BJP) – Former Defence Minister – passed away
- His books: “Jinnah: India, Partition, Independence” and “A Call to Honour”

751. Appointments & Resignations

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has appointed Sunil Sethi, (Chairman of the Fashion Design Council of India) as its Advisor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sunil Sethi – appointed as an Advisor of KVIC
- Chairman of the Fashion Design Council of India – Sunil Sethi
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena

752. Current GK

India’s sandalwood trees, the country’s pride, particularly of Karnataka, are facing a serious threat with the return of the destructive Sandalwood Spike Disease (SSD). According to a study by scientists of the Bengaluru-based Institute of Wood Science & Technology (IWST), the natural population of sandalwood in Marayoor of Kerala and various reserve forests in Karnataka, including M M Hills (Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary or Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary), are heavily infected with SSD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary or Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary – located in Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

753. International Affairs

The government of Bangladesh is financing a film on the life of revolutionary freedom fighter Pritilata Waddedar. Pritilata was born in Dhalghat village of Chittagong in Bangladesh on 5 May 1911. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh is financing a film on the life of – Pritilata Waddedar - a revolutionary freedom fighter
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid



754. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan has attended the "International Energy Security Conference 2020" that was organised by Global Counter-Terrorism Council (GCTC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – attended the "International Energy Security Conference 2020"
- The Conference organized by – Global Counter-Terrorism Council

755. International Affairs

Clashes have erupted between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces over the disputed separatist region of Nagorno-Karabakh. 16 people were killed and more than 100 wounded. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Clashes erupted between – Armenian & Azerbaijani - over the disputed region of 'Nagorno-Karabakh'
- Armenian – Yerevan – Dram | Azerbaijani – Baku – Manat

756. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Danish counterpart Mette Frederiksen have held a virtual summit to strengthen the bilateral relations between the two countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Denmark = held a Virtual Bilateral Summit
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen

757. Schemes & Initiatives

Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana -“Saubhagya” Scheme has completed 3 years since its inception. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched this scheme on the 25th of September, 2017 to ensure electrification of all willing households in the country in rural as well as urban areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 25 – Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana -“Saubhagya” Scheme completed 3 years
- Launched by PM Modi – in 2017



758. Appointments & Resignations

Prominent filmmaker Shekhar Kapur has been appointed as the president of the Pune-based Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) society. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shekhar Kapur – appointed as the President of – Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) society
- Location of FTII – Pune, Maharashtra

759. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India has taken up the issue of cross-border terrorism in the informal meeting of SAARC Foreign Ministers which happened virtually on the sidelines of UNGA this year. Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar had participated in this informal meeting of SAARC Foreign Ministers which was chaired by Nepal. Foreign Minister S Jaishankar also participated in the Special Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Conference on Interaction & Confidence building measures in Asia (CICA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S Jaishankar – participated in this informal meeting of SAARC Foreign Ministers | Chaired by – Nepal
- S Jaishankar – participated in the Special Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the CICA
- Secretariat of CICA – Nur-Sultan Kazakhstan
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

760. Obituaries

Assam's first and only woman Chief Minister Syeda Anwara Taimur passed away recently due to cardiac arrest. She was 84. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Syeda Anwara Taimur – a Politician – passed away (The first & only woman CM of Assam)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

761. Amount & Agreements

India has provided Rs 1.54 billion Nepalese Rupees (INR 96 crores) to Nepal as part of its commitment towards assistance and rehabilitation after the 2015 earthquake. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India provided = Rs 96 Crores as a financial assistance to – Nepal
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari



762. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) has signed a pact with private sector lender Yes Bank to empower the Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) listed on the platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE + Yes Bank = an MoU to empower SMEs listed on the platform
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sethurathnam Ravi | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”

763. Appointments & Resignations

The government has approved the proposal to appoint Simanchala Dash as an advisor to Executive Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington for a period of 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Simanchala Dash – appointed as an advisor to Executive Director, IMF – for 3 years
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 189

764. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of 100% shareholding by Brookfield Pvt Capital Ltd in CoWrks India Pvt Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved acquisition of 100% shareholding in CoWrks India – by Brookfield
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta
- HQs of CoWrks India – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Abhishek Goenka
- HQs of Brookfield AMC – Toronto, Canada | CEO – Bruce Flatt

765. Defence Affairs

Royal Australian Navy and Indian Navy warships have completed 2-day Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the East Indian Ocean region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Australia – completed 2-day Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the East Indian Ocean region
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison



766. Important Days & Dates

The Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army has celebrated the 193rd “Gunners Day” on September 28, which is observed to mark the raising of Five (Bombay) Mountain Battery equipped with 2.5 inch guns on this day in 1827. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 28 – 193rd “Gunners Day” – celebrated by the Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – S K Saini

767. National & States Affairs

In view of the prevailing pandemic, Odisha Government has launched ‘Radio Pathshala program’ for students upto class 8. The program will be broadcast from All India Radio stations in the state for 15 minutes daily. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched ‘Radio Pathshala program’ for students upto class 8
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

768. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The NHPC Ltd and the Power Finance Corporation have signed an MoU with the Ministry of Power, Government of India for 2020-21. The NHPC has targeted revenue of Rs 8,900 Crore and electricity generation of 27,500 million units (MUs) in the current financial year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHPC + PFC + Ministry of Power = an MoU for achieving targets set for 2020-21
- Target set by NHPC: Revenue of – Rs 8,900 Crore | Electricity generation of – 27,500 million units
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh
- HQs of PFC – New Delhi | CMD – Ravinder Singh Dhillon
- Ministry of Power and New & Renewable Energy – R. K. Singh

769. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Ministry of AYUSH has signed an MoU with Herbal Industry Bodies covering a set of measures to promote medicinal plant cultivation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of AYUSH + Herbal Industry Bodies = an MoU to promote medicinal plant cultivation
- MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa



770. Appointments & Resignations

The Union Government has appointed senior bureaucrat P D Vaghela as the new Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). He will replace R S Sharma. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- P D Vaghela – appointed as new Chairman of – TRAI (by replacing – R S Sharma)
- HQs of TRAI – New Delhi | Chairman – P D Vaghela

771. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Kerala Tourism's internationally acclaimed 'Human by Nature' campaign has won the prestigious "PATA Grand Award 2020" for marketing. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala Tourism's 'Human by Nature' campaign – won the prestigious "PATA Grand Award 2020" for marketing
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

772. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Maharashtra government has announced that veteran singer Usha Mangeshkar has been honoured with the "Gansamradni Lata Mangeshkar" award for 2020-21. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Usha Mangeshkar – honoured with the "Gansamradni Lata Mangeshkar" award for 2020-21

773. Defence Affairs

The 4th edition of India-Japan maritime bilateral exercise "JIMEX", which was conducted biennially between the Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) will be held in the North Arabian Sea from 26 to 28 September 2020. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- The 4th edition of maritime bilateral exercise "JIMEX" – held between India & Japan
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe



774. National & States Affairs

A first-of-its-kind “Ganga Avalokan” museum in India on river Ganga is digitally inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Chandi Ghat, Haridwar. It takes visitors to a journey along the river from its origin in the Himalayas to extensive floodplains, mangrove forest and finally to the sea where it merges with Bay of Bengal. Besides, 6 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in Uttarakhand will also be inaugurated by the PM. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi inaugurated – “Ganga Avalokan” museum on river Ganga – at Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- PM Modi also inaugurated – 6 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

775. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The GMR Group-led Rajiv Gandhi International Airport has been granted the “Airport Health Accreditation” (AHA) by Airports Council International (ACI), a worldwide association for the air transport industry, for the safety measures being taken at the aerodrome. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajiv Gandhi International Airport – granted the “Airport Health Accreditation” (AHA) by ACI
- HQs of ACI – Geneva, Switzerland

776. Acquisitions & Mergers

General Atlantic will invest Rs 3,675 crore in retail arm Reliance Retail Ventures for a 0.84% stake on a fully diluted basis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- General Atlantic – to acquire 0.84% stake (Rs 3,675 Cr) – in Reliance Retail Ventures
- HQs of General Atlantic – New York, USA | CEO – William E. Ford
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

777. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Kerala has won the “UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) award” for its outstanding contribution towards the non-communicable diseases-related sustainable development goals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – won “UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) award”
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



778. Important Days & Dates

“World Heart Day” is annually observed on September 29 around the globe in an effort to raise public awareness about cardiovascular diseases, their prevention and global impact. According to the WHO, Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) claim the lives of around 17.9 million people each year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 29 – “World Heart Day”
- According to the WHO: CVDs claim the lives of around 17.9 million people / year
- HQs of World Heart Federation – Geneva, Switzerland

779. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Amid rising cases of Covid-19, the 51st edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) scheduled to be held from November 20 to 28 in Goa has been postponed to January 16 to 24, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 51st edition of IFFI – postponed to January, 2021 – in Goa
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

780. National & States Affairs

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to launch a special drive "Operation Durachari" to pin down the eve-teasers, the accused of crime against women and habitual offenders in cases of sex-related crimes through name shaming. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to launch a special drive "Operation Durachari"
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

781. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India has launched a “Technology Vision for Cyber Security” for Urban Co-operative Banks for 2020-23 listing action points for the lenders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – launched a “Technology Vision for Cyber Security” – for UCBs for 2020-23 listing action points
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)



782. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has partnered with 'CRIF High Mark Credit Information Services' for the launch of sector-based insight reports called 'Industry Spotlight'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIDBI + CRIF High Mark = to launch 'Industry Spotlight'
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | Chairman – Mohammad Mustafa
- HQs of CRIF High Mark – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Navin Chandani

783. Appointments & Resignations

Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) has announced the appointment of cricketer Yuvraj Singh as its brand ambassador. He will lead the brand's latest omni-channel 'Success is Waiting' campaign for Aakash Digital. The campaign, conceptualised in partnership with Cheil India, will be for students re-appearing for medical and engineering entrance examinations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yuvraj Singh – appointed as the Brand Ambassador of – Aakash Educational Services Limited
- He will lead – 'Success is Waiting' campaign (HQs of Cheil India – Gurugram, Haryana)

784. Books & Authors

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched a book "A bouquet of flowers" written by Dr Krishna Saksena. This is the ninth book authored by the senior English Professor and was launched at the New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "A bouquet of flowers" book – written by Dr Krishna Saksena | launched by – Rajnath Singh

785. National & States Affairs

India's first vulture conservation and breeding centre dedicated to the Red-Headed King Vulture will be established at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first vulture conservation and breeding centre – to be established at – Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
- It is dedicated to "Red-Headed King Vulture"
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



786. National & States Affairs

“Doodh Duronto Specials” have transported 3 crore litres of milk from Renigunta in Andhra Pradesh to New Delhi. It plays an important role in balancing the milk supply across the nation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Doodh Duronto Specials” transported 3 crore litres of milk – from Andhra Pradesh to New Delhi
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

787. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Shashank Nimkar from the National Institute of Design (Ahmedabad) has won the “James Dyson India Award 2020” for his invention - ‘Earth Tatva’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shashank Nimkar – won the “James Dyson India Award 2020 – for his invention - ‘Earth Tatva’

788. Important Days & Dates

“International Translation Day” is observed on September 30, every year on the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator. The theme of this year is “Finding the words for a world in crisis”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 30 – “International Translation Day”
- Theme – “Finding the words for a world in crisis”

789. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The prestigious and India’s highest literacy award, “Jnanpith Award” was conferred on poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri, popularly known as Akkitham, at a special function held at his house at Kumaranallur in Palakkad district of Kerala. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri (Kerala) – conferred with “Jnanpith Award”
- India’s highest literacy award – “Jnanpith Award”
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



790. National & States Affairs

Amazon will host a virtual 'Handicrafts Mela' from September 26-October 10, showcasing more than 270 art and craft forms from various parts of the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon – to host a virtual 'Handicrafts Mela' from September 26-October 10
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | Founder & CEO – Jeff Bezos

791. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh has launched "U-Rise" portal (Unified Re-imagined Innovation for Student Empowerment) to help students in academics and getting jobs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh launched – "U-Rise" portal (Unified Re-imagined Innovation for Student Empowerment)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

792. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to the "Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Act, 2020". As per the Centre's notification, Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi and English shall be the languages used for all or any official purpose in the Union Territory. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- President Ram Nath Kovind – gave his assent to the "Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Act, 2020"
- Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi and English – 5 languagees used for all or any official purpose in J&K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

793. National & States Affairs

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has laid the foundation stone for 'MedSpark' – the first indigenous medical devices in the country. It is a joint venture of Sree ChitraTirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) and Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (KSIDC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The foundation stone for 1st indigenous medical devices 'MedSpark' – laid in Kerala
- 'MedSpark' - a Joint venture of = SCTIMST + KSIDC
- HQs of SCTIMST – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala | Director – Asha Kishore
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



794. National & States Affairs

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched the stage II of “JAGA Mission” and announced that all slums in the State will be converted into Adarsh (ideal) colonies within the next 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched the stage II of “JAGA Mission”
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

795. Current GK

An investigation by global watchdog Rainforest Action Network (RAN) has shown that food and cosmetic companies as well as financial institutions have links with companies implicated in the destruction of the Leuser Ecosystem, a forest area on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Leuser Ecosystem – a forest area on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo

796. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Only 1 in 8 countries have measures in place to shield women and girls from COVID-19 pandemic effects, as per the data released from the “COVID-19 Global Gender Response Tracker”. The tracker is coordinated by UNDP with substantive leadership and technical contributions from UN Women. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “COVID-19 Global Gender Response Tracker” – coordinated by UNDP + UN Women
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner
- HQs of UN Women – New York, USA | Executive Director – Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

797. Appointments & Resignations

Nigerian Singer-Songwriter, Afro-pop star, Yemi Alade has been appointed as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yemi Alade (Nigerian Singer) – appointed as Goodwill Ambassador of – UNDP
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner



798. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Uttar Pradesh government has received 8 awards for implementation of the Centre's "Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan" (GKRA) for the benefit of labourers. UP has got overall first position in the country. Aligarh has also received the Special Recognition award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – received 8 awards for implementation of the Centre's "Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan"
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

799. Important Days & Dates

'Antyodaya Diwas' was recently observed in memory of 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya' on his 104th birth anniversary on September 25. As a part of this day's commemoration, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has celebrated foundation day of 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana' (DDU-GKY) as "Kaushal Se Kal Badlenge". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 25 – 'Antyodaya Diwas' (104th birth anniversary of - 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya')
- MoRD – celebrated foundation day of 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana'
- Ministry of Rural Development – Narendra Singh Tomar (Morena, Madhya Pradesh)

800. International Affairs

Russian President Vladimir Putin has proposed concluding a pact with the United States against interfering in one another's elections. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia proposed a pact with the USA – on 'Election non-interference'
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- USA: Capital – Washington, D.C. | President – Donald Trump

801. Appointments & Resignations

Ed-tech start-up Vedantu, that offers live online tutoring has appointed actor Aamir Khan as its brand ambassador. Conceptualised by The Script Room, the ad film series conveys the effortlessness of live online learning offered by the platform including live interactive platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aamir Khan – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – Vedantu
- HQs of Vedantu – Bengaluru, Karnataka



802. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the enhanced borrowing facility provided to banks under Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) by 6 months to meet liquidity shortage till March 31, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – extended the enhanced borrowing facility provided to banks under MSF by 6 months (March 31, 2021)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

803. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Indian Railways has extended an MoU signed with IIT Kanpur for encouraging a state of the art collaborative research for modernisation of railway infrastructure and efficient utilisation of its scientific assets through the centre for railway research (CRR). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways + IIT Kanpur = an MoU for modernisation of railway infrastructure
- Chairman of Indian Railways – Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs – New Delhi

804. Defence Affairs

The Defence Acquisition Council meeting held under the chairmanship of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved proposals for Capital acquisitions of the various equipment required by the Indian Armed Forces at an approximate cost of Rs 2,290 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DAC – approved proposals for Capital acquisitions of the various equipment – at an approx cost of Rs 2,290 Cr
- Chairman of DAC – Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister – Lucknow, UP)

805. Science & Technology

Researchers from IIT Madras have developed 'MOUSHIK' - an indigenously-made Microprocessor which can cater to the rapidly-growing IoT devices that are an important part of Smart Cities of a Digital India. MOUSHIK is a processor cum 'system on chip'. The project is funded by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras – developed 'MOUSHIK' - an indigenously-made Microprocessor – a processor cum 'system on chip'
- Project funded by – Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)



806. National & States Affairs

The management of “Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board” is planning to launch a mobile application for devotees to have live darshan straight from the holy shrine. The app is expected to be launched on October 17. The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has also started home delivery of 'Prasad' to devotees throughout the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board – will launch a mobile application for devotees for live darshan – in October
- It also started home delivery of 'Prasad' | Temple located in – Jammu & Kashmir
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

807. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Fino Payments Bank along with Fintech Partners has introduced NFC (Near Field Communication)-based contactless payments solution for mass transit systems, especially state bus transport services in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fino Payments Bank + Fintech Partners = introduced NFC-based contactless payments solution
- NFC – Near Field Communication
- HQs of FPBL – Maharashtra | MD and CEO – Rishi Gupta

808. Banking & Economic Affairs

IDBI Bank has become the first lender to enable document embedding feature with Letter of Credit/Bank Guarantee messages on a Structured Financial Messaging System (SFMS) managed by Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IDBI Bank – became the 1st lender to enable document embedding feature with Letter of Credit/Bank Guarantee
- HQs of IDBI Bank – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Rakesh Sharma

809. National & States Affairs

The 1st tram in the world to have a library is now open in Kolkata. Passing through College Street also known as ‘boipara’ or ‘the area of books’, the single coach AC tram will run regularly between Esplanade and Shyambazar, one of the oldest tram routes in the city. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- The 1st tram in the world to have a library is now open in – Kolkata
- It's also known as 'boipara' or 'the area of books'

810. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Tata Steel Limited and the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) have joined hands to work in the field of Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage (CCUS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Steel + CSIR = partnership to work in the field of CCUS
- HQs of Tata Steel Ltd – Mumbai | CEO – T. V. Narendran
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

811. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has interacted with fitness experts and influencers from across the country and addressed the 'Fit India Dialogue' to mark the 1st anniversary of Fit India Movement on September 24. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 24 – the 1st anniversary of Fit India Movement
- PM Narendra Modi addressed the 'Fit India Dialogue'

812. Schemes & Initiatives

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched "YSR Jala Kala" to benefit the small and medium farmers who have no open water source for irrigation. The scheme is estimated to bring in 5 lakh acres under cultivation through groundwater irrigation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – launched "YSR Jala Kala" for small and marginal fa
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



813. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Kotak Mahindra Bank has partnered with Kolkata Knight Riders to launch cricket-themed 'MyTeam' debit and credit cards to boost digital spending. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank + Kolkata Knight Riders = partnership to launch 'MyTeam' debit and credit cards
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Uday Kotak

814. Banking & Economic Affairs

Domestic rating agency ICRA further revised down its GDP estimate for the country and now expects the Indian economy to contract by 11% in FY21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICRA estimated India's GDP – (-11%) in FY21 {Flexible News}
- HQs of ICRA – Gurgaon, Haryana | President – Ramnath Krishnan

815. National & States Affairs

Indian Railways has planned for 100% electrification of its broad gauge routes by 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways planned for 100% electrification of its broad gauge routes by – 2023
- Chairman of Indian Railways – Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs – New Delhi

816. Science & Technology

India has successfully test fired a new version of the surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile "BrahMos" having a range of around 400 km from an integrated test range at Balasore in Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – successfully test fired surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile "BrahMos" – at Balasore, Odisha
- Range of the missile – 400 km



817. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

A Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Regina Barzilay, using computer science to detect cancer and discover new drugs has won the world's biggest "AI society Award" - a new \$1 million award for artificial intelligence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Regina Barzilay – won the world's biggest "AI society Award" (\$1 million) – for Cancer research & discovery
- The professor Regina Barzilay belongs to – Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)

818. National & States Affairs

The programme named "Livelihood Generation Programme for Returned Migrant Workers due to COVID-19 Pandemic" was recently launched by Nagaland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nagaland launched – "Livelihood Generation Programme for Returned Migrant Workers due to COVID-19 Pandemic"
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

819. Obituaries

Film and stage actor Bhupesh Pandya, best known for roles in movies "Vicky Donor" and "Parmanu: The Story of Pokhran", has passed away after battling cancer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupesh Pandya – Actor – passed away

820. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Bangladesh foreign minister A K Abdul Momen led their respective sides in the 6th Joint Consultative Commission (JCC) meeting to be held in a virtual platform in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 6th Joint Consultative Commission (JCC) meeting – held between India & Bangladesh
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid



821. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India has come out with a 5-pillared strategic approach 'GUARD' to deal with cybersecurity threats being faced by urban cooperative banks (UCBs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – launched 5-pillared strategic approach 'GUARD' – to deal with cybersecurity threats faced by UCBs
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

822. National & States Affairs

With an aim to tap young talent, the Sports Ministry is set to establish the Khelo India Centre of Excellence (KISCE) in 6 more states. Assam, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya and Sikkim have been identified as the beneficiaries in the second leg. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sports Ministry – to establish 'Khelo India Centre of Excellence' in 6 more states
- States: Assam, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya and Sikkim
- Sports Ministry – Kiren Rijiju | Constituency – Arunachal West

823. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the World Risk Index (WRI) 2020, India has ranked 89th among 181 countries on the WRI 2020. The country was fourth-most-at-risk in south Asia on the index, after Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Risk Index (WRI) 2020 – India – 89th | Topped by – Vanuatu
- Vanuatu – Port Vila – Vatu

824. Appointments & Resignations

JKLC Sixer Cement has announced the on-boarding of cricketer Rohit Sharma as its Brand Ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – JKLC Sixer Cement



825. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Shri Prakash Javadekar has represented India at the virtual "Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity Beyond 2020: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth". It was hosted by China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity Beyond 2020: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth"
- Hosted by – China & India represented – by Prakash Javadekar
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

826. Appointments & Resignations

Bengal Peerless Housing Development Company has appointed the former Team India captain and current president of BCCI, Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sourav Ganguly – appointed as Brand Ambassador of Bengal Peerless Housing Development Company

827. National & States Affairs

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched 'Centralized Farm Machinery Performance Testing Portal' where manufacturers can online apply for testing and evaluation their farm machineries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar launched – 'Centralized Farm Machinery Performance Testing Portal'
- Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development – Narendra Singh Tomar (Morena, MP)

828. Current GK

A new transit corridor was started functioning at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata. Earlier transit flight passengers had to leave the terminal and again used to enter to avail their flights which was time-consuming. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New transit corridor started functioning at 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport' – Kolkata, WB
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



829. National & States Affairs

The government has sanctioned 670 electric buses for Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat and Chandigarh and 241 charging stations in Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat and Port Blair under Phase-II of the FAME India Scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 670 electric buses – sanctioned for Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat and Chandigarh
- 241 charging stations – sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat and Port Blair

830. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Suresh Prabhu has taken part in the 3rd G20 Sherpas' Virtual Meeting which reflects the collective actions taken by the G20 in tackling the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was held under Saudi Arabia's presidency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Suresh Prabhu represented India in the 3rd G20 Sherpas' Virtual Meeting
- Under the presidency of – Saudi Arabia

831. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Historian Rana Safvi has been conferred an award instituted in memory of Yamin Hazarika, the first woman from the Northeast to join the central police service. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rana Safvi (Historian) – conferred with “Yamin Hazarika award”

832. Appointments & Resignations

Toyota Kirloskar Motor has announced leading Bollywood actor, singer and youth icon Ayushmann Khurrana as the Brand Ambassador for the all-new Toyota Urban Cruiser SUV. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ayushmann Khurrana – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – Toyota (for the all-new Toyota Urban Cruiser SUV)
- HQs of Toyota – Aichi, Japan | CEO – Akio Toyoda



833. International Affairs

The USA is seeking to restrict the stay of journalists from China in the USA to just 90 days with the provision of another extension for a similar duration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USA moves to restrict stay of Chinese journalists to – 90 days
- USA: Capital – Washington, D.C. | President – Donald Trump

834. Appointments & Resignations

ITBP Director General S S Deswal has been given the additional charge of counter-terrorism force National Security Guard (NSG) as its incumbent chief A K Singh is going to retire on September 30. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S S Deswal – given the additional charge as Director General of – NSG (by replacing A K Singh)
- HQs of NSG – New Delhi | DG – S S Deswal (additional charge)

835. Appointments & Resignations

Leading tyre manufacturer, CEAT has announced Bollywood actor Aamir Khan as its Brand Ambassador for 2 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aamir Khan – appointed as the Brand Ambassador of – CEAT
- HQs of CEAT Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Anant Vardhan Goenka

836. Important Days & Dates

The First Ever “International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste” was observed on September 29, 2020. The theme is “Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.” Some 690 million people today are hungry and three billion cannot afford a healthy diet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 29 – 1st “International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste”
- Theme – “Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.”



837. Important Days & Dates

'World Pharmacists Day' was celebrated on September 25. The day, as the name suggests, is to encourage and promote activities that advocate the role of a pharmacist in improving health across the world. The theme of the day this year is "Transforming Global Health". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 25 – World Pharmacists Day
- Theme – "Transforming Global Health"

838. National & States Affairs

The Kerala government has sanctioned food kits of ₹700 each to 1,000 transgender persons who have ID cards, those who have completed screening for the cards, and those who have applied for it. Kerala had become the first to provide food kits to transgender persons in the first phase of lockdown in March. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – sanctioned food kits of ₹700 each to 1,000 transgender persons
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

839. Appointments & Resignations

Ashish Bhasin, president of Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) has handed over charge of AAAI to Anupriya Acharya who was elected as the president of Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for the year 2020-21 at its Annual General Body Meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anupriya Acharya – appointed as President of – AAAI (by replacing - Ashish Bhasin)
- HQs of AAAI – Mumbai, Maharashtra

840. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Gujarat assembly has passed the "Gunda and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2020" on the basis of majority during the ongoing 5-day Monsoon session. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – passed the "Gunda and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2020"
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



841. National & States Affairs

The National Medical Commission (NMC), in place of the Medical Council of India (MCI), has become India's apex regulator of Medical Education and Profession. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- National Medical Commission – became India's apex regulator of Medical Education
- HQs of NMC – New Delhi | Chairperson – Dr. Suresh Chandra Sharma

842. Current GK

A special drive to uproot the invasive lantana bushes in the famous "Sajjangarh Wildlife Sanctuary" in Rajasthan's Udaipur district has helped in ecological restoration of grasslands and saved biodiversity. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Sajjangarh wildlife sanctuary – located in Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

843. Important Days & Dates

"World Environmental Health Day" was observed on September 26 to raise awareness about how environmental factors impact our health and the health of our loved ones. In 2011, the International Federation of Environmental Health launched an initiative to educate the world on environmental health issues. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 – World Environmental Health Day

844. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has launched the Defence India Startup Challenge (DISC 4), iDEX4Fauji initiative and Product Management Approach (PMA) guidelines during the iDEX event in New Delhi. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh launched – DISC 4, iDEX4Fauji initiative and Product Management Approach (PMA)
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)



845. National & States Affairs

The foundation stone of 'Centre for Disability Sports' was laid at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh at a function organized by DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment through video conferencing on 26 September, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The foundation stone of 'Centre for Disability Sports' – laid at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

846. National & States Affairs

The government has constituted 5 Task Forces to make India's Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) future-ready and formulate a concrete strategy towards making the country a leading exporter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 5 Task Forces – constituted to make India's MSMEs future-ready and formulate a concrete strategy

847. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

72nd Emmy Awards 2020 were recently announced. It was the first time in the Emmy Awards' 72 years that a comedy won all 7 categories in the same year. Schitt's Creek emerged as one of the biggest winners of the 72nd Emmy Awards. Best Drama series is Succession. The ceremony was hosted by Jimmy Kimmel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 72nd Emmy Awards 2020 – hosted by Jimmy Kimmel
- Best Comedy – Schitt's Creek | Best Drama series – Succession

848. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Gujarat Government has signed an MoU with Denmark (Danish Water Forum) in the water sector. This will help in technology exchange, training, capacity building, knowledge exchange, cooperation in water supply, wastewater treatment- reuse and water management. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat + Denmark – an MoU in the water sector
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone



849. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

15th CII Exim Bank Digital Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership was recently held from New Delhi. It was organised by the CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) and EXIM Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 15th “CII-Exim Bank Digital Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership” – organized by CII + EXIM Bank
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – Uday Kotak | Director General – Chandrajit Banerjee
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai | Chairman & MD – TC Venkat Subramanian

850. Books & Authors

“Baahubali” series author Anand Neelakantan has written his debut book namely “The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids” in the children’s space which tells some of the most hilarious stories about child asuras and their antics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids” book – authored by ‘Anand Neelakantan’





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