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# National & States Affairs

1. 'Unity in diversity' is the global identity of India. To celebrate and strengthen this identity, National Capital Delhi has been paired with Sikkim under Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat programme. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Delhi + Sikkim = paired under "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" programme
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

2. "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

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

4. 5 Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry have joined International Solar Alliance (ISA)'s Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (ISA-CSCA) as Corporate Partners and have contributed to ISA's Corpus Fund. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- 5 PSUs – joined ISA-CSCA as Corporate Partners
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Upendra Tripathy | Member Countries – 121



5. 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

6. 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

7. A proposal to transfer partial ownership of a terminal at India’s busiest Mundra port in Gujarat to a Chinese company is now under the scanner of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), after an agreement between the Adani Group’s French joint venture partner CMA Terminals and the China Merchants Group (CMG). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- A proposal to transfer partial ownership of ‘Mundra port’ (Gujarat) is under the scanner of MEA & MHA
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

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

**Key Points:**

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



**9.** 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)

**10.** 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

**11.** Andhra government has moved to the Supreme Court against High Court order on scrapping English medium from Class I to VI in government schools. A bench of the apex court, headed by Justice Dr DY Chandrachud issued notice to the respondent. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra government moved to the SC against HC – on scrapping English medium from Class I to VI
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

**12.** 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

**13.** Andhra Pradesh government has banned online games such as Poker and Rummy. The government has also announced punishment of up to 2 years in jail if someone found organising such online games. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Andhra Pradesh – banned online games such as Poker & Rummy
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

**14.** Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Minister Anil Kumar has met Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and urged him to release the “Polavaram Project's” reimbursement funds at the earliest. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Polavaram project – belongs to Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Minister of Jal Shakti – Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan

**15.** Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, has launched “Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenges” to spur applied research and innovation in Indian MSMEs and startups. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- AIM launched – “Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenges”
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog | AIM Director – Ramanan Ramanathan
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

**16.** 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

**17.** Byju's has unveiled 'Education for All' to empower 5 million children by 2025. It aims to make digital learning accessible to millions of children from underserved and economically deprived communities. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Byju's – unveiled 'Education for All' to empower 5 million children – by 2025
- HQs of Byju's – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Byju Raveendran

**18.** Chief Minister Y S Jaganmohan Reddy has flagged off south India's first "Kisan Rail". The one-of-its-kind train will be particularly helpful for farmers from Rayalaseema region by transporting their produce from Anantapur to New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India's first "Kisan Rail" – flagged off from Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) to New Delhi
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

**19.** Delhi CM Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has launched 'Oximitra' campaign to check Oxygen levels of people and it can save lives directly amid the coronavirus pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Delhi – launched 'Oximitra' campaign to check Oxygen levels of people
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

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

**Key Points:**

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

**21.** Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has recommended government to pay 8.5% interest to subscribers for 2019-20. The government-managed fund has recommended that 8.15% interest, from its income from debt investment, be credited immediately into the accounts of its 50 million subscribers. The balance 0.35% will be paid in December, from the sale of investment in exchange-traded equity funds. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- EPFO – recommended government to pay an 8.50% interest to subscribers for 2019-20
- 8.15% interest – from its income from debt investment | 0.35% interest – from the sale of investment
- EPFO HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Shri Sunil Barthwal





**22.** Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal has inaugurated the Organic Food Processing Unit in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh through video conference. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated – Organic Food Processing Unit in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

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

**Key Points:**

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

**24.** Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has announced 16% rebate in gas bill to the ceramic industry in the state. This will exempt the ceramic industry from Rs. 2.50 per standard cubic meter (SCM) hike by Gujarat Gas Company Limited and Sabarmati Gas Limited. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gujarat – has announced 16% rebate in gas bill to the ceramic industry in the state.
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**25.** Gujarat government has decided to cut down the salaries of MLAs and ministers by 30% for one year due to COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gujarat – decided to cut down the salaries of MLAs and ministers by 30% for one year
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**26.** Gujarat government has unveiled the first “Heritage Tourism Policy” and allowed opening up of heritage hotels, museums, banquet halls and restaurants inside historic palaces, forts and buildings. Modhera's Sun Temple is one of the historical sites in Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gujarat – unveiled the 1<sup>st</sup> “Heritage Tourism Policy”
- Modhera's Sun Temple – located in Gujarat



• Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**27.** 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)

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

**Key Points:**

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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**30.** ICICI Home Finance has launched a new loan scheme ‘Apna Ghar Dreamz’, with credit amount in the range of Rs 2 lakh to 50 lakh, for skilled workers employed in the informal sector in Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ICICI Home Finance – launched a new loan scheme ‘Apna Ghar Dreamz’ – in Delhi
- Credit amount range – Rs 2 lakh to 50 lakh
- HQs of ICICI HFC – Mumbai, MH

**31.** In a bid to fight against the novel Coronavirus, the state government of Maharashtra has come up with a new campaign “My family-My responsibility”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Maharashtra – launched a new campaign “My family-My responsibility”
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**32.** In a bid to increase the state’s electronics industry output to \$100 billion by 2025, the Tamil Nadu government has released a new Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Policy, seeking to contribute 25% of India’s total electronic exports to the world over a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tamil Nadu – released a new Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Policy
- Target: State’s Electronics industry output to \$100 billion – by 2025
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

**33.** In Jammu and Kashmir, the Horticulture Department has launched the Flagship programme “Backyard Horticulture” under CAPEX scheme at Panchyat Jaswan in Jammu district. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Horticulture Department of J & K – launched “Backyard Horticulture” Flagship programme
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**34.** In Madhya Pradesh, a massive ‘Gandagi Bharat Chhodo’ campaign was launched by the State Government. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Madhya Pradesh – launched ‘Gandagi Bharat Chhodo’ campaign
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**35.** In Maharashtra, the State Government has accorded ambulance status to the vehicles carrying medical oxygen for one year. The decision was taken in view of the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and the necessity of uninterrupted oxygen supply to various hospitals in the state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Maharashtra – accorded ambulance status to the vehicles carrying medical oxygen for – 1 year
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



**36.** 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

**37.** 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

**38.** India Post has launched “5 Star Villages Scheme” to ensure 100% rural coverage of postal schemes. Gramin Dak Sevaks will lead Public Awareness Campaign on Postal Services. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India Post launched – “5 Star Villages Scheme” to ensure 100% rural coverage of postal schemes
- HQs of India Post – New Delhi | Director General – Vineet Pandey
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Constituency – Patna Sahib, Bihar)

**39.** India will soon come up with Forensic Accounting and Investigation Standards (FAIS) as it aims to set basic quality parameters for conducting investigations. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – will soon come up with Forensic Accounting and Investigation Standards (FAIS)

**40.** India's largest piggery mission worth Rs 209 Cr was launched in Meghalaya by the Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Kailash Choudhary. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- India's largest piggery mission worth Rs 209 Cr launched in – Meghalaya
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

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

**Key Points:**

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

**42.** 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

**43.** 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

**44.** 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

**45.** Jal Shakti Ministry has launched the "Water Heroes - Share Your Stories" contest with an aim to reach out to people on the important subject of water conservation and management. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jal Shakti Ministry launched – "Water Heroes - Share Your Stories" contest
- Minister of Jal Shakti – Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan

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

**Key Points:**

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

**47.** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has announced a universal health insurance scheme, on the lines of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat, to cover the entire population of the Union territory at an annual expenditure of Rs 123 crore. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Manoj Sinha – announced 'Universal Health Insurance coverage scheme'
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**48.** Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has inaugurated and named a 400-metre flyover in Yelahanka after Hindutva ideologue Veer Savarkar. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Karnataka inaugurated – 400-metre flyover in Yelahanka – after Veer Savarkar
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**49.** Karnataka Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa has launched an integrated Air Ambulance service equipped with a state-of-the-art German Isolation Pod at Jakkur Aerodrome, Bengaluru. It will enable safe transport of critical COVID-19 patients. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- B. S. Yediyurappa – launched an integrated Air Ambulance service – in Bengaluru
- It is equipped with – German Isolation Pod
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**50.** Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has launched the “Arthika Spandana” programme of disbursing loans to the tune of ₹ 39,300 Cr through various cooperative institutions. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Karnataka – “Arthika Spandana” programme of disbursing loans to the tune of ₹ 39,300 Cr
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**51.** Karnataka has invited Domestic & Global toymakers in line with PM’s vision of boosting toy manufacturing in India. Koppal has been identified for the toy cluster. It is expected to attract around Rs 5,000 Cr investment at the toy cluster. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India's 1<sup>st</sup> toy manufacturing cluster to come up in – Koppal, Karnataka (Expected investment – Rs 5,000 Cr)
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

. Karnataka is the first State that has approved an exclusive policy for the Information Technology industry back in 1997, has come up with a new 5-year “IT Policy 2020-2025” with a focus on driving tech growth and creating jobs beyond Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Karnataka – the 1<sup>st</sup> state to approve a new 5-year “IT Policy 2020-2025”
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – B S Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**53.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**54.** Kochi Metro Rail Ltd (KMRL) is all set to implement Kochi Water Metro Project at the cost of Rs 747 Crore with the financial assistance of German Bank, KfW. Kochi is the first city in India wherein water transport has been integrated as a feeder service to the metro. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kochi (Kerala) – the 1<sup>st</sup> city in India wherein water transport has been integrated
- At a cost of Rs 747 Cr – with a financial assistance from KfW Bank (Germany)
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**55.** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched the Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW) system for Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers at the Raj Bhavan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jammu & Kashmir launched – “SPARROW” system
- SPARROW – Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**56.** Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company, Bhopal is the first such power distribution company in India, in which “e-office system” is being operated from corporate office to local circle offices level. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company – the 1<sup>st</sup> power distribution company in India to adopt “e-office system”
- Location of MKVVC – Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

**57.** 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

**58.** Mahindra Finance is set to enter the business of online insurance broking giving digital services to the customers of its insurance brokerage subsidiary, 'Mahindra Insurance Brokers'. It has decided to launch portal called 'PayBima'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mahindra Finance – has decided to launch portal called 'PayBima'
- HQs of Mahindra Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & VC – Ramesh Iyer

**59.** Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has launched the "e-Office File Management System" of the State government, a move which he said was to do away with traditional paper files or daks system. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Manipur – launched "e-Office File Management System"
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

**60.** NABARD has organized 'Awareness Cum Sensitization Programme' for newly proposed FPO (Farmer Producer Organizations) in Jammu and Kashmir. The programme was organised to promote sustainable and equitable agriculture and rural prosperity. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NABARD – organized 'Awareness Cum Sensitization Programme' for newly proposed FPO – in J & K
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**61.** 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

**62.** Odisha Chief Secretary, Asit Tripathy has directed the Department of Tourism to start river cruise in the state to counter the impact of COVID-19 on the tourism industry. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Odisha – to start river cruise in the state
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**63.** PayU Finance, India's leading alternate lending platform, launched a first-of-its-kind digital revolving credit line called 'LazyPlus' that combines the power of UPI and the Buy-Now-Pay-Later concept. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PayU Finance launched – 'LazyPlus' - a first-of-its-kind digital revolving credit line (UPI + Buy-Now-Pay-Later)
- HQs of PayU – Netherlands | CEO – Laurent le Moal

**64.** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3 petroleum sector projects in Bihar which cost more than Rs 900 crores. The projects include the Durgapur-Banka section of the Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur Pipeline Augmentation Project and two Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Bottling Plants in Banka and Champaran. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3 petroleum sector projects in – Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

**65.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will take part in a virtual 'Grah Pravesh' ceremony of Madhya Pradesh for people who have built homes with assistance provided under the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Modi – took part in a virtual 'Grah Pravesh' ceremony of Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**66.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 7 urban infrastructure projects worth Rs 541 crore in poll-bound Bihar. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 7 urban infrastructure projects – in Bihar (worth Rs 541 Cr)
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan



**67.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the “Patrika Gate” in Jaipur through video conferencing. The iconic gate has been built by the Patrika Group of Newspapers on the Jawaharlal Nehru Marg in Jaipur, Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the “Patrika Gate” in – Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

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

**Key Points:**

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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**70.** 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

**71.** SBI Mutual Fund has launched ‘SBI Magnum Children's Benefit Fund’ - Investment Plan, an open-ended fund to help parents to invest for their children’s future. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI Mutual Fund launched – ‘SBI Magnum Children's Benefit Fund’
- HQs of SBI Mutual Fund – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Vinay M. Tonse



**72.** Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has revamped the multi-cap mutual funds category recently. It has issued new guidelines regarding categorization and rationalization of Mutual Fund Schemes. All the existing Multi Cap Funds shall ensure to invest at least 25% of their portfolios across large-cap, mid cap and small cap companies each. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI – revamped the Multi-Cap Mutual Funds category
- The existing Multi Cap Funds shall ensure to invest at least 25% of their portfolios
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

**73.** 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

**74.** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami has pledged to donate his eyes as part of the ‘National Eye Donation’ Fortnight and also launched a portal for registration. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tamil Nadu – launched a portal for ‘Eye Donation’ registration
- Edappadi K. Palaniswami – pledged to donate his eyes as part of the ‘National Eye Donation’
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

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

**Key Points:**

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



**76.** Tata Projects has won the contract to build India's new Parliament building at Rs 861.9 crore as a part of the government's Central Vista redevelopment plans . [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tata Projects – won the contract to build India's new Parliament building – at Rs 861.9 crore
- HQs of Tata Projects Ltd – Secunderabad, Telangana | MD – Mr. Vinayak K Deshpande

**77.** Telangana IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao (KTR) launched the Primary Agricultural Co-Operative Society (PACS), 'Pothgal' web portal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Telangana launched – PACS - 'Pothgal' web portal
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

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

**79.** The 2-days Orientation and Training programme on "iRAD App" was conducted by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for the selected districts of Karnataka, and on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for some districts of Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways conducted – Orientation and Training programme on "iRAD App"
- For the selected districts of Karnataka & Uttar Pradesh
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

**80.** The Andhra Pradesh government has reportedly received the IRDA (Insurance Regulatory Development Authority) nod to form its own insurance company. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh – received the IRDA nod to form its own insurance company



- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash C. Khuntia

**81.** 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

**82.** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved monetisation of assets of Power Grid Corp. of India Ltd (PGCIL) through Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) model which would help the firm garner Rs 7,000 crore in the first lot. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Power Grid Corp. of India Ltd (PGCIL) – approved monetization through InvIT model
- HQs of PGCIL – Gurgaon, Haryana | CMD – Kandikuppa Sreekant

**83.** The Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET) will soon set up new centres for skilling and technical support at Bhagalpur and Varanasi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CIPET – will set up new centres for skilling and technical support – at Bhagalpur (Bihar) & Varanasi (UP)
- Location of CIPET – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**84.** The Centre has extended Price Stabilization Interventions for fruits and vegetables under ‘Operation Greens’ scheme in Jammu and Kashmir to prevent distress sale. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Price Stabilization Interventions for fruits and vegetables under ‘Operation Greens’ scheme – extended in J & K
- ‘Operation Greens’ scheme – Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



**85.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**87.** The Chhattisgarh government has decided to set up a specialised police unit called the ‘Bastar Special Force’ in which only local young men of the Bastar region will be recruited to counter Maoists. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Chhattisgarh set up – ‘Bastar Special Force’ - a specialised police unit to recruit local young men to counter Maoists
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

**88.** The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) has launched a health and nutrition helpline "Sehat evam Poshan Saathinwas" to ensure children under 6 years of age get nutritional supplements and regular immunisation doses. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Delhi – launched a health and nutrition helpline "Sehat evam Poshan Saathinwas" – for children under 6 years
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**89.** The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has taken a major step towards development of an indigenously-built communication-based train control with the launch of “i-ATS” - the first Made-in-India signaling system. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Delhi Metro Rail Corporation – launched “i-ATS” - the first Made-in-India signaling system
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**90.** 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

**91.** The Election Commission will set up the India’s first regional voters’ awareness centre in Jaipur. It will cater to 4 states - Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Election Commission will set up the India’s first regional voters’ awareness centre – in Jaipur
- It will cater to 4 states – Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh
- Chief Election Commissioner – Sunil Arora (23<sup>rd</sup>)

**92.** The first ever Cannabis Medicine Project will be set up with the collaboration of Canada at Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) in Jammu. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cannabis Medicine Project + Canada = to be set up at IIIM Jammu
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**93.** 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 Teatota | CEO – Shri Arun Singhal





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

**Key Points:**

- FSSAI – constituted a 7 member Task Force to look into guidelines/ provisions for Vegan foods
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teotia

**95.** 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

**96.** The foundation stone of the Arun Jaitley Memorial Sports Complex was laid out in Hiranagar of Kathua district on September 12. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The foundation stone of "Arun Jaitley Memorial Sports Complex" – laid out in Kathua, J & K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**97.** 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

**98.** 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



**99.** 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

**100.** The Gujarat government has officially announced the inauguration of the 1<sup>st</sup> ever 'Sea Plane Service' in the state from October 31 that marks the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gujarat – announced the inauguration of the 1<sup>st</sup> ever 'Sea Plane Service'
- October 31 – Birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**101.** The High Court has directed Kerala state government to appoint a woman IPS officer in every district to oversee the investigation into the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act cases. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kerala HC – directed to appoint a woman IPS officer in every district to oversee the investigation of POCSO cases
- The POCSO Act - 2012
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**102.** The Indian government has banned the export of all varieties of onion with immediate effect to increase availability of the commodity in the domestic market and contain rising prices. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government – banned the export of all varieties of 'Onion'

**103.** The Jammu and Kashmir government has set up a 10-member council under the chairmanship of Mohit Gera for conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- J & K – set up a 10-member council for conservation of biological diversity



- Council under the chairmanship of – Mohit Gera
- J & K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**104.** The Kerala government has announced that an Open University/Varsity named after social reformer 'Sree Narayana Guru' will be established in the state next month. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kerala's 1<sup>st</sup> Open University/Varsity – named after social reformer 'Sree Narayana Guru'
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**105.** 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

**106.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs – extended the tenure of the Company Law Committee – by 1 year (upto Sep 2021)



- The committee chaired by – Rajesh Verma (Corporate Affairs Secretary)

**108.** The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has issued orders to ban 118 more Chinese apps after banning 59 apps in the first round. The new apps include popular mobile gaming app PUBG, and apps from the stable of Baidu, Tencent and Xiaomi. The apps have been banned invoking powers under section 69A of the Information Technology Act. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MeitY – issued orders to ban 118 more Chinese apps – under section 69A of the Information Technology Act
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Patna Sahib, Bihar)

**109.** The Ministry of Home Affairs has notified ‘Rules of Transaction of Business’ of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 55 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Home Affairs – Transaction of Business of the Government of J & K
- Under – Section 55 of the J & K Reorganization Act, 2019
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

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

**Key Points:**

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

**111.** 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)

**112.** The month of September is observed every year as the ‘Month of Nutrition’ under the Nutrition Campaign. In the same series, Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has inaugurated the ‘Poshan Sarkar’ programme to ensure participation and leadership of local bodies-Gram Panchayats and Urban Bodies in the nutrition campaign. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September – observed every year as the ‘Month of Nutrition’
- Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan – inaugurated the ‘Poshan Sarkar’ programme
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**113.** 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

**114.** The Nagaland government has launched a Tele-medicine platform “Naga Telehealth” to enable people have access to qualified doctors for consultation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nagaland – launched a Tele-medicine platform namely “Naga Telehealth”
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

**115.** 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



**116.** 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

**117.** The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has launched a novel initiative namely "Kifayati LED Bulb Yojna" worth Rs 8.63 Cr aimed at providing viable power solutions to the people hailing from below poverty line (BPL) and SC and BC backgrounds. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Punjab launched – "Kifayati LED Bulb Yojna" – worth Rs 8.63 Cr
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

**118.** The State Forest Department of Punjab has launched “I Rakhwali” application to help netizens to become 'Greenery Saviours' and maintain the environment in Punjab. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Punjab – launched “I Rakhwali” application
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

**119.** The Supreme Court has granted telecom companies 10 years to clear their pending AGR (Adjusted Gross Revenue) dues of around Rs 1.43 lakh Cr to the Indian Government, providing much needed relief to some of the Telcos which could have faced the prospect of winding up their operations for being unable to pay the entire amount at one go. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Supreme Court granted – 10 years to telecom companies to clear their pending AGR (Adjusted Gross Revenue) dues
- Dues worth – Rs 1.43 lakh Cr
- Supreme Court Chief of Justice – Sharad Arvind Bobde (47<sup>th</sup>)

**120.** The Supreme Court has put interim stay on reservation for Maratha community in government jobs and educational institutions for undergraduate courses in Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- SC – put interim stay on reservation for ‘Maratha’ community in government jobs – in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

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

### Key Points:

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

**122.** 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

**123.** The Union Cabinet has approved a National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) dubbed as “Mission Karmayogi” - the biggest bureaucratic reform initiative. It is aimed at capacity building of government employees to make them more creative, proactive, professional and technology-enabled. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Union Cabinet approved – “Mission Karmayogi” - for capacity building of government employees

**124.** The Union Cabinet has approved establishment of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Bihar’s Darbhanga. The institute will come up under the ‘Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana’ (PMSSY) at a total cost of Rs 1,264 crore. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Union Cabinet approved the establishment of AIIMS – at Bihar’s Darbhanga
- Under – ‘Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana’
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan



**125.** The Union Cabinet has approved the 122-km Haryana 'Orbital Rail Corridor project' connecting Palwal to Sonipat via Sohna, Manesar and Kharkhauda. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The Union Cabinet has approved the 122-km 'Orbital Rail Corridor project' – in Haryana
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

**126.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**128.** 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

**129.** The Uttar Pradesh government has planned to launch "Special Security Force" within the next 3 months that can search and arrest without a warrant. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttar Pradesh – planned to launch "Special Security Force" that can search and arrest without a warrant





• UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**130.** The Uttarakhand government will present its master plan worth Rs 424 Cr to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for the beautification of Badrinath and expansion of facilities for devotees around the Himalayan temple. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttarakhand – will present its Master Plan to PMO – for the beautification of 'Badrinath'
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

**131.** Under "Ek Bharat Sresht Bharat scheme" Goa is paired with Jharkhand. Lot of cultural exchange activities are happening on this front. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Goa + Jharkhand – paired Under "Ek Bharat Sresht Bharat scheme"
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

**132.** Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Narendra Singh Tomar announced that the Government has set the target of covering 100 lakh Hectares in 5 years under micro-irrigation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Singh Tomar announced – to set a target of covering 100 lakh Hectares in 5 years under micro-irrigation
- Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development – Narendra Singh Tomar (Morena, MP)

**133.** 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



**134.** 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

**135.** Union minister for social justice and empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot has launched a 24X7 toll free mental rehabilitation helpline ‘KIRAN’ (1800-599-0019) for providing psychological support to people. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Thaawarchand Gehlot launched – toll free mental rehabilitation helpline ‘KIRAN’
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thawar Chand Gehlot (Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)

**136.** Union minister Prahlad Patel has informed to form a 16 member Expert Committee for conducting a study on the origin and evolution of Indian culture dating back to around 12,000 years ago. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Prahlad Patel – informed to form a 16 member Expert Committee – to study Ancient Indian culture
- Prahlad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)

**137.** Union Ministry of Home Affairs has issued the guidelines for Unlock 4.0 recently. While schools and colleges will remain shut till September end, they can call in 50% of their teachers for facilitating online teaching. Students of classes 9 to 12 can visit schools on a “voluntary basis” to clear their doubts. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Home Affairs – issued the guidelines for ‘Unlock 4.0’
- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**138.** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced that the airstrip at Sonbhadra will be converted into an airport. He expressed happiness over the completion of Ashtbhuja and Kalikhoh ropeway project on the PPP model. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Uttar Pradesh announced – airstrip at Sonbhadra to be converted into an airport
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

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

**Key Points:**

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

**140.** Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up exclusive Anti-Electricity Theft Police Stations in every district of state to address the problem of frequent cases of power theft. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttar Pradesh – decided to set up exclusive Anti-Electricity Theft Police Stations
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**141.** 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

**142.** Uttarakhand and Karnataka are paired under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' programme to promote national integration through mutual understanding. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttarakhand & Karnataka – paired under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' programme
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



**143.** 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 (25<sup>th</sup>)
- HQs of Vakrangee Ltd – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Mr. Dinesh Nandwana

**144.** Vi, the unified brand of Vodafone Idea announced the launch of “GIGAnet”, the largest 4G network integration done through spectrum refarming exercise. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vi – announced the launch of “GIGAnet” - the largest 4G network integration
- HQs of Vodafone Idea – Gandhinagar | CEO – Ravinder Takkar

**145.** Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu has been selected by the Central Government as the state's first Fully Digital Economy district. It houses a large number of small and medium enterprises, especially in the fire crackers and allied sectors. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu) – selected by Central Government as the state's first Fully Digital Economy district
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

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

**Key Points:**

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

**147.** Vodafone Idea has announced its new Unified Brand Identity by renaming all its products under a new name and logo “Vi”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Vodafone Idea – announced its new Unified Brand Identity – renaming its products as “Vi”
- HQs of Vodafone Idea – Gandhinagar | CEO – Ravinder Takkar

**148.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**150.** 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



# International Affairs

1. A powerful typhoon named 'Haishen' headed toward southern Japan brought violent winds and heavy rains. Haishen was a name recommended by China and means "sea god" in Chinese. It also hit & South Korea. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- A powerful typhoon named 'Haishen' headed toward southern Japan & South Korea
- The name 'Haishen' was given by – China (means "sea god" in Chinese)
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

2. According to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Iran now has more than 10 times the amount of enriched uranium permitted under an international agreement. Iran's enriched uranium stockpile had reached 2,105kg. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Iran – has more than 10 times the amount of enriched uranium permitted
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ali Khamenei

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

## Key Points:

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

4. Apple has unveiled its 1<sup>st</sup> floating Apple store on the waters of Marina Bay in Singapore, describing it as the iPhone-maker's most ambitious retail project. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Apple has unveiled its 1<sup>st</sup> floating Apple store on the waters of Marina Bay – in Singapore
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob
- HQs of Apple – California, United States | CEO – Tim Cook



5. Bahrain has become the latest Arab nation to agree to normalise ties with Israel as part of a broader diplomatic push. The agreement makes Bahrain the fourth Arab country, after Egypt, Jordan and the UAE, to have full diplomatic ties with Israel. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bahrain – the 4<sup>th</sup> Arab country to have full diplomatic ties with Israel
- [Bahrain – Manama – Dinar](#)

6. Bangladesh is likely to extend the suspended prison term of the main opposition leader Khaleda Zia for another six months. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bangladesh – to extend the suspended prison term of Khaleda Zia (Former PM of Bangladesh) – for 6 months
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid](#)

7. Britain has named former Australian Prime Minister 'Tony Abbott' as a Trade Adviser rejecting criticism that his conservative views on gender, same sex marriage and climate change made him unfit to represent the United Kingdom. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Britain – named former Australian Prime Minister 'Tony Abbott' as a Trade Adviser
- [Britain – London – Pound sterling](#)

8. 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](#)

9. Dubai invites expatriates to work and live in the emirate as part of its 'Retire in Dubai programme' in which it offers a retirement visa that is renewable every 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dubai – invites expatriates to work and live as part of its 'Retire in Dubai programme'



- Retirement Visa is renewable every – 5 years
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**10.** Germany has launched Indo-Pacific strategy with India. It is expected to play a key role in Berlin’s outreach in the region where China’s aggressive foreign policy has rattled countries. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Germany launched – “Indo-Pacific strategy” with India
- Germany – Berlin – Euro

**11.** Global Initiative to reduce Land Degradation and Coral Reef program is launched at “G20 Environment Ministers Meet”. Shri Prakash Javadekar has represented India in the Environment Ministerial Meeting (EMM) of the G20 countries that was held under the presidency of Saudi Arabia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- G20 group launched – Global Initiative to reduce Land Degradation and Coral Reef program
- Prakash Javadekar – represented India in the “G20 Environment Ministerial Meeting”
- Under the Presidency of – Saudi Arabia

**12.** In a historic step towards peace in the Middle East, the first commercial direct flight between Israel and the UAE landed in Abu Dhabi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> commercial direct flight between Israel & the UAE landed – in Abu Dhabi
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

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

**Key Points:**

- India & Bangladesh – agreed to resume the Joint Coordinated Border Patrolling
- 50th DG level conference of the Border Guarding Forces of India and Bangladesh – held in Dhaka, Bangladesh





- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**14.** India and China have arrived at a five-point understanding to first disengage, and then de-escalate, along the friction points at Ladakh, particularly Pangong Tso. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India and China – arrived at a 5-point understanding to ease tensions at border
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

**15.** 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

**16.** 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

**17.** India has initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of Vitamin C from China on the basis of a complaint by Bajaj Healthcare Limited to the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of 'Vitamin C' from – China
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

**18.** India has joined the 'Djibouti Code of Conduct/ Jeddah Amendment' as Observer after the "High level meeting of the Djibouti Code of Conduct/ Jeddah Amendment" (DCOC/JA) held virtually on August 26 to boost its Indian Ocean Region outreach. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- India – joined the ‘Djibouti Code of Conduct/ Jeddah Amendment’ as Observer
- Djibouti – Djibouti – Franc

**19.** India has walked out of a virtual meeting of the SCO NSAs (National Security Advisers) after Pakistan sought to project. The Indian delegation led by NSA Ajit Doval strongly has objected to the use of this illegal map by Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – walked out of a virtual meeting of the SCO NSAs (National Security Advisers)
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China

**20.** India is contributing 2 teams of specialists to fortify medical facilities in UN peacekeeping operations in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to meet the Covid-19 challenge, according to India's UN mission. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – contributed 2 teams of specialists to fortify medical facilities in South Sudan & Congo
- South Sudan – Juba South – Sudanese Pound | Congo – Kinshasa – Franc

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

**Key Points:**

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

**22.** India, Afghanistan and China had contested the elections to the UN's Commission on Status of Women, a body of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). India and Afghanistan have won the ballot among the 54 members for 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India & Afghanistan – elected as the Members of the UN's Commission on Status of Women – for 4 years
- UN's Commission on Status of Women – a body of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani | President – Ashraf Ghani



**23.** India, Israel and the USA have begun Trilateral Cooperation on digital leadership and innovation in 5G technology. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India + Israel + USA = begun Trilateral Cooperation/Collaboration on innovation in 5G technology
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

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

**Key Points:**

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

**25.** Japan has offered incentives to companies shifting their manufacturing destinations from China to India and Bangladesh - ASEAN countries. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Japan – offered incentives to companies shifting their manufacturing destinations from China to India & Bangladesh
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**26.** Liberia has declared rape a 'National Emergency' and has ordered new measures to tackle the problem after a recent spike of cases in the poor West African state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Liberia – declared rape a 'National Emergency'
- Liberia – Monrovia – Dollar



**27.** 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

**28.** Mexico has issued the World's 1<sup>st</sup> Sovereign Bond linked to the sustainability development goals set by the United Nations, raising 750 million Euros (\$889.73 million). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mexico – issued the World's 1<sup>st</sup> Sovereign Bond linked to the SDGs set by UN (raised 750 million Euros)
- Mexico – Mexico City – Peso

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

**Key Points:**

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

**30.** New Zealand has become the first country to pass legislation requiring Financial Firms to declare their climate-related risks. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- New Zealand – become the first country to pass legislation requiring Financial Firms
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD)

**31.** 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)

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

**Key Points:**

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

**33.** 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

**34.** Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE has approved amendments to the Labour law. The UAE has become the first Arab country to grant a 5-day parental leave to employees in the private sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UAE – became the 1<sup>st</sup> Arab country to grant a 5-day parental leave to employees in the private sector
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**35.** South Korean shipbuilder Hyundai Samho Heavy Industries Co Ltd has delivered the world's first very large container ship powered by Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to Singapore's Eastern Pacific Shipping Pte Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Hyundai Samho Heavy Industries – delivered world's 1<sup>st</sup> very large container ship – to Eastern Pacific Shipping Pte
- It is powered by – LNG
- HQs of Hyundai Samho Heavy Industries – South Korea | President & CEO – Kim Hyun-kwan
- HQs of Eastern Pacific Shipping Pte – Singapore | CEO – Cyril Ducau

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

**Key Points:**

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

**37.** 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

**38.** The Bangladesh Parliament has unanimously adopted a condolence motion on former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee, who passed away in August. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bangladesh adopted a condolence motion on former Indian President – Pranab Mukherjee
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**39.** The Commerce Ministry of Bangladesh has given special permission for traders to export Hilsa fish to India on a limited scale in view of the forthcoming Durga Puja. Bangladesh imposed a ban on the export of Hilsa in 2012. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Bangladesh – gave special permission for traders to export Hilsa fish to India
- Bangladesh imposed a ban on the export of Hilsa in – 2012
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**40.** The Daudkandi (Bangladesh) - Sonamura (Tripura) Inland Waterway Protocol route was operationalised recently. Tripura has received the first ever inland shipping cargo from Bangladesh under the Protocol for Inland Water Trade & Transit (PIWTT) was signed between India and Bangladesh in 1972. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Inland Waterway Protocol route was operationalised – between Daudkandi (Bangladesh) & Sonamura (Tripura)
- Tripura received the 1<sup>st</sup> ever inland shipping cargo from Bangladesh under PIWTT (signed in 1972)
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

**41.** The government of Bangladesh has launched a campaign named 'Asol Chini' or 'real-sugar' to fight fake information and rumour spreading on social media. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Bangladesh – launched a campaign named 'Asol Chini' or 'real-sugar'
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**42.** 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

**43.** The High Commission of India has gifted books to 100 universities and colleges in Bangladesh to mark "Mujib Barsho" - the birth centenary year of Bangladesh's founder president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:



- High Commission of India gifted books to 100 universities and colleges – to mark "Mujib Barsho – in Bangladesh
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

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

**Key Points:**

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

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

**Key Points:**

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



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**46.** The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will undertake the responsibility of procuring and supplying an effective vaccine to about 92 low and middle-income countries of the world under the Covax Global Vaccines Facility. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UNICEF – will undertake the responsibility of procuring and supplying an effective vaccine
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

**47.** The United States has revoked visas for more than 1,000 Chinese nationals under a May 29 presidential proclamation to suspend entry from China of students and researchers deemed security risks. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- USA – revoked visas for more than 1,000 Chinese students & researchers
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump





**48.** 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

**49.** The World Health Organization (WHO) has certified that Togo has become the first country in Africa to eliminate human African Trypanosomiasis or Sleeping Sickness, a disease caused by parasites transmitted through infected tsetse flies. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Togo – became the first country in Africa to eliminate human African Trypanosomiasis or Sleeping Sickness
- Togo – Lome – CFA franc

**50.** TikTok has chosen Oracle over Microsoft as United States technology partner for its American operations. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- TikTok chose Oracle – as United States technology partner
- HQs of TikTok – Beijing, China | CEO – Vanessa Pappas
- HQs of Oracle – California, USA | Chairman – Larry Ellison

**51.** US President Donald Trump has announced Wilmington in southern US state North Carolina as the first World War II Heritage City at a ceremony held to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- USA announced Wilmington – as the first ‘World War II Heritage City’
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

**52.** 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

**53.** 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

**54.** Qatar has announced changes to its labour laws, raising the minimum wage by 25% to 1,000 riyals (\$275) a month. It has also scrapped a requirement for workers to get permission from their employers to change jobs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Qatar – announced change to its labour laws and increased the monthly minimum wage by 25%
- Qatar – Doha – Riyal | PM – Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani



# **Banking & Economic Affairs**

1. According to India Ratings (Ind-Ra), India's real GDP is likely shrink by as much as 11.8% in FY21 revising down its earlier forecast of a 5.3% contraction. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Ind-Ra predicted India's GDP for FY21 – (-) 11.8% [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of Ind-Ra – Mumbai, Maharashtra

2. Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank has ceased to be a banking company within the meaning of the Banking Regulation Act-1949. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank – ceased to be a Banking Company
- HQs of Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank – Mumbai, MH

3. As per the research report Ecowrap of SBI as on September 3, 2020, India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is likely to contract by 10.9% in the financial year 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- As per SBI's Ecowrap reports – India's GDP – (-10.9%) in 2020-21 FY [{Flexible News}](#)
- Ecowrap – a research organisation of SBI bank
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar

4. 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



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

**Key Points:**

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

6. Bank of India has launched an international contactless debit card, “Signature Visa Debit Card” for the affluent/high net worth individuals maintaining an average quarterly balance of ₹10 lakhs and above. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bank of India launched – “Signature Visa Debit Card” – for the affluent maintaining quarterly balance of ₹10 lakhs
- HQs of BOI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das

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

**Key Points:**

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

8. CRISIL has predicted India’s gross domestic production (GDP) to contract 9% in the financial year 2020-21 (FY21). India's GDP fell 23.9% in the first quarter of FY21. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CRISIL predicted India’s GDP – (-9%) in FY21 [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of CRISIL – Mumbai, Maharashtra



**9.** DBS Bank India has launched its online credit solutions platform – “DBS Digital Business Loans for SMEs”. It is driven by its constant focus on building simple, intuitive and hassle-free banking solutions for customers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DBS Bank India – launched its online credit solutions platform – “DBS Digital Business Loans for SMEs”
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome

**10.** 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

**11.** Fitch Ratings has slashed India's FY21 Growth projection to (-) 10.5%, from (-) 5% estimated earlier. In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of current fiscal India's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by a massive 23.9%. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Fitch Ratings slashed India's GDP for FY21 – (-) 10.5% [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of Fitch Solutions – New York, USA | President – Brian Filanowski

**12.** Goldman Sachs has forecast a 14.8% contraction in India’s economy in FY21. Possibly it is the deepest cut estimated so far. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- According to Goldman Sachs – India’s GDP contraction in FY21 – 14.8% [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of Goldman Sachs – New York, USA | CEO – David M. Solomon

**13.** 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"

**14.** ICICI Bank has launched a comprehensive programme 'iStartup 2.0' for start-ups offering banking services, helping entrepreneurs set-up firm and digitise rapidly among other services. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ICICI Bank launched – a comprehensive programme 'iStartup 2.0' for start-ups
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – [Sandeep Bakhshi](#) | Tagline – "Hum Hain Na!"

**15.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> lender to enable document embedding feature with Letter of Credit/Bank Guarantee
- HQs of IDBI Bank – Mumbai, MH | CEO – [Rakesh Sharma](#)

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

**Key Points:**

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

**17.** 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 \(25<sup>th</sup>\)](#)



**18.** India's GDP will shrink by 9% this fiscal, according to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) prediction. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- According to ADB – India's GDP will shrink by 9% this fiscal [{Flexible News}](#)
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68

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

**Key Points:**

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

**20.** Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has reiterated that he aims to enhance MSMEs' contribution to the GDP from about 30% to 50%, and in exports from 49% to 60%. The government is aiming to create 5 crore additional jobs in the MSME sector in 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nitin Gadkari targets to increase MSME contribution to GDP to 50% (from 30%)
- In exports to 60% (from 49%) | to create 5 crore additional jobs in MSME – in 5 years
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

**21.** Private lender ICICI Bank announced the launch of 'Home Utsav', a virtual property exhibition that digitally showcases real estate projects by renowned developers from key cities across the country. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ICICI Bank – launched 'Home Utsav' a virtual property exhibition
- ICICI Bank: HQs – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – "Hum Hain Na!"

**22.** 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"

**23.** Ratings agency Moody's has projected India's economic growth would contract 11.5% this fiscal due to the coronavirus pandemic. CARE Ratings has also cut its forecast to a contraction of 8-8.2%, from 6.4%. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Moody's projected India's GDP – (-11.5%) For 2021-22
- CARE Ratings projected India's GDP – (-8-8.2%)
- HQs of Moody's – New York, USA | CEO – Raymond W. McDaniel

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

### Key Points:

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

**25.** Standard and Poor's (S&P) has forecast a spike in India's debt levels to 90.6% of its gross domestic product (GDP) in FY21 from 73.4% a year before. S&P predicted a sharper contraction in India's real GDP to a record 9% in FY21 than the 5% announced earlier. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- S&P predicted India's GDP – (-9%) for FY21 [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of S&P Global Ratings – New York, USA





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

**Key Points:**

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

**27.** State Bank of India has modernized its Payment Switching System with ACI Worldwide Technology. SBI is India's largest public sector bank, with a network of more than 22,000 branches spread across the country, as well as a presence in 32 countries around the world. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI – modernized its Payment Switching System with ACI Worldwide Technology
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar

**28.** State Bank of India is planning to launch a loan product "SAFAL" primarily focused on organic cotton growers who don't have any credit history. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI – is planning to launch a loan product "SAFAL"
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar

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

**Key Points:**

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

**30.** The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in its September 2020 'Interim Economic Outlook' has projected a contraction of (-) 10.2% in FY21 for India. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- OECD predicted India's GDP – (-10.2%) in FY21 – in its 'Interim Economic Outlook' report
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Angel Gurría | Member countries in OECD – 37

**31.** The RBI has accepted the recommendations by the K V Kamath-led committee on the financial parameters to be considered in the restructuring of loans impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. The committee has recommended 5 financial ratios for 26 sectors. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI accepted recommendations by the K V Kamath-led committee on the financial parameters
- The committee recommended – 5 financial ratios for 26 sectors
- DSCR – Debt Service Coverage Ratio
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

**32.** The RBI has issued revised guidelines for priority sector lending to enable better credit penetration to credit deficient areas and increase lending to small and marginal farmers besides weaker sections. The loan limit was doubled for Renewable Energy & Health Infrastructure. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI issued revised Guidelines for Priority Sector Lending
- The loan limit was doubled for – Renewable Energy & Health Infrastructure
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

**33.** The RBI has laid down guidelines for appointment of chief compliance officer (CCO) in banks to ensure uniform approach across the banking industry. The CCO should be appointed for a minimum fixed period of 3 years. And his age should not be more than 55 years. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI – laid down guidelines for appointment of CCO
- Appointment for a minimum fixed period of 3 years | Upper limit of Age – 55 years
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)



**34.** The RBI has proposed allowing FPIs to undertake Exchange-traded Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives transactions subject to an overall ceiling of Rs 5,000 Crore. RBI has issued Draft Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives under 'Section 45 W' of the RBI Act, 1934. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI issued Draft Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives – under 'Section 45 W' of the RBI Act, 1934
- RBI proposed allowing FPIs to undertake Exchange-traded Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives transactions overall ceiling of Rs 5,000 Cr
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

**35.** The RBI has raised the limit on bonds held-to-maturity (HTM) to 22% from 19.5% of total deposits, known as Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL). This means banks will have room to buy more bonds without bothering about short-term fluctuations in yields. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI raised the limit on bonds held-to-maturity (HTM) – to 22% (from 19.5%)
- NDTL – Net Demand and Time Liabilities
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

**36.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked banks to complete the automation of bad-loan recognition and provisioning calculation processes by 30 June, 2021. The System-Based Asset Classification will improve efficiency and transparency. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI asked banks to complete automation of bad-loan recognition & provisioning calculation processes – by 30 June
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

**37.** 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 (25<sup>th</sup>)



**38.** 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 (25<sup>th</sup>)

**39.** 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}](#)

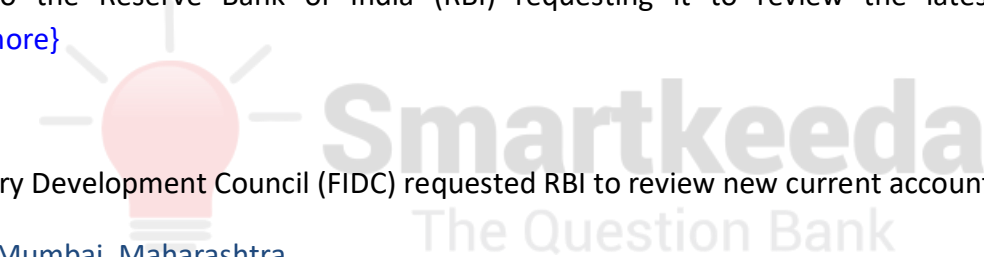
**Key Points:**

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

**40.** The umbrella body for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC), wrote to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) requesting it to review the latest current account circular. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) requested RBI to review new current account rules
- HQs of FIDC – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)



# Defence Affairs

1. 15 Shikaras have participated in the annual 'Shikara Race' organised by 20 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) of Indian Army for the people in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

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

2. China has reportedly built a Surface-to-Air Missile near a lake, which is a part of the 'Kailash-Mansarovar' amid tensions with India over the standoff in Eastern Ladakh sector. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- China – built a 'Surface-to-Air Missile' near a Lake
- 'Kailash-Mansarovar' – China
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

3. Defence Research and Development Organization, DRDO has developed 'P-7' Heavy Drop System which is capable of para dropping military stores up to 7-tonne weight class from 'IL- 76' aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- DRDO – developed 'P-7' Heavy Drop System
- Capable of para dropping military stores up to 7-tonne – from 'IL- 76' aircraft
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

4. 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 Koshyari

5. 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:

- Kinenco 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

6. Greece and Turkey are planning Rival Naval Exercises off the Crete Island amid an escalating row over energy claims in the Eastern Mediterranean. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Greece and Turkey – planning 'Rival Naval Exercises' – off the Crete Island in Greece
- Greece – Athens – Euro | Turkey – Ankara – Lira
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan

7. 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

8. India and Russia have finalised a major deal for manufacturing AK-47 203 rifles. The AK-47 203 is the latest and most advanced version of the AK-47 rifle, which will replace the Indian Small Arms System (INSAS) 5.56x45 mm assault rifle. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India & Russia – finalised a major deal for manufacturing 'AK-47 203 rifles'
- Russia – assured to follow a policy of 'no arms supply to Pakistan'
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

9. INDRA NAVY-2020, earlier planned in Vladivostok has been postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic situation. INDRA NAVY-2020 is planned as PASSEX on September 4-5, during the passage of Russian Navy ships from



Hambantota to Malacca Straits in the Bay of Bengal. This exercise is held once in 2 years since 2017. Last time, it was held in India in December 2019. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India + Russia = to conduct “INDRA NAVY-2020”
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

**10.** 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}](#)

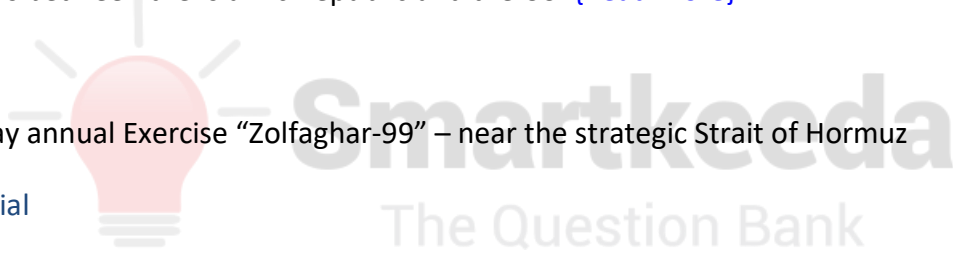
**Key Points:**

- 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

**11.** Iran has begun an expansive annual 3-day Exercise “Zolfaghar-99” near the strategic Strait of Hormuz amid heightened tensions between the Islamic Republic and the US. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Iran began – 3-day annual Exercise “Zolfaghar-99” – near the strategic Strait of Hormuz
- Iran – Tehran – Rial



**12.** 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

**13.** 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



**14.** The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> edition of maritime bilateral exercise “JIMEX” – held between India & Japan
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe

**15.** 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)

**16.** The Defence Ministry has cancelled 2 arms import contracts for the army worth over \$2.5 billion. The Centre has planned to procure close quarter carbines from "Caracal" and a program to import Self Propelled Air Defence systems from South Korea. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Defence Ministry – cancelled 2 arms import contracts for the army worth over – \$2.5 billion
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

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

**Key Points:**

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

**18.** 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

**19.** 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

**20.** The Karlsruhe, a 174-metre light armoured cruiser, was the last of the big German World War II-era warships to remain missing – until its wreckage was found on June 30. The wreckage of the ship, sunk by a British submarine in 1940, was discovered around 20 km off Kristiansand. The Karlsruhe was built in the mid-1920s and commissioned into the German Navy in 1929. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Karlsruhe – the last of the big ‘German World War II-era’ warships is found (174-metre light armoured cruiser)
- Karlsruhe: Built in – 1920 | Commissioned in – 1929



# Schemes & Initiatives

1. 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

2. “Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoi Scheme” was re-introduced in Madhya Pradesh to provide meals at a subsidised rate to underprivileged people. Now the rate per thali has been increased to Rs 10 from Rs 5. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh re-introduced – “Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoi Scheme” – to provide meals at Rs 10
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

3. A woman was appointed to drive an ambulance in Tamil Nadu, claimed to be the first in the country under a new initiative flagged off by Chief Minister K Palaniswami to strengthen emergency services in the state. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – the first in India to appoint a woman to drive an ambulance
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

4. 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



5. Andhra Pradesh has launched the 'YSR Sampoorna Poshana' and 'YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus' schemes to provide nutritious food to pregnant women, nursing women, and children. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh launched – 'YSR Sampoorna Poshana' & 'YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus' schemes
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

6. Assam government has re-launched an old scheme called "Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment (SVAYEM)" with the aim of providing self-employment to around 2 lakh youths of the state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Assam – re-launched "SVAYEM - Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment" Scheme
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

7. Delhi government is going to re-launch its anti-dengue campaign "10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 Minute" under which an extensive awareness campaign against Dengue & Chikungunya will be carried out for 10 weeks. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Delhi government – to re-launch its anti-dengue campaign "10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 Minute"
- For the awareness of – Dengue & Chikungunya
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

8. 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

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

**Key Points:**



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

**10.** In a significant move, the central government has enhanced scholarship amount for the students of J&K under “Pragati and Saksham Scholarship Schemes” from Rs 5,000 per annum to Rs 50,000 per annum from current academic year 2020-2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Scholarship amount for the students of J&K under ‘Pragati & Saksham Scholarship Scheme’ rised to – Rs 50,000/annum (From – Rs 5,000/annum)
- J &K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

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

**Key Points:**

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

**12.** 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

**13.** Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik has launched a scheme “Garima” to improve the socio-economic condition and hone the skills of thousands of sanitation workers in the state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Odisha – launched a scheme “Garima” to improve the socio-economic condition of sanitation workers in the state
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



**14.** 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**15.** Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has launched a “Smart Ration Card Scheme” for providing subsidised foodgrains to 1.41 crore beneficiaries in the state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Punjab launched – “Smart Ration Card Scheme”
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

**16.** 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

**17.** Ram Vilas Paswan has recently reviewed the progress made towards the implementation of “One Nation One Ration Card” Plan and another 2 Union Territories of Ladakh and Lakshadweep approved the integration. With this, a total of 26 States/UTs are now seamlessly connected with each other under the One Nation One Ration Card plan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 2 UT of Ladakh and Lakshadweep – included under “One Nation One Ration Card” scheme
- Total 26 States/UTs are now connected – under “One Nation One Ration Card” scheme
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur
- Lakshadweep: Kavaratti | Administrator – Dineshwar Sharma
- Ram Vilas Paswan – Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Constituency – Hajipur, Bihar)



**18.** The central government has extended the “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme” for health workers fighting COVID-19 for another 180 days or 6 months. This Central Sector Scheme provides an insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh to health care providers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme” – extended for 6 months (180 days)
- The Scheme provides an insurance cover of – Rs 50 lakh

**19.** The Gujarat government will launch “Mukhyamantri Mahila Kalyan Scheme” (MMKS) to provide interest-free loans to promote self-employment among women in the time of COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 1 lakh such SHGs - 50,000 each in rural and urban areas - will be granted loans under the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gujarat will launch – “Mukhyamantri Mahila Kalyan Scheme”
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**20.** The Maharashtra government has launched a new Road Accident Insurance Scheme named after late Shiv Sena chief Balasaheb Thackeray, to provide timely treatment up to Rs 30,000 free of charge to victims that could help to reduce the fatality rate. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Maharashtra launched – “Balasaheb Thackeray Accidental Insurance Scheme” (Free treatment up to – Rs 30,000)
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

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

**Key Points:**

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

**22.** The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a new Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) called “Second Innings Tap-Voluntary Retirement Scheme-2020 (SITVRS-2020)” for its employees. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- SBI – launched “Second Innings Tap-Voluntary Retirement Scheme-2020 (SITVRS-2020)”
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar

**23.** The Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has suggested to include milk in ‘Mid-Day Meal Scheme’ in order to improve the nutritional levels of children. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- M Venkaiah Naidu – suggested to include milk in ‘Mid-Day Meal Scheme’

**24.** Twitter India has announced an initiative "ThereIsHelp" that will help spread awareness and encourage action to prevent suicide and self harm. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Twitter – announced an initiative "ThereIsHelp" – to prevent suicide and self harm
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, USA | CEO – Jack Dorsey

**25.** 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



# Sports & Games

1. 'The Thomas and Uber Cup' in Denmark have postponed to next year by the Badminton World Federation following a wave of withdrawals by top teams due to the raging COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- The Thomas and Uber Cup (Denmark) – postponed to next year by the 'Badminton World Federation'
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

2. A floodlit, 15,000-capacity stadium in Sikkim, to be named after Indian football great Bhaichung Bhutia, will be inaugurated once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. This will be the first-ever stadium in the country to be named after any footballer. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Bhaichung Bhutia (Footballer) – became the first Indian footballer to have a stadium named after him – in Sikkim
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

3. 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

4. Cristiano Ronaldo has become the second man to score 100 international goals after Ali Daei (Iran) who scored 109 times. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Cristiano Ronaldo (Footballer - Portugal) – the 2<sup>nd</sup> man to score 100 International Goals (1<sup>st</sup> – Ali Daei)
- Portugal – Lisbon – Euro | Iran – Tehran – Rial

5. 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

6. Dominic Thiem has become first player since 1949 to win the US Open title. Dominic Thiem, the first-time Grand Slam winner, won a major title in his 4<sup>th</sup> attempt. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dominic Thiem (Tennis - Austria) – won “Men’s Single title of the US Open”

7. Former England batsman ‘Ian Bell’ has announced his decision to retire from professional cricket. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ian Bell (England) – announced to retire – From Cricket
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson

8. Former Olympic giant slalom champion Viktoria Rebensburg announced her retirement from downhill skiing. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Viktoria Rebensburg (Germany) – announced retirement – from Downhill Skiing
- Germany – Berlin – Euro

9. 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



**10.** India's Grandmaster Panneerselvam Iniyan has won the 48<sup>th</sup> annual World Open Chess Tournament (online) recently. Iniyan scored 7.5 points from nine games. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Panneerselvam Iniyan (Tamil Nadu - Chess Player) – won 48<sup>th</sup> annual World Open Chess Tournament
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

**11.** Kolkata Knight Riders all set to rope in Ali Khan from the USA as a replacement for seamer Harry Gurney. He will be the first player from the USA to feature in the IPL. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ali Khan – the first player from the USA to feature in the IPL (Kolkata Knight Riders)

**12.** Lewis Hamilton has won a hectic "Tuscan Grand Prix" to clinch his 90<sup>th</sup> Formula One win. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lewis Hamilton – won a hectic "Tuscan Grand Prix" (90<sup>th</sup> Formula One win)

**13.** Martial artist Poonam Khatri, who won a silver medal at the Wushu World Championship has been upgraded to a gold medal after Iran's Maryam Hashemi failed her dope test. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Poonam Khatri (Martial Art/Wushu) – Silver medalist at 'Wushu World Championship' – now upgraded to 'Gold'

**14.** Naomi Osaka has won the 140<sup>th</sup> edition of "Women's Single title of the US Open" final by defeating Victoria Azarenka. She has won the third Grand Slam title. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Naomi Osaka (Tennis - Japan) – won 140<sup>th</sup> "Women's Single title of the US Open" (her 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Slam title)

**15.** Novak Djokovic has been disqualified from US Open for accidentally hitting a line judge in the throat with a tennis ball. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Novak Djokovic (Serbia - Tennis)– disqualified from US Open



- [Serbia – Belgrade – Serbian Dinar](#)

**16.** Pierre Gasly has secured a maiden Formula One triumph by winning a tumultuous ‘Italian Grand Prix’ for the Alpha Tauri team. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pierre Gasly (France) – won ‘Italian Grand Prix’ for the Alpha Tauri team
- [France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex](#)

**17.** Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has launched Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools’ app, ‘enJogo’, to enable youngsters continue training amid the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kiren Rijiju launched – Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools’ app “enJogo”
- [Sports Minister – Kiren Rijiju | Constituency – Arunachal West](#)

**18.** Sumit Nagal first Indian in 7 years who has won a singles main draw Grand Slam match at the US Open Tennis Tournament. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sumit Nagal (Tennis) – 1<sup>st</sup> Indian in 7 year to win a singles main draw Grand Slam match at the US Open

**19.** 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](#)

**20.** The Changanassery Municipal Council in Kottayam district of Kerala has passed a resolution to name roads after long-jumper Anju Bobby George and the late volleyball international P Bharathan Nair. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Changanassery MC (Kerala) – named roads after – Anju Bobby George (Long Jump) & P Bharathan Nair (Volleyball)
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)



**21.** The Cycling Federation of India (CFI) will host the first-ever “Cycling Summit” in 2021 across Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. The CFI has signed an MoU with a new-age marketing exploration firm, Contarctica for the summit. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Cycling Federation of India will host the 1<sup>st</sup> ever “Cycling Summit” in 2021 – acrosss Delhi, Mumbai & Bengaluru
- HQs of CFI – New Delhi | President – Parminder Singh Dhindsa

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

**Key Points:**

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

**23.** 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

**24.** 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



# Important Days & Dates

1. 'Antyodaya Diwas' was recently observed in memory of 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya' on his 104<sup>th</sup> 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' (104<sup>th</sup> 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)

2. "Hindi Diwas" is observed on September 14, every year. Hindi is the fourth most spoken language in the world after English, Spanish and Mandarin. Under the Article 343 of the Indian Constitution, Hindi written in Devanagari script was adopted as the official language. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- September 14 – "Hindi Diwas" (Hindi – 4th most spoken language in the world)
- Hindi – adopted as one of the official languages – under the Article 343 of the Indian Constitution

3. "International Day for South-South Cooperation" was observed on 12 September to tackle climate change. This day has been observed since 2011. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- September 12 – "International Day for South-South Cooperation" – since 2011

4. "International Day of Charity" is celebrated on September 5 every year. As per UN's website, charity can alleviate the worst effects of humanitarian crises, supplement public services in health care, education, housing and child protection. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- September 5 – UN's "International Day of Charity"

5. "International Day of Democracy" is observed by all UN member states on 15 September since 2007. It allows everyone to review the state of democracy in the world. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:



- September 15 – “International Day of Democracy” – observed by all UN member states – since 2007
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

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

**Key Points:**

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

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

**Key Points:**

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

8. “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”

9. “Nation celebrates Engineer's Day” on September 15 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the greatest Indian Engineer Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 15 – “Nation celebrates Engineer's Day” (Birth anniversary of – Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya)

10. “World Contraception Day” is observed on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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”

**11.** “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

**12.** “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

**13.** “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

**14.** “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



**15.** “World Ozone Day” is observed on September 16 every year to spread awareness among people about the depletion of Ozone Layer and find possible solutions to preserve it. This year, the theme was “Ozone for life: 35 years of ozone layer protection”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 16 – World Ozone Day
- Theme – “Ozone for life: 35 years of ozone layer protection”

**16.** “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”

**17.** “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

**18.** “World Tourism Day” is commemorated each year on the 27<sup>th</sup> 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

**19.** “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”

**20.** ‘Forest Martyrs Day’ was observed at the Forest Martyrs pylon of the “Nehru Zoological Park” in Hyderabad, Telangana on September 11. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 11 – ‘Forest Martyrs Day’ observed at – “Nehru Zoological Park” in Hyderabad, Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

**21.** ‘Himalaya Diwas’ was celebrated on September 9 by Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 9 – “Himalaya Diwas” – by WIHG
- Theme – “The Himalaya and Nature”
- HQs of WIHG – Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Chairman – Prof. Ashok Sahni

**22.** ‘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”

**23.** "International Equal Pay Day" is observed for the first time on this 18 September under an initiative by the UN, aims at highlighting the importance of achieving equal pay for work of equal value. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- September 18 – "International Equal Pay Day" – under an initiative by the UN

**24.** "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

**25.** "World Coconut Day" is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, every year. It is observed by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) to emphasise on the importance of the fruit in poverty reduction. This year, the theme was "Invest in Coconut to save the world". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 2 – "World Coconut Day" – by APCC
- Theme – "Invest in Coconut to save the world"

**26.** 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

**27.** A customized My Stamp on India's First Anti Satellite Missile (A-SAT) test "Mission Shakti" was launched on the occasion of "Engineers Day" on September 15 in the presence of Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor (NSA). The stamp was released by Department of Posts. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- September 15 – “Engineers Day” – a postage stamp on India’s First Anti Satellite Missile “Mission Shakti” launched
- The stamp – released by ‘Department of Posts’

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

**Key Points:**

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

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

**Key Points:**

- September 21 – “World Alzheimer’s Day”
- Theme – “Let’s talk about dementia”
- Named after German psychiatrist ‘Alois Alzheimer’ – in 1901

**30.** Every year on September 5, the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan is being celebrated as “National Teachers’ Day” across the country. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 5 – “National Teachers’ Day” – the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

**31.** 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”



**32.** Every year, the second Saturday of September is observed as “World First Aid Day”, this year the day fell on September 12. The day was first observed in 2000 by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of September) – “World First Aid Day” – since 2000 – by IFRC
- HQs of IFRC – Geneva, Switzerland

**33.** 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”

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

**Key Points:**

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

**35.** On the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> “National Forest Martyrs Days” that was observed on September 11, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar, has remembered and paid tribute to the martyrs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 11 – 15<sup>th</sup> “National Forest Martyrs Days”
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Info. & Broadcasting
- Constituency – Maharashtra



**36.** Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry completed 123 years of service on September 9, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 9 – Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation completed 123 years
- PESO works under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra

**37.** Punjab National Bank, India's second-largest public sector lender has celebrated "Small Industry Day" by offering 'PNB Seva Scheme'. This Day is observed annually on August 30 in our country. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- August 30 – "Small Industry Day" – celebrated by Punjab National Bank
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

**38.** 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

**39.** 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

**40.** Since 1982, "National Nutrition Week" has been annually observed in the first week of September (1-7) to promote awareness about proper nutrition in a diet. The National Nutrition Week (NNW) is an annual nutrition event organised by Food and Nutrition Board within Ministry of Women and Child Development. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- September (1-7) – “National Nutrition Week” – organised by ‘Food and Nutrition Board’ – since 1982
- The Food and Nutrition Board functions under – Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Smriti Zubin Irani – Minister of Women and Child Development, Minister of Textiles (Constituency – Amethi, UP)

**41.** The “National Wildlife Day” is observed on September 4 every year with an aim to increase awareness about wildlife species and ways to protect them. In India, the government promulgated the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 to prohibit the hunting of wild animals to protect them from extinction. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 4 – National Wildlife Day (The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972)

**42.** The “World Patient Safety Day” was established in May 2019 by the World Health Assembly, and the day itself is celebrated on 17 September. This year, the theme was “Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 17 – “World Patient Safety Day”
- Theme – “Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety”

**43.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of “Rashtriya Poshan Maah” was celebrated during the month of September 2020. Every year, the ‘Poshan Maah’ is celebrated under POSHAN Abhiyaan (PM’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment), which was launched in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of “Rashtriya Poshan Maah” – celebrated during the month of September 2020
- POSHAN Abhiyaan launched in – 2018

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

**Key Points:**

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



**45.** The Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has completed its 100 years on 9 September 2020. The authorities will bury a time capsule at a suitable on the university's sprawling campus. And this capsule will contain all the details of the institution's achievements since its inception in 1920. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Aligarh Muslim University (Uttar Pradesh) completed 100 years on – 9 September, 2020
- Inception – 1920

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

**Key Points:**

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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**48.** 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> "International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste"
- Theme – "Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet."

**49.** 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 – New York, USA | President – Tijjani Muhammad Bande

**50.** 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’

**51.** The Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army has celebrated the 193<sup>rd</sup> “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 – 193<sup>rd</sup> “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

**52.** The United Nations has marked “International Literacy Day” on September 8, 2020. It has been celebrated since 1996. Kerala continues to be the best performer in terms of literacy while Andhra Pradesh scored the least. Delhi comes in 2nd best performer after Kerala. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 8 – International Literacy Day – by UN – since 1996
- Literacy rate: Topped by – Kerala | Worst – Andhra Pradesh
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

**53.** Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has launched ‘Bamboo Cookies’ on September 18 to mark World Bamboo Day. This year the theme is "Bamboo Now". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 18 – World Bamboo Day | Theme – "Bamboo Now"
- Tripura – launched ‘Bamboo Cookies’





**54.** UN General Assembly Resolution has established the “International Day to Protect Education from Attack” on 9 September. This year, the theme was “Protect Education, Save a Generation”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 9 – “International Day to Protect Education from Attack”
- Theme – “Protect Education, Save a Generation”

**55.** Union Department of Fertilizers is observing “Swachhta Pakhwada” from 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. All PSUs and other Organizations under the Department are participating in the Swachhta Abhiyan in a big way. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Department of Fertilizers – observed “Swachhta Pakhwada” from 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**56.** World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed on 10 September every year around the world since 2003. The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) has collaborated with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) to host World Suicide Prevention Day. The theme given by WHO for last two years was “Working Together to Prevent Suicide”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- September 10 – World Suicide Prevention Day – since 2003
- Theme – “Working Together to Prevent Suicide”
- IASP + WHO + WFMH = to host ‘World Suicide Prevention Day’



# Meetings, Conferences and Summits

1. 15<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 15<sup>th</sup> “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

2. 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

3. 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

4. A virtual meeting of “G20 Education Ministers” hosted by Saudi Arabia, was held to discuss and share experiences of member countries. India was represented by Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- G20 Education Ministers Meeting – hosted by Saudi Arabia & represented by Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’
- Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

5. 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

**6.** Abu Dhabi is holding the Global Aerospace Summit from September 28 to 29 in an online gathering of top executives in aviation, space and defence to discuss the most important issues facing the industry amid the Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Abu Dhabi is holding the Global Aerospace Summit from September 28 to 29, 2020
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**7.** Bhutan has hosted the 35<sup>th</sup> FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC) which was held. Bangladesh will host the 36<sup>th</sup> FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC) in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Bhutan – hosted the 35<sup>th</sup> FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC)
- Bangladesh – will host the 36<sup>th</sup> FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC) in 2022
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**8.** 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



**9.** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the website of “Aero India 2021” considered Asia's largest aerospace exhibition. The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of “Aero India-21” will be held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru in Karnataka from February 3 to February 7, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajnath Singh – launched the website of “Aero India 2021”
- 13<sup>th</sup> edition of “Aero India-21” – will be held in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**10.** Dr Harsh Vardhan has attended 73rd session of WHO South East Asia Region through video conferencing hosted by Thailand. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – attended 73rd session of WHO South East Asia Region – hosted by Thailand
- Union Health & Family Welfare Minister – Dr Harsh Vardhan (Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi)

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

**Key Points:**

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

**12.** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has arrived on a 4-day visit to Russia to attend a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). During his stay in Moscow, Jaishankar also attended the meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of SCO. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- S Jaishankar – attended a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of SCO – in Russia
- S Jaishankar – attended a meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of SCO – in Russia
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat



**13.** Foreign minister S Jaishankar of India has participated in BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting to discuss the fallout of the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. The meeting was held by the rotating chair Russia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- S Jaishankar – participated in BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Chairmanship of BRICS – Russia in 2020 & India in 2021

**14.** India & the USA have virtually signed an agreement to further strengthen Defence Technology Cooperation at the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> Defense Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Defense Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting – held between ‘India & USA’
- India & USA – signed an agreement to further strengthen Defence Technology Cooperation
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

**15.** India and Angola have held the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Commission Meeting during which the two sides agreed to diversify their trade relationship and discussed cooperation in health, pharmaceuticals, defence, agriculture, food processing, digitization and telecom. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India & Angola – held the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Commission Meeting
- Angola – Luanda – Kwanza

**16.** India and the USA have held a “Bilateral 2+2 Inter-Sessional Meeting” at the official level during which the 2 sides exchanged views about regional developments and agreed to pursue their quest for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India + USA held = “Bilateral 2+2 Inter-Sessional Meeting”
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

**17.** 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

**18.** India will host a summit of the council of heads of government of the SCO on November 30 with a focus on contributing to the trade and economic agenda of the influential grouping. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – to host a Summit of the Council of heads of government of the SCO

**19.** India will host the Quad Foreign Ministers Meet later this year. Apart from the Quad meeting, details are also being worked out for the India-US 2+2 dialogue. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India will host the Quad Foreign Ministers Meet + India-US 2+2 Dialogue
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

**20.** 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



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

**Key Points:**

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

**22.** India, France and Australia have held the 1<sup>st</sup> Trilateral Dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific to discuss geo-strategic challenges, enhancing cooperation and to build strong bilateral relations between the trio. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India + France + Australia = held the 1<sup>st</sup> Trilateral Dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

**23.** 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

**24.** Indo-Russian Young Scholars International E-Conference 2020 on “India-Russia domestic and bilateral developments” was organized by Eurasian Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Eurasian Foundation organized – ‘Indo-Russian Young Scholars International E-Conference 2020’
- HQs of Eurasian Foundation – Washington, D. C., USA | President – Lisa Coll

**25.** 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

**26.** Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan has attended the 10<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' (EASFM) Meeting virtually. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- V. Muraleedharan – attended the 10<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' (EASFM) Meeting
- Minister of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Minister of State for External Affairs – V. Muraleedharan

**27.** Minister of State for External Affairs, V Muraleedharan has participated in the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum ministerial meeting through video conference, where he shared his views on issues including counter-terrorism, COVID-19 and India-Pacific. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- V Muraleedharan participated in the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum ministerial meeting
- Minister of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Minister of State for External Affairs – V. Muraleedharan
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2020 – Vietnam | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | MC – 10 countries

**28.** President of the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nation's (UN) General Assembly, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande convened the general assembly's annual high-level forum. The theme for this year's event was "The Culture of Peace: Change our world for the better in the age of Covid-19". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 74<sup>th</sup> session of the UN's General Assembly High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace held on September 11
- HQs of UNGA – NewYork, USA | President – Tijjani Muhammad Bande

**29.** 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

**30.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the conclave on “School Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” on September 11 as a part of the ‘Shiksha Parv’. The conclave was organized by the Ministry of Education. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Modi addressed – conclave on “School Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” as a part of ‘Shiksha Parv’
- The conclave organized by – Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

**31.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has delivered a Special Key Note Address at the “US-India Strategic Partnership Forum” (USISPF) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Leadership Summit through video conference. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – addressed the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Annual Leadership Summit of USISPF

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

**Key Points:**

- September 24 – the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Fit India Movement
- PM Narendra Modi addressed the ‘Fit India Dialogue’

**33.** 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)



**34.** Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Honourable Vice President, has virtually inaugurated the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of "Global Ayurveda Summit" from New Delhi on 15 September 2020. It was organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The theme of the summit was "Emerging Opportunities for Ayurveda during Pandemic". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- M. Venkaiah Naidu – inaugurated the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of "Global Ayurveda Summit" (organised by – CII)
- Theme – "Emerging Opportunities for Ayurveda during Pandemic"

**35.** 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

**36.** Suresh Prabhu has taken part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> G20 Sherpas' Virtual Meeting
- Under the presidency of – Saudi Arabia

**37.** The 12<sup>th</sup> Mekong Ganga Cooperation Senior Officials' Meeting was held via Video Conference on 3 September 2020. The meeting was attended by Senior Officials from all 6 MGC Member States - India, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> edition of "Mekong Ganga Cooperation Senior Officials' Meeting" held on 3 September

**38.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum is scheduled to be held in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on October 28 and 29. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Indo-Pacific Business Forum – to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese Dong | PM – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

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

**Key Points:**

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

**40.** The Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital and Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University will jointly organise 3-day online international conference on “Aerosol Air Quality, Climate Change and its Impact on Water Resources and Livelihoods in the Greater Himalayas” will be held from September 14 to 16. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RIES + Nainital and Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University will jointly organise the Conference
- HQs of ARIES – Beluwakhan, Nainital, Uttarakhand | Director – Dr. Dipankar Banerjee
- HQs of NHNBGU – Srinagar, Uttarakhand

**41.** The Foreign Ministers of Russia, India and China (RIC) have attended the RIC Foreign Ministers Meeting hosted by FM Lavrov in Moscow, Russia. The RIC meet was organised by Russia which holds the current Presidency of RIC. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Foreign Ministers of Russia, India and China attended – ‘RIC Foreign Ministers Meeting’
- Current Presidency of RIC or Meeting hosted in – Moscow, Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



**42.** The Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda has inaugurated 2 day “National Tribal Research Conclave” to be held virtually on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. This is the second workshop of its kind. The first such workshop was organized in January 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Arjun Munda – inaugurated 2 day “National Tribal Research Conclave”
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

**43.** The Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment Shri Santosh Gangwar has attended the G-20 Labour and Employment Ministers meeting recently. Shri Gangwar also appreciated the efforts of the Saudi Presidency in developing the G20 Youth Roadmap 2025. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Santosh Gangwar – attended the G-20 Labour and Employment Ministers meeting
- MoS in Ministry of Labour and Employment – Santosh Gangwar

**44.** The Saudi G20 Presidency has hosted an extraordinary virtual G20 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting from Riyadh. The meeting was focused on the way forward to realize opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century for all. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The virtual G20 Foreign Ministers’ Extraordinary Meeting – hosted by Saudi Arabia
- Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal

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

**Key Points:**

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

**46.** The virtual ASEAN-India ministerial meeting, co-chaired by external affairs minister S Jaishankar and his Thai counterpart Don Pramudwinai, has adopted the plan of action for 2021-25. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The virtual “ASEAN-India ministerial meeting” – represented by S Jaishankar
- ASEAN- India’s action plan for the year – 2021 to 2025



**47.** Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has recently attended 17<sup>th</sup> “SCO Culture Ministers’ meeting” held via video conferencing. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Prahlad Singh Patel – attended 17<sup>th</sup> “SCO Culture Ministers’ meeting”
- Prahlad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)

**48.** Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was on a 3-day visit to Moscow, Russia to take part in the meeting of Defence ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajnath Singh – attended “SCO Defence Ministers Meeting” – held in Moscow, Russia
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

**49.** 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”

**50.** Union Minister of State (I/C) for Culture and Tourism Shri Prahlad Singh Patel has virtually attended 5<sup>th</sup> BRICS Culture Ministers’ Meeting on September 3, 2020. The Meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Russia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Prahlad Singh Patel – attended 5<sup>th</sup> BRICS Culture Ministers’ Meeting
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Chairmanship of BRICS – Russia in 2020 & Indian in 2021



**51.** 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

**52.** US private equity firm Silver Lake has acquired around 1.75% stake Rs 7,500 Crore in Reliance Retail. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Silver Lake – acquired 1.75% stake (Rs 7,500 Crore) – in Reliance Retail
- HQs of Silver Lake – California, USA | CEO – Egon Durban

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

**Key Points:**

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



# Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

1. 72<sup>nd</sup> 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 72<sup>nd</sup> Emmy Awards. Best Drama series is Succession. The ceremony was hosted by Jimmy Kimmel. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

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

2. 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)

3. After Kanyashree scheme, West Bengal government project has received another global prize - “World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)” award for its Sabuj Sathi scheme. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- West Bengal received – “World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)” award for ‘Sabuj Sathi scheme’
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

4. Amid rising cases of Covid-19, the 51<sup>st</sup> 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:

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

5. 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’

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

**Key Points:**

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

7. DBS Bank has been recognised as the World's Best Bank for the third year in a row. DBS' latest global best bank accolade comes from the New York-based financial publication Global Finance, which named DBS 'Best Bank in the World' for the second time in 3 years in its World's Best Global Banks 2020 Awards. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DBS Bank – recognised as the World's Best Bank for the third year
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta

8. For the first time, Sudha Painuli, a teacher of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) established under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been selected for the National Award to Teachers (NAT). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sudha Painuli (a teacher of Eklavya Model Residential Schools) – selected for the National Award to Teachers
- Eklavya Model Residential Schools – established by ‘Ministry of Tribal Affairs’ | Located at – Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

9. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has conferred the “Indira Gandhi Peace Prize” on British broadcaster David Attenborough at a virtual event. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- David Attenborough conferred with – “Indira Gandhi Peace Prize” – by Manmohan Singh





**10.** 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”

**11.** In a first-of-its kind recognition for an Indian corporate leader, Aditya Puri was conferred the “Lifetime Achievement Award” by Euromoney Awards of Excellence 2020. He is the only Indian corporate leader to be honoured with this recognition. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Aditya Puri – conferred the “Lifetime Achievement Award” – by Euromoney Awards of Excellence 2020
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & MD – Aditya Puri (Sashidhar Jagdishan – from November)
- Chairman of HDFC Ltd – Deepak Parekh

**12.** 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

**13.** 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



**14.** 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

**15.** Margaret Atwood has been honored with "Dayton Literary Peace Prize-2020" lifetime achievement award. The Dayton lifetime achievement award carries a \$10,000 prize. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Margaret Atwood (Canadian Poet) – honored with "Dayton Literary Peace Prize-2020" (\$10,000 prize)

**16.** Michelin-star chef Vikas Khanna will be honoured with the prestigious "2020 Asia Game Changer Award" for feeding millions across India amid the COVID-19 pandemic through a massive food distribution drive. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vikas Khanna – honoured with the prestigious "2020 Asia Game Changer Award"

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

**Key Points:**

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

**18.** Mumbai-based filmmaker Chaitanya Tamhane's Marathi language feature film "The Disciple" has won the prestigious award for "Best Screenplay at the 77<sup>th</sup> Venice Film Festival-2020". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "The Disciple" Marathi Film – won "Best Screenplay at the 77<sup>th</sup> Venice Film Festival-2020"
- Directed by – Chaitanya Tamhane

**19.** Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated Doorstep Banking Services by PSBs and participated in the awards ceremony to felicitate best performing banks on EASE Banking Reforms Index. Bank of Baroda, State Bank of



India and Oriental Bank of Commerce were felicitated for being the top three (in that order) in the 'Top Performing Banks' category according to the EASE 2.0 Index Results. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated – Doorstep Banking Services by PSBs
- EASE 2.0 awards for FY19-20 'Top Performing Banks': 1<sup>st</sup> – BOB | 2<sup>nd</sup> – SBI | 3<sup>rd</sup> – OBC

**20.** President Kovind has conferred National Award to 47 educators on the occasion of Teachers' Day in virtual ceremony at New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- President Kovind conferred National Award to – 47 educators

**21.** 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'

**22.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

- Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' presented – the 1st ever "AICTE Visvesvarya Best Teacher Awards 2020"
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)



**24.** 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

**25.** 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

**26.** The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind has virtually conferred the National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards for the year 2018-19 on 24<sup>th</sup> 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

**27.** 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

**28.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**31.** US President Donald Trump has been nominated for “2021 Nobel Peace Prize” following his efforts to broker peace between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Donald Trump – nominated for “2021 Nobel Peace Prize”
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump



# Appointments & Resignations

1. A one-year extension was given to L C Goyal as the Chairman and Managing Director of India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) and he will continue in the post till September 1, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- L C Goyal – one year extension as Chairman and MD of – India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
- HQs of ITPO – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – L C Goyal

2. 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)

3. 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

4. Amazon has roped in Amitabh Bachchan to be Alexa's first Indian celebrity voice from 2021. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Amazon roped in "Amitabh Bachchan" to be Alexa's first Indian celebrity voice – From 2021
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | Founder & CEO – Jeff Bezos

5. 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

6. Aavek Sarkar, the Editor Emeritus and Vice Chairman of the Ananda Bazar Group of Publications, has been elected as Chairman of Press Trust of India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Aavek Sarkar – appointed as Chairman of Press Trust of India
- HQs of PTI – New Delhi

7. Bajaj Allianz Life has announced the appointment of Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana as its Brand Ambassador to promote its products and digital services across offline and online mediums. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ayushmann Khurrana – appointed as the brand ambassador of – Bajaj Allianz Life
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Gen. Ins. – Pune, MH | CEO – Tapan Singhel

8. 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

9. Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) launched the India's first airport Covid-19 testing facility at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi for arriving international passengers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India's first airport Covid-19 testing facility launched at – Indira Gandhi International Airport (New Delhi)
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

10. Diplomat Dr Neena Malhotra has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Italy. He is a 1992-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr Neena Malhotra – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to – Italy



- Italy – Rome – Euro

**11.** 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 effortless nature 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

**12.** 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

**13.** Emmbros Overseas, a company in the beauty and HPC (health and personal care) category, has roped in actor Vaani Kapoor as brand ambassador for the beauty and wellness brand, St. Botanica. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vaani Kapoor – appointed as the Brand Ambassador – of St. Botanica

**14.** 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

**15.** 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

**16.** Flipkart-owned fashion marketplace Myntra has appointed Bollywood actor Kiara Advani as its Brand Ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kiara Advani – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – Myntra
- HQs of Myntra – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amar Nagaram

**17.** For the first time in its 31-year history, the Canadian Space Agency will have a female president namely Lisa Campbell. Campbell has replaced Sylvain Laporte, who has been president since 2015. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lisa Campbell – appointed as the 1<sup>st</sup> Female President of Canadian Space Agency
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau

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

**Key Points:**

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

**19.** 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



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

**Key Points:**

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

**21.** Ghanaian President, Nana Akufo-Addo is elected as the new Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nana Akufo-Addo – elected as the new Chairman of ECOWAS
- Ghana – Accra – Cedi | President – Nana Akufo-Addo
- HQs of ECOWAS – FCT, Nigeria

**22.** Great Learning, one of India's leading Edtech companies for professional and higher education has announced the appointment of Virat Kohli, as its brand ambassador. He will lead the brand's latest 'Power Ahead' campaign. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Virat Kohli – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – Great Learning
- Location of Great Learning – Hyderabad, Telangana

**23.** Harivansh Narayan Singh has been elected as the Rajya Sabha deputy Chairman, for a second consecutive term. The JD (U) leader is credited for making 'Prabhat Khabar' one of the most widely read Hindi papers in north India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Harivansh Narayan Singh – elected as the Rajya Sabha deputy Chairman
- Harivansh Narayan Singh – credited for making 'Prabhat Khabar' Hindi News paper

**24.** Hemant Khatri (ret'd) has assumed charge as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Shipyard Limited. He has rich experience of overseeing construction of 2 naval fleet tankers INS Deepak and INS Shakti in European Shipyards at Italy. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Hemant Khatri – assumed charge as Chairman & MD of – Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- HQs of HSL – Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh | Chairman & MD – Hemant Khatri

**25.** IDFC First Bank's Part-Time Non-Executive Chairman Rajiv B Lall has resigned recently. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajiv B Lall – resigned from the post of Part-Time Non-Executive Chairman – IDFC First Bank
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan

**26.** 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

**27.** Isle of Man betting group Celton Manx has confirmed the appointment of West Indies cricket icon Dwayne Bravo as the first cricket ambassador for its flagship SBOTOP sportsbook brand. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dwayne Bravo – appointed as the first cricket ambassador for “SBOTOP” Sportsbook brand

**28.** 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)

**29.** Jane Fraser is appointed as first female CEO of major global bank Citigroup. Fraser will succeed Mike Corbat, who is retiring in February, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jane Fraser – appointed as first female CEO of ‘Citigroup’ (by succeeding Mike Corbat)



- HQs of Citigroup – New York, USA | CEO – Michael Corbat (Jane Fraser - from Feb)

**30.** Japan's newly-elected Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga has been chosen as new prime minister at the Lower House of Parliament in Tokyo, Japan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Yoshihide Suga – elected as New Prime Minister of – Japan
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

**31.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**33.** K Padmakar, who is the senior director on Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL), will be given the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- K Padmakar – given additional charge of Chairman and MD of – Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd
- HQs of BPCL – Mumbai, MH | CMD – K Padmakar

**34.** Kavita Lakhani, Executive Director at GolinOpinion, will serve as the National President, Public Relations and Digital Marketing Council, Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Kavita Lakhani – appointed as the National President of – WICCI
- HQs of WICCI – New Delhi | National President – Kavita Lakhani

**35.** 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

**36.** 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

**37.** Lebanon's ambassador to Germany, Mustapha Adib, is set to become country's next Prime Minister after getting the support of senior Sunni politicians . [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mustapha Adib – to become Prime Minister of Lebanon
- Lebanon – Beirut – Lebanese Pound | PM – Mustapha Adib

**38.** 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

**39.** 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

**40.** 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

**41.** 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

**42.** Online poker platform “9stacks” has signed Suresh Raina as its Brand Ambassador. Raina has announced retirement from the international cricket in August. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Suresh Raina – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – “9stacks” an Online poker platform
- Location of 9stacks – New Delhi

**43.** Paresh Rawal has been appointed as Chairperson of the National School of Drama (NSD), the country’s premier institute for theatre students, in Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Paresh Rawal – appointed as Chairperson of the National School of Drama (New Delhi)
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**44.** Paytm First Games (PFG), a fantasy sports gaming platform, has roped in global sporting legend and Indian cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar as its Brand Ambassador. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Sachin Tendulkar – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – Paytm First Games
- Paytm HQs – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Paytm CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma

**45.** Playerzpot, the fantasy sports gaming platforms, announced the signing of cricketers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Smriti Mandhana as its Brand Ambassadors. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bhuvneshwar Kumar & Smriti Mandhana – appointed as the Brand Ambassadors of – Playerzpot
- HQs of Playerzpot – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra

**46.** President Ram Nath Kovind has accepted the resignation of Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal from the Union Council of Ministers. Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar is given additional charge of Food Processing Industries Ministry. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Harsimrat Kaur Badal – resigned from – Food Processing Industries Ministry (Constituency – Bathinda, Punjab)
- Narendra Singh Tomar – given additional charge of – Food Processing Industries Ministry (Morena, MP)

**47.** 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

**48.** 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



**49.** R Masakui has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Jamaica. Masakui is presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Zimbabwe. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- R Masakui – appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Jamaica
- Jamaica – Kingston – Jamaican dollar

**50.** Rajesh Khullar has been appointed as Executive Director of the World Bank for 3 years. As executive director, Khullar will represent India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka in the World Bank. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajesh Khullar – appointed as Executive Director of – World Bank – For 3 years
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

**51.** 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

**52.** Retired IAS officer C. Partha Sarathi has been appointed as the Election Commissioner of Telangana for 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- C. Partha Sarathi – appointed as the Election Commissioner of Telangana – for 3 years
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

**53.** Shri Raj Kumar Srivastava, presently Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of India, Tokyo, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Croatia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Raj Kumar Srivastava – appointed as the Ambassador of India to – Croatia





- Croatia – Zagreb – Kuna | PM – Andrej Plenkovic | President – Zoran Milanovic

**54.** South Indian Bank has approved appointment of Murali Ramakrishnan as its MD and CEO with effect from October 1. Ramakrishnan had retired from ICICI Bank as Senior General Manager at Strategic Project Group on May 30, 2020 and joined the South Indian Bank as an advisor on July 1, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Murali Ramakrishnan – appointed as the MD & CEO of – South Indian Bank
- Retired from – ICICI Bank as Senior General Manager
- HQs of South Indian Bank – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – Murali Ramakrishnan

**55.** State-owned Punjab & Sind Bank has appointed 'S Krishnan' as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- S Krishnan – appointed as the MD & CEO of – Punjab & Sind Bank
- HQs of Punjab & Sind Bank – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S Krishnan

**56.** Subhash Kamath has been elected chairman of the board of governors of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI). He was serving as ASCI Vice-Chairman and will replace Rohit Gupta. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Subhash Kamath – elected Chairman of the board of governors of ASCI
- HQs of ASCI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Subhash Kamath

**57.** 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

**58.** The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has elected BJP Rajya Sabha member Anil Jain as its new President while Anil Dhupar was chosen as its Secretary General during the national federation's Annual General Meeting. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Anil Jain – elected as the new President of All India Tennis Association (AITA)
- Anil Dhupar – elected as Secretary General of AITA
- HQs of AITA – New Delhi | President – Praveen Mahajan

**59.** The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Vinod Kumar Yadav as the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Railway Board. He is currently the chairman of the Railway board. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vinod Kumar Yadav – appointed as the 1<sup>st</sup> ever CEO of Railway Board
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Vinod Kumar Yadav

**60.** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed 'Takeo Konishi' as its new Country Director for India. He will succeed Kenichi Yokoyama. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Takeo Konishi – appointed as Country Director for India – by ADB (by replacing - Kenichi Yokoyama)
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68

**61.** The Australian government has appointed former cricketer Matthew Hayden and Indian-origin politician Lisa Singh as Trade Envoys for advancing business ties with India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Matthew Hayden (Cricketer) & Lisa Sing (Australian Politician) – appointed as Trade Envoys by Australia to India
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

**62.** The book titled “End of an Era, India Exits Tibet” authored by Claude Arpi is to be released soon. Claude Arpi’s four volumes on Tibet’s relations with India show how China developed its Tibet playbook that includes encroachment, occupation, and the spinning of a narrative of false claims. The last book in the series focuses on the last five years of India’s diplomatic presence in Tibet. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The book titled “End of an Era, India Exits Tibet” – authored by ‘Claude Arpi’



**63.** The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) has announced the appointment of Vinkesh Gulati as its 35<sup>th</sup> President for the year 2020-22. He is also the first President from Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vinkesh Gulati – appointed as the 35<sup>th</sup> President of – FADA
- [HQs of FADA – New Delhi](#)

**64.** 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](#)

**65.** The government has extended Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) chairman Pramod Chandra Mody's tenure for the second time for a period of 6 months with effect from 01.09.2020 to 28.02.2021 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pramod Chandra Mody – tenure extended as the Chairman of CBDT – for a period of 6 months
- [HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Chairman – Pramod Chandra Mody](#)

**66.** 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](#)

**67.** 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

**68.** 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 (25<sup>th</sup>)

**69.** The Society of India Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has announced the appointment of Kenichi Ayukawa as its new President. Ayukawa is the MD & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd since the year 2013. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kenichi Ayukawa – appointed as the President of – Society of India Automobile Manufacturers
- He was MD & CEO of – Maruti Suzuki | HQs of SIAM – New Delhi

**70.** 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

**71.** 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

**72.** The World Health Organisation's independent panel for pandemic preparedness and response appointed former health secretary Preeti Sudan as one of its 11 panellists from across the world. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Preeti Sudan – appointed as the member of WHO’s independent panel for pandemic preparedness & response
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

**73.** 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}](#)

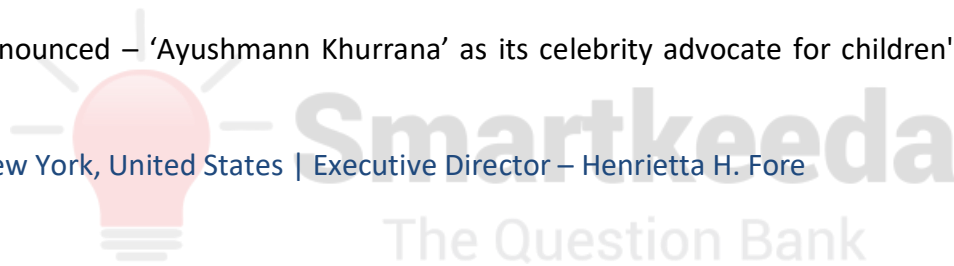
**Key Points:**

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

**74.** UNICEF India has announced Ayushmann Khurrana as its celebrity advocate for children's rights campaign - 'For Every Child'. He will support UNICEF towards ending violence against children. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UNICEF India announced – ‘Ayushmann Khurrana’ as its celebrity advocate for children's rights campaign - 'For Every Child'
- UNICEF HQs – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore



**75.** Wheaton Precious Metals has announced that the World Gold Council has appointed Randy Smallwood as its President and Chief Executive Officer. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Randy Smallwood – is appointed as the Chairman of World Gold Council
- HQs of World Gold Council – London, UK | CEO – David Tait | Chairman – Randy Smallwood
- HQs of Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. – Vancouver, Canada | President & CEO – Randy Smallwood



# Amount & Agreements

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

## Key Points:

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

2. Finance Ministry has sought Parliament's nod for meeting additional expenditure of Rs 20,000 Crore towards recapitalisation of public sector banks (PSBs) through issue of government securities. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Government will infuse Rs 20,000 Cr in Public Sector Banks (PSBs)
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (Constituency – Karnataka)

3. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has entered into a corporate agency agreement with NSDL Payments Bank, a subsidiary of National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) to offer insurance products. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance + NSDL = entered into a corporate agency agreement
- HQs of ICICI Prudential Life Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – N. S. Kannan
- HQs of NSDL – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – G.V. Nageswara Rao

4. India and Japan have signed an Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) for reciprocal provision of supplies and services between their defence forces. It is expected to drive closer military cooperation and contribute to regional security. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- India & Japan – signed "Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)" between their Defence Forces
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe

5. 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

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

### Key Points:

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

7. Integrated agri value-chain company – Lawrencedale Agro Processing India (LEAF) has entered into an agreement with the Government of Andhra Pradesh to expand the scope of food processing in the State. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- LEAF + Andhra Pradesh = an agreement to expand the scope of food processing
- HQs of LEAF – Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

8. Japan has extended an emergency support loan of up to 50 billion Yen (almost Rs 3,500 Cr) to back India's response to the Covid-19 crisis. It will help in implementation of health and medical policies and development of hospitals equipped with ICUs. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Japan – extended an Emergency Support Loan of up to 50 billion Yen (almost Rs 3,500 Cr)
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe

9. Japan's donor agency JICA has signed an agreement with the Indian government under which Japan will provide about Rs 3,500 Cr in loan to boost the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic in India. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- JICA (Japan) + India = signed an agreement for Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan worth Rs. 3,500 Cr



- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe

**10.** 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

**11.** 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

**12.** Srei Equipment Finance (SEFL) has received a €10 million (Rs 86, 63, 10, 000) framework loan from German export financier KfW IPEX-Bank to facilitate German exports to India. The NBFC's finance cover is backed by insurer Euler Hermes. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Srei Equipment Finance – received a €10 million loan from – KfW IPEX-Bank
- HQs of KfW IPEX-Bank – Frankfurt, Germany | HQs of SREI – Kolkata, West Bengal

**13.** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and France's ENGIE group have signed a long-term loan of up to ₹ 466 crore for setting up a 200-MW Raghanesda Solar Power Project in Gujarat. Electro Solaire Private Limited (ESPL), a special purpose vehicle owned by the ENGIE group, will implement the project. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ADB + ENGIE group = to set up a 200-MW solar power project in – Gujarat
- Long-term loan of up to – ₹ 466 Crore
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat





**14.** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a pact for a USD 15-million debt financing through the subscription of non-convertible debentures for Suguna Foods, to help sustain poultry farming operations, rural livelihoods and food security in India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ADB signed a pact for a USD 15-million debt financing – with Suguna Foods
- ADB: HQs – [Mandaluyong, Philippines](#) | President – [Masatsugu Asakawa](#) | Member countries – 68
- HQs of Suguna Foods – Coimbatore, TamilNadu | MD – G.B. Sundararajan

**15.** The government has signed a USD 500-million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank for funding the 82-kilometre Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government + ADB = USD 500 million loan agreement for 82-Km Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor
- ADB: HQs – [Mandaluyong, Philippines](#) | President – [Masatsugu Asakawa](#) | Member countries – 68

**16.** The government of Himachal Pradesh and the World Bank have signed \$82 million loan for the implementation of Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Himachal Pradesh + World Bank = signed \$82 million loan for Roads Transformation Project
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

**17.** The India UN Development Partnership Fund, managed by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, has pledged FJ\$1.8 million (USD 850,000) to support a new initiative to create a climate disaster risk financing framework for Fiji. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – pledged FJ\$1.8 million (USD 850,000) to support a new initiative in – Fiji
- Fiji – Suva – Fijian Dollar

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



### Key Points:

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

**19.** The Karnataka Cabinet has approved a Rs 600 Cr project - Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) - for the benefit of 20 taluks with low groundwater levels in Karnataka. While the World Bank will fund 70% of the project (Rs 420 Cr). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Karnataka approved – Rs 600 Cr “REWARD” project
- 70% of the project (Rs 420 Cr) – funded by World Bank
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**20.** 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

**21.** The USA has signed a framework agreement for Defence Cooperation with the Maldives to deepen engagement in support of maintaining peace and security in the strategic Indian Ocean. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- USA + Maldives = signed a framework agreement for Defence Cooperation
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih



# Ranks, Reports & Surveys

1. According to a new report, India's agriculture technology sector has the potential to grow manifold to \$24.1 billion in the next 5 years. With a turnover of \$204 million, India's agri-tech sector is at under 1% of its market potential. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- India's agriculture technology sector – to grow manifold to \$24.1 billion in the next 5 years

2. 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

3. According to the 'Levels & Trends in Child Mortality' Report 2020, the number of global under-5 deaths dropped to its lowest point on record in 2019 down to 5.2 million from 12.5 million in 1990. The number of under-5 deaths (child mortality rate) in India has dropped from 3.4 million in 1990 to 8.24 lakh in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- According to the 'Levels & Trends in Child Mortality' Report 2020
- Global Child Mortality rate – to 5.2 million in 2019 (from 12.5 million in 1990)
- India's Child Mortality rate – to 8.24 lakh in 2019 (from 3.4 million in 1990)

4. According to the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of "Global Innovation Index List-2020" released jointly by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Cornell University and INSEAD Business School, India has entered the group of top 50 countries in the Global Innovation Index for the first time, moving to the 48<sup>th</sup> rank and keeping the top position among the nations in central and southern Asia. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- "Global Innovation Index List-2020" – released by WIPO + Cornell University and INSEAD Business School
- India – 48<sup>th</sup> | Topped by – Switzerland
- WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) – Geneva, Switzerland



5. According to the data shared by National Crime Records Bureau, Delhi has recorded the highest number of deaths due to dangerous driving and overall road accidents in 2019 among all cities. Number of accidents in city, however, sees a decline of 7.2% as compared to 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- According to NCRB – Delhi recorded the highest number of deaths due to dangerous driving & road accidents
- HQs of NCRB – New Delhi | Director – Ram Phal Pawar

6. According to the latest rankings of global solar companies by Mercom Capital, Adani Group has become the world's largest Solar Power Generation Asset owner in terms of operating, under construction and awarded solar projects. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Adani Group – became the world's Largest Solar Power Generation Asset owner
- HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Karan Adani

7. According to the new analysis by the UN Women and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the COVID-19 pandemic will disproportionately affect women and push 47 million more women and girls into extreme poverty by 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- According to UNDP, COVID-19 will push 47 million more women and girls into extreme poverty – by 2021
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner

8. According to the ranks announced by the Department of Industrial Promotion and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Andhra Pradesh has retained the top spot in the "State Business Reform Action Plan 2019" rankings, while Uttar Pradesh and Telangana bagged the second and third positions respectively. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- State Business Reform Action Plan 2019 / Ease of Doing Business Rankings – released by DPIIT
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Andhra Pradesh | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Uttar Pradesh | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Telangana
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



**9.** According to the World Risk Index (WRI) 2020, India has ranked 89<sup>th</sup> 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 – 89<sup>th</sup> | Topped by – Vanuatu
- Vanuatu – Port Vila – Vatu

**10.** According to Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers D. V. Sadananda Gowda, India will be self-reliant in the production of fertilizers by 2023 as new fertilizer manufacturing units are being setup under 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat programme' with an investment of Rs 40,000 Cr in the country to reduce dependency on import. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India will be self-reliant in the production of fertilizers – by 2023
- Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers – D. V. Sadananda Gowda – Bangalore, Karnataka

**11.** According to Nitin Gadkari, India currently has the second largest road network in the world and the average rate of road construction has increased to 30 kilometres per day in 2018-19 while the peak being 40 kilometres in a single day. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest road network in the world
- The average rate of road construction – 30 km per day in 2018-19
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

**12.** 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



**13.** Amul, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), has become the first Indian dairy firm to make a place in the global top 20 list released by Rabobank, a Dutch multinational banking and financial services company. According to the list, Switzerland's Nestle topped the list with a turnover of \$22.1 billion. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Amul – became the first Indian dairy firm to enter into Rabobank's annual listing of "Top 20 Global Dairy-2020"
- HQs of AMUL – Anand, Gujarat | MD – Rupinder Singh Sodhi
- HQs of Rabobank – Utrecht, Netherlands | CEO – Wiebe Draijer

**14.** Barcelona's star forward Lionel Messi has topped as the "World's Highest-Earning Footballer in 2020" according to a Forbes report. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lionel Messi – topped the Forbes List of "World's Highest-Earning Footballer in 2020"

**15.** Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Bipin Rawat has stated that Defence Exports has witnessed a staggering 700% growth in last 3 years from Rs 1,521 Cr in 2016-17 to Rs 10,745 Cr in 2018-19, an all time high ranking of 19th in the list of defence exporters in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- From the year 2016-17 to 2018-19, India's Defence Export has grown to – 700% - to Rs 10,745 Cr in 2018-19
- CDS – General Bipin Rawat

**16.** Gujarat and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have emerged as the best performers among states and UTs in 'X-category' in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of 'States on Support to Startup Ecosystems 2019' released by DPIIT, followed by Karnataka and Kerala who were top performers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 'X- category' in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of 'States on Support to Startup Ecosystems 2019' – released by DPIIT
- 1<sup>st</sup> in State - Gujarat | 1<sup>st</sup> in UT – Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- DPIIT works under – Ministry of Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Piyush Goyal – Maharashtra)



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

**Key Points:**

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

**18.** In a first, "India Happiness Report-2020" has been released. As per the report, Mizoram has been ranked the happiest state, followed by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Punjab. The survey was conducted between March 2020 and July 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "India Happiness Report-2020": 1<sup>st</sup> – Mizoram | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Punjab

**19.** India has been ranked at the 116<sup>th</sup> position in the latest edition of the World Bank's annual "Human Capital Index-2020" that benchmarks key components of human capital across countries. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- World Bank's annual "Human Capital Index-2020": India – 116<sup>th</sup> | Topped by – Singapore
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

**20.** India has fallen 26 spots to the 105<sup>th</sup> position on the Global Economic Freedom Index 2020 from 79<sup>th</sup> spot in 2019. Hong Kong topped the Index with a score of 8.94. This annual reports is released by Canada's Fraser Institute. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Global Economic Freedom Index 2020" report – released by Canada's Fraser Institute
- India – 105<sup>th</sup> position | Topped by – Hong Kong

**21.** India having one of the most coronary heart disease deaths due to Trans fats. The World Health Organization (WHO) has set a target to achieve a world free of industrially produced trans fats by 2023.



According to a report of the WHO, around 5,00,000 deaths are caused per year due to coronary heart disease. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- WHO set a target to achieve a world free of industrially produced trans fats – by 2023
- 5,00,000 deaths / year – caused due to heart disease
- [WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#)

**22.** India is the second-fastest-growing freelance market in the world with a massive increase of 46% in the number of freelancers this year, according to a report on 'Freelancing in 2020: An Abundance of Opportunities' by Payoneer. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 'Freelancing in 2020: An Abundance of Opportunities' – by Payoneer
- India – 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest-growing freelance market in the world – with 46% increase

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

**Key Points:**

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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**25.** 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

**26.** 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)

**27.** Public Sector Bank (PSB) performance on EASE Index has improved by 37% over March 2019-20 from 49.2 to 67.4 out of 100. The steps have resulted in a 67% decrease in retail loan turnaround time from 30 days to 10 days. Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) reduced from Rs 8.96 lakh crore in March 2018 to Rs 6.78 lakh crore in March 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PSB performance on EASE Index – improved by 37% – to 67.4 (from 49.2)
- 67% decrease in retail loan turnaround time – to 10 days (from 30 days)
- Gross NPAs reduced – to Rs 6.78 lakh crore (from Rs 8.96 lakh crore)

**28.** 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

**29.** Reliance Industries (RIL) has become the first Indian company to surpass \$200 billion in market capitalisation (m-cap) as on September 10. With an m-cap of Rs 15.3 trillion (\$208 billion). Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is a distant second, with an m-cap of Rs 8.75 trillion, (\$119 billion). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Reliance Industries – the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian company to surpass \$200 billion ‘m-cap’ – with Rs 15.3 trillion (\$208 billion)



- TCS – 2<sup>nd</sup> top company with m-cap of Rs. 8.75 trillion
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

**30.** Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has entered top 40 of the world's most valuable firms league as it has become the first Indian company to cross USD 210 billion in market capitalisation intra-day. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Reliance Industries Ltd – entered top 40 of the world's most valuable firms league
- Reliance Industries Ltd – the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian company to cross USD 210 billion in market cap
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

**31.** Reliance Jio Board Directors Isha Ambani and Akash Ambani, Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla and Byju Raveendran, co-founder of Byju's are among the “emerging leaders” from across the world named by Fortune in its annual list of influential people under the age of 40. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- List of influential people under the age of 40 – released by Fortune
- Isha Ambani + Akash Ambani + Adar Poonawalla + Byju Raveendran = “emerging leaders”

**32.** Rome’s Fiumicino International Airport has received the 1<sup>st</sup> “COVID-19 5-Star Airport Rating” from Skytrax. Skytrax is an international airport industry rating body that releases annual rankings of the world's best airports. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Fiumicino International Airport (Italy) – received the 1<sup>st</sup> “COVID-19 5-Star Airport Rating” – from Skytrax (UK)
- Italy – Rome – Euro | UK – London – Pound Sterling

**33.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB) report titled as “A World in Disorder” was released recently on September 14, 2020. According to the report, the cost of COVID-19 is over US \$11 trillion to fund the response resulting in the future loss. The world might take 500 years in preparing for pandemics like COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Preparedness Monitoring Board report titled as “A World in Disorder” – released on September 14, 2020



- GPMB – a joint arm of the WHO & World Bank
- s per the report – the cost of COVID-19 – over US \$11 trillion

**34.** The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, has maintained its lead as the country's top institution among the 63 Indian institutions in the "World University Rankings 2021" released by the UK based Times Higher Education (THE). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IISc Bengaluru – topped "World University Rankings 2021" among the 63 Indian institutions
- The rankings released by – Times Higher Education ([located in – UK](#))

**35.** The Institute for Management Development (IMD) in collaboration with Singapore University for Technology and Design (SUTD) has released the "2020 Smart City Index". In the 2020 Smart City Index, Hyderabad was placed at the 85<sup>th</sup> position (down from 67 in 2019), New Delhi at 86<sup>th</sup> rank (down from 68 in 2019), Mumbai was at 93<sup>rd</sup> place (in 2019 it was at 78) and Bengaluru at 95<sup>th</sup> (79 in 2019). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "2020 Smart City Index" – released by IMD + Singapore University for Technology and Design
- Overall topped by – Singapore | Hyderabad – 85<sup>th</sup> , New Delhi – 86<sup>th</sup> , Mumbai – 93<sup>rd</sup>



**36.** The Union Health Ministry's telemedicine service platform "eSanjeevani" has completed 3 lakh tele-consultations till now. "eSanjeevani" has been implemented by 23 states so far and others are in the process of rolling it out. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Health Ministry's "eSanjeevani" platform – completed 3 lakh tele-consultations
- "eSanjeevani" has been implemented by – 23 states till now
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)

**37.** The Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has released 'The State of Young Child in India' report. The report has been prepared by Mobile Creches. Kerala, Goa, Tripura, Tamil Nadu and Mizoram are among the top 5 States for well-being of children. Out of the 159 million children aged below 6 years in India, 21% are undernourished, 36% are underweight and 38% do not receive full immunization. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- M Venkaiah Naidu released – 'The State of Young Child in India' report – prepared by 'Mobile Creches'



**38.** The world has missed out on significant opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, according to a report titled "Enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for Food Systems" released on September 1, 2020 and published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for Food Systems" report – released by UNEP
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen

**39.** World Wildlife Fund's Living Planet Report 2020 reveals 68% decline in wildlife population on average in less than 50 years from 1970-2016. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "World Wildlife Fund's Living Planet Report 2020" – 68% decline in wildlife population from 1970-2016
- HQs of WWF International – Gland, Switzerland | Director General – Marco Lambertini



# Acquisitions & Mergers

**1.** Adani Group has acquired a 74% stake in Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), a joint venture between the Airports Authority of India and GVK Industries. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Adani Group acquired – 74% stake in Mumbai International Airport Limited
- HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Karan Adani

**2.** 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

**3.** India Grid Trust (IndiGrid) has approved acquisition of Gurgaon Palwal Transmission Limited (GPTL) from transmission firm Sterlite Power at a value of Rs 10.8 billion. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- IndiGrid acquired GPTL – from Sterlite Power – at Rs 10.8 billion
- HQs of GTPL – New Delhi | MD – Pratik Agarwal
- HQs of IndiGrid – New Delhi | CEO – Harsh Shah

**4.** Infosys has acquired US-based product design firm Kaleidoscope Innovation for \$42 million (Rs 309 Crore) to expand its engineering service offerings in medical devices, consumer and industrial markets across America. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Infosys acquired – “Kaleidoscope Innovation” for \$42 million (Rs 309 Crore)
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Salil Parekh
- HQs of Kaleidoscope Innovation – USA



5. IT services major Infosys will acquire Czech Republic-based GuideVision for up to 30 million Euros (about Rs 260.4 crore). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Infosys – will acquire ‘GuideVision’ for up to 30 million Euros
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Salil Parekh
- HQs of GuideVision – Czech Republic | CEO – Nobert Nagy

6. 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

7. 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

8. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved incremental acquisition of 6.51% stake by SABIC International Holdings B.V. (SABIC BV) in ClariantAG under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CCI approved incremental acquisition of 6.51% stake – in ClariantAG under – by SABIC International Holdings
- Under – Section 31(1) of the Competition Act
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta



**9.** The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of 20% of the equity share capital of Piramal Pharma Limited (Pharma Co) by CA Clover Intermediate II Investments (Curie), an affiliated entity of CAP V Mauritius Limited (Carlyle Group). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CA Clover Intermediate II Investments (Carlyle Group) – to acquire 20% stake of – Piramal Pharma Ltd
- HQs of Carlyle Group – Washington, D.C., USA | Co-Chief Executive Officers – Kewsong Lee, Glenn Youngkin
- HQs of PPL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Peter DeYoung

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

**Key Points:**

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

**11.** 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

**12.** 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

**13.** US graphics chip maker Nvidia will buy UK chipmaker Arm from Softbank in \$40 billion deal in a move that would create a global industry powerhouse. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nvidia – to buy UK chipmaker Arm from Softbank – in \$40 billion deal
- HQs of Nvidia – California, USA | President and CEO – Jensen Huang
- HQs of Softbank – Tokyo, Japan | Founder & CEO – Masayoshi Son





# MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

1. A partnership agreement was signed by ISA with NTPC Ltd to help India's largest power generation utility secure solar projects in 47 least developed and small island developing ISA member countries. Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and ISA have also signed a partnership agreement for providing technical assistance in deploying 1 million solar irrigation pumps. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- ISA + NTPC = an agreement to help India's largest power generation utility
- ISA + GGGI = an agreement to provide technical assistance in deploying 1 million solar irrigation pumps
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Upendra Tripathy | Member Countries – 121
- HQs of GGGI – Seoul, South Korea | Director-General – Frank Rijsberman

2. A team of researchers from IIT Guwahati, in collaboration with scientists from the University of Pardubice, Czech Republic is developing Indigenous Algorithms that can protect the Nation's digital data from cyber-attacks by advanced computers. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- IIT Guwahati + University of Pardubice (Czech Republic) – to protect the Nation's digital data
- Czech Republic – Prague – koruna

3. An agreement was signed between Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) for setting up of National Institute of Tribal Research (NITR) at the IIPA campus, New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs + IIPA = signed an MoU to set up National Institute of Tribal Research (NITR)
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)
- IIPA located at – New Delhi

4. An MoU has been signed between the Government of Odisha and the National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) at Krushi Bhawan for the promotion and management of Farmer Producer Organisation. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Odisha + NCDC = signed an MoU for the promotion of Farmer Producer Organisation



- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- NCDC works under – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Narendra Singh Tomar – Morena, MP)
- HQs of NCDC – New Delhi | MD – Sundeep Kumar Nayak

**5.** 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

**6.** Andhra Pradesh government has signed MoUs with 8 domestic and global companies including the Netherlands government in the food processing sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh – signed total 8 MoUs with companies + Netherlands
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro

**7.** Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (APIIC) has inked an MoU with CSIR-IICT (Indian Institute of Chemical Technology) to set up a bulk drug pharma park in the state of with the Centre's support. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh + CSIR-IICT = to set up a bulk Drug Pharma Park
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

**8.** Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ASRLM) has signed an MoU with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB) to work in cohesion in support of Bank Linkage of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Producer Groups/Enterprises under ASRLM. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission + NESFB = to work in cohesion in support of Bank Linkage of SHGs
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

**9.** 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

**10.** Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SwissRapide AG to develop Maglev Train projects in India. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- BHEL + SwissRapide AG = an MoU to develop Maglev Train projects in India
- HQs of BHEL – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Nalin Shinghal
- HQs of SwissRapide AG – Zurich, Switzerland

**11.** 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”

**12.** Dell Technologies in association with NITI Aayog’s Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has launched ‘SheCodes Innovation Challenge’, aimed to encourage girls to create, tinker, sustain and innovate. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dell Technologies + AIM = launched ‘SheCodes Innovation Challenge’ to encourage girls



- HQs of Dell Technologies – Texas, USA | CEO – Michael S. Dell
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant)
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

**13.** Electricite de France (EDF), International Institute of Nuclear Energy (I2EN) and Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI) have signed an MoU to conduct a pre-feasibility test for the establishment of a Centre Of Excellence in the civil nuclear sector in Jaitapur district of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- EDF + I2EN + VJTI = an MoU to set up Centre Of Excellence in the civil nuclear sector in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- HQs of EDF – Paris, France | Chairman and CEO – Jean-Bernard Levy
- HQs of I2EN – Vienna, Austria | Director – Henri Safa

**14.** 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

**15.** Facebook owned messaging giant WhatsApp has partnered with Common Services Centers (CSC) for a WhatsApp chatbot for citizens to receive digital literacy services and resources with an aim to bridge the digital divide and spur rural entrepreneurship. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- WhatsApp + CSC = partnership for a digital literacy service chatbot
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, USA | CEO – Jan Koum

**16.** Federal Bank and Innoviti Payment Solutions have announced their partnership to provide convenient and affordable options of Federal Bank Debit Cards through Innoviti POS terminals. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Federal Bank + Innoviti Payment Solutions = partnership to provide Federal Bank Debit Cards
- HQs Federal Bank – Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan
- HQs of Innoviti Payment Solutions – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Rajeev Agrawal

**17.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**19.** 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

**20.** 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

**21.** 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”

**22.** IIT Roorkee has signed an MoU with Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar to generate frontier technologies and produce quality manpower in the field of agricultural research. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IIT Roorkee + Odisha = signed an MoU for cooperation in agricultural research and education
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**23.** 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

**24.** 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



**25.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**27.** 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

**28.** Liberty General Insurance Ltd. (Liberty), one of the leading general insurance companies in India, has partnered with SpiceJet to Offer Travel Insurance namely 'Liberty Secure Travel' Insurance Policy to consumers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Liberty General Ins. + SpiceJet = partnership to offer 'Liberty Secure Travel' Insurance Policy to consumers
- HQs of Liberty General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Roopam Asthana
- HQs of SpiceJet – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Ajay Singh

**29.** 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

**30.** 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

**31.** NASSCOM FutureSkills and Microsoft have joined hands to launch a nation-wide AI skilling initiative. The initiative aims to skill 1 million students in AI by 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NASSCOM FutureSkills + Microsoft = joined hands to launch a nation-wide AI skilling initiative
- Microsoft: HQs – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh
- Chairman – UB Pravin Rao | Vice-Chairman – Rekha M Menon

**32.** National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and LinkedIn have joined hands to provide access to free LinkedIn Learning resources for imparting digital skills to youth for enhancing employability. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NSDC + LinkedIn = partnership to impart free digital skills training
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Manish Kumar
- HQs of LinkedIn – California, USA | CEO – Ryan Roslansky

**33.** 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

**34.** NBCC Ltd (National Buildings Construction Corporation) has signed an MoU and received Rs 150 Crore project from Election Commission of India to design and construct an Office Building at Dwarka in the national capital. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NBCC Ltd + Election Commission of India = to build an Office Building in New Delhi (Rs 150 Cr project)
- HQs of NBCC – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Shri P K Gupta

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

**Key Points:**

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

**36.** Private sector general insurer ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd has entered into a bancassurance tie-up with Yes Bank for selling its insurance products. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ICICI Lombard General Insurance + Yes Bank = bancassurance tie-up
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”

**37.** Rajasthan's Department of Industries and SIDBI have signed an MoU to work together to provide financial, technical, marketing and export support to MSMEs in the state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Rajasthan + SIDBI = signed an MoU to develop MSME ecosystem
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | Chairman – Mohammad Mustafa

**38.** RBL Bank has partnered with Empays Payment Systems to launch cardless cash withdrawal facility from ATMs, leveraging the Instant Money Transfer (IMT) system. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBL Bank + Empays Payment Systems – to launch cardless cash withdrawal facility from ATMs
- HQs of RBL Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Vishwavir Ahuja
- HQs of Empays Payment Systems – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ravi Rajagopalan

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

**Key Points:**

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

**40.** SBI General Insurance Companies and Yes Bank have signed a Corporate Agency Agreement for the distribution of retail products of SBI General Insurance Company for its corporate and retail customers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI General Insurance + Yes Bank = signed a Corporate Agency Agreement
- HQs of SBI General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | MD&CEO – Prakash Chandra Kandpal
- Tagline – ‘Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono’
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”

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

**Key Points:**

- SBI Life Insurance + YES BANK = signed a Bancassurance agreement



- HQs of SBI Life – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Mahesh Kumar Sharma
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”

**42.** 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

**43.** State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) India and Mastercard have partnered to launch a ‘Unique Debit Card’ customized for the refined needs of high net worth customers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBM Bank + Mastercard = partnership to launch a ‘Unique Debit Card’
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga (From Jan 2021 - Michael Miebach)

**44.** STEPapp (Student Talent Enhancement Program Application) has partnered with Ministry of Tribal Affairs to implement its gamified learning app across all Tribal Schools in India in a landmark development. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- STEPapp + Ministry of Tribal Affairs = to implement its gamified learning app
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

**45.** 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



**46.** Tata Consultancy Services has partnered with Transnet Port Terminals in South Africa to create a new platform named 'Cargo Connect'. It will function as an online logistics marketplace where customers can submit logistics related requests and allow service providers to bid online. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- TCS + TPT = partnership to create a new platform named 'Cargo Connect'
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan
- HQs of TPT – Johannesburg, South Africa | CEO – Portia Derby

**47.** 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

**48.** The Andhra Pradesh government has tied-up with UiPath, a leading enterprise Robotic Process Automation (RPA) software company, for skill development colleges in the state. It will provide students with training in robotic process automation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh + UiPath = partnership for skill development colleges in the state
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

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

**Key Points:**

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



**50.** The Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur, and the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gurgaon, have signed an MoU, a 'strategic association', to bolster the solar energy sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CSIR-CMERI (Durgapur) + NISE (Haryana) = signed an MoU a 'strategic association'
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

**51.** The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) has signed a pact with the India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre (ISIC) to jointly identify and nurture frugal innovations and make quality healthcare affordable and accessible. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- C-CAMP + ISIC = signed a pact to jointly identify and nurture frugal innovations
- HQs of C-CAMP – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Dr. Taslimarif Saiyed

**52.** 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

**53.** The government has approved for signing a pact between India and Japan aimed at increasing India's exports of textile and apparel to the Japanese market and to boost co-operation in the textiles sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India + Japan = an MoU to increase India's Exports of Textile
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe

**54.** The government has proved an MoU between India and Finland for cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- India + Finland = an MoU for cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources
- Finland – Helsinki – Euro | PM – Sanna Marin

**55.** 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

**56.** The Industries and Commerce Department of the Telangana government and UK India Business Council have renewed their MoU to strengthen the state's industrial development. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Telangana + UKIBC = renewed their MoU to strengthen the state's industrial development
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of UKIBC – London, UK | CEO – Jayant Krishna

**57.** 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

**58.** The International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) and the India Gold Policy Centre (IGPC) at IIM-Ahmedabad, have signed an MoU at GIFT City in Gandhinagar to provide consultation for the establishment of the International Bullion Exchange (IBE) in India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IFSCA + IGPC at IIM-Ahmedabad = signed an MoU at GIFT City in Gandhinagar – to set up IBE in India
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas



- HQs of IGPC – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Chairperson – Prof Arvind Sahay

**59.** The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) has signed an MoU with IIT Roorkee for collaboration in areas of universal design principles and inclusive development in the backdrop of 'Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities' (BASIIIC) program. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NIUA + IIT Roorkee = collaboration for 'Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities' (BASIIIC) program
- HQs of NIUA – New Delhi | Director – Hitesh Vaidya

**60.** 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

**61.** The Rajasthan government has signed an MoU with Shri Vallabh Pittie (SVP) International Group for development of facilities related to aviation, defence and textile sectors. Investment of Rs 4,000 Cr is estimated under the projects. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajasthan + SVP International Group = signed an MoU (Investment of – Rs 4,000 Cr)
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**62.** The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed an MoU with Maharashtra government to develop the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) ecosystem in the state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SIDBI + Maharashtra = signed an MoU to develop MSME ecosystem in the state
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | Chairman – Mohammad Mustafa



- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

**63.** The State Bank of India (SBI) and Titan Company have partnered to launch contactless payment services through watches, called Titan Pay. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI + Titan = partnership to launch “Titan Pay” a Contactless Payment Services
- SBI Bank HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | SBI Bank Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- SBI Bank MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar
- HQs of Titan Company – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Saumen Bhaumik

**64.** 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

**65.** 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

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

**Key Points:**





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

**67.** To provide robust support to innovators and entrepreneurs in India, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, has partnered with Freshworks Inc., a customer-engagement software company. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- AIM + Freshworks Inc. = to provide robust support to innovators & entrepreneurs in India
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Ramanan Ramanathan)
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of Freshworks Inc – San Mateo, California, USA | CEO – Girish Mathrubootham

**68.** To pursue expanded opportunities in AI space, HCL Technologies has partnered with NVIDIA Partner Network (NPN). This will enhance their capabilities to build AI-led solutions for multiple HCL clients across industry verticals. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HCL Technologies + NVIDIA Partner Network = partnership to pursue expanded opportunities in AI space
- HQs of HCL Technologies – Noida, UP | CEO – C Vijayakumar | Chairperson – Roshni Nadar Malhotra

**69.** Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) has signed an MoU with UN World Food Programme for manufacture and supply of Take Home Ration (THR) through SHGs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UP SRLM + UN WFP = signed an MoU for manufacture and supply of Take Home Ration Scheme
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36

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



### Key Points:

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

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

### Key Points:

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

**72.** WhatsApp has announced a strategic partnership with CyberPeace Foundation with the aim to create awareness on cyber safety among students. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- WhatsApp + CyberPeace Foundation = partnership to create awareness on cyber safety among students
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, USA | CEO – Jan Koum
- HQs of CyberPeace Foundation – New Delhi | President – Capt. Vineet Kumar

**73.** Women’s incubator WE HUB has joined hands with NutriHub to promote virtual co-incubation for women-led startups in the agripreneurship space, especially millet processing. NutriHub is supported by the Department of Science & Technology (DST) and hosted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Indian Institute of Millet Research, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- WE HUB + NutriHub = to promote virtual co-incubation for women-led startups in the agripreneurship space
- NutriHub – supported by Dept of S & T | hosted by – ICAR-IIMR (Hyderabad)
- HQs of WE HUB – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Deepthi Ravula
- Location of NutriHub – Hyderabad, Telangana



- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan



# Books & Authors

1. "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'

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

## Key Points:

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

3. A book titled "The Commonwealth of Cricket: A Lifelong Love Affair with the Most Subtle and Sophisticated Game Known to Humankind" authored by Ramachandra Guha will be co-published by HarperCollins India and William Collins UK. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- "The Commonwealth of Cricket: A Lifelong Love Affair with the Most Subtle and Sophisticated Game Known to Humankind" book – authored by Ramachandra Guha

4. Actor Channing Tatum is set to release his first children's book titled "The One and Only Sparkella" and has dedicated it to his 7-year-old daughter Everly. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- "The One and Only Sparkella" book – written by 'Channing Tatum'

5. Arundhati Roy spoke about India's caste system and racial hierarchy in the USA at a virtual event held to discuss the release of her new book "Azadi: Freedom. Fascism, Fiction". [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- "Azadi: Freedom. Fascism, Fiction" book – Arundhati Roy



**6.** 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

**7.** Filmmaker Karan Johar has penned a children's book, titled “The Big Thoughts of Little Luv”, which is inspired from his own experiences as a parent. The book will be published by Juggernaut Books. [{Read more}](#)

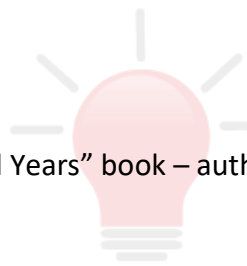
**Key Points:**

- “The Big Thoughts of Little Luv” book – authored by ‘Karan Johar’
- Published by – Juggernaut Books

**8.** Former President Pranab Mukherjee has written a book “The Presidential Years” that chronicles his journey as India's head of state in exhaustive detail. It would be released on his birth anniversary on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “The Presidential Years” book – authored by ‘Pranab Mukherjee’ (to be released on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020)



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**9.** Former U. S. President Barack Obama has announced the publication in November of the first half of his memoirs, "A Promised Land". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "A Promised Land" book – authored by Barack Obama

**10.** 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’

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

**Key Points:**



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

**12.** 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’

**13.** Prime Minister has addressed the inauguration of Patrika Gate in Jaipur via video conferencing. Gulab Kothariji has authored Samvad Upanishad and Akshar Yatra books. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gulab Kothariji authored – ‘Samvad Upanishad’ & ‘Akshar Yatra’ books

**14.** Radha Nair’s book titled ‘Breaking The Cocoon @ 40’ is a delightful collection of select events from her life. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Breaking The Cocoon @ 40” book – authored by ‘Radha Nair’

**15.** The book titled, "Let Us Dream" is set to be released in December 2020. It is a product of the numerous exchanges between Pope Francis and his biographer Austen Ivereigh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The book titled "Let Us Dream" – is set to be released by ‘Pope Francis’ in December 2020

**16.** The coffee-table book, tentatively titled "My Life In Design", written by Gauri Khan, will be released in 2021 under Penguin’s ‘Ebury Press’ imprint. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "My Life In Design" coffee-table book – written by Gauri Khan – will be released in 2021

**17.** The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) has launched a new publication, “The Little Book of Green Nudges”. It aims to inspire up to 200 million students around the globe to adopt environmentally friendly habits and greener lifestyles. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- “The Little Book of Green Nudges” – a new publication launched by UNEP
- [HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya](#) | [Executive Director – Inger Andersen](#)

**18.** Two books on Sheela Birnstiel, popularly known as Ma Anand Sheela or Sheela Ambalal Patel, are set to be published in a couple of months. One is "Nothing To Lose" written by Manbeena Sandhu & will be published by Harper Collins. In November, Penguin Random House will come out with Ma Anand Sheela's memoir titled, "My Story in My Own Words". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Nothing To Lose” biography of Sheela Birnstiel – written by Manbeena Sandhu – to be published by Harper Collins
- Ma Anand Sheela's memoir titled, “My Story in My Own Words” – to be published by Penguin Random House



# Obituaries

1. 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

2. Ashok Gasti, who became a member of the Rajya Sabha just 2 months ago in a surprise nomination by BJP, has passed away in Bengaluru. He was 55. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Ashok Gasti – a Politician (BJP) – passed away

3. 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

4. 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

5. British actress Dame Diana Rigg, who recently appeared in "Game of Thrones", has passed away. He was 82. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Dame Diana Rigg (UK) – British Actress – passed away





6. 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

7. Famous Tollywood actor Jaya Prakash Reddy has passed away due to a massive stroke. He was 73. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jaya Prakash Reddy (Andhra Pradesh) – Tollywood Actor – passed away

8. 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



9. 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

10. 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"



**11.** Former England all-rounder David Capel has passed away recently. He was 57 and diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- David Capel (UK) – a Cricketer – passed away
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson

**12.** Former India player Sadashiv Raoji Patil, who represented the country in one Test match, has passed away recently. He was 86. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sadashiv Raoji Patil – a Former Cricketer – passed away

**13.** Former Union minister and Bihar leader Raghuvansh Prasad Singh has passed away recently in September. He was 74. He had resigned from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) days ago. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Raghuvansh Prasad Singh – Politician – passed away (Former Union minister & Bihar leader)
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

**14.** Govind Swarup, the man who pioneered radio astronomy in India and regarded as the “Father of Indian Radio Astronomy” has passed away recently in September. He was 91. Swarup is credited with conceptualising and leading the team that set up the Ooty Radio Telescope (ORT) and Giant Meterwave Radio Telescope (GMRT). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Govind Swarup – Radio Astronomer (Father of Indian Radio Astronomy) – passed away

**15.** Influential Czech director Jiri Menzel has passed away recently. His 1966 movie “Closely Watched Trains” won the Academy Award for best foreign-language film. He was 82. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jiri Menzel (Czech Republic) – A Film Director – passed away
- Czech Republic – Prague – Koruna



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

**Key Points:**

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

**17.** Mali's former President Moussa Traore, who ruled the West Africa nation for more than 22 years, has passed away recently. He was 83. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Moussa Traore – former President of Mali – passed away
- [Mali – Bamako – CFA franc](#)

**18.** 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](#)

**19.** Oscar-winning Czech film Director 'Jiri Menzel' has passed away recently. He was 82. Menzel won the Academy Award for the best foreign-language film with "Closely Watched Trains", a World War II drama, in 1967. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jiri Menzel – Czech film Director – passed away (Oscar winner)
- [Czech Republic – Prague – Koruna](#)

**20.** P R Krishnakumar has passed away recently due to Covid-19. He was Chairman and Managing Director of the Arya Vaidya Pharmacy (AVP) Coimbatore Limited and had devoted his entire life to creating awareness on Ayurveda. He was 68. He was awarded with Padma Shri in 'Medicine'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- P R Krishnakumar – Indian physician – passed away (He was awarded Padma Shri in 'Medicine')



- He was Chairman and MD of – Arya Vaidya Pharmacy (AVP) Coimbatore Ltd

**21.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**23.** Scholar, author and connoisseur of the arts Kapila Vatsyayan has passed away recently. She was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2011 in Arts. She was 92. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kapila Vatsyayan – Scholar, Author & connoisseur – passed away (Padma Vibhushan – 2011 – in Arts)

**24.** Social activist & a former MLA from Haryana, Swami Agnivesh, who was critically ill and was hospitalised due to liver cirrhosis, has passed away recently in September. He was 80. He has founded Arya Sabha, a political party based on the principles of the Arya Samaj. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Swami Agnivesh – Social activist & Politician – passed away (former MLA from Haryana)

**25.** Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh) MP and YSRCP (Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party) leader 'Balli Durga Prasad Rao' has passed away recently. He was 64. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Balli Durga Prasad Rao – Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh) MP & YSRCP leader – passed away
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



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

**Key Points:**

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

**27.** Veteran Congress leader and former Chhattisgarh minister Chanesh Ram Rathiya has passed away recently due to COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Chanesh Ram Rathiya – a Politician – passed away (Party: Congress | From: Chhattisgarh)

**28.** Veteran filmmaker Johnny Bakshi has passed away recently. He was a film director, producer and actor. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Johnny Bakshi – Director, Producer & Actor – passed away

**29.** 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

**30.** Veteran playback singer Anuradha Paudwal’s son, music composer Aditya Paudwal has passed away recently. He was 35. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Aditya Paudwal – Music Composer – passed away



**31.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

- Purba Dam – Rabindra Sangeet exponent – passed away

**33.** Veteran Telugu stage and film actor Jayaprakash Reddy has passed away of heart attack. He was 74. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jayaprakash Reddy – Telugu Actor – passed away

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

**Key Points:**

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



# Persons in News

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

## Key Points:

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

2. Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched 22 bamboo clusters in 9 states. In a virtual event, Tomar also released the logo for National Bamboo Mission (NBM). The NBM logo was chosen through a contest. Sai Ram Goudi Edigi emerged winner of the contest who designed the logo for NBM. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar has launched 22 bamboo clusters in 9 states
- Sai Ram Goudi Edigi – designed the logo for NBM
- Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development – Narendra Singh Tomar (Morena, MP)

3. As the Nodal agency for the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), NITI Aayog has constituted a Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee (MPICC) chaired by Sanyukta Samaddar. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- NITI Aayog constituted – Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee
- Committee chaired by – Ms Sanyukta Samaddar
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

4. At the age of 93 and nearly 5 months, Pope Benedict XVI officially became the oldest pope in history. Benedict was the first pope to retire in 700 years citing his diminishing strength after eight years in office. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Pope Benedict XVI (Germany) – officially became the oldest pope in history
- Germany – Berlin – Euro



5. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has inaugurated the Delhi government's e-filing consumer complaint system, which aims to help Delhiites during the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Arvind Kejriwal – inaugurated the Delhi government's e-filing consumer complaint system
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

6. 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

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

**Key Points:**

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

8. 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

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

**Key Points:**





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

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

**Key Points:**

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

**11.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of fisheries sector in the country. PM Modi also inaugurated the “e-Gopala App”, a comprehensive breed improvement marketplace and information portal for direct use of farmers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi launched – “Matsya Sampada Yojana”
- Narendra Modi launched – “e-Gopala App”



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

**Key Points:**

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

**13.** The government has constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) under the chairmanship of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to oversee the process of corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government constituted ‘Empowered Group of Ministers’ – under the chairmanship of Rajnath Singh
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- HQs of OFB – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman – Hari Mohan



**14.** The government has set up an Expert committee headed by former Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) Rajiv Mehrishi to assess the impact of waiving interest and interest on interest on loans during the moratorium offered to Covid-hit borrowers that ended August 31. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government set up an Expert committee headed by – Rajiv Mehrishi – to assess the impact of waiving interest

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

**Key Points:**

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

**16.** The IRDAI has constituted a 6-member working group headed by Dinesh Pant to examine various aspects for allowing life insurance companies to offer index-linked products. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IRDAI constituted a 6-member working group – headed by Dinesh Pant
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash C. Khuntia

**17.** 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”



**18.** 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

**19.** The Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) has set up 3 committees that will submit detailed recommendations to the government to boost exports of food, chemicals, food processing and beverages. Laxman Singh Rathore was elected chairman of the sector specific committee on food and beverages. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- TPCI set up 3 committees – to boost exports of food, chemicals, food processing and beverages
- Chairman of the sector specific committee – Laxman Singh Rathore
- HQs of TPCI – New Delhi

**20.** Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has launched a dispute redressal mechanism namely "SAROD-Ports (Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes - Ports)" to facilitate affordable and timely resolution of disputes for the maritime sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mansukh Mandaviya – launched a dispute redressal mechanism namely “SAROD-Ports”
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Shipping – Mansukh L. Mandaviya

**21.** Union minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri has launched “Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0” which provides a roadmap for cities to inculcate a climate-sensitive approach to urban planning and development. He has also launched 'Streets for People Challenge'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Hardeep Singh Puri launched – “Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0”
- Hardeep Singh Puri launched – “Streets for People Challenge”
- MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri



**22.** Union Minister R K Singh has launched the Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) for Electricity, a move that will lead to an increase in the participants in the renewable energy sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- R K Singh – launched the Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) for Electricity
- GTAM – Green Term Ahead Market



# Science & Technology

1. 'SpiceJet' has launched a compact, portable, non-invasive ventilation device namely 'SpiceOxy'. A ventilator and an oximeter – both of these are essential for patients suffering from serious Corona Virus infected patients. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- SpiceJet launched – 'SpiceOxy' a compact, portable, non-invasive ventilation device
- HQs of SpiceJet – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Ajay Singh

2. 100 million light-years away from Earth, an unusual supernova known as "Supernova LSQ14fmg" is exploding. It was discovered by a 37-member international research team from Florida State University (FSU). The research was published in The Astrophysical Journal. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Research team from Florida State University – discovered "Supernova LSQ14fmg" 100 million light-years away
- The research was published in – The Astrophysical Journal

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

## Key Points:

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

4. A robotic submarine "Matsya 6" designed by students of the IIT Bombay, has won the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in presentation at the global RoboSub competition held in California in August. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- "Matsya 6" – a robotic submarine – designed by students of the IIT Bombay
- It has won the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in presentation at the Global RoboSub Competition

5. An international team of astronomers led by Jane S. Greaves of Cardiff University and University of Cambridge, U.K., has announced the discovery of traces of a molecule known as 'Phosphine' on Venus. It shows potential signs of extraterrestrial life on that planet. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Cardiff University (UK) & University of Cambridge (UK) – announced the discovery of ‘Phosphine’ on – Venus
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson

6. China has launched Reusable Experimental Spacecraft on board a Long March-2F carrier rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- China – launched Reusable Experimental Spacecraft – on a Long March-2F carrier rocket
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

7. China has successfully launched 9 satellites belong to the "Jilin-1 Gaofen 03-1 group" into orbit from ship. Each of the satellites was developed by Changguang Satellite Technology in Changchun and was launched by using "Long March 11-HY2". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- China – launched 9 satellites belong to the "Jilin-1 Gaofen 03-1 group" (by using – "Long March 11-HY2")
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

8. 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

9. Google has announced ‘Verified Calls’ feature for its Phone app. It will identify the caller, reason for calling. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Google – announced ‘Verified Calls’ feature for its Phone app
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai



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

**Key Points:**

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

**11.** Haryana has launched first of its kind educational whatsapp chatbot 'Apka Mitra' to resolve any admission related queries of the students. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Haryana launched – Educational whatsapp chatbot 'Apka Mitra'
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, USA | CEO – Jan Koum

**12.** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has indigenously developed Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) demonstrated high altitude capability in hot and high weather conditions in the Himalayas for about 10 days. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd – indigenously developed Light Utility Helicopter (LUH)
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt

**13.** 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



**14.** IIT Delhi incubated startup Chakr Innovation has launched 'Chakr DeCoV' to decontaminate N95 masks. Designed in the shape of a cabinet, Chakr DeCoV is built with an innovative decontamination mechanism. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IIT Delhi incubated startup Chakr Innovation launched – 'Chakr DeCoV'

**15.** In a significant development, researchers at the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Kozhikode have discovered 2 new species of cockroach wasps in the Western Ghats. These wasps species were discovered from Coonoor in Tamil Nadu and Peppara Wild Life Sanctuary in Kerala. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ZSI (Kozhikode) – discovered 2 new species of cockroach wasps in the Western Ghats
- Peppara Wild Life Sanctuary – in Kerala

**16.** In Madhya Pradesh, a Research lab of DRDO at a cost of Rs 2000 Cr will be opened in Kailaras-Jaura region of Morena district. 350 hectares of land has been acquired for the research lab of DRDO in Kailaras. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Research lab of DRDO – to be opened in 'Kailaras-Jaura' at Morena, Madhya Pradesh (Cost: Rs 2000 Cr)
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

**17.** In September 3, SpaceX launched its 12<sup>th</sup> Starlink mission successfully. The mission added 60 more satellites into Earth's lower orbit. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SpaceX – launched its 12<sup>th</sup> Starlink mission
- The mission added 60 more satellites into Earth's lower orbit
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk

**18.** 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

**19.** 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

**20.** Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati in collaboration with Workspace Metal Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Udaipur, has developed a first-of-its-kind Self-Check Kiosk. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IIT Guwahati + Workspace Metal Solutions = developed Self-Check Kiosk
- HQs of Workspace Metal Solutions Pvt. Ltd – Udaipur, Rajasthan

**21.** LazyPay, India's most popular Pay Later offering by PayU Finance, has launched a first of its kind digital credit card called “LazyUPI” that combines the power of UPI and the Buy-Now-Pay-Later concept. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- LazyPay (PayU) – launched a first of its kind digital credit card called “LazyUPI”
- HQs of PayU – Netherlands | CEO – Laurent le Moal

**22.** Mastercard has launched Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) Testing Platform, enabling central banks to assess and explore national digital currencies. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mastercard launched – Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) Testing Platform
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga (From Jan 2021 - Michael Miebach)

**23.** Northrop Grumman has named its NG-14 Cygnus spacecraft as ‘S. S. Kalpana Chawla’ after Dr Kalpana Chawla, an astronaut of Indian descent. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Northrop Grumman named – NG-14 Cygnus spacecraft as ‘S. S. Kalpana Chawla’
- HQs of Northrop Grumman – Falls Church, Virginia, USA | CEO – Kathy Warden

**24.** Razorpay has launched a collateral free line of credit called ‘Cash Advance’. In a bid to rescue MSMEs and improve their cash flows. MSMEs can borrow working capital with a credit limit of Rs 50,000 to Rs 10 lakh within 10 seconds through Razorpay. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Razorpay – launched a collateral free line of credit called ‘Cash Advance’
- MSMEs can borrow working capital with a credit limit of Rs 50,000 to Rs 10 lakh within 10 seconds
- HQs of Razorpay – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Harshil Mathur

**25.** 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)

**26.** Researchers from Kerala and West Bengal have identified a new species of freshwater fish namely "Systemus gracilus" from the Ganga in West Bengal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Systemus gracilus" – a species of Fish – discovered in West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

**27.** Scientists at the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI), Palode, have identified a new and rare species of climber of the genus Pothos (family Araceae) from the Western Ghats in Idukki district in Kerala. The species has been christened “Pothos boyceanus” after Peter C. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- JNTBGRI discovered – rare species of climber of the genus Pothos “Pothos boyceanus” – in Idukki, Kerala
- Pothos boyceanus named after – Peter C
- HQs of JNTBGRI – Palode, Kerala | Director – Dr R Prakashkumar
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**28.** 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"

**29.** Scientists from Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology(WIHG) India have developed a neural-based (machine learning-based) practical approach for automatic interpretation of 3D seismic data. This first of its kind approach has been developed by computing a new attribute called meta-attribute. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- WIHG – developed a neural-based practical approach for automatic interpretation of 3D seismic data
- HQs of WIHG – Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Chairman – Prof. Ashok Sahni

**30.** 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

**31.** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight tested a Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV), which is an unmanned scramjet vehicle with the ability to travel at 6 times the speed of sound. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DRDO/India – flight tested a Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV)
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy



**32.** 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”

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

**Key Points:**

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

**34.** 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

**35.** The most massive ‘Impossible’ black hole collision has been discovered by the LIGO and VIRGO Scientific Collaboration also known as LVC (LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration). The research was published in Astrophysical Journal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The most massive ‘Impossible’ black hole collision – discovered by the LIGO & VIRGO Scientific Collaboration
- The research was published in – Astrophysical Journal



**36.** The Nagaland government has launched a tele-medicine platform “Naga Telehealth” to enable people have access to qualified doctors for consultation. The state government has developed this platform in partnership with US Agency for International Development (USAID). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nagaland launched – a tele-medicine platform “Naga Telehealth”
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi
- HQs of USAID – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Mark Green

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

**Key Points:**

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

**38.** The Union Minister of Education Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has launched ‘EnglishPro’, a free mobile app developed by the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ launched – ‘EnglishPro’ a free mobile app – developed by EFLU (Hyderabad)
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

**39.** Two alumni of IIT-BHU Ravi Teja and Mayur Dhurpate have developed “iMumz app”, which was declared the India’s second best app in health category in the prestigious ‘AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “iMumz app” – declared the India’s second best app in health category
- Developed by – Two alumni of IIT-BHU “Ravi Teja & Mayur Dhurpate”

**40.** Two final year B.Tech students, Rohit Kumar Chaudhary and Kavin Agrawal, pursuing Civil Engineering at IIT Bombay, launched AIR Scanner, a free-of-cost document-scanning mobile application. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Two students of IIT Bombay – launched “AIR Scanner” a free-of-cost document-scanning mobile application



**41.** Using data from NASA missions, an international team of astronomers has found the 1<sup>st</sup> intact planet called “WD 1856 b” orbiting a white dwarf. It is 40% larger than Earth or Jupiter-size object and about 80 light-years away in the northern constellation Draco. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> intact planet called “WD 1856 b” – orbiting a ‘white dwarf’ is found recently
- 40% larger than Earth | 80 light-years away in the northern constellation Draco

**42.** Zvezda, a research and development enterprise, has started manufacturing space suits for Indian astronauts, who are likely to be part of the Gaganyaan mission. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Zvezda – started manufacturing Space Suits for Indian astronauts
- HQs of Zvezda – Lobnya, Russia | Founder – Konstantin Krivenko



# Ordinance, Bills and Acts

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

## **Key Points:**

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

**2.** Lok Sabha has passed a bill to reduce the salaries of MPs by 30% for one year to meet the exigencies arising out of Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Lok Sabha passed a bill to reduce the salaries of MPs – by 30% for 1 year
- Speaker of Lok Sabha – Om Prakash Birla

**3.** Odisha government has approved the promulgation of "The Odisha Universities (Amendment) Ordinance 2020" to amend the Odisha Universities Act 1989. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Odisha – will amend the Odisha Universities Act 1989
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**4.** 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



5. 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 languages used for all or any official purpose in J&K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

6. The Assam Assembly has passed a bill to protect, preserve and restore tangible heritage which are currently not covered under any national or state law. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Assam Assembly – passed a bill to protect, preserve and restore tangible heritage
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

7. 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

8. The National Green Tribunal has passed an order directing the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to lay down guidelines for disposal of cigarette and bidi butts within the next 3 months. A study conducted by the Lucknow based CSIR - Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR) has approved the CPCB report. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NGT passed an order for CPCB to lay down guidelines for disposal of cigarette & bidi butts within next 3 months
- Location of CSIR-IITR – Lucknow, UP
- HQs of CPCB – New Delhi | Chairman – Shri Shiv Das Meena

9. The Union cabinet has approved amendments to 3 labour codes on social security, industrial relations, and occupational safety and health (OSH). [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- Union cabinet approved amendments to – 3 Labour Codes

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

**Key Points:**

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

**11.** Union cabinet has approved a hike in the cap of foreign direct investment through automatic approval in the defence sector from 49% to 74%. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Union cabinet approved a hike in the FDI limit in Defence sector to 74% (from 49%)

**12.** Union Cabinet has approved the “Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill-2020” in which 5 languages Urdu, Kashmiri, Dogri, Hindi and English will be official languages. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Union Cabinet approved “Jammu & Kashmir Official Languages Bill-2020”
- 5 languages – Urdu, Kashmiri, Dogri, Hindi & English
- J &K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



# Current GK

1. After a 5 month Covid pandemic hiatus, the historic “Golconda Fort” was thrown open on September 1, by Archeological Survey of India (ASI) with new norms including online ticketing. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- “Golconda Fort” – located in Hyderabad, Telangana – made open on September 1 – by ASI
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of ASI – New Delhi | Director General – V. Vidyavathi

2. “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

3. “Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve” is the largest of its kind in the area and the Forest Department has been following the scientific methods to conserve tigers. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- “Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve” – Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

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

## Key Points:

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



5. 'River Gomati' is the largest and longest river of Tripura with cumulative length of 180 km. 'Dumbur dam' is built on it in 1974 as part of the Gumti Hydro-Electric Power Project. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 'Dumbur dam' – built on 'River Gomati' – located in Tripura
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

6. 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

7. 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

8. A rare Albino Sambar deer has been spotted in the "Kuno-Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary" in Madhya Pradesh. As per reports, a solo Albino Sambar deer was spotted in "Navegaon National Park" in Gondia in Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- A rare Albino Sambar deer – spotted in the "Kuno-Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary" – in Madhya Pradesh
- A solo Albino Sambar deer – spotted in "Navegaon National Park" – in Maharashtra

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

**Key Points:**

- Sajjangerh wildlife sanctuary – located in Udaipur, Rajasthan



- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**10.** A study by the scientists at the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG) has found that 15% of Mussoorie Hill Station in Uttarakhand and its surrounding area is highly susceptible to landslides. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- According to WIHG – 15% of Mussoorie hill station is highly susceptible to landslides
- Mussoorie Hill Station – Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

**11.** Airport Authority of India's Cargo and Logistic Allied Services (AAI-CLAS), a cargo business handling wing of AAI, has rolled out Domestic Air Cargo Operation from 'Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 'Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport' – Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**12.** Ambassador of Poland to India has shared pictures of Qutub Minar illuminated in red and white lights to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the solidarity movement of Poland. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Qutub Minar (New Delhi) – was illuminated in red and white lights to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of – Poland
- Poland – Warsaw – Polish Zloty | President – Andrzej Sebastian Duda

**13.** 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

**14.** Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has announced that a 600-acre land parcel in the Aarey Milk Colony near "Sanjay Gandhi National Park" (SGNP) would be reserved as a forest. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- 600-acre land parcel in the Aarey Milk Colony of Maharashtra – reserved a Forest
- “Sanjay Gandhi National Park” – Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

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

**Key Points:**

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

**16.** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has held a fruitful interaction with his Kyrgyz counterpart Chingiz Aidarbekov here on the sidelines of the SCO meeting during which they agreed to further enhance their strategic partnership in all spheres. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- S Jaishankar – held an interaction with his Kyrgyz counterpart ‘Chingiz Aidarbekov’ – during SCO Meeting
- Minister of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Kyrgyzstan – Bishkek – Som

**17.** Fishermen in Wular Lake have fished out a body of a 30-year-old man namely Sarwar Ganaie in north Kashmir’s Bandipora district. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Wular Lake – Jammu & Kashmir
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**18.** Glaciers in Rishikesh catchment area of world heritage site ‘Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve’ are depleting fast due to climate change, with a reduction of almost 10% in almost four decades. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve – Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya



**19.** HCL Company is extending support to India's largest zoo - the Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai - as well as the Madras Crocodile Bank, to help them overcome the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Arignar Anna Zoological Park – Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

**20.** In a departure from the past, the annual migration of butterflies from the hill ranges of the Eastern Ghats towards the Western Ghats is an early phenomenon this year. This year, the first migratory sighting was recorded in the Parambikulam Tiger Reserve in Palakkad district. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Parambikulam Tiger Reserve – Palakkad, Kerala
- Kerala: CM – Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**21.** In Tamil Nadu, a massive afforestation exercise is going on in the popular “Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary” in Ariyalur district, near Trichy. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary” – Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

**22.** 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



**23.** International flight operations from the Kushinagar airport will commence in October. At present, 2 international airports Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport at Lucknow and Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport at Varanasi are operational in the state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kushinagar Airport + Chaudhary Charan Singh Int. Airport + Lal Bahadur Shastri Int. Airport – Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**24.** Karnataka, Uttrakhand and Tripura will celebrate Mahalaya Amavasya during September while Sikkim will observe Pang-Lhabsol. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Karnataka, Uttrakhand & Tripura – will celebrate “Mahalaya Amavasya”
- Sikkim – to observe “Pang-Lhabsol”

**25.** Madhya Pradesh cops have recently arrested Bastar Maoist near ‘Kanha National Park’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Kanha National Park” – Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**26.** NIA (National Investigation Agency) has arrested a Mundra port employee in Gujarat's West Kutch district in connection with a case originally filed Uttar Pradesh concerning Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NIA arrested – a Mundra port employee working as payment conduit for ISI
- Mundra port – located in Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**27.** Okhla Bird Sanctuary is now set to open after being closed for 5 months due to the coronavirus-induced lockdown. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Okhla Bird Sanctuary” – Uttar Pradesh



- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**28.** Preliminary figures from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, based on satellite images, indicate that nearly 5,800 square miles (1.5 million hectares) have burned in the Pantanal region since the start of August. The ‘Pantanal region’ is the largest tropical wetland in the world, located mostly within Brazil. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ‘Pantanal region’ – located in Brazil
- Brazil – Brasilia – Brazilian real | President – Jair Bolsonaro

**29.** Saran MP Rajiv Pratap Rudy has proposed in Lok Sabha that “Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary” should either be developed as a National Park or as the second tiger reserve in Bihar. Tiger count has increased from 2,000 to 3,000 in the country, including 41 in Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary + Valmiki Tiger Reserve/National Park = located in Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

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

**Key Points:**

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

**31.** The archaeological site and remains at Sadikpur Sinauli in Uttar Pradesh’s Baghpat district where evidence of the existence of a warrior class around 2,000 BCE was discovered in 2018 have been declared to be of “National Importance” by the Archaeological Survey of India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sadikpur Sinauli (Uttar Pradesh) – declared to be of “National Importance” by – Archaeological Survey of India
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- HQs of ASI – New Delhi | Director General – V. Vidyavathi





**32.** The Big Butterfly Count, a first-of-its-kind event to record the winged species and their population had begun. Butterflies could be spotted in Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary and Aravalli Biodiversity Park. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary – New Delhi
- Aravalli Biodiversity Park – Haryana
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

**33.** The BJP has announced the name of the Srinagar airport silently and nobody even knows about it because it was Sheikh-ul-Alam International Airport. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Sheikh-ul-Alam International Airport” – located in Srinagar, J & K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**34.** The construction work at the Deoghar airport in Jharkhand is being developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in collaboration with the Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and state government at an investment of Rs 400 Crore. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Deoghar Airport – in Jharkhand – developed by AAI + DRDO
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Arvind Singh
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

**35.** 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



**36.** The gates of Jayakwadi Dam in Paithan district of Maharashtra were opened following heavy rainfall in the catchment area. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jayakwadi Dam – over Godavari river – in Paithan, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**37.** The High Court has asked religious trust, Vishnupad Temple management in Gaya, Bihar to settle dispute. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vishnupad Temple management – in Gaya, Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

**38.** The Home Ministry has approved registration of Golden temple in Amritsar (also known as Sri Harmandir Sahib) under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Golden Temple (Sri Harmandir Sahib) – registered under “Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010”
- Golden Temple located in – Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

**39.** 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

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

**Key Points:**

- Kandla Port Trust – located in Gujarat



- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**41.** The Wild with Bear Grylls episode featuring Akshay Kumar was recently shot in ‘Bandipur National Park’ and Tiger Reserve. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ‘Bandipur National Park/Tiger Reserve’ – Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**42.** 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

**43.** To conduct a feasibility study for a proposed Hyperloop corridor from Bengaluru Airport, a first-of-its-kind MoU has been signed between the Virgin Hyperloop and Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), operator of Kempegowda International Airport. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Kempegowda International Airport” – Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**44.** Toxic effluents discharged into lakes near Peenya Industrial Area has left the “Nelagadarannahalli Lake” contaminated with high-levels of non-biodegradable chemicals, as well as heavy metals. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Nelagadarannahalli Lake” – Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**45.** Union government has approved long-pending demand of renaming the Hubballi Railway Station after Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**



- Hubballi Railway Station – renamed as ‘Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji railway station’ – located in Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**46.** 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 – Tamilisai Soundararajan

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

**Key Points:**

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

**48.** With the Kolleru lake reaching its brim at Atapaka Bird Sanctuary, communication to some island villages has been cut off and residents are crossing the lake through boats. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Atapaka Bird Sanctuary & Kolleru lake – located in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan





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