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NATIONAL NEWS:

PM inaugurates country's biggest cardiac hospital in Ahmedabad and world's longest temple ropeway at Junagadh in Girnar:

Prime Minister Modi e-dedicated country's biggest **cardiac hospital** at **U.N. Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Center** and launched a Mobile Application for tele-cardiology at **Civil Hospital campus in Ahmedabad.**

Indian Navy operationalises first batch of 3 women pilots on Dornier Aircraft at Kochi:

Indian Navy operationalized its **1st batch of women pilots** on Dornier Aircraft by **SNC. Lt. Divya Sharma, Lt. Shubhangi Swaroop & Lt. Shivangi** are the **three women pilots** of the first batch. They graduated as Fully operational Maritime Reconnaissance Pilots.

PM Modi to inaugurate National Conference on Vigilance and Anti-Corruption:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the National Conference on **Vigilance and Anti-Corruption** on the theme "**Vigilant India**". **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** organises the National Conference coinciding with '**Vigilance Awareness Week**', which is observed in India every year from **October 27 to November 2.**

World Bank sanctions Rs 3 crore to set up India's first Sand Dune Park in Goa:

World Bank accepted the proposal of the **Biodiversity Board** of the state and has sanctioned a sum of **Rs 3 crore for Goa** to develop **India's first sand dune parks.** Sand Dune Parks will create awareness among locals and tourists on the importance of preserving the sand dune through **thematic and interpretation centres.**

MoS Muraleedharan Inaugurates Philately Exhibition on 'India and The UN: A Postal History':

On the occasion of the **75th United Nations Day**, Minister of State for External Affairs **V Muraleedharan** inaugurated a philately exhibition on India and the **UN: A Postal History.** Government released a commemorative postage stamp on the 75th anniversary of the UN.

PM Modi Launches 'Kisan Suryoday Yojana' for Farmers in Gujarat:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** recently inaugurated **3 key projects** in **Gujarat** through video conferencing. The key project that was launched was the '**Kisan Suryoday Yojana**', which has been established with the aim of providing **(5 am to 9 pm) 16 hours** of power supply to farmers in the state every day.

Uttar Pradesh tops in loan disbursal to street vendors under PM Svanidhi Scheme:

Uttar Pradesh is ranked first among the states under **PM SAV Nidhi scheme** by disbursing loans among **2,26,728 beneficiaries.** **7 cities** on the state were ranked in top 10 with **Varanasi** on top

followed by **Lucknow**. The scheme was launched for street vendors on **June 1, 2020**. A loan of **Rs.10,000** is given at subsidised rate of interest.

Mos Rattan Lal Kataria Launches Mobile App for Geo Tagging of Components of Projects under PMKSY-AIBP:

Union Minister of State for **Jal Shakti and Social Justice & Empowerment Rattan Lal Kataria** launched a **Mobile application** for Geo tagging of the components of projects under **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP)** of the Department of **WR, RD& GR** under **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.

Arunachal Pradesh builds a war memorial at Bum La, Arunachal Pradesh: **Arunachal Pradesh** has built a **War Memorial at Bum La** in **Arunachal Pradesh**. The memorial is a tribute to **Joginder Singh** of 1st Battalion, Sikh Regiment, who received the Highest Gallantry Award '**Param vir Chakra**' during **1962 Sino-India war**.

PM Narendra Modi Virtually Inaugurates 4th edition of India Energy Forum:

PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **4th India Energy Forum** by **CERAWeek** organised by **HIS Markit**. Indian carriers to increase their fleet size to **1200 by 2024**. The theme of this edition is "**India's Energy Future in a World of Change**".

Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda launches Two Centres of Excellence for Tribal Welfare:

Union Minister of **Tribal Affairs, Mr Shri Arjun Munda** will launch **two Centers of Excellence** for Tribal Welfare in collaboration between Ministry of Tribal Affairs and **Art of Living (AoL)**.

The first initiative '**Strengthening PRIs (Panchayati Raj Institutions)**' will be launched in **5 districts** covering 30 Gram Panchayats and **150 villages of Jharkhand**. **PPL tournament to be played in Indore in Madhya Pradesh to free city from single use plastic:**

A unique **Plastic Premier League (PPL)** tournament is being played in **Indore** to free the city from **single use plastic**. **19 zones of Indore** are divided into 4 teams. Team that collects the most single-use plastics in this **45-day competition** to be awarded the Trophy. **Indore** has been adjudged cleanest city for **4 consecutive times**.

Punjab CM launches phase 2 of Urban Environment Improvement Programme:

Punjab Chief Minister **Amarinder Singh** virtually launched the phase-II of **Rs 11,000 crore** Urban Environment Improvement Programme (**UEIP**), from **Bachat Bhawan, Ludhiana** in **Punjab**.

Government Sets Up High-level Committee Headed by PM Modi to Commemorate 400th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur:

Centre set up a high-level committee headed by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** to commemorate the **400th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur**. Union Home

Secretary **Ajay Kumar Bhalla** to be member secretary.

Uttar Pradesh Government to establish anti-human trafficking Police Stations in every district to check trafficking of women and children:

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** has said that all the districts of the state will now have anti-human trafficking police stations to check the trafficking of women and children.

Vice President launches the virtual festival of 'Parampara Series 2020-National Festival of Music & Dance':

Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** said that music and dance can provide relief from the anxiety caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Launching the virtual festival of 'Parampara Series 2020-National Festival of Music and Dance' organised by **Natya Tarangini** in partnership with the United Nations.

Union Minister Arjun Munda Launches Two Centers of Excellence for Tribal Welfare in Partnership with Art of Living:

Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, **Shri Arjun Munda** launched **two Centers of Excellence (CoE)** for Tribal Welfare in a collaboration between Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and **Art of Living (AoL)** through video conference. The first CoE has been launched in **Aurangabad district of Maharashtra** for training about **10000 tribal farmers**.

LG Mathur flags off Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge rally in Ladakh:

Lt. Governor of Ladakh, **RK Mathur** flagged off the **first Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge** rally at an altitude of **17,000 feet** from the **Nawang Dorje Stobdan Stadium**. Cyclists peddle a total of **263 km** in the event. Later, they have to climb **world's 3rd highest Taglang La** and the highest motorable road **Khardung La**.

Government notifies new rules that allow any Indian citizen to buy land in Jammu & Kashmir:

Union Home Ministry notified that **Real Estate Act, 2016** in J&K have been repealed. The centre omitted the phrase "**Permanent Resident of the State**" from Section 17 of the Jammu and Kashmir Development Act, which deals with disposal of the land in the UT. **Article 35A** prohibited non J&K citizens from buying land in J&K.

Union Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates 'Direct Port Entry Facility' at V.O. Chidambaranar port:

Union Minister of State for Shipping (I/C) **Mansukh Mandaviya** inaugurated the '**Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility**' of **V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust** by unveiling the e-plaque. It is aimed to reduce logistics cost & increase the velocity of cargo transportation. The port signed MoU with CWC to operate the facility for 30 years.

Kerala becomes first state in the country to fix MSP for vegetables:

Kerala has become the **first state** in the country to set floor prices of **16 varieties** of vegetables, Kerala **CM Pinarayi Vijayan** said that The scheme would come into effect from

November 01, 2020. The MSP will be **20%** above the production cost of the vegetable.

NITI Aayog, Rockefeller Foundation & Smart Power India Launch Electricity Access & Utility Benchmarking Report:

NITI Aayog, Ministry of Power, Rockefeller Foundation and Smart Power India launched the '**Electricity Access in India and Benchmarking Distribution Utilities**' report.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches Two web portals for student scholarships and inter-caste marriage incentives:

Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched a dedicated portal to enable meritorious students to apply and **avail scholarships** within a specified time frame. The new portal '**Sumangal**' to facilitate inter-caste marriage in Odisha.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman participates in 10th India-UK Economic & Financial Dialogue on Global Responses to coronavirus:

Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** participated in the **10th India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue on Global Responses to coronavirus** through Video Conferencing in **New Delhi**.

Punjab governor launches Mobile App for monitoring of wildlife rescue reporting and release of the wildlife through online system:

V.P. Singh Badnore, Governor of **Punjab** & the Administrator, UT **Chandigarh** has launched the **Mobile Based Application (App)** for monitoring of **wildlife rescue**,

reporting and release of the wildlife through the online system, in Punjab **Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh**. This Mobile App works on all Android supporting smartphones. **Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** virtually inaugurates **DST IEST Solar PV Hub at IEST, Shibpur, West Bengal:**

Union Minister of Education **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** inaugurated the **DST-IEST Solar PV Hub** at **IIEST, Shibpur, West Bengal**. the first of its kind in India under the Protection of **Center of Excellence** for **Green Energy** and **Sensor Systems at Shibpur**, has been set up through a generous research and development grant from the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)**, Government of India.

PM Modi inaugurates 4th India Energy Forum by CERAWEEK:

Prime Minister of India **Shri Narendra Modi** virtually inaugurates the 4th India Energy Forum by **CERAWEEK** and delivered the inaugural address. The event was held from **October 26-28, 2020**. The event was organised by **NITI Aayog** and the Ministry of **Petroleum & Natural Gas**. The theme was "**India's Energy Future in a world of Change**".

Arunachal Pradesh Government sign MoU with SAI for Development of Sports Infrastructure at NCoE:

Sports Department, Government of **Arunachal Pradesh and Sports Authority of India (SAI)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) virtually for

development of Infrastructure at the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) in **Itanagar**. NCoE has facilities for **Wushu, Weightlifting and Boxing**.

Government Extends 'Vivad se Vishwas' scheme Deadline till 31 March 2021:

Government has further extended the deadline for making payment under the direct tax dispute settlement scheme '**Vivad Se Vishwas**' by three months till **March 31, 2021**, in order to provide further relief to the taxpayers. This is the third time that the deadline is being extended by the **Ministry of Finance**.

NITI Aayog Releases 'Electricity Access in India and Benchmarking Distribution Utilities' report:

The '**Electricity Access in India and Benchmarking Distribution Utilities**' report was launched. The report has jointly been prepared by the **NITI Aayog, Ministry of Power, Rockefeller Foundation** and **Smart Power India**.

The benefits of government-led schemes such as **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana** and **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana**.

Indian Railways launches 'Operation Meri Saheli' for security of women while travelling:

Indian Railways has launched "**Meri Saheli**" initiative for focused action on security of women across all zones. It is launched with an objective to provide **safety and security** to **lady passengers** travelling

by trains for their entire journey from starting station to destination station.

Telangana CM launches revamped Dharani portal to end corruption during land registration:

Telangana Chief Minister, **K Chandrasekhar Rao** launched '**Dharani**' Portal for Land & Property Registrations at **Mudu Chintalapalli** village of **Medchal-Malkajgiri** district, **Telangana**. The portal is a one-of-its-kind integrated Land Record Management System. It has been developed by **Telangana State Technology Services (TSTS)**.

CCEA approves to Rs 10,211-crore dam rehabilitation project:

Union Cabinet chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** approved the Phase II and Phase III of the **Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)** which aims to strengthen **736 dams** in **19 states**, including those managed by Centre's **Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB)**.

Dr Harsh Vardhan launches DST initiative SERB – POWER for women scientists:

Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare **Dr Harsh Vardhan** launched a Scheme titled '**SERB-POWER**' (Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research), designed exclusively for **women scientists**.

Feni Bridge Connecting India-Bangladesh Will Be Completed by Dec 2020:

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** said that the

construction of the **1.8km-long Feni bridge** which connects India and Bangladesh will be completed by **December 2020**.

Punjab Inks Mou with Game to Support Msmes in Partnership with Omidyar Network India:

Punjab Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The **Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME)** for a 2-year project on transforming the ease of doing business **MSMES** (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) in Punjab. The agreement is supported by **Omidyar Network India (ONI)** under its **ReSolve Initiative**.

Walmart Vriddhi Starts Digitally Enhanced Learning Process to Train MSMEs:

Walmart Vriddhi Program was launched by Walmart Inc. in December 2019 with the aim to empower **50,000** Indian MSMEs to "**Make in India**" for domestic and global supply chains.

PM Modi inaugurates 'Arogya Van' near Statue of Unity in Gujarat's Narmada district:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, who is on a two-day visit to **Gujarat**, inaugurated four new tourist attractions near the **Statue of Unity** at **Kevadiya** in **Narmada district**.

President promulgates Ordinance to tackle air pollution in Delhi-NCR:

President, **Ram Nath Kovind** promulgates ordinance to tackle air pollution and to monitor and improve air quality in **Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR)**.

Arvind Kejriwal launches 'Green Delhi' app to address pollution complaints:

Delhi Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** launched the '**Green Delhi**' mobile application using which citizens can bring pollution causing activities to the government's notice.

PM Modi launches India's first passenger seaplane service between Statue of Unity and Sabarmati Riverfront in Gujarat:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched a seaplane service between the **Statue of Unity** near **Kevadiya** in Gujarat's **Narmada district** and **Sabarmati Riverfront** in **Ahmedabad**. Modi also inaugurated the service by boarding the twin-engine plane from **pond-3** close to **Sardar Sarovar Dam** near here.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates Mansar Lake Development Plan in Jammu:

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) **Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the Mansar Lake Project in **Jammu**. **Mansar Lake** development plan was getting fulfilled after a long wait of **70 years**. The project would attract **20 lakh tourists** every year once completed.

National Jal Jeevan Mission virtually organise rural water supply of all States and UTs:

National Jal Jeevan Mission is organizing a conference with ministers in-charge of **Rural Water Supply** of all **States** and **Union Territories** through video conference. Jal

Jeevan Mission aims to provide **tap water connections** to the remaining over **15 Crore** rural households by **2024**.

Goa, Kerala and Chandigarh best governed states and Union Territory, Uttar Pradesh worst among large states by Public Affairs Index:

Kerala has been named the best-governed state followed by **Tamil Nadu** and **Andhra Pradesh** in the country released by the **Public Affairs Centre (PAC)**. The not-for-profit organisation is headed by former ISRO chairman **K Kasturirangan**. **Uttar Pradesh, Odisha** and **Bihar** were the worst performers and placed at the bottom of the rankings.

While in the small state category, **Goa** was ranked first followed by **Meghalaya** and **Himachal Pradesh**.

Among Union Territories, **Chandigarh** emerged the **best governed UT** followed by Puducherry and Lakshadweep. **Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Andaman and Nicobar, Jammu and Kashmir** were the least performers.

Government revises PLI scheme guidelines to boost local production of bulk drugs and medical devices:

Department of Pharmaceuticals revised guidelines of the **Production Linked Incentive (PLI)** schemes for promoting domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs and medical devices keeping in view the suggestions and comments received from the industry.

Union Territory of Ladakh celebrating its first raising day:

Union Territory of **Ladakh** is celebrating its first raising day and thus the **Union Territory Foundation Day** on **October 31, 2020**. The region which was initially a part of the state of **Jammu and Kashmir** became a Centre-ruled union territory on this day in **2019**.

Om Birla attends 206th session of governing council of Inter-Parliamentary Union:

Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** participated in the **206th** Session of the Governing Council of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**, being held from November 1 to 4, 2020.

Government extends deadline to make payment under Vivad Se Vishwas scheme till March 31, 2021:

Government extended for the **third time** the deadline for making payment under the direct tax dispute settlement scheme '**Vivad Se Vishwas**' by three months to **March 31, 2021**.

GST collections cross Rs 1 lakh crore in October for first time in 8 months:

Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections in **October** stood at over **Rs 1.05 lakh crore**, crossing for the first time Rs 1 lakh crore mark since February. Out of gross GST CGST - Rs.19,193 crore; SGST - Rs.5,411 crore; IGST - Rs.52,540 crore. Cess is- Rs.8,011 crore.

Centre releases Rs 2,200 crore as first instalment to 15 states for improvement of air quality measures:

Centre has released **2,200 crore rupees** as the first installment to **15 states** for the improvement of air quality measures in their

million-plus cities. The amount has been released based on the recommendations of the **15th Finance Commission.**

CJI Sharad Arvind Bobde inaugurated the first ever e-resource centre Nyay Kaushal at Nagpur, Maharashtra:

Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sharad Arvind Bobde inaugurated India's **first-ever E-resource** centre **Nyay Kaushal** at Judicial Officers Training Institute in **Nagpur**. Nyay Kaushal will facilitate **e-filing** of cases in the **Supreme Court**, any **High Court** and **district courts** across the country.

Government extends Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme till November 30, 2020:

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government announced extending the time window for businesses to seek sovereign-guaranteed loans under the **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)** by one month **till November 30, 2020.**

Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel launches scheme for distribution of fortified rice:

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched a scheme for distribution of **fortified rice** through **Public Distribution System (PDS)** and other welfare initiatives for the people of **Kondagaon district** of the State on a **pilot basis**. And also setting up of English medium schools on Sunday during **"Rajyotsav"** statehood celebrations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates 'Arogya Van' in Gujarat's Narmada district:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **'Arogya Van'** in the **Narmada district** of **Gujarat**. Arogya Van (health forest) is spread over an area of about **17 acres**, displaying a wide range of medicinal plants that play an important role in the well-being of human beings. PM also inaugurated **Arogya Kutir, Ekta Mall, and Children Nutrition Park.**

India's First Ever Solar-Powered Miniature Train Launched at Veli Tourist Village in Kerala:

A **solar energy-driven miniature train**, billed as the country's first of its kind, was inaugurated at the **Veli Tourist Village** by Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan**. The project **Rs 10 crore** worth and covers a distance of **2.5 km** with 3 bogies. It features a fully-equipped rail system, including a tunnel, station and a ticket office.

Ministry of AYUSH and Invest India to form strategic policy unit "Strategic Policy & Facilitation Bureau (SPFB) ":

Ministry of AYUSH and M/s Invest India will form a collaboration to set up a strategic policy unit called **'Strategic Policy & Facilitation Bureau (SPFB) '** to facilitate planned and systematic growth of the Ayush Sector.

Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurates SAI's new Regional Centre at Zirakpur, Punjab:

Sports Authority of India (SAI) regional centre (**Chandigarh**) 's new centre at **Zirakpur, Punjab**, was virtually inaugurated

by **Kiren Rijiju**, Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister.

Airports Authority of India hands over Lucknow airport to Adani group on lease for 50 years:

The **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** handed over the **Lucknow airport** to the Adani group on lease for a period of **50 years**. Adani group has also taken over operations of **5 more airports**.

Central Government had privatised **six major airports** of the country namely **Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Mangaluru, Thiruvananthapuram** and **Guwahati**.

3-Day 'Ganga Utsav 2020' To Be Held Virtually from November 2020:

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is organising three-day '**Ganga Utsav 2020**' on virtual platforms from **November 2 to 4**. Ganga Utsav 2020 is a **cultural and educational festival** to celebrate the glory of the holy **river Ganga**. Ganga was declared "**National River**" on **November 4, 2008**.

Assam government Laid Foundation Stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation at Kehtri:

Chief Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** laid the foundation stone of **Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation** at **Khetri** on the outskirts of **Guwahati** in presence of **Israeli Ambassador** to India **Dr. Ron Malka**.

Federation of Indian Publishers organises virtual version of Delhi Book Fair 2020:

The **Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP)** has organised a virtual version of **Delhi Book Fair** this year in light of the Corona pandemic. The book fair organised in partnership with **PragatiE** is a **two-day online** event will culminate.

PM Narendra Modi chairs global investor roundtable virtually:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** chairs **Global Investor Roundtable** virtually to provide an opportunity to leading global investors and Indian business leaders to engage and deliberate with **senior policy makers** on how to further accelerate the growth of international investments in the country.

Larsen & Toubro bags construction order of bullet train project:

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has bagged another construction package of the bullet train project for an estimated value of **Rs.7,000 crore**. Larsen & Toubro is close to bagging its **largest order** ever as it has emerged the **lowest bidder** to construct a significant part of the Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project, beating two others in the race with a bid of **Rs 24,958 crore**.

Jaipur, Indore among 30 indian cities feature in WWF list of 100 cities to face greatest rise in water risks by 2050:

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has painted a grim picture for India, pointing towards its **looming water crisis**. According to WWF Water Risk Filter report, nearly 30 Indian cities, including **Jaipur, Indore, Amritsar, Pune, Srinagar, Kolkata, Bengaluru,**

Mumbai, Kozhikode and Visakhapatnam will face acute **"Water Risks"**.

100 cities will witness a massive rise in water risks by **2050**. The list also includes cities such as **Beijing, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Istanbul, Hong Kong, Mecca** and **Rio de Janeiro**.

Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao to inaugurate Rythu Vedika scheme to address farmers' issues:

Telangana Chief Minister **K Chandrasekhar Rao** will inaugurate the first **Rythu Vedika** at **Kodakandla mandal** headquarters in **Jangaon district**. He will address farmers and the general public to explain the reasons behind setting up of the **Rythu Vedika**, their importance, programmes and utilities.

Andhra Pradesh Planning to Install 400 EV Charging Stations across the state:

The state government of **Andhra Pradesh** has decided to set up **400 electric vehicle (EV)** charging stations across the state to promote the usage of electric vehicles. The EV stations will be built under the first phase of the **"Go Electric"** Campaign.

Ministry of Finance releases Rs 6,000 Cr to states under special window for meeting GST compensation shortfall:

Ministry of Finance is releasing **Rs 6,000 crore** as the second tranche to **16 States and 3 Union Territories** under the **Special Window** to states for meeting the GST compensation cess shortfall.

Piyush Goyal Co-chairs 8th Meeting of India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments:

The **8th** meeting of the **India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments ("Joint Task Force")** was hosted virtually by **India**. The meeting was co-chaired by Minister of Railways, Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution **Piyush Goyal** and His Highness **Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Member of the Executive Council of the **Emirate of Abu Dhabi**.

Maharashtra government inks Rs 35,000-crore MoUs with 15 companies:

Maharashtra government inked MoUs worth around **Rs 35,000 crore** with **15 companies** even as Chief Minister **Uddhav Thackeray** called for attracting over **Rs 1 lakh crore** investments this year to the state.

Prahlad Singh Patel virtually inaugurates "Tourist Facilitation Centre" facility at Guruvayur, Kerala under PRASHAD Scheme:

Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture **Prahlad Singh Patel** inaugurated the **"Tourist Facilitation Centre"** facility constructed under the project **"Development of Guruvayur, Kerala"** under **PRASHAD Scheme** of the Ministry of Tourism at the cost of **Rs. 11.57 Crores** through Virtual Platform.

Housing ministry Hardeep Singh Puri launches youth-centric, environment-friendly 'Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge':

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched **Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge**, under which

cities will be provided technical assistance and capacity-building to re-imagine parks and create accessible, safe, walkable streets for children and families.

ADB approves USD 132.8 million loan to enhance power distribution network in Meghalaya:

Asian Development Bank has approved **USD 132.8 million** loan to improve and upgrade the **power distribution network** in **Meghalaya** stated by Meghalaya Power Minister **James PK Sangma**. The fund will help in improving the distribution system & financial sustainability of the **Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited (MePDCL)**.

Dehradun Municipal Corporation Launches Plastic Lao MASK LE JAO Initiative:

Municipal Corporation of **Dehradun** in association with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and **HDFC bank** launched an initiative named **"Plastic Lao MASK LE JAO"** to fight against the menace of plastic waste and contain the spread of Covid-19.

Tamil Nadu fisherman starts India's first radio channel exclusively for fisherfolk:

A fisherman from the **Ramanathapuram district's Pamban** town has started '**Kadal Osai FM 90.4**', India's first and only radio channel for fisherfolk.

Union Minister Harsh Vardhan releases NCAER Report on Estimating the economic benefits of Investment in Monsoon Mission:

Union Minister for Earth Science **Harsh Vardhan** released the report **"Estimating the Economic Benefits of Investment in National Monsoon Mission (NMM) and High-Performance Computing (HPC) Facilities"** prepared by **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)** at a function at **Prithvi Bhavan, New Delhi**. The report was commissioned by MoES.

Assam Health minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurates 'Kalapahar' dedicated Covid hospital in Guwahati:

Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the **Kalapahar** COVID Care Hospital in **Guwahati**. The hospital will provide round the clock health services by the specialists.

Assam Education Department launches toll free tele-education helpline number for government school students:

Education Department of Assam launched a **toll-free tele-education** helpline number **-18003453578** for government school students. It aims to guide **6th to 10th** standards. It would work on all 6 days in week except Sunday from **10 am to 3 pm**.

3-day policy discourse titled 'Panorama: Envisioning Film, Media & Entertainment Policy for Maharashtra':

Maharashtra Film Stage and Cultural Development Corporation Limited (MFSCDCL), Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra is organising a 3-day policy discourse **'Panorama: Envisioning Film, Media & Entertainment (F, M&E) Policy for Maharashtra'**.

Tamil Nadu tops Indian states in new investments in H1FY21: CARE Ratings:

Tamil Nadu leads Indian states in attracting investments during the first half of **FY21**, having managed to grab **16 per cent** of the funds that came into India during the period, according to **CARE Ratings**.

Andhra Pradesh garnered 11 per cent, **Maharashtra, Rajasthan** and **Karnataka** have garnered **seven per cent each**, while the balance went to the other states. Last year Tamil Nadu took third spot, stated CARE Ratings sourcing CMIE data.

Telangana top performing state with maximum functional drinking water tap connections:

Telangana has been adjudged as a '**Top-Performing**' state in the country for providing a high number of functional tap water connections. The latest data shows that Telangana has ensured **69.56 per cent** of its households in the rural belt have access to water.

While **Goa**, among the small states have topped the chart by provided tap connections to **100 per cent** to households after the launch of **Jal Jeevan mission** in **August 2019**.

Uttar Pradesh among Top 5 in MSME employment generators amid Covid-19:

Uttar Pradesh has found place among **top five states** of the country for providing employment under the **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** during Corona pandemic.

In a recent report of **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, **Uttar Pradesh** has secured a place ahead of **Karnataka, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana** and **Telangana** in the list of top 10 states.

Vice President launches 'International Satavadhanam' event, a unique literary feat:

Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** has observed that '**avadhanam**' as a literary feat has greatly contributed to the Telugu language's glorious tradition. '**Avadhanam**' is like a test of the **poet's literary prowess** and scholarship.

PM Modi Chairs Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) 2020 Conference:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** chaired the **Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) 2020** aimed at attracting investment in the country. The conference focused on discussions around **India's economic and investment outlook**, structural reforms and the government's vision for making the country a **\$5 trillion economy**.

Karnataka government signs agreement with Tata Technologies to upgrade 150 Government ITIs:

Government of **Karnataka** entered into an agreement with **Tata Technologies** to upgrade and modernize **150 Government ITIs** (Industrial Training Institute) at a cost of **INR 4, 636.50 Crores** to create increased employment opportunities to youth of the state.

Kottoor elephant rehabilitation centre in kerala set to become largest care centre in the world:

Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at **Kottoor** in **Thiruvananthapuram, kerala** is set to become the **largest care and cure centre** for elephants in the **world**.

The first phase of the Elephant Rehabilitation Centre will be commissioned in **February 2021**. The project is being implemented at a cost of **Rs 108 crore** with funding from Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB). The centre has facilities to accommodate **50 elephants** including the existing **16 elephants**.

Kerala Finance Minister T M Thomas Isaac launches the UNDP-powered accelerator programme for social impact startups:

Kerala Finance Minister **Dr T M Thomas Isaac** has launched **Green Innovation Fund**, a **six-month** fund-linked accelerator programme for social impact startups, as a joint initiative of the **Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM)**, the **Haritha Keralam Mission** and the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, India.

Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur launches website of Atal Medical and Research University:

Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** launched the website of **Atal Medical and Research University, Ner Chowk Mandi** through video conferencing from Shimla.

The University was established under the **State University Health Sciences Act**

2017 on June 23, 2018. In the year 2019, it was named **Atal University of Medical Sciences and Research**. The aim of its establishment is to provide **qualitative health care and education**.

Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar chairs 'India CEO Forum on Climate Change' virtually:

Union Minister of Environment, **Prakash Javadekar** while virtually chairing the '**India CEO Forum of Climate Change**' highlighted that **climate change** is an important issue which needs the attention of the world leaders.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan chaired 4th High-level meet of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue:

Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, **Dharmendra Pradhan** Co-chaired along with Secretary General OPEC, **HE Mohammed Sanusi Barkindo**, the 4th High-level meeting of the **India-OPEC Energy Dialogue**, and the first meeting of this **Institutional Dialogue** since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

India's First Solar-Based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project Launched in Arunachal Pradesh:

Union Jal Shakti Minister **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** dedicated India's first solar-based **Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP)** to the people of **Arunachal Pradesh**. The solar-based lift water supply project for **39 villages** in **Lower Dibang Valley** district in northeastern

Arunachal Pradesh was commissioned at a cost of **Rs 28.50 crore**.

Rupsi Airport in Assam ready to start commercial operations from January 2021:

Rupsi Airport in **Assam** is ready to commence operations under the '**Regional Connectivity Scheme**' (**RCS**). The commercial operations are likely to start from **January 2021**. This airport under the '**AAI**' (**Airports Authority of India**) has been re-developed at an estimated cost of **Rs 69 crores**.

Union Minister Harsh Vardhan Holds Policy Consultations with Indian Scientific Diaspora On Science Technology and Innovation Policy -2020:
 Union Minister for Science Technology, Earth Sciences, and Health & Family Welfare, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** chaired the first of its kind policy consultation with the **highly-skilled Indian diaspora** to facilitate channels for them to contribute to India's **Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) 2020**.

Over 1.1 million MSMEs registered on Udyam online system since July:

As per the government report, **over 11 lakh MSMEs** have registered on the new online system of **Udyam Registration** launched in **July**. Out of these, **3.72 lakh enterprises** have registered under manufacturing category whereas **6.31 lakh enterprises** under service sector.

Kerala government launches 'Parivarthanam' scheme for better livelihood of Fishing Community:

Kerala government has launched a pioneering **eco-sustainable** programme called '**Parivarthanam**'. The main aim of Parivarthanam scheme is to improve the livelihood of the **fishing community**.

PM Narendra Modi announces Shipping Ministry renamed as Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways:

Government of India has decided to rename the **Ministry of Shipping** as the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**. **Mansukh L. Mandaviya**, presently holds the portfolio as Minister of State (Independent Charge).

Gujarat High Court becomes first state apex court to live-stream proceedings on Youtube:

Gujarat High Court became the first high court in the country to live-stream its court proceedings on **Youtube** in order to enhance access to courts, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Atal Innovation Mission and Sirius (Russia) Launch 'AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0':

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), a flagship initiative by **NITI Aayog**, and **Russia's Sirius** (Scientific International Research in Unique Terrestrial Station) has jointly launched '**AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0**', a 14-day virtual programme for Indian and Russian schoolchildren.

FASTag Made Compulsory for All Four-Wheelers from January 2021:

Ministry of **Road Transport & Highways** (MoRTH) has announced that starting **1st January 2021**. **FASTag** will be made mandatory for all four-wheelers across the country. This includes old vehicles, which fall under the '**M**' and '**N**' category of motor vehicles (four-wheelers), sold on or before the 1st December 2017.

Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri to inaugurate 13th Urban Mobility India Conference 2020:

Minister of State (IC) Housing and Urban **Hardeep S. Puri** inaugurates **13th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference**. It was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The day-long Conference was held via Video Conference on the theme "**Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility**".

Assam's Tezpur Litchi Gets GI Tag:

The succulent **litchi** (Litchi Chinensis) of Tezpur that are well-known in **Assam** has now received the **Geographical Indication (GI) tags**. The GI Tag to **Tezpur Litchi** made it an incontrovertible proof of their origin in **Assam**. The GI tag prevents the production of Tezpur Litchi from other places.

PM Modi laid foundation for various development projects in Varanasi worth Rs 614 crore:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation for **30 development projects** in his parliamentary constituency **Varanasi**. The total cost of these projects is around **Rs. 614 crore**. All

these development projects are related to the **agriculture, tourism and infrastructure sectors**.

Arunachal Pradesh's Pakke Tiger Reserve to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for its 'Green Soldiers':

Pakke Tiger Reserve (PTR) in **Arunachal Pradesh** has become the **first reserve** from the **Northeastern region** to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for its '**Green Soldiers**'. The insurance amount has been paid by the '**Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)**' with support from '**Foundation Serge**'.

V.P.Singh Badnore launched App for monitoring of wildlife rescue in UT Chandigarh:

Governor of **Punjab** & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh **V.P.Singh Badnore** has launched the **Mobile Based Application (App)** for monitoring of wildlife rescue, reporting and release of the wildlife through online system, in Punjab Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh. This Mobile App works on all **Android** supporting smart phones.

Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat Inaugurates Dobra-Chanthi Suspension Bridge in Tehri-Garhwal:

Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** inaugurated the **725-metre long Dobra-Chanthi** suspension bridge in **Tehri-Garhwal** district. It is the **longest motorable single lane suspension bridge** in India. It has been built at a cost of **Rs 2.96 crores**. Trivendra Singh Rawat launched free

high-speed WiFi services for all **government colleges** and **universities** in the state.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attends 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting:

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** participated in the **1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors** (FMCBG) meeting under the **BRICS Russian Chairmanship**.

Manipur introduces award for civil servants to promote good governance:

Manipur introduced "**Scheme for Chief Minister's Award for Good Governance**" to recognise and reward innovative and extraordinary work done by government officials that **promotes good governance**.

Nagaland's Hornbill Festival will be celebrated virtually in 2020:

Nagaland's popular **Hornbill Festival**, annually held from **December 1 to 10**, will be organised virtually this year owing to the **COVID pandemic**. The **Nagaland state government** earlier attracted criticism after its **tourism department** issued a notification, asking other departments to initiate preparations for the festival.

Tamil Nadu CM K Palaniswami launches mobile Amma Canteens to cater better to working classes:

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **Edappadi K Palaniswami** has made inauguration of three **mobile Amma Canteens**. the mobile Amma Canteens will help in offering food at a **subsidized price** in the city.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches Mobile App "Secha Samadhan" online services for farmers:

Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched **Secha Samadhan**, a bilingual mobile application to address the **irrigation problems** faced by **farmers** without having to visit the offices concerned. The mobile app will help resolve the issues faced by farmers quickly and provide services in a **transparent manner** under the **5T initiative**.

Indian Railways Launches the First Ever Food Truck to Serve Up Quick Bites at Pune Station:

One of India's most trusted QSR brands **Jumbo King** set up the first-ever food truck in Indian Railways premises with **Indian Railways Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC)** taking over the task of facility management at the station.

Maharashtra Tourism Minister & MoS unveil new logo & feedback QR Code of MTDC:

Maharashtra Tourism Minister **Aditya Thackeray** and Minister of State **Aditi Tatkare** unveiled a new logo and new feedback **QR code** of **Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation** (MTDC). They unveiled the logo of Boat Club in **Nashik**.

Maharashtra to observe National Unity Week from Nov 19 to 25:

Maharashtra will observe the **National Unity Week** from **19th to 25th** of November. Making an announcement in this regard, Minister for **Skill Development** and **Minority Development** **Nawab Malik**

appealed that in order to increase social harmony in the state, everyone should participate in this programme. **National Unity Day** is celebrated on **October 31**.

Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) to use vibration absorbing tracks on Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 corridor:

In a first for India **Mumbai Metro Rail Corp Limited** to lay vibration-absorbing tracks on **Metro Line-3**. The corporation started trial production of High Vibration Attenuation Booted **Twin Sleeper Blocks** to lay tracks with the help of a machine from **Switzerland**. It is expected to cost around **23000 cr** & operational in **2021**.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates 'Sarhad Vikasotsav 2020' at Dhordo in Kutch, Gujarat:

Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** said that all villages along the border will be provided **all basic amenities** to check the **migration**. Inaugurating "**Sarhad Vistar Vikasotsav 2020**" at **Dhordo** in Kutch district of **Gujarat**.

Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar Launches 'Project Air Care' in Gurgaon:

Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** has virtually unveiled '**Project Air Care**' to combat rising Air Pollution in Gurgaon. **65 Wing Augmentation Air Purifying Units (WAYU)** would be set up at areas with high **Air Quality Indices (AQI)** in Gurgaon to improve the air quality.

CBIC mandates GST E-invoicing for business turnover exceeds Rs. 100 Crores from January 1, 2021:

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) mandated GST E-invoicing from **January 1, 2021** if turnover exceeds **Rs. 100 Crores**. The Board notified that E-invoicing is mandatory from January 1, 2021 for every taxpayer other than **SEZ (Special economic zone)** unit whose aggregate turnover in any of the Financial Year from **2017-18** exceeds **Rs. 100 Crores**.

PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates Office-Cum-Residential Complex of ITAT's Cuttack Bench, Odisha:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated **Office-cum-residential complex** of **Cuttack bench of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT)** via video conferencing. This bench will also provide services to **Northeast and East India** as it will help the **Kolkata bench** (West Bengal) in meeting the pending appeal.

Jammu and Kashmir government launches e-Auction portal to promote GI tagged 'Kashmir Saffron':

Jammu and Kashmir government has launched an **e-Auction portal** to promote trading of GI tagged '**Kashmir Saffron**' across the country. This e-auctioning will provide an efficient platform to the saffron growers for getting optimum returns of their yield.

Karnataka's Mysuru to Get India's First Sandalwood Museum:

India's first **Sandalwood Museum** is being established in **Aranya Bhavan** in Ashokapuram, **Mysuru, Karnataka**. The museum is set up by the **Regional Forest**

Department to educate farmers about the significance of cultivation of sandalwood.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announces relief package 'Atmanirbhar 3.0':

Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** announced 12 new measures under the new **"Aatmanirbhar Bharat 3.0"** stimulus package worth **Rs 2.65 lakh crore** to boost the Indian economy amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. FM also announced **Rs.900 crore** research and development grant for **Covid-19 vaccine development**

Shivraj Singh Chouhan to release roadmap of Atma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh:

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** will release a **roadmap-2023 of Atma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh** at a programme to be organized at Minto Hall (Old Vidhan Sabha Bhavan). Member of Parliament **Vishnudutt Sharma** and CEO of NITI Aayog **Amitabh Kant** will also participate in the programme.

Manipur CM N Biren Singh launches Oil Palm Project schemes for employees:

Manipur Chief Minister **N. Biren Singh** launched **Oil Palm Project**, which is seen as an alternative to replace **Jhum & poppy cultivations**. The project was launched under the **National Mission** on oil seed and palm oil which aims to make India **self-sufficient** in edible oils.

MEA Secretary Rahul Chhabra launches IBSA report on 'Deepening Cooperation in IBSA:

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary (Economic Relations) **Rahul Chhabra** launched the **India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA)** report on **'Deepening Cooperation in IBSA: Perspectives from Key Sectors'**.

Prime Minister Modi unveils 'Statue of Peace' to mark 151st birth anniversary of Jainacharya Vijay Vallabh:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the **'Statue of Peace'** in **Rajasthan's Pali** to mark the 151st Jayanti celebrations of Jainacharya Shree **Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj**, via video conferencing.

The **151-inch** tall statue has been made from **Ashtadhatu- 8 metals**, with Copper being the major constituent, and is being installed at Vijay Vallabh Sadhana Kendra, Jetpura, in Pali, **Rajasthan**.

Union Home Ministry amends Foreign Contribution Regulation Act rules, 2011:

Ministry of Home Affairs has relaxed norms for farmer, student, religious & other groups who aren't directly aligned to any political party to receive foreign funds if groups aren't involved in active politics. Ministry notified new rules under **FCRA, 2010**. FCRA come into force from **29th April 2011**.

Under **clause (b)** of sub-section (4) of **section 12** of the Act, The NGOs (Non-Government Organizations) that intend to receive foreign funding must have existed for **at least three years** and spent **Rs 15 lakh** in voluntary activities to be eligible to receive money from abroad.

Nitish Kumar to be sworn-in as Chief Minister of Bihar for 7th term

Nitish Kumar has sworn-in as Chief Minister of Bihar for the **seventh term**. He was unanimously elected leader of the NDA at a meeting of its newly-elected MLAs in Patna. There will be one minister each from NDA allies. Deputy CMs of Bihar: **Tarkishore Prasad, and Renu Devi**.

Sports Ministry announces new incentive structure to fund 500 private academies:

In a first-ever move, the Sports Ministry has introduced a incentivisation structure to extend monetary support to **500 private academies**, through the **Khelo India Scheme** over the next **4 years** starting **Financial Year 2020-21**.

Survey of vulture habitats starts in Madhya Pradesh:

Survey of **vulture habitats** has started in **Madhya Pradesh** for how many vultures are left and what measures should be taken for their protection. For this work, **Van Vihar National Park** of Bhopal has been made the nodal agency.

IRCTC Bharat Darshan Yatra from December 12, 2020:

Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will organize '**Bharat Darshan-Dakshin Bharat Yatra**' from **Hyderabad** and **Secunderabad** from December 12 to 18, 2020. The theme of the yatra is '**Show India to Indians**'.

Lonar Lake in Buldana district of Maharashtra declared as a wetland area under 'Ramsar Convention':

Lonar crater Lake in **Buldhana district** of **Maharashtra** was formed by a meteorite impact about **50,000 years ago**, has been declared as a wetland area under '**Ramsar Convention**'. It has been declared as the 41st place in the country and **second** 'Ramsar site' in Maharashtra.

Keetham lake in Uttar Pradesh added to Ramsar sites:

The **Keetham lake**, also known as **Sur Sarovar**, in Agra of **Uttar Pradesh** has been added to the list of Ramsar sites. More than 106 species of migratory bird's rest in **Sur Sarovar lake**. The water of the lake is obtained from **Agra Canal**. The canal originates from **Okhla barrage** on **River Yamuna** in Delhi.

Retail inflation inches up to 7.61% in October on rising food prices:

Driven by **rising food prices**, retail inflation inched up to **7.61 per cent** in October, remaining above the comfort level of the **Reserve Bank**.

According to the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** data released by the government inflation stood at **7.27 per cent** in **September 2020**. It was **4.62 per cent** in **October 2019**.

Government expands scope of PM-KUSUM for harnessing solar energy by farmers:

Renewable energy ministry has expanded the scope of **PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri KisanUrja SurakshaevemUtthan Mahabhiyan)** to enable greater solar energy generation in **farm sector**. Now, besides

barren, fallow & agricultural lands, solar power plants can also be installed on pasture land and marshy land of farmers.

EESL Signs MoU with DNRE Goa to implement the India's first Convergence Project:

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and **Department of New & Renewable Energy (DNRE), Goa**, signed a memorandum of understanding to discuss rolling out of **India's first project** under the newly formed **Convergence Energy Services Limited (Convergence)** in the State.

Goa has set a target to generate **150MW** green energy in the next 2-3 years & will also set up **100MW** solar power plants across the state.

Coastal Security Police Launched "Kadalu App" for fishermen in Udupi:

Coastal Security Police launched the **"Kadalu App"** for fishermen that will help them in submitting information about their arrival and departure from the **fishing harbour** using android mobile phones.

Digital museum opens at Maharaj Bada in Gwalior of Madhya Pradesh:

A digital museum has been opened at **Maharaj Bada** in **Gwalior** for the public. The museum is developed by **Gwalior Smart City** and entry for the public is being made free for a few days.

The Museum Divided into **16 galleries** and it has been built in around **3500 sq. ft** area & will play an important role in showcasing heritage in modern and digital way.

Asia's First Solar Power-Enabled Textile Mill to come up at Parbhani, Maharashtra:

Jai Bhawani women's cooperative textile mill which is set to come up at **Parbhani, Maharashtra** will be the **first Textile Mill in Asia** which will operate on **Solar Power**. The textile Mill is being set up at a cost of **INR 100 Crores** and will add momentum to the **industrial sector** in the district.

Arunachal Pradesh records Best Female Sex Ratio in The Country while Manipur Worst:

The Northeastern state of **Arunachal Pradesh** has recorded the best sex ratio in the country while **Manipur** has emerged the **worst**, according to the 2018 report on **"Vital statistics of India based on the Civil Registration System"**.

Arunachal Pradesh recorded 1,084 females born per thousand males, followed by Nagaland (965), Mizoram (964), Kerala (963), and Karnataka (957).

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan announces 'Gau Cabinet' for protection of cows:

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has decided to set up a **'Gau Cabinet'** for the protection, conservation and promotion of cows in the state. The Cabinet will comprise of the departments of animal husbandry, forests, panchayat and rural development, revenue, home and farmer's welfare.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan virtually addresses 33rd Stop TB Partnership Board meet in New Delhi:

Union Health Minister **Harsh Vardhan** addressed the **33rd Stop TB Partnership Board meet** in New Delhi through Video Conference. India's **TB Harega, Desh Jeetega** campaign targets to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal target of TB by **2025**.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Tech Summit in Bengaluru via video conference during which he highlighted that work from anywhere has become the norm and is going to stay. Theme of the summit is '**Next is Now**'.

Cabinet approves Vijayanagara as 31st District of Karnataka:

Karnataka Government has approved to carve out **Vijayanagara** as new district of the state. Vijayanagara will be the **31st district** of the State. The new district would be carved out of **Ballari** and named after the Vijayanagara empire that ruled from this region.

Delhi Airport becomes first airport in Asia-Pacific region to get Level 4+ carbon accreditation:

Delhi Airport achieved a new height in **Asia Pacific region for Carbon Accreditation** as the **Indira Gandhi International Airport** or Delhi International Airport Limited has become Asia Pacific's first Level

4+(Transition) accredited airport under ACI's Airport Carbon Accreditation program stated GMR Group.

Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur flags off Medical Mobile Unit Jeevan Dhara:

Himachal Pradesh government flagged off **Medical Mobile Unit Jeevan Dhara** in **Shimla** to provide complete range of health care services for people living in remote & inaccessible areas of the state. The van would facilitate as a **Mobile Primary Health Centre**.

Mumbai becomes first Indian city with designated infrastructure for women:

Mumbai has become the **first city in India** to design a plan for development of designated spaces for women's needs. The city has designed an urban plan with gender-focus on reserving physical and social infrastructure for women.

The **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation** (BMC) has added a chapter titled '**Gender, Special Groups and Social Equity**' under the Revised Draft Development Plan (RDDP) 2034.

Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd ties up with the Maharashtra government to provide livestock care:

IndusInd Bank's subsidiary firm **Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd** (BFIL) has signed a pact with **Maharashtra** government to enhance doorstep delivery of livestock care to farmers in the state.

The joint initiative '**Maha Pashudhan Sanjeevani**' to be implemented under the **Mukhyamantri Pashu Swasthya Yojana**. **First direct flight from Kalaburagi to Hindon Airport flagged off under UDAN scheme:**

First direct flight operations from **Kalaburagi, Karnataka to Hindon Airport, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh** were flagged off under the Regional Connectivity Scheme **Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik** (RCS-UDAN). The officials of the **Ministry of Civil Aviation** (MoCA) and Airport Authority of India (AAI) were present at the launch.

Bhubaneswar Becomes 1st City to Get ISO Certification for FSSM Services:

'**Smart City**' Bhubaneswar became the first city in the country to receive the ISO 9001:2015 certification for effective Faecal Sludge & Septage Management (FSSM) services.

Puducherry launches morning meal scheme in schools named after former DMK Chief M Karunanidhi:

Puducherry government launched a **free breakfast scheme** for school students named after **M Karunanidhi**. It will benefit more than **80,000** students in **419** government and government-aided schools. The government has earmarked **Rs 12 crores** in the budget to implement the scheme.

Union Minister Narendra Singh inaugurates capacity building component of the PM-FME Scheme:

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** virtually inaugurated the capacity building component of the **Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme** (PM-FME Scheme). He also launched the GIS **One District One Product (ODOP)** digital map of India.

Punjab Cabinet approves 'Punjab Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojana' to Empower Persons with disabilities:

Punjab Cabinet approved a new scheme "**Punjab Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojna (PDSY)** " to empower persons with disabilities across the state.

Phase-I will strengthen the existing programmes to ensure that benefits reach people with disabilities. **Phase-II** will introduce 13 new interventions proposed to be undertaken for empowerment of such persons.

Longest migrating small bird Willow Warbler spotted in Punchakkari, Kerala:

Willow warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*), one of longest migrating small bird which breeds throughout northern and temperate Europe and the Palearctic, sighted for the first time in the country at **Punchakkari, Kerala**. Warblers are generally difficult to identify.

Maharashtra government to pay monthly stipend to ST candidates preparing for UPSC exams:

Maharashtra government has decided to pay stipend to **scheduled Tribe (ST)** candidates who are preparing for **UPSC exams**. The scheme stipend will be given to candidates

who will appear for the Civil Services **main exam** and **interview**.

Under this scheme, each candidate will be provided **12,000 per month**. Additionally, **Rs. 26,000** will also be provided to the candidate for purchasing books.

Madhya Pradesh Conducts 'Poshit Parivar-Suposhit Madhya Pradesh' Campaign in All Districts:

Madhya Pradesh community-based **nutrition management programme** of very severely malnourished children is being conducted in all districts under the nurtured families well nurtured Madhya Pradesh i.e. **'Poshit Parivar-Suposhit Madhya Pradesh'** campaign.

World Bank Approves \$120 Million loan for the implementation of Meghalaya Integrated Transport Project (MITP):

World Bank has signed a **\$120-million** project **"Restart Meghalaya Mission"** to improve and modernize the transport sector of **Meghalaya**. This will help Meghalaya to harness its vast growth potential for **high-value agriculture and tourism**.

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot launches "Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana" scheme for nourishment of pregnant tribal women:

Rajasthan Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot** launched **Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana**, under which **Rs.6000** will be given to women becoming mothers for the 2nd time. On the birth anniversary of former PM **Indira Gandhi**. It aims to fight malnutrition & help increase nutrition levels in women.

Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad virtually releases "My Stamp on Chhath Puja":

Union Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** released a **"My Stamp on Chhath Puja"**. My Stamp is an innovative concept initiated by the Department of Posts. Any common person or corporate organisation can now book order and get a personalised photograph or an image of a Postage Stamp.

Karnataka Bio Economy Report details plans to achieve \$50 billion revenue by 2025:

Karnataka has set a target of raising the state's **Bio-economy** share to **50%** of the national Bio-economy revenue target of **\$100 billion** by **2025**. The state government currently contributes one third of the country's bio-economy and the value of the market stood at **\$22.6 billion** in **2019-20**.

First Leg of Kochi-Bengaluru GAIL Pipeline to Be Ready by January 2021:

National gas major Gail (India) Limited has completed the **Kochi-Mangalore gas pipeline** after long delays, is hopeful of completing the first leg of the **Kochi-Bengaluru** line in January 2021.

The first leg of the **620-kilometre** Kochi-Bengaluru gas pipeline begins from **Kuttanad** in **Palakkad** and extends up to **Valayar**.

Jharkhand State Assembly passes resolution on 'Sarna Code':

Jharkhand Assembly passed a resolution for the provision of a separate **'Sarna Code'** for **Tribals**. The resolution will seek a special column for followers of the 'Sarna' religion in

the **Census 2021**. 'Sarna' followers are **nature worshippers**.

Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit promulgates ordinance banning online gambling games:

Tamil Nadu Governor **Banwarilal Purohit** has promulgated an ordinance banning **online Rummy**, similar games that promote **online gambling**, and also levies fines, jail term for violators.

The ordinance provides for banning **"Electronic Transfer of Funds"** for wagering or betting, distributing the winnings or prize money, providing for the levy of a **Rs.5,000 fine** and **six months' imprisonment** for those found to be engaging in it.

India Has Set Target of Cutting Carbon Footprint by 30-35%:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** stated that India has set a target of reducing the carbon footprint by **30 to 35 per cent**. He made the statement while addressing the convocation ceremony of **Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU)** here through video conference.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan addresses Boston Center of Excellence for Health & Human Development:

Union Health Minister **Harsh Vardhan** virtually addressed **Boston Center of Excellence for Health & Human Development**. He congratulated the Boston Center of Excellence for Health & Human Development for bringing together experts to research better **cure & healthcare**.

Ministry of Tourism organises webinar on "India's Hidden Gems" under Dekho Apna Desh Webinar Series:

Ministry of Tourism's **Dekho Apna Desh Webinar** series titled **"India's Hidden Gems"** focused on hidden gems of India. India is truly like a kaleidoscope, where every twist and turn will present you with a different pattern of **landscape, colour, cuisine** and **culture**.

This also inspires the spirit of **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**.

PM Narendra Modi lays foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects worth Rs 5,555 crore in Uttar Pradesh:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone of **Rural Drinking Water** supply projects worth **Rs 5,555.38 crore** in **Mirzapur** and **Sonbhadra** districts of **Vindhyachal** region of **Uttar Pradesh**.

The projects will reportedly provide household tap water connections in all rural households of **2,995 villages** and will benefit about **42 lakh population** of these districts. The projects are planned to be completed in **24 months**.

Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy launches "Abhayam app" for safety of women passengers:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **Jaganmohan Reddy** launched the 'Abhayam' app designed for **safe and secure travel** for **women** commuting by **autos and taxis**. The app aims at providing emergency help to those in **distress and**

instills confidence among women, especially those traveling alone.

23 medicinal plants of Karnataka on International Union for Conservation of Nature endangered list:

Around **23 rare medicinal plants** in various forests of **Karnataka** are on the verge of extinction and listed as '**endangered**' on the **International Union for Conservation of Nature** (IUCN) list. The red-listed rare medicinal plants include **sandalwood, wild clove, red sanders, wild jamun** & other species endemic to Western Ghats..

Himachal Pradesh government Partners with Asian Development Bank to Improve Infrastructure Facilities:

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** virtually inaugurated and laid foundation stones in partnership with **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) for various development programs worth **Rs.15 crores** in **Mandi** district of **Himachal Pradesh**.

Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launches international version of UMANG App:

On the completion of **three years** of the **UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance)** app, Union Minister of Electronics and Information technology, **Ravi Shankar Prasad** launched the international version of the "**UMANG**" App during an online conference which was organized to mark the three years of UMANG and the milestone of **2000 plus services**.

It will help **Indian international students**, NRIs and **Indian tourists** abroad, to avail Government of India services, anytime.

President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates 80th All India Presiding Officers' Conference in Kevadia, Gujarat:

President **Ram Nath Kovind** will inaugurate the **80th All India Presiding Officers' Conference** (AIPOC) in Kevadia, Gujarat. Addressing a press conference here, Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** informed that the 80th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) will be held on November 25-26 in **Kevadia, Gujarat**.

Theme of this year's conference is "**Harmonious Coordination of Legislative, Executive and Judiciary- Key to a Vibrant Democracy**".

NABARD sanctions Rs 74.31 cr for road infrastructure in Meghalaya:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned over **Rs 74 crore** for the construction of 6 new roads and improvement of **24** existing roads in Meghalaya under **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund** (RIDF) -Tranche-XXVI.

Tripura government Launched "Mukhyamantri Unnat Godhan Prakalp" to Make Self Sufficient in Milk Production:

Government of **Tripura** contemplated a 3-year plan to introduce sex-sorted artificial insemination of cattle under the "**Mukhyamantri Unnoto Godhan Prakalp**"(MUGP) scheme to make **Tripura**

self-sufficient in milk production by ensuring that more cows are born through selective chromosome selection.

Uttar Pradesh best performer in inland fisheries while Odisha is best Marine state:

Uttar Pradesh was awarded the **best-performing state** in the **inland fisheries sector**, while **Odisha** got the award of the **best marine state** on the occasion of **World Fisheries Day (November 21)**, observed by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

India's first moss garden to be setup in Nainital district of Uttarakhand:

India's first **Moss Garden** has been unveiled at **Khurpatal** in **Nainital** district of **Uttarakhand**. The iconic garden, developed by the Uttarakhand forest department is spread over an area of **10 hectares**.

It was inaugurated by Water Man of **India Rajendra Singh**. Moss Garden, Khurpatal houses around **30 different species** of moss and certain other **bryophyte species**.

Haveri Railway Station Renamed as Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station:

Karnataka government has issued a notification, renaming **Haveri Railway station** as **Mahadevappa Mailara** Railway Station. It has been a long-standing demand of the public and representatives from Haveri District to name the Haveri station after **Mahadevappa Mailara**, a freedom fighter from the district.

Bengaluru's Bowring medical college named after former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee:

The **Bowring and Lady Curzon** Medical College and Research Institute in **Bengaluru** has been named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The institute was set up in 2018-19 on the campus of Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in **Shivajinagar** in the heart of Bengaluru.

Himachal Pradesh government launches 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' to sensitize people about Covid-19 pandemic:

Himachal Pradesh government launched **'Him Suraksha Abhiyan'** to sensitize the people regarding Covid-19 pandemic and to collect information regarding symptoms of diseases like **TB, Leprosy, sugar and blood pressure** by **door to door** campaign.

Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council Inks MOU with Suresh Raina to Set Up Cricket Academy in UT:

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** attended the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council with cricketer **Suresh Raina** to set up **Cricket Academy** in the Union Territory.

Ayodhya Airport in Uttar Pradesh to be renamed as Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport:

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has cleared the proposal to rename the **Ayodhya airport** as **Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport**, Ayodhya. the article of the proposed resolution for passing in the state assembly

has also been approved. It has also been decided to forward this resolution approved by the **Council of Ministers** from the State Legislative Assembly to the **Ministry of Civil Aviation**, Government of India.

Cyclonic storm "Nivar" causes widespread rain in Tamil Nadu:

The cyclonic storm "Nivar" in the South **West Bay of Bengal** has caused widespread rain in **Tamil Nadu**. According to the list prepared by the **World Meteorological Organisation's** panel the name suggested by **Iran**.

Uttar Pradesh government passes ordinance to ban unlawful religious conversions for marriage:

Uttar Pradesh government has passed an ordinance to **ban unlawful religious conversions** for **marriage**. It will come into category of of non-bailable offence and can lead to imprisonment of a maximum of **10 years** and penalty of **RS.50000**.

West Bengal government announces 'Duare Duare Paschim Banga Sarkar Scheme':

West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** announced schemes for redressing grievances of people at the block level and providing motorbikes to youths to help them run **small businesses**.

Two schemes "**Duare Duare Paschim Banga Sarkar Scheme**" (West Bengal government at every doorstep) & "**Karmai Dharma**" (Work is Worship) scheme at a programme held at **Sidhu Kanhu Indoor Stadium, Durgapur**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Pakistan to remain in grey list of FATF global terror financing watchdog till February 2021:

Pakistan to remain on grey list of **global terror financing watchdog**, **Financial Action Task Force** as it did not fulfil 6 out of 27 mandates to check terror funding. It makes it extremely difficult for Pakistan to get financial aid from **IMF, World Bank & EU**.

World's third largest economy Japan to achieve carbon neutral by 2050:

Japan's new prime minister, **Yoshihide Suga**, committed his country to reaching a target of **zero emissions of greenhouse gases** and achieving a carbon-neutral society by 2050, with a "fundamental shift" in policy on coal use. At least **56%** of Japan's energy needs come from **fossil fuels**. Japan, the world's **third-largest economy** and its **fifth-largest emitter of carbon dioxide**.

Bangladesh Government Adopts 'No Mask, No Service' policy:

Bangladesh Government-led by Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** has adopted "**No Mask, No Service**" policy to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

3rd India-US 2 plus 2 Ministerial Dialogue held in New Delhi:

The Third **India-US two plus two Ministerial Dialogue** was held at **Hyderabad House** in New Delhi. From the Indian side, Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** and External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** are leading the delegation.

Indian LS Speaker Om Birla virtually attends 6th BRICS Parliamentary Forum: 6th BRICS Parliamentary Forum has been organised virtually under the chairmanship of **Vyachaslav Volodin**, the Chairman of **Russian Parliament**. The theme of the Forum is '**BRICS partnership in the interest of global stability, general safety and innovative growth: Parliamentary dimension**'.

World's Longest Immersed Tunnel "Fehmarnbelt Tunnel" Will Connect Germany and Denmark:

Fehmarnbelt Tunnel will connect the **18km** of **Baltic Sea** between **Denmark and Germany**. Connecting the German island of Fehmarn and the Danish island of Lolland across the Fehmarn Belt, it will be the **longest combined road and rail tunnel** in the world.

India Post and US Postal Service sign agreement for electronic exchange of customs data:

Department of **Indian Posts** and **US Postal Service** (USPS) entered into an agreement for electronic exchange of customs data related to **postal shipments**. It will enable to transmit & receive electronic data of international postal items prior to their physical arrival. **World Post Day** is observed every year on **9th October**.

India hosts 19th Meeting of SCO Ministers of Foreign Economy & Foreign Trade:

Minister of Commerce and Industry **Piyush Goyal** in his opening remarks said the current

crisis due to Covid-19 is a clarion call to the **SCO countries** to leverage the economic strength and explore partnerships that enhance **trade and investment** in the region.

India Posts releases 75th Anniversary of UN Commemorative Stamp:

Ministry of Communications released a commemorative postage stamp on the **75th anniversary** of the **United Nations Organisations**. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson, **Anurag Srivastava** stated India attaches the highest priority to the expansion of the UN Security Council so that it reflects contemporary realities of the world.

India hosts 19th Meeting of SCO Ministers of Foreign Economy & Foreign Trade:

India hosted the 19th Meeting of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** Ministers of **Foreign Economy and Foreign Trade** virtually. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Commerce and Industry of India **Shri Piyush Goyal**.

The meeting was attended by the Secretary General of SCO **Vladimir Norov** and Ministers from **Kyrgyz Republic, China, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan**.

European Commission and ICSSR sign new implementing arrangement to enhance scientific cooperation:

European Commission and **Indian Council of Social Science Research** signed a new implementing arrangement to enhance

scientific cooperation. The Ambassador of the European Union to India, **Ugo Astuto**, and the Member Secretary of the **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**, **Virendra Kumar Malhotra**, signed the Implementing Arrangement in a virtual mode. **Cabinet approves Memorandum of Cooperation between India and Japan on cooperation in the field of ICTs:**

The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by the Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** has given its approval for signing Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between **India and Japan** on bilateral cooperation in the field of **Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)**.

India-Pak Border to Light Up with 8000MW Renewable Park:

India's border areas with **Pakistan** in **Rajasthan** would soon be illuminated with renewable energy as the state government will soon establish **Ultra Mega Renewal Energy Power Park**.

The park to be set up near borders areas will be of **8,000 megawatts (MW)** capacity, which will comprise **4,310 MW** of wind energy; **3,760 MW** of solar energy and **120 MW** of power from biomass.

India and Maldives get Three new UNESCO Biosphere Reserves:

UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme added **25** new sites, one of them transboundary, in 18 countries to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, which now numbers **714 biosphere reserves** in 129 countries around the globe.

Three Biosphere included **Panna Biosphere Reserve** (Madhya Pradesh) in India, **Fuvahmulah Biosphere Reserve** (Maldives) and **Addu Atoll Biosphere Reserve** (Maldives) to UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

India and Mexico agree to expand 'Privileged Partnership' in 8th Joint Commission Meeting:

India and Latin American economic major **Mexico** have decided to add new momentum to the relations in the fields of **Trade and Commerce, Agriculture, Health, Space, Science & Technology, Energy, Culture & Education** to further expand 'Privileged Partnership'.

World's strongest storm in 2020 super typhoon Goni hits Philippines:

World's strongest storm so far this year slammed into the eastern part of the **Philippines**, bringing "catastrophic violent winds". **Goni** is one of the strongest storms to hit the **Philippines** since 2013's Haiyan, which killed more than **6,300 people**.

India, US, Japan and Australia kick-starts Malabar naval exercise in Bay of Bengal:

The Navies of **India, US, Japan** and **Australia** held a series of complex manoeuvres in the **Bay of Bengal**, kick-starting the four-day-long first phase of the **Malabar naval exercise**.

World's Biggest Pink Diamond Mine 'Argyle Mine' in Australia, Shuts Down After Exhausting 'Economic Reserves':

The **World's largest pink diamond** mine has shut its doors after exhausting its reserves of the expensive gems after **40 years** of a successful business, stated by global mining giant **Rio Tinto**.

India and Gulf Cooperation Council Troika hold annual Political Dialogue in virtual mode:

Union Minister of External Affairs **Dr. S. Jaishankar** led the Indian delegation of the virtual **Annual Political Dialogue** meeting between **India** and **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Troika**. Senior representatives from **Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar** also participated in the meeting.

Cabinet approves MoU between India and UK on cooperation in the field of Telecommunication:

Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, **Narendra Modi** has given its approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **Ministry of Communications of the Republic of India** and the Department of **Digital, Culture, Media and Sports (DCMS)** of **United Kingdom** Government on cooperation in the field of Telecommunications and **Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)**.

India Hands Over Another NPR 1 Billion Tranche of Nepal Housing Reconstruction Project:

Indian Ambassador to Nepal **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** handed over a cheque of **NPR 1 billion** to the Nepal government as

reimbursement of **Nepal Housing Reconstruction Project**.

India signs MoU with Spain to develop scientific and technical collaborations in astronomy:

Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** was apprised of signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between **Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)**, Bengaluru and the **Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias (IAC)** and the **GRANTECAN, S.A.(GTC)**, Spain to develop scientific and technical collaborations in **astronomy field**.

Cabinet nod for inking MoU between India and UK for cooperation in medical product regulation:

Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing an MoU between the **Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)** and the United Kingdom Medicines and Healthcare **Products Regulatory Agency** for cooperation in medical products regulation for pharmacovigilance.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta das Chairs 40th SAARC Central Bank Governors Meet:

Reserve Bank of India Governor **Shaktikanta Das** and other central bank governors in the **South East Asian nations** virtually attends 40th Meeting of the **SAARCFINANCE Governors' Group**.

Bangladesh and US launch joint naval exercise CARAT Bangladesh 2020:

Bangladesh and US navies launched the '**Cooperation Afloat Readiness and**

Training (CARAT) Bangladesh 2020' to expand relationships and broaden maritime awareness between the two countries.

Cabinet approves MoU between India and Israel for cooperation in health and medicine:

The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an MoU between **India** and **Israel** for cooperation in the field of **health and medicine**.

India and Italy virtually sign 15 agreements in various sectors:

India and **Italy** signed **15 agreements** in various sectors following a Virtual Bilateral Summit between Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his Italian counterpart **Giuseppe Conte**. The agreements signed will provide for cooperation in a diverse range of areas including energy, green energy, shipbuilding and media sector.

Joe Biden declared 46th president of united states and kamala Harris as first female deputy:

Joe Biden will become the **46th president** of the **United States** while Indian-origin **Kamala Harris** is the first female Vice-President of the US. Joe Biden is the **oldest candidate** ever elected to the White House. However, the result now condemns 74-year-old Trump to become the first one-term president since **George H. W. Bush** at the start of the 1990s.

India-Philippines 4th Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation:

The **4th India- Philippines** Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation was held

virtually. The meeting was co- chaired by India's External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** and **Teodoro Locsin Jr**, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs of **Republic of Philippines**.

Piyush Goyal to Address First-Ever Virtual Indo-Africa Summit:

Union Commerce Minister **Piyush Goyal** will address the first-ever virtual **Indo-Africa Summit**.

The summit, aimed to bring leaders from India and sub-**Saharan Africa** together while showcasing opportunities for collaboration within **finance, geopolitics, infrastructure, pharma, technology**.

German Bank KfW extends 545 million Euro funding to MMRDA infra projects:

Frankfurt-based German state-owned development bank **KfW bank** has extended two loans totalling over **545 million Euros** or **Rs 4,767 crore** to the **Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority** (MMRDA) for infrastructure projects in **Mumbai**.

Nepal President Bidhya Devi Bhandari releases special anthology 'My Understanding on Gandhi':

Nepal President **Bidhya Devi Bhandari** released an anthology on **Mahatma Gandhi**-My understanding about Gandhi at Kathmandu in the presence of Indian Ambassador **Vinay Mohan Kwatra**. It was brought out by Embassy of India along with **BP Koirala** India-Nepal Foundation.

International Bird Festival to be Organised in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh in February 2021:

Uttar Pradesh Forest and Environment Minister **Dara Singh Chauhan** announced that the **International Bird Festival** will be organised in Gorakhpur district of **Uttar Pradesh** in February 2021.

Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Zoological Park and **Ramgarh Lake** were declared the first notified wetland of the state.

India and Maldives Sign Four MoUs During Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardha Shringla's Visit:

India and **Maldives** signed four Memoranda of Understanding MoU on the **Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP)** with the Maldivian Foreign Affairs Minister **Abdulla Shahid**. The MoU stated that India is an "**Undisputed First Responder, The Best of Friends, An Invaluable Partner**" of **Maldives**.

IIT Guwahati launches Australia-India Water Centre along with University of Western Sydney:

Australia-India Water Centre (AIWC) has been inaugurated virtually through a Webinar recently to promote water-related **research, teaching, and training** between the two countries. The Water Centre will be led by **University of Western Sydney** from Australia and **IIT Guwahati** from India.

Guadalajara named World Book Capital 2022 by UNESCO:

Mexican city of Guadalajara was named **World Book Capital 2022** by DG of UNESCO,

Audrey Azoulay, on recommendation of World Book Capital Advisory Committee & representatives of International Publisher's Association, **International Federation of Library Associations**.

PM Modi co-chairs 17th ASEAN-India Summit with his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Xuan Phuc virtually:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will co-chair the **17th ASEAN-India Summit** along with Prime Minister of Vietnam **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**. The leaders of all **10 ASEAN** Member States will virtually participate in the Summit. **EAM Jaishankar Discusses Bilateral Cooperation with Brazilian Counterpart Ernesto Araujo:**

External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** held a virtual meeting with his **Brazilian** counterpart **Ernesto Araujo**. Both ministers had a range of discussions on bilateral cooperation & global developments. The leaders agreed to strengthen **India-Brazil cooperation**.

Second World Health Expo Organised in Wuhan, China:

2nd Edition of **World Health Expo** has been organised in **Wuhan city** of Central **China's Hubei**. The Expo will focus on displaying the most cutting-edge science and technology in the global health industry, and will help Wuhan to develop as "**City of Global Health Industry**".

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar represents India at 15th East Asia Summit (EAS) 2020:

External Affairs Minister **Dr S. Jaishankar** has represented India at the **15th East Asia Summit (EAS)** on behalf of PM Modi. The Summit was chaired by the Prime Minister of Vietnam **Nguyen Xuan Phuc** because Vietnam is **ASEAN Chair** in 2020 (ASEAN holds the central role and leadership in the forum). All the 18 EAS countries participated in the virtual Summit.

Union Minister Harsh Vardhan attends 8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meet:

The 8th BRICS **Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial** meeting was through a virtual platform for Science and Technology cooperation among the member countries, which are **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa**.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually attends 12th BRICS Summit hosted by Russia:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually participated in the **12th BRICS Summit**. The 2020 BRICS summit is hosted by **Russia**. The theme of this year is "**Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth.**" **Prime minister Narendra Modi to address 3rd Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum:**

Prime minister **Narendra Modi** delivered an address at the **third Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum** through video-conferencing. The inaugural Forum was held in **Singapore** and the Second Annual Forum was hosted in **Beijing**.

Second phase of Malabar Exercise begins in Northern Arabian Sea:

The navies of **India, the US, Australia and Japan** began the second phase of the **Malabar naval exercise** in the **Northern Arabian Sea** involving two aircraft carriers and a number of frontline warships, submarines and maritime reconnaissance aircraft.

The major highlight of the **four-day exercise** is participation of Indian Navy's **Vikramaditya** carrier battle group and the **Nimitz** strike group of the US Navy. The **USS Nimitz** is the world's largest warship.

UK Government announces first sponsors for 2021 UN Climate Change Conference:

United Kingdom government announced the **first principal** partners for the **UN climate conference, COP26**, scheduled for November 1-12, 2021 in **Glasgow, Scotland**. SSE, Scottish Power, NatWest Group and National Grid are the first Principal Partners who will support the delivery of a successful and ambitious COP26.

Australia and Japan sign landmark defence deal to counter China's growing influence in South China Sea:

Japanese Prime Minister **Yoshihide Suga** and his **Australian** counterpart **Scott Morrison** have signed a landmark defence deal in a bid to counter China's growing influence in the **South China Sea** and over the Pacific island nations.

Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Indore, Faridabad among 36 selected by WEF to pioneer roadmap for global smart cities:

Four Indian cities feature among the **36 others** from across the globe that have been selected as a pioneer for adopting the new technology safely as a part of the **G20 Global Smart Cities Alliance**.

The four Indian cities **Bengaluru, Faridabad, Indore** and **Hyderabad** were selected by World Economic Forum (WEF). **London, Moscow, Toronto, Brasilia, Dubai** and **Melbourne** have figured in the list.

India and Kazakhstan hold 7th round of Foreign Office Consultations, review bilateral cooperation:

India and **Kazakhstan** hold the seventh round of **Foreign Office Consultations** (FoC) via digital video-conference and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation within the framework of their Strategic Partnership stated by **Ministry of External Affairs Ministry** (MEA).

PM Narendra Modi holds virtual summit with Luxembourg PM Xavier Bettel:

Prime Minister of India **Narendra Modi** and his counterpart **Mr. Xavier Bettel** attends the first-ever **India-Luxembourg Virtual Summit**. During the Summit **Three MoUs** were signed as a part of the Summit.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bhutanese PM Tshering jointly launch RuPay card Phase-II:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** along with his Bhutanese counterpart **Lotay Tshering**

launched **RuPay card Phase-II** that will allow Bhutanese card holders to access the RuPay network in India.

The implementation of **Phase-I** of RuPay cards in Bhutan has enabled the visitors from India to access **ATMs** and **Point of Sale (PoS)** terminals across **Bhutan**. Phase-I was launched in **August 2019**.

India and Thailand Navies Jointly Patrol (CORPAT) to Stop Maritime Terrorism:

The 30th edition of **India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT)** held between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy.

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette and **His Majesty's Thailand Ship (HTMS) Kraburi**, a Chao Phraya Class Frigate along with Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both the navies are participating in the CORPAT.

PM Modi virtually attends G-20 Leaders Summit in Saudi Arabia:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will be attending the **15th G-20 Leaders Summit** at the invitation of the King of **Saudi Arabia**. The summit is being chaired by **Saudi Arabia** in a virtual format under the theme – **"Realising the Opportunities of the 21st Century for All"**.

India and Australia sign pact on cyber tech to ensure free and secure Internet:

India and **Australia** have inked a pact on cyber affairs and critical technology. Both countries will invest **\$12.7 million** in various technologies such as artificial intelligence,

quantum computing and robotics for the **next four years**.

Government of India and NDB Sign Agreement for USD 500 Million for Public Transport System in NCR:

New Development Bank (NDB) has approved a **USD \$500 million** loan fund for the **Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut** Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project to further improve the public transport system and ease the national capital area.

Green Climate Fund approves USD 256 million for Bangladesh:

Green Climate Fund has approved dollar **256 million** for **Bangladesh** in grants and loan to meet its **Green House Gas (GHG)** emission reduction targets under the **Paris agreement**. Bangladesh is committed to reduce its GHG emission by **15 percent** compared to business-as-usual scenario by **2030**.

India, Singapore, Thailand Naval Exercise "SITMEX 2020" Begins in Andaman Sea:

A trilateral naval exercise **"SITMEX-2020"** involving **India, Singapore** and **Thailand** commenced in the **Andaman Sea**. The 2-day long exercise is scheduled in a **"non-contact, at sea only format"**, involving a war-at-sea exercise, naval manoeuvres among others.

India to host G20 Summit in 2023, after 2022 meeting in Indonesia:

India which was earlier scheduled to host the **G20 Summit** in **2022** coinciding with **75th anniversary** of Indian independence will now host the Summit in **2023** & **swapped** the

Group's Presidency with **Indonesia**. **Italy** will host G20 summit in **2021** and **Brazil** in **2024**.

ADB approves \$50 mn loan to improve resource planning in West Bengal:

Asian Development Bank has approved a **USD 50 million** loan to improve operational efficiencies and resource planning and management in **West Bengal**. Loan will support the integration of **financial and information system** and the expansion of automation reforms.

Malaysia to Host Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit 2020:

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Malaysian Prime Minister **Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin**. It was the first time that all **21st** APEC Economic Leaders met virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The theme was **"Optimising Human Potential Towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity: Pivot. Prioritise. Progress"**. The APEC Summit **2021** will be hosted by **New Zealand**.

China to surpass U.S as world's largest oil refiner in 2021:

China will overtake **US** as world's biggest oil refiner by **2021**, according to **International Energy Agency**. China's infrastructure & quick economic rebound from pandemic coupled with US economic crisis & transition away from oil-based fuels have led to this.

27th Edition of India-Singapore bilateral Maritime exercise SIMBEX-20 held in Andaman Sea:

India and **Singapore** Bilateral Maritime Exercise **SIMBEX-20** held in **Andaman Sea**. Indian Navy (IN) is host **27th edition** of SIMBEX. The SIMBEX series of exercises is being held between **Indian Navy** and **Republic of Singapore Navy** (RSN) since 1994.

India Announces Over 100 High-Impact Projects Worth \$80 Million for Afghanistan:

India announced a new phase of over **100 high-impact** community projects in **Afghanistan** worth **USD 80 million** (Rs 592 crore) as the country's development portfolio in the war-ravaged nation has reached over **USD 3 billion** (Rs 22,200 crore) so far.

4th Global Conference on Criminal Finances and Cryptocurrencies held virtually:

The 4th Global Conference on **Criminal Finances and Cryptocurrencies** was held virtually. The conference was organized by the **Interpol, Europol and the Basel Institute on Governance**. It was attended by over 2,000 representatives from 132 countries.

BANKING AND ECONOMY:

RBI revises regulatory framework for Housing Finance Companies:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) shared final guidelines for **Housing Finance Companies (HFC)** highlighting that these NBFCs should have at **least 60%** of their net assets deployed in the business of providing finance for housing by **March 31, 2024**.

RBI bars payment system operators from launching new QR codes:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred **Payment System Operators (PSOs)** from launching any new proprietary **QR code for payment transactions**. Reserve Bank had constituted a Committee under Chairperson of Prof **Deepak Phatak** to review the current system of **Quick Response (QR)** Codes in India and suggest measures for moving towards interoperable QR Codes.

NBFCs approach RBI for inclusion as beneficiaries to on-tap TLTRO:

Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) have written to the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to include them as beneficiaries for availing funds under on tap **Targeted Long-Term Repo Operations (TLTRO) scheme**.

To ensure comfortable liquidity conditions in the system, the RBI announced to conduct on tap **TLTRO** worth **Rs 1 lakh crore**. It will remain operational till **March 31, 2021**.

ICCI Partners with BSE to support SMEs & start-ups in listing on Exchange:

Stock exchange **BSE** has signed an agreement with **Inventivepreneur**

Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI) to support **small and medium enterprises (SMEs)** and **start-ups**, and promote their listing on the exchange. ICCI will offer assistance to BSE in evaluating SMEs and start-ups for listing on **BSE SME board**. **Delhi Metro and SBI jointly launch 'credit-cum-smart card' with auto-top up facility:**

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) in association with the **SBI Card** launched the '**Delhi Metro - SBI card**', a multipurpose credit card for the benefit of the commuters, with an auto top-up facility. **Mangu Singh**, Managing Director (MD) of DMRC and **Ashwini Kumar Tewari**, MD & CEO (Chief Executive Officer) jointly launched the card.

State Bank of India raises Rs 5,000 cr by issuing Basel-III compliant bonds:

State Bank of India (SBI) has raised **Rs 5,000 crore** by issuing **Basel-III compliant bonds**. The committee of directors of capital raising met and accorded its approval to allot 50,000 Basel-III compliant non-convertible, **taxable debt instruments**.

RBI asks lending institutions to implement waiver of interest on interest schemes:

Reserve Bank of India has asked all the lending institutions to implement the waiver of interest on interest schemes for **loans up to Rs 2 crore**. The lending institutions also including **non-banking financial companies**. RBI has urged the banks to implement the interest waiver for a moratorium period of **six months**.

SBI raises \$1 billion loan with JBIC and other lenders for Japanese automakers in India:

State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a loan agreement amounting to up to **\$1 billion** with **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)**. The facility is co-financed by **SMBC, MUFG Bank, Mizuho Bank, Shizuoka Bank, and Bank of Yokohama**. The loan is intended to promote a smooth flow of funds for the whole range of business operations of **Japanese automobile manufacturers in India**.

BharatPe launches Digital Gold, to add credit and debit cards as payment options:

Leading merchant payment company **BharatPe** announced the launch of **digital gold** on its platform, and said the launch of this new category of fintech product is in line with the company's commitment to offer the entire gamut of **financial products** to SMEs. **NABARD sanctions over Rs 8504.30 lakh under RIDF scheme to Government of Goa during 2020-21:**

RIDF was instituted in **NABARD** with the sole objective of giving **low cost** support to State Governments & State-owned Corporations for quick completion of projects related to **medium & minor irrigation, soil conservation** & others forms of rural infrastructure. **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)**, set up in 1995-96.

RBL Bank and Visa launch instant payouts for FinTechs:

RBL Bank and **Visa** have tied-up to launch instant **payouts for FinTechs** will empower real-time push payments powered by Visa Direct and enable instantaneous payouts through cards. The partnership with Visa underlines RBL's '**Partners ka Bank**' philosophy.

IndusInd Bank becomes the first bank to go live on RBI's Account Aggregator Framework:

IndusInd Bank announced that it has gone live as a '**Financial Information Provider (FIP)**' under the new '**Account Aggregator Framework**' of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, making it the first bank in the country to do so.

As an 'FIP', IndusInd Bank will facilitate customers to share their financial information with **Financial Information Users (FIUs)** on the Account Aggregator Ecosystem in a secure and seamless manner, basis an exclusive consent from the customer.

FreePaycard Partnership with ICICI Lombard to Launch Group Safeguard Insurance:

ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd. in partnership with **FreePaycard Retail Pvt.Ltd**, an online pre-paid card trading platform launched Group Safeguard Insurance for the members of FreePaycard.

The customized hospitalization product comes in 3 variants namely, **Hospital Daily Cash Benefit, Death Benefit** and **Special Vector**-borne Disease-related Hospitalization Benefit.

Amazon Pay ICICI Bank credit card fastest to cross 1 million milestones:

According to **ICICI Bank** and **Amazon Pay**, the credit card has become fastest in the country to cross one million milestones. Amazon Pay & ICICI Bank introduced the **co-branded credit card in 2018**. Amazon pay ICICI Bank credit card has no joining or annual fee.

Punjab National Bank Launches TMSAC portal and 2020 Vigilance Manual:

Punjab National Bank (PNB), India's **2nd largest public sector bank** launched the **PNB Tracking & Monitoring Staff Accountability Cases (TMSAC)** portal and PNB's 2020 Vigilance Manual, as a part of the **Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW)** 27th October 2020 to 2nd November 2020.

RBI to buy state bonds in open market for the second time:

RBI will aim to purchase **Rs 10,000 crore** worth of bonds issued by more than a dozen state governments known as **State Development Loans** in market parlance for the **second time**. Earlier the RBI conducted the first ever such OMOs on **October 22**. Selected papers residual maturities fall between **2029-2031**.

IFSCA board approves bullion exchange regulations:

The board of the **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** approved draft bullion exchange regulations, paving the way for setting up the entire ecosystem for **bullion trading, including**

bullion exchange, depository, clearing house and vaults.

RBI imposes monetary penalty on DCB Bank and Jio Payments Bank for rule violations:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on imposed monetary penalty on **DCB Bank** and **Jio Payments Bank** for various rule violations.

The central bank has imposed a penalty of **Rs 22 lakh** on DCB Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions on marketing/distribution of **mutual fund/insurance etc.**

World Bank report suggests remittances to India to drop by 9% in 2020:

World Bank stated remittances to India would fall this year by **9%** to **\$76 billion** due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and global economic recession. **India** followed by **China, Mexico, Philippines,** and **Egypt** continue to be the top five countries in 2020 to receive foreign remittances.

NABARD sanctions Rs 8,504.3 lakh loans under RIDF scheme to State:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned loans worth **Rs 8,504.30 lakh** under **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** to the **Government of Goa** for various social infrastructure projects in the State.

Government provides Rs 670-crore to support Regional Rural Banks to meet regulatory capital:

Central Government has provided support of **Rs 670 crore** to **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)** operating in the country to help them

meet the **regulatory capital requirement** of **9%**.

Around one-third of the **43 RRBs** which are suffering losses especially from **north-eastern** and **eastern regions** and need funds to meet regulatory capital requirement.

RBI to extend trading hours from 2 pm to 3:30 pm starting from November 9:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will restore trading hours in the **bond and currency markets** in a graded manner, effective November 9. The market opening time was revised to **10 a.m.** instead of **9 a.m.** for all segments. Closing timing too was revised to **2 p.m.**

HDFC ERGO Insurance Implements AI Enabled Solution to Automate Motor Claim Settlements:

India's **third-largest private non-life insurance** company **HDFC ERGO General Insurance** announced the launch of the AI tool **IDEAS (Intelligent Damage Detection Estimation and Assessment Solution)** for motor claim settlements.

Aegon Life Insurance Launches Life + 36 critical illness Insurance' on Flipkart:

Aegon Life Insurance, the pioneer of digital insurance in India, announced the launch of **'Life + 36 critical illness Insurance'** on **Flipkart** at the starting premium of just **Rs 153** for a life cover of **Rs 1 lakh** plus Critical Illness cover of **Rs 10,000**.

National Payments Corporation of India launches 'RuPay Festive Carnival':

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) unveiled discounts up to **65 per cent**

on purchase of various branded items using **RuPay card**.

The '**RuPay Festive Carnival**' will provide compelling benefits and attractive discounts to RuPay users, aimed at encouraging **safe, contactless** and **cashless payments**.

AU Small Finance Bank enters into agreement with Care Health Insurance for Health Insurance Products:

AU Small Finance Bank entered into agreement with **Care Health Insurance Company (Religare Health Insurance Company Limited)** for health insurance products as Corporate Agent.

Reserve Bank to evaluate impact of 'RBI Kehta Hai' awareness campaign:

Reserve Bank of India will evaluate the impact of multi-media public awareness campaign '**RBI Kehta Hai**', which was launched in **14 languages** to educate the public about safe banking and financial practices.

ICICI Bank launches banking stack 'Mine' for millennial customers:

ICICI Bank launched **India's first comprehensive banking** programme for **millennial customers**, in the age bracket of 18 years to 35 years.

Bank of Baroda launches employee-assistance programme:

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has introduced a new employee-centric initiative, called **Employee Assistance Programme**, aimed at helping employees deal with personal and professional issues through **psychological counselling and consulting**.

RBI announces Co-lending scheme for banks and NBFCs for priority sector:

Reserve Bank India came out with a **Co-Lending Model (CLM)** scheme under which banks can provide loans along with **NBFCs** to **priority sector borrowers** based on a prior agreement to **improve the credit flow** to the underserved sections. It is a joint lending process in which risks and rewards are shared.

SEBI increases Overseas Investment limits for Mutual Funds to USD 600 million:

Markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has enhanced foreign investment limit for individual fund houses to **USD 600 million** from **USD 300 million** at present.

Mutual Funds can make investments in overseas **Exchange Traded Fund (ETF (s))** subject to a maximum of **US \$ 200 million** per Mutual Fund, within the overall industry limit of **US \$ 1 billion**. Earlier it was **Rs 50 million**.

WhatsApp gets nod from NPCI to launch its payment services in 10 Indian Languages via UPI:

Facebook-owned messaging platform **WhatsApp** will roll out payments feature for users across the country in regional languages, a day after securing an approval from the **National Payments Corporation of India**. WhatsApp has partnered with five Indian banks to process its payment services. These are **State Bank of India, HDFC Bank,**

ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and Jio Payments Bank.

Payments is available now in **10 Indian regional language** versions of **WhatsApp**. **Fitch Solutions revises India's fiscal deficit forecast to 7.8 per cent from 8.2 per cent earlier for FY21:**

Fitch Solutions revised its forecast for the central government's fiscal deficit for the financial year (FY) 2020-21 to **7.8 per cent** from its earlier projection of **8.2 per cent**. Fiscal revenue forecast in FY21 for central government has been revised to **18.2%** decline from the earlier forecast of **18.4%**.

NPCI imposes 30% cap on transaction volumes of UPI payment apps:

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) imposed a cap on the share of UPI transactions a **single payment application** can process. **Third-party apps** providing payments services via UPI can process a maximum of **30%** of transaction volumes starting **January 1, 2021**.

Karnataka Bank launches national common mobility debit card for contact-less usage:

Karnataka Bank Ltd has launched **National Common Mobility Debit Card**. This **Rupay card** is a contactless **debit-cum-prepaid** and **interoperable transport card**.

Users can make payments without inserting the card at **PoS terminals**. Payments can be made at **toll plazas, metro transits, parking lots, retail outlets** and **smart cities** with the help of this card. The card's wallet supports small-ticket size **offline**

payments through the value stored in the card.

Bank of Baroda rolls out a well-being programme Employee Assistance Program" for its employees:

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has introduced an **'Employee Assistance Program'** in association with EAP-India to help its employees to deal with their personal problems and professional issues through psychological **counselling and consulting** 24x7.

Indian Overseas Bank seeks about Rs 1,000 crore capital support from government:

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has sought a capital support of about Rs **1,000 crore** from the government in order to create buffer for any exigency.

SEBI introduces Flexi-Cap Fund category for Mutual Funds:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced **Flexi- Cap Fund category**, providing relief to mutual funds after issuing new rules for **Multi-Cap funds** in September.

Under the new category, the scheme should have a **Minimum Investment** of **65 percent** of total assets in equity and equity-related instruments.

Bharti AXA General Insurance launches cancer awareness drive 'CancerSendsNoNotifications' on social media:

Bharti AXA General Insurance has launched **"CancerSendsNoNotifications"**

campaign on Social Media on account of the **National Cancer Awareness Day** (November 7) a special initiative to increase awareness and spread knowledge on **detecting the disease** early among people in India.

Amex partners Mobikwik to issue 'MobiKwik Blue American Express Card' with flexible credit limit:

Card network **American Express** (Amex) has tied up with homegrown fintech company **Mobikwik** to issue its **first prepaid payments card** with flexible credit limit. This launch makes Mobikwik the **first non-bank issuer** of Amex Cards in India.

IFSCA Approves Draft Banking Regulations for International Financial Services Centres:

International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) approved draft banking regulations for banking operations at IFSCs.

Banking constitutes one of the major focus areas of IFSCs (International Financial Services Centres) and is expected to drive and facilitate the other constituent operations in IFSCs in due course, IFSCA stated. It paves way for rules for various aspects of **banking operations**.

HDFC Bank launches 'Smart-Hub Merchant Solutions 3.0':

HDFC Bank has announced the launch of **India's first comprehensive banking and payment solution** for merchants **SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0**. This first-of-its-kind solution allows merchants and self-employed professionals to instantly open a

current account and start accepting payments **in-store, online, and on-the-go**.

Paytm launches "Payout Links" For Small Businesses Instant Transfer Money:

Paytm has launched **"Payout Links"** for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors, without collecting their **bank details**. It is aimed at helping small businesses in sectors like **gaming, retail, export, manufacturing and e-commerce**.

India Post Payments Bank launches doorstep service to submit Digital Life Certificate:

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) have launched the initiative of doorstep service for submission of **Digital Life Certificate** through Postman. The facility to submit life certificates online through **Jeevan Pramaan Portal** was launched by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in **November, 2014**.

Moody's projects India GDP for 2020 at - 8.9%; 2021 forecast at 8.6%:

Moody has projected the GDP of India at **- 8.9%** for the calendar year 2020. Earlier this was projected at **-9.6%**. India's GDP growth for Calendar year **2021** is projected at **8.6%** by Moody's from **8.1%** earlier.

GDP shrank 8.6% in Q2 pushing Indian economy into recession:

India's economy rebounded sharply in the wake of the reopening from lockdowns, slowing the pace of its contraction to **8.6%** in the second quarter, a **'Nowcast'** in the RBI's monthly bulletin showed.

SBM Bank India Partnered with PayNearby to Launch a Neo Banking Platform 'Nivesh':

Wholly-owned subsidiary of State Bank of Mauritius **SBM Bank India** has partnered with **Fintech PayNearby** to launch a neo banking platform. It aims to build an **"Open Banking"** network towards delivering basic banking solutions as well as advanced financial services, to their customers. The neo banking service launched is called **'Nivesh'** and is a unique Goal Based **Recurring Deposit Platform**.

SBM Bank India was the first foreign bank in India to obtain a **banking licence** from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Wholly Owned Subsidiary in January 2019.

HDFC Bank, IndusInd in 'red flag' list on nearing foreign investment Cap-Business Journal:

HDFC Bank and **IndusInd Bank** have been put in **'red flag'** list, a system used for monitoring **Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI)** limits. A listed company enters the list when the available legroom for overseas investment is less than **3%** of the permissible limit. FPIs can invest up to **74%** in both HDFC Bank and IndusInd Bank.

RBI imposes Rs 1 crore penalty on Punjab National Bank:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed **Rs.1 crore** penalty for contravention of nature referred in **Section 26 (6)** of **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**. RBI observed that PNB was operating a bilateral ATM sharing arrangement with

Druk PNB Bank, Bhutan, without prior approval from RBI. Payment & Settlement Systems Act commenced on **12th August 2008**.

Equitas Small Finance Bank launches "EVA" women savings account offering 7% interest:

Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) announced launch of **"Eva"** savings account for women offering **7 per cent** interest. **'Eva'** is a unique savings account which tries to address the well-being of Indian women in every aspect such as **Health, Wealth and Prosperity** as per the Bank. It also offers **free health check-ups**.

The bank also announced Indian woman cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** as the new brand ambassador of **ESFB**.

HDFC Bank Launches "Mooh Band Rakho" Campaign to Create Awareness on Cyber Frauds:

HDFC Bank has launched **"Mooh Band Rakho"** campaign to increase awareness on cyber frauds & preventing them. Bank will conduct **1,000** workshops in next **4 months** across the country. Bank supports **International Fraud Awareness Week 2020**, global movement to minimise impact of fraud.

BSE StAR MF launches 'Corp Direct a Direct Investment Portal for Corporates':

Leading Stock Exchange, **BSE** launched **Corp Direct** a Direct Investment Portal for Corporates with more features which will further simplify & provide **end-to-end** value-based services to the AMCs, distributors,

investors, & mutual fund industry participants.

RBI places Lakshmi Vilas Bank under moratorium:

Reserve Bank of India has placed **Lakshmi Vilas Bank** under Moratorium, which means that there will be certain restrictions on the bank regarding making payments to its customers and **making investments/loans.**

Karnataka Bank Launches Current and Savings Account campaign of FY 2020-21:

Karnataka Bank has launched **CASA** campaign of **FY 2020-21**, a nationwide savings and current account mobilization campaign starting from 17th November, 2020 to 04th March 2021.

During this campaign Bank intends to mobilize more than 4,10,000 **Current & Savings accounts** with an accretion of **Rs 650 Crores** of business by active involvement of its work force **above 8000** in all the **859 branches** across India.

Yes Bank launches co-branded prepaid card "YES BANK Neokred Card" with Neokred for cashless payments:

Yes Bank has launched a co-branded prepaid card **"YES BANK Neokred Card"** in partnership with **Neokred Technologies** to facilitate **cashless payments.** The card offerings can be personalised to suit the requirements of corporates seeking **salary cards or expense cards** for their employees.

RBL Bank selects Amazon Web Services to drive digital transformation:

RBL Bank has selected **Amazon Web Services (AWS)** as its preferred cloud service to drive digital transformation. At present, around **40 per cent** of the bank's mission-critical applications are on the cloud. The bank first migrated its corporate website to AWS cloud and with the experience gained initiated a **10-in-10 project** (a complete migration of 10 applications in 10 days).

Moody's revises India's 2020-21 GDP contraction to 10.6%:

Moody's Investors Service has revised its GDP projection for India in 2020-21 to a **10.6%** contraction compared to a **11.5%** drop it had estimated. The rating agency has also marginally elevated its forecast for **2021-22** GDP growth from **10.6% to 10.8%.**

Oxford Economics revises downwards its India growth forecast at average 4.5% for 2020-25:

Global forecasting firm **Oxford Economics** revised downwards its India growth forecast over the medium term to an average **4.5%** over **2020-25**, from its pre-pandemic projection of **6.5%.**

Barclays Projects India's GDP at -6.4% in FY21 & 8.5% in FY22:

Barclays has revised down its GDP forecast for India in the current fiscal year 2020-21 (FY21) to **-6.4%** from its earlier estimate of **-6%.** Barclays has raised its FY22 (2021-22) growth forecast to **8.5 percent** from **7 percent.**

RBI restricts withdrawals from Jalna-based Mantha Urban Coop Bank for 6 months:

Reserve Bank of India has imposed restrictions on withdrawals from Maharashtra-based **Mantha Urban Cooperative Bank** for **six months**.

Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund launches "Kotak ESG Opportunities Fund":

Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Limited (KMAMC) announced the launch of '**Kotak ESG Opportunities Fund**'. It will focus on **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)** factors and the Principles for **Responsible Investing (PRI)**.

ICICI Bank Partners with Pine Labs to launch 'ICICI Bank Cardless EMI':

Private lender **ICICI Bank** has launched a fully digital mode of payment at leading retail stores. Titled as '**ICICI Bank Cardless EMI**' (Equated Monthly Instalments), the facility will help lakhs of its pre-approved customers in buying their favourite gadgets or home appliances with the help of their **mobile phone** and **PAN** (Permanent Account Number).

RBI panel proposes to raise promoters cap to 26% in private banks:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) panel has recommended raising the cap on promoter shareholding in private sector banks from **15 % to 26 %** of the paid up equity after **15 years** of operation. The minimum initial capital requirement for licensing new banks to be enhanced from **Rs.500 cr to Rs.1,000 cr**.

LIC of India launches "ANANDA" a first digital application tool for agents:

Life Insurance Corporation of India launched its first digital application, "**ANANDA**", an acronym for **Atma Nirbhar Agents New Business Digital Application**.

The Digital application is a tool for the on boarding process to get the Life Insurance policy through a **Paperless module** with the help of the **Agent / Intermediary**.

Reserve Bank of India becomes world's first central bank to reach 1 million Twitter followers:

Reserve Bank of India has become the **first monetary authority** in the world to have more than **one million** followers on its official Twitter handle.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has beaten the world's most powerful central banks the **US Federal Reserve** and the **European Central Bank** on Twitter by a wide margin, emerging as the **most popular central bank** on the microblogging site with over one million followers.

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS:

SVC Bank partners with NPCI to launch a digital rewards platform:

SVC Rewards Programme by **SVC Co-op Bank** is designed to make banking experience more rewarding for its customers in the form of Reward points earned upon use of **SVC Bank Cards** and **digital solutions**. It is built upon the 'nth Rewards' platform of NPCI.

AIM Launches India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE), with CSIRO:

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of **NITI Aayog** in association with Australia's **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)**, is organizing a two-day hackathon on the circular economy, **India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)**.

IIT Jodhpur Signs MoU with NHAI to Improve National Highway Design & Infrastructure:

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur has joined hands with **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)** to improve highway infrastructure and design.

CSB Bank partners with IIFL Finance for gold loan origination:

Private-sector lender **Catholic Syrian Bank (CSB Bank)** has entered into a partnership with non-banking finance company, **IIFL Finance (IIFL)** for sourcing and managing retail gold loan assets.

IIT Kanpur and ASI sign MoU with Italian institutes for restoration of monuments:

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) and the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** signed an agreement with two Italian institutions **Ca'Foscari University of Venice**, **Soprintendenza Archeologia and Belle Arti E Paesaggio**, Venice from Italy seeking restoration and protection of **historical monuments**.

NBCC Signs MoU with Delhi Transport for Development of Land Parcels:

State-owned construction firm **NBCC Ltd.** has signed a memorandum of understanding with **Delhi Transport Corporation** for development of various land parcels in the national capital. NBCC will work as a **Project Management Consultant (PMCI)** for developing land parcels on a self-revenue generation model.

Microsoft collaborate with NSDC to empower women in India with digital skills:

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

NTPC Limited enters into foreign currency loan agreement with Japanese Government under GREEN initiative:

NTPC Ltd under **Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC)** 's **GREEN** or **Global Action** for Reconciling Economic growth and Environment preservation initiative, **India's largest power producer** entered into foreign currency loan agreement with Japanese Government's financial institution for **JPY 50**

billion (approx. USD 482 million or Rs. 3,582 crore).

Cochin Shipyard Limited and Italy's Fincantieri Signs MoU in Shipping Industry:

Cochin Shipyard Ltd of **Kerala** and **Italy's Fincantieri** (one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups) signed an MoU for co-operation in the areas of **design, ship building, ship repair, marine equipment manufacturing, besides training & skill development**. CSL is the **largest shipbuilding & maintenance facility** in India.

Government set to divest 10% in GIC Re, New India Assurance:

Government is set to offer **10%** shares in the country's largest non-life insurance company **New India Assurance** through an offer for sale to the public. The government had divested close to **15%** stakes in both New India and GIC in **2017**.

Tech giant IBM and Indian Oil Corporation collaborate for digital services:

Tech giant IBM has collaborated with **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)** to transform the latter's customer experience using digital tools. Around 12,400 IOCL distributors covering about **130 million consumers** can now use the **IndianOil One** mobile app and portal, developed by IBM Services. The IndianOil One mobile app and portal are part of Indian Oil's Project ePIC.

SBI ties up with global education platform edX

State Bank of India (SBI) has entered into a strategic partnership with global **non-profit education** platform **edX**, where the bank will offer its **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)** on the platform from **November** onwards.

Initially, SBI will be offering three courses – Unleashing Creativity at the **Workplace**, **Relationship Marketing Strategy** for Financial Services, and **Conflict Resolution**, stated SBI.

IISc and Indian Oil sign MoU for hydrogen generation technology:

Bengaluru's IISc and the **Indian Oil Corporation** signed an MoU to develop and demonstrate **biomass gasification** based hydrogen generation technology. The developed technology will be scaled up and demonstrated at **Indian Oil's R&D Centre at Faridabad**.

RBI allows Maple Group to acquire up to 9.99% in RBL Bank:

Private sector lender RBL Bank announced that the **Reserve Bank of India** has granted its approval to Maple Group to acquire up to a **9.99 percent** stake in the bank. **Maple Group** was one of the investors that participated in the bank's preferential issue.

IREDA signs MoU with MNRE, setting key targets for the year 2020-21:

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd.(IREDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**, Government of India setting key targets for the year **2020-21**.

ICICI Lombard partners with FreePaycard to offer health insurance solutions:

ICICI Lombard in partnership with **Freepaycard** has launched **Group Safeguard Insurance**. This strategic partnership will make the bite-sized health insurance solutions, designed specifically for **Freepaycard members**, available at its multi-category partner retail outlets.

Axis Bank to buy 19% stake in Max Life against 17% earlier:

Axis Bank has announced that it will acquire **19.002%** stake in **Max Life** as against **17.002%** stake decided earlier. The decision has been taken after, the **RBI** rejected **Axis Banks** proposal to buy 17.002% stake in **Max Life**.

CCI approves acquisition of General Insurance Business of Bharti AXA by ICICI Lombard:

Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves acquisition of General Insurance Business of **Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Limited (Bharti AXA)** by **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Lombard)** under **Section 31 (1)** of the **Competition Act, 2002**.

TransUnion CIBIL and Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launch **MSME Credit Health Index**:

TransUnion CIBIL in partnership with **Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** has launched **MSME Credit Health Index** to provide a

reliable measure and benchmark of the growth and strength of the **MSME sector in India**.

Visa partners with DigitSecure and HDFC Bank for live deployment of PCI certified Tap to Phonocard acceptance solution:

Visa announced the deployment of a PCI certified Tap to **Phonocard** acceptance solution along with **DigitSecure** and **HDFC Bank**. It enables merchants to securely accept **contactless card payments** in seconds through an app on their **NFC (Near-field communication) -enabled Android smartphones**.

Prasar Bharati and BISAG-N Sign MoU to launch education TV channels:

India's largest public broadcasting agency **Prasar Bharati** and **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG- State level agency by Govt of Gujarat)** signed a MoU. Under the Memorandum of Understanding, all the **51 DTH education channels** will be available as DD co-branded channels to all **DD Free Dish viewer**.

SBI Card Ties Up with Paytm to Launch Co-Branded Credit Cards:

Credit card company **SBI Card** have tied up with **Paytm** to launch co-branded credit card. Available in two variants **Paytm SBI Card** and **Paytm SBI Card SELECT** the products have been launched on the Visa platform.

Airports Authority of India signs MoU with NTPC to set up solar power plants at airports:

Airports Authority of India signed an MoU with an **NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN)**, a subsidiary of NTPC, subsidiary to promote the usage of electric vehicles and set up solar power plants at its airports. NTPC will be provided **land & rooftop** free of cost.

The AAI owns and manages more than **100 airports** across India. The airports in **Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mangaluru** and **Lucknow** are managed by private companies and not by the AAI.

HIL signs MOU with Department of Chemicals & Petro Chemicals to achieve revenue target of 451 Crore rupees:

HIL (India) Ltd PSU under **Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers** signed MoU with Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals recently to achieve the revenue target of **Rs 451 crore**. The company registered highest ever sale for product in the first two quarters.

IFFCO Bazar Partners with SBI YONO Krishi App to Boost Accessibility of Quality Agri-Products:

IFFCO Bazar e-commerce wing of **IFFCO** announced its integration with **SBI YONO Krishi**, a dedicated portal catering to farmer's needs. It offers a wide variety of products **speciality fertilisers, organic agri-inputs, seeds, agrochemicals, agri-machinery etc.,**

Axis Bank to acquire shares in CSC e-Governance for Rs 36 crore:

Axis Bank has acquired over **57,700 shares** in **CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd** for **Rs 36.38 crore**. Axis Bank has executed a pact for subscribing to 57,743 equity shares

of a face value of Rs 1,000 each to be issued by CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd at **Rs 6,300 per equity share**, the lender said in a **regulatory filing**.

Indigo Seaways signs agreement to operate a RoPax ferry on the Ghogha-Hazira route:

Surat-based **Indigo Seaways Pvt Ltd** has signed an agreement to operate a **RoPax ferry** on the **Ghogha-Hazira** route that will be virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**.

Saudi Arabia's PIF to invest Rs 9,555 crore in Reliance Retail:

Public Investment Fund (PIF) of **Saudi Arabia** has proposed to invest **Rs 9,555 crore** (\$1.3 billion) for an equity stake of **2.04 per cent** in **Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL)**, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries.

Indian astronomers collaborated with Nobel laureate on Thirty Meter Telescope Project:

Indian astronomers have collaborated with 2020 Physics Nobel Laureate **Prof. Andrea Ghez** for the design of back-end instruments and possible science prospects of the **Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT)** project. It is a proposed **Extremely Large Telescope (ELT)** which is planned to be installed at **Maunakea** on the **island of Hawaii**.

Tata Consultancy Services to buy Postbank Systems from Deutsche Bank:
Tata Consultancy Services will acquire **100 per cent stake** in **Postbank Systems AG (PBS)** from **Deutsche Bank AG**.

PBS is the full-range captive IT service provider that provides **project management, application management and infrastructure support** services to Postbank and other subsidiaries of **Deutsche Bank**. PBS and its around 1,500 employees will become part of TCS.

Bharti Axa General Insurance partners with Airtel Payments Bank to offer car insurance 'Smart Drive Private Car Insurance' to its Customers:

Airtel Payments Bank has announced **Smart Drive Private Car Insurance** in association with **Bharti Axa General Insurance**. It offers '**Smart Drive Private Car Insurance**', a comprehensive car insurance for its customer's financial protection against damage to the vehicle due to **accident, theft, and natural and man-made disasters**.

Marg ERP and Paytm partners to resolve MSMEs payment issue digitally:

One of the biggest enterprise solutions providers in India, **Marg ERP**, with over **50% market share** in **Pharma and FMCG** sector nationally, has come together with **Paytm** to facilitate seamless transactions for **MSMEs**.

Flipkart offers customised group health insurance cover issued by Bajaj Allianz:

Flipkart has announced that it now offers group health insurance cover ranging from **3 lakhs to Rs.20 lakh** issued by **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** and **Care Health Insurance** to its large and growing Pan-Indian customer base.

Tata AIA Life Insurance Partners with PayBima to Distribute its Life Insurance Solution through Digital sales:

Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited entered into partnership with **PayBima** (PayBima.com), the digital arm of **Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd.,(MIBL)** as a Broker to distribute its industry-leading life insurance solutions.

AGS Transact Tech and Utimaco Partners to provide Cyber-Defense Technology for Digital Payments:

AGS Transact Technologies Limited (AGSTTL) and **Utimaco** entered into partnership to offer **Cyber-Defense Technology**, the highest level of security for **digital payments and automation solutions** to organizations across sectors including **banking, petroleum, retail etc. in India & South-east Asia**.

Embassy Group Signs MoU with Karnataka to Improve Government Schools in Bangalore:

Embassy Group has signed an MoU with the **Government of Karnataka**, Department of Education for improvement of Government Schools in **Bangalore**. MoU is to provide **educational resources, infrastructural support, and holistic health programs** for 20 Government Schools at a cost of **Rs 15 crores**. The MoU was signed for a period of **two years**.

IRDAI gives final nod for merger of HDFC ERGO Health with HDFC ERGO General Insurance:

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has given the final nod for the merger of HDFC ERGO Health Insurance with **HDFC ERGO General Insurance**. As per the scheme of amalgamation through a share swap deal, there will be dissolution of **HDFC ERGO Health** without winding up.

DIPAM signs pact with World Bank for advising on CPSE asset monetisation:

Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) signed an agreement with the **World Bank** for providing advisory services for asset monetisation. **DIPAM** is mandated with facilitating monetization of **non-core assets** of government **CPSEs** (central public sector enterprises) under strategic disinvestment.

Stashfin Partners with Visa to Launch Co-Branded Prepaid Cards with Credit Lines:

Stashfin has partnered with **Visa** to launch co-branded prepaid cards with credit lines. The credit line card can be used at physical merchant locations and **ATMs** (Automated Teller Machines) as well as in **Visa**-accepted online modes.

Indian School of Business inks MoU with Indian Council of World Affairs:

City-based premier B-School **Indian School of Business (ISB)** announced that it has inked a MoU with the **Indian Council of World Affairs** to work in the areas of diplomacy, culture, economy and trade, education, international relations, sciences, social sciences, communications and the media.

Poonawalla Finance partners with ICSI to offer special loans to company secretaries:

Poonawalla Finance, the financial services arm of the Cyrus Poonawalla Group that owns the world's largest vaccines producer **Serum Institute of India**, is eyeing **Rs 500 crore** loan sales to company secretaries over the next one year under a special arrangement.

USAID Partners with Mastercard to launch "Project Kirana" to empower women through financial inclusion:

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and **Mastercard** have collaborated under **Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative (W-GDP)** to launch '**Project Kirana**', to help women entrepreneurs grow and thrive.

IBM to Acquire Solution Provider TruQua in SAP Channel Play:

IBM has reached a definitive agreement to acquire Chicago-based **TruQua Enterprises, LLC**, an IT services and consulting **SAP development** partner that specializes in delivering finance and analytics solutions to Fortune 500 companies.

SBI signs MoU with Luxembourg Stock exchange to promote green finance:

India's largest lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSe)**. The MoU will help SBI and LuxSE to set up a long-term cooperation mechanism and promote **ESG** (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) and **green finance**. It will open up new avenues for market development and fundraising.

Bharti Airtel to acquire 5.2% stake in Avaada MHBuldhana for Rs 4.55 crore:

Bharti Airtel will acquire **5.2 per cent** stake in solar power company **Avaada**

MHBuldhana for Rs 4.55 crore in an all-cash deal.

Avaada MHBuldhana Private Limited is a newly-formed company and developing a captive generating solar power plant in **Maharashtra** which will become operational by **March 2021**. It is a subsidiary of **Avaada Energy Private Limited (AEPL)**.

Indian Oil signed MoU with MoPNG for upcoming Compressed Bio-Gas Plants:

Indian Oil R&D Centre has developed robust technology on Bio-methanation and has signed MoU with the **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG)**, Government of India as a technology provider for the upcoming CBG Plants. Production of CBG would increase the green energy mix, reduce import dependence, create employment & reduce pollution.

FICCI FLO inks pact with IESC, IIM Shillong to mentor women entrepreneurs:

FLO, the women wing of the **Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** has signed an agreement with **Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong** and **Incubation and Enterprise Support Centre (IESC)** to mentor entrepreneurs.

Canara Bank, Axis Bank, Indian Bank, and South Indian Bank acquire 6.67% stake each in IBIC:

Canara Bank, Axis Bank, Indian Bank and South Indian Bank have acquired **6.67 per cent** stake each in financial technology firm **IBIC** with an objective of providing a platform for exploring, building and implementing **Distributed Ledger**

Technology (DLT) solutions for the Indian financial services sector.

Muthoot Finance partners with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance to provide insurance on gold jewellery:

Non-banking finance company (NBFC) **Muthoot Finance** has tied up with **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** to provide insurance on gold jewellery as part of their new initiative. The Scheme named as **"Muthoot Gold Shield"** is backed by Group Affinity All Risk policy of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.

Mercedes-Benz Collaborates with SBI to Target HNI customers:

Mercedes-Benz India partners with **State Bank of India** to expand its customer base and create unique promotions for SBI's **High Networth Individuals (HNI) customers**. This collaboration will give the luxury automobile manufacturer access to SBI's HNI customer base, while the bank's customers will enjoy exclusive benefits at the time of booking a Mercedes-Benz car.

India Post Payments Bank partners PNB MetLife to launch Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana:

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has collaborated with **PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited** to launch **"Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana"**. The unique scheme launched by IPPB provides life cover on death of the insured member due to any reason.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

IIT Kharagpur and TCS Develop Novel "Industry 4.0" Technology a New Trends in India's Advanced Manufacturing Sector:

Prof. Surjya K Pal of **IIT Kharagpur** has developed novel **Industry 4.0** technology for remotely controlled factory operations and real-time quality correction during industrial production, jointly with TCS to set a new trend in **India's advanced manufacturing sector.**

India Meteorological Department Commissions Flash Flood Guidance Services for South Asia:

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has dedicated first of its kind **"Flash Flood Guidance services (FFGS) "** for **South Asian countries** namely **India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka** to issue impact-based **forecasting of floods.**

NASA's SOFIA Discovers traces of Water On Sunlit Surface of Moon:

NASA'S SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy) telescope confirmed the presence of **water on the moon's surface.** It indicates that water may be distributed across the surface and not limited to cold, shadowed places. The **ice-rich** areas have been found near the moon's **north & south poles.**

Indian Army launches indigenous mobile app 'SAI' to facilitate secure messaging:

Indian Army has developed and launched a secure messaging application, **"Secure Application for the Internet"** or **SAI.** The

app supports **end-to-end secure voice**, text and video calling services for Android platform and was launched to prevent **"leaking"** of any classified information to inimical intelligence agencies.

The application has been vetted by **CERT-in** empaneled auditor and Army Cyber Group.

Development Bank of Singapore Named Asia's Safest Bank for 12th Consecutive Year:

DBS Bank has been named the **'Safest Bank in Asia'** for the 12th consecutive year by **New York-based** trade publication **Global Finance.** DBS' rankings as the **fourth-safest commercial bank** in the world and 14th safest bank globally remains unchanged from **2019 and 2018.**

ISRO to launch Earth Observation Satellite EOS-1 and 9 Customer Satellites:

India would launch its latest earth observation satellite **EOS-01** and nine international customer **spacecraft onboard** its **PSLV-C49** rocket from the spaceport of **Sriharikota.** **EOS-01** is intended for applications in **agriculture, forestry, & disaster management.**

MIT scientists design face mask that can inactivate coronavirus using heat:

Scientists at MIT have designed a novel face mask that can not only filter out the **SARS-CoV-2 virus**, which causes COVID-19, but also inactivate it using heat.

Indian Navy Warship INS Kora successfully test-fires anti-ship missile at 'maximum range' in Bay of Bengal:

Indian Navy successfully test-fired an **Anti-Ship Missile (AShM)** from its Guided Missile Corvette **INS Kora**. INS Kora is a **Kora-class guided missile corvette** of **Indian Navy**. It was commissioned into service in **1998**. It was designed by the Navy under Project **25A**, and is equipped with **Kh-35 Anti-Ship Missile**.

India Test-fires **BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile** from **Sukhoi Fighter Jet** with '**Deadly Accuracy**':

Indian Air Force successfully test-fired an air launched version of the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from a **Sukhoi fighter aircraft** in the Bay of Bengal. The missile hit a sinking ship with deadly accuracy and the test-firing produced desired results.

KVIC launches two-layered Diwali face masks made of pure Muslin fabric:

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has launched a Limited Edition of two-layered "**Happy Diwali**" printed face masks made of pure Muslin fabric, high quality and ultra-fine cotton fabric handmade by traditional Khadi artisans of **West Bengal**.

Indian Naval Ship Airavat reaches Port Sudan as part of 'Mission Sagar-II':

Indian Naval Ship, **Airavat** reached **Port Sudan** as a part of **Mission Sagar-II**. Indian government is providing assistance to Friendly Foreign Countries to overcome natural calamities and COVID-19 pandemic, and towards the same INS Airavat is carrying a consignment of **100 Tonnes** of **food aid** for the people of Sudan.

IIT Bombay launches self-help website "Bandhu" to enhance emotional well-being of students:

Union Minister of State for Education **Sanjay Dhotre** launched a self-help website "**Bandhu**" (a friend in need) for students of IIT Bombay in the presence of Director of **IIT Bombay** Prof. **Subhasis Chaudhuri**.

India Successfully Test Fires Advanced version of DRDO's Pinaka Rockets from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha:

An enhanced version of the **Pinaka Mk-1 missile** developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** was successfully flight-tested from the Integrated Test Range in **Chandipur**, off the **coast of Odisha**.

IIT Roorkee develops world's first specific bacterial biosensor for detecting environmental detergent pollutant:

A **five-member** team of researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee** have developed the **world's first** specific reliable **bacterial biosensor** to detect the presence of common environmental pollutant- **Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate (SDS)**.

Indian School of Business and Ministry of Railways enters into strategic partnership to improve Operational Efficiency:

Ministry of Railways and the **Indian School of Business (ISB)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a strategic partnership. It was signed by **Vinod**

Kumar Yadav, Chairman, Railway Board and Professor **Rajendra Srivastava**, Dean, ISB, in the presence of Railway Board Members & faculty members of ISB.

IIT Madras to Collaborate with Japanese Firm DG TAKANO to bring in new water technologies to India:

International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW) is collaborates with **DG TAKANO**, a Japanese firm, to introduce **new clean water technologies** in **India** and to develop innovative products that will solve existing societal and **environmental challenges** in the area of clean and safe drinking water globally.

NMDC and IIT Hyderabad launch incubation and fellowship program to support deep-tech entrepreneurs:

National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) in association with **IIT Hyderabad** has launched an Incubation and Fellowship program. **NICE Program (NMDC Innovation and Incubation Centre)** is a joint program between **NMDC** and **i-TIC Foundation**.

India conducts major tri-Service exercise "Bull Strike" in Andaman and Nicobar Islands:

Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) conducted a **three-day** joint services exercise code-named '**Bull Strike**' at the remotely located **Teressa Island**. The exercise saw participation from three service components of ANC, elements of Indian Army's Parachute Brigade, **MARCOS (Marine Commando Force)** and **Special Forces**.

The exercise focussed on **enhancing interoperability** and **synergy** among the three services **Army, Navy and Air Force** - to maximize combat potential.

Two-Day Joint Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' held at Paradip Coast, Odisha:

A two-day joint coastal security exercise, "**Sagar Kavach**" was launched at **Paradip Coast, Odisha**. The exercise is being carried out by a joint effort of the state of **Odisha and West Bengal** governments.

NSDC launches 'Project Future Ready' to impart career skills to 1 lakh students:

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in partnership with **American India Foundation, Dell Technologies** and **University of Mumbai** has launched '**Project Future Ready**' to equip students with career skills. The project is set to impact over 1 lakh students in Mumbai and Delhi-NCR, of which **60 per cent** are females.

ISRO successfully launches EOS01, Nine Foreign satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota:

India's **PSLV-C49** carrying its latest earth observation satellite **EOS-01** and **nine customer satellites** lifted off from the spaceport. The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (**PSLV-C49/EOS-01**) blasted off from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Andhra Pradesh**.

Union Education Minister announces setting up of Centre of Excellence for Indian Knowledge System at IIT Kharagpur:

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, will set up a **Centre of Excellence** for the Indian knowledge system, the Union Education Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** announced while inaugurating the international webinar called '**Bharata Tirtha**' organised by the institute.

China successfully sends world's first 6G communications test satellite into orbit from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center:

China has become the **world's first country** to have successfully sent the **6G communications test satellite** into the orbit from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center** in the **Shanxi Province**.

The 6G satellite was among three Chinese satellites successfully launched into orbit, along with **10 commercial** remote sensing satellites developed by **Argentinian company Satellogic**.

Virgin Hyperloop completes first-ever human trial in hyperloop pod in US:

Virgin Hyperloop has Successfully completed the **first-ever human trial** in the hyperloop pod at the **DevLoop test facility** in the **US**. Hyperloop is a next-generation travel system that uses pods travelling at high speeds through **low-pressure tubes** erected on columns using magnetic levitation.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy scales up PM-KUSUM scheme goal to 30.8 GW of solar capacity by 2022:

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has announced that in continuation of its order from **March 2019**, regarding the approval of the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja**

Suraksha evam Uthaan Mahabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM) scheme.

MNRE has received sanction from the president for scale-up and expansion of the scheme to achieve enhanced solar capacity of **30.8 GW** by **2022** with revised **Central Financial Assistance (CFA)**.

Indian Navy's fifth Scorpene class submarine 'INS Vagir' launched at Mumbai's Mazagon Dock.:

Union Minister of State for AYUSH and Defense (Independent Charge) **Shripad Naik** Virtually launched the **5th Scorpene-class** submarine "**INS Vagir**" in the **Arabian sea waters** at **Mazgaon Dock, Mumbai**.

DRDO develops fire detection and suppression system for passenger buses: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed for passenger buses a technology called "**Fire Detection and Suppression System (FDSS)**".

India successfully test-fires Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile system in Odisha:

India successfully test-fired the all-weather Quick Reaction **Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM)** system at an integrated test range in **Chandipur** off the **Odisha coast**. QRSAM is capable of providing **air defence** on the move and has a range of **30 km**.

Polio Vaccine Becomes First-Ever Vaccine Listed Under WHO Emergency Use:

WHO has listed the **nOPV2 vaccine** (Bio Farma, Indonesia) for emergency use to

address rising cases of vaccine-derived **polio strain**, 1st approval of its kind. These can occur if a weakened strain of poliovirus contained in oral vaccine circulates among under-**immunized populations**.

The **Emergency Use Listing (EUL)** is the first of its kind for a vaccine and paves the way for a potential listing of COVID-19 vaccines.

IIT Guwahati formulates efficient "Pincer" catalytic systems that transform biomass wastes into valuable chemicals:

IIT Guwahati has formulated efficient **"Pincer"** catalytic systems that transform biomass wastes into valuable chemicals. Tiny amounts of **"Pincer Catalysts"** convert large amounts of industrial waste such as glycerol into lactic acid and hydrogen.

IIT Kharagpur researchers develop cellulose nano-crystals from cucumber peels for food packaging:

Researchers at **IIT Kharagpur** have developed **cellulose nano-crystals** from **cucumber peels**, raising the possibility to create environment-friendly food packaging materials in future. While **single-use plastic** is being mostly avoided by environmentally conscious consumers, but such type of polymers still remains in circulation as **food packaging items**.

Larsen & Toubro delivers India's first launch hardware for human space programme:

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has delivered the first hardware, a booster segment '**S-200**' for

the **Gaganyaan Launch Vehicle** to the Indian Space Research Organisation ahead of schedule, in a virtual flag-off ceremony presided by ISRO chairman **K Sivan**.

NASSCOM Launches FutureSkills PRIME Beta Platform to Enhance India's Digital Talent:

National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has launched **FutureSkills PRIME Beta Platform** to foster an ecosystem that enhances India's digital talent with the right set of skills. It is a digital learning platform to enhance **India's digital talents**.

NASA, US and European Partners Launches Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite Mission to Monitor Global Ocean:

SpaceX, NASA, ESA successfully launched **Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich mission**. Sentinel-6a will be the first of **two identical satellites**, the second to be launched in five years, that will provide measurements of unprecedented precision until at least **2030**.

Indian Oil corporation limited successfully tests 'zero-emission e-mobility':

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd has successfully conducted a '**Proof of Concept**' feasibility study on '**zero-emission electric mobility**' at one of its fuel stations in **Bengaluru**. And also, Oil India Limited (OIL) launched **Rs 220 crore** seismic survey programme at **Kakatpur** in **Puri District, Odisha** in the **Mahanadi Basin** (Onland) as a part of the **National Seismic Programme (NSP)**.

Indian Navy receives ninth Boeing P-8I anti-submarine surveillance aircraft:

Indian Navy have received **ninth P-8I** long range maritime reconnaissance and **anti-submarine warfare aircraft**. India had first signed a contract with Boeing in 2009 for eight P-8Is to replace the Indian Navy's aging **Tupolev Tu-142M** maritime surveillance turboprops.

IIT Madras Researchers Develop Solar-powered Unmanned Autonomous Survey Craft for Indian Ports & Inland Waterways:

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers have developed a **Solar-powered Unmanned Autonomous Survey Craft** for Indian Ports and Inland Waterways. It can undertake autonomous **hydrographic and oceanographic surveys** and provide real-time data transmission over long distance.

IIT Guwahati Develops Free-Space Optical Communication System Using Light Beams:

A research team led by the **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT Guwahati)** has developed a **free-space optical communication system** for information transfer. In free-space communication, data in the form of **voice, text or image** is transmitted **using light** wirelessly rather than through optical fibres.

Indian Successfully Test Fires Land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Andaman and Nicobar Islands:

India successfully test-fired a **land-attack version** of the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** territory. The supersonic cruise missile successfully hit its target, which was on another island.

The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile is the **world's fastest operational system** in its class. DRDO has recently extended the range of the missile system from the existing **298 km** to around **450 km**.

China launches historic 'Chang'e-5' mission to collect samples from moon:

China launched a historic mission '**Chang-e 5**' to moon to collect '**first lunar samples**'. The spacecraft "Chang'e-5" was launched on China's indigenous Long March-5 rocket from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site on the coast of southern island province of Hainan province.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS:

Lt. General N K Sahoo takes charge as of DG, Dental Services & Colonel Commandant of ADC:

Lieutenant General **Nanda Kishore Sahoo** has taken the charge as **Director General, Dental Services,** and **Colonel Commandant of Army Dental Corps.**

Essar Appoints Stein Ivar Bye as Chief Executive Officer:

Essar Oil UK Ltd owns the **Stanlow refinery** in the UK appointed **Stein Ivar Bye** as its new CEO. Stanlow produces **16 per cent** of the UK's road transport fuels and the refinery processes **10 million tonnes** of crude and **feedstocks annually.**

Indian-origin Wavel Ramkalawan elected President of Seychelles:

Indian-origin **Wavel Ramkalawan** has been elected as the **President of Seychelles.** Seychelles has elected an opposition candidate as president for the first time since **1977.**

Guinean President Alpha Conde Wins 3rd Term with 59.49% Vote: Electoral Commission:

Guineas President **Alpha Conde** has won a third term with **59.49%** of the vote, the **National Independent Electoral Commission** declared. Opposition candidate **Cellou Dalein Diallo** received **33.50%** of the vote, the commission said. Voter turnout was almost **80%.**

Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports appoints Bimal Julka as Chairman:

Former **Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)** of India, **Bimal Julka,** has been appointed as the new Chairman of **Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS),** the self-regulatory industry body for fantasy sports in India.

Luis Arce elected as Bolivian President of Bolivia:

Luis Alberto Arce Catacora has been elected as **Bolivia's president,** winning with **55 percent** of the votes. His opponent, centrist former President **Carlos Mesa,** received only **31.5 percent.**

Shashi Kiran Shetty appointed as Chairman of Society & Board of Governors of NITIE:

Chairman of **Allcargo Logistics** and **Gati,** **Shashi Kiran Shetty** has been appointed by the **Ministry of Education, Government of India,** as the Chairman of the **Society and Board of Governors (BoG)** of the **National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE),** one of India's premium and only institution offering post graduate courses in **Industrial Engineering.**

Facebook India's public policy head Ankhi Das quits:

Ankhi Das senior **Facebook executive** who was caught in controversy recently over allegations of political bias in the running of **Facebook & WhatsApp** in **India** quit the social media giant. She was in charge of public policy & government initiative for India.

Rajesh Nambiar appointed Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant India:

Cognizant announced the appointment of **Rajesh Nambiar** as the **Chairman and Managing Director** of **India** and a member of the Executive Committee with effect from November 9. He currently serves as Chairman and President of **Ciena, India**.

Ursula Morgenstern was appointed as the new president **Global Growth Markets (GGM)**. **Manoj Mehta** to lead global IoT practice.

Rohit Sharma appointed as brand ambassador of Dr Trust:

Senior India cricketer **Rohit Sharma** was named brand ambassador of healthcare company **Dr Trust**. It manufactures monitoring devices, which help in tracking vitals like **blood pressure, blood oxygen levels, respiration rate, pulse rate** and **others**.

Banks Board Bureau recommends Siddhartha Mohanty for LIC MD post:

Banks Board Bureau has recommended **Siddhartha Mohanty's** name for the position of MD in **LIC of India**. The Board has also put Mini Ipe's name on the reserve list. **Mohanty** started his career as a direct recruit officer with the corporation in 1985.

Yashvardhan K. Sinha appointed new Chief Information Commissioner:

Centre has appointment of Information Commissioner **Yashvardhan K. Sinha** as the new head of the Central Information Commission.

His predecessor **Bimal Julka** completed his tenure as Chief Information Commissioner. Centre also cleared the name of senior journalist **Uday Mahurkar** as information commissioner. With the latest appointments, it has six commissioners now out of 10.

Sudhakar Rao Desai re-elected as Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA) President:

Sudhakar Rao Desai, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Emami Agrotech Ltd**, has been re-elected unanimously as the President of the **Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA)**. **Vipin Gupta** has been re-elected unopposed as the Vice-President of IVPA.

Advisor to J&K Lieutenant Governor Kewal Kumar Sharma appointed as State Election Commissioner:

KK Sharma, an advisor to J&K LG **Manoj Sinha**, resigned from his post & was appointed the **State Election Commissioner**. Sharma, a 1983-batch IAS officer of the **Arunachal Pradesh, Goa & Mizoram UTs cadre**, was appointed advisor to the LG in 2019 November. He also served as secretary in the HRD Ministry.

Centre Extends Term of Justice Bansi Lal Bhat as Officiating Chairperson of NCLAT:

Central Government has yet again extended the term of (**Retd.**) **Justice Bansi Lal Bhat** as the officiating Chairperson of the **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)**, till 31st December 2020 or until a

regular Chairperson is appointed or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.

Former HDFC Bank CEO Aditya Puri joins Carlyle as senior adviser:

Global investment firm **Carlyle** has roped in former **HDFC Bank** chief **Aditya Puri** as a **Senior Adviser in Asia**. He will provide guidance on the evolving market landscape and new investment **opportunities & advise team** on investment opportunities across Asia.

Harpreet A De Singh becomes first woman to head an Indian airline:

Government has appointed **Harpreet A De Singh** as the chief executive officer (CEO) of **Alliance Air**, Air India's regional subsidiary, making her the **first female head** of an **Indian carrier**. Harpreet Singh was the **first woman pilot** to be selected by Air India in 1988.

The ministry also appointed **Deepak Khullar** as the CEO of the Air India subsidiary **Hotel Corporation of India (HCI)** which runs Centaur hotels in Delhi and Srinagar. **Aloke Singh** has been appointed as CEO of divestment-bound **Air India Express**.

PVG Menon appointed as CEO of Electronics Sector Skill Council of India: **Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI)** announced appointment of **PVG Menon** as its chief executive officer. **Menon** will be responsible for overseeing the operations of ESSCI and work closely with its governing Council on strategic issues related to the growth of the **Electronic Systems**

Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) industry in India.

Rajiv Jalota Appointed as Chairman of Mumbai Port Trust:

Rajiv Jalota has been appointed as chairperson of **Mumbai Port Trust** by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on the proposal of the **Shipping Ministry**. He Succeeds **Sanjay Bhatia**, who retired on July 31 earlier this year

Jishnu Barua Appointed as New Chief Secretary of Assam:

Additional chief secretary **Jishnu Barua** was appointed as the new **Chief Secretary of Assam**. Barua will take charge from the outgoing chief secretary, **Kumar Sanjay Krishna**, who will retire on October 31, 2020. **Priyanca Radhakrishnan becomes New Zealand's first-ever Indian-origin minister:**

Priyanca Radhakrishnan became **New Zealand's** first-ever Indian-origin minister after Prime Minister **Jacinda Ardern** inducted five new ministers into her executive.

Citigroup appointed Anand Selva as the global head of consumer banking:

Citigroup Inc has announced **Anand Selva** as head of its global consumer bank. He will be appointed to the post in **January 2021** filling the spot left vacant by **Jane Fraser** when she becomes the **first female CEO** of a major **Wall Street bank**.

Duarte Pacheco of Portugal elected as new President of Inter Parliamentary Union:

Duarte Pacheco of **Portugal** has been elected as the new President of **Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU)** for the period 2020-2023. He will be the **30th President** of the IPU, and will succeed Mexican MP **Gabriela Cuevas Barron** who completed the tenure in October 2020.

Portugal has won the elections for the post the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the voting.

Alassane Ouattara wins 3rd term as **Ivory Coast** president:

Ivory Coast President **Alassane Ouattara** won a **third term** a victory that came after his opponents had urged followers to boycott the election. He won **94%** of the vote even though the 2016 Ivory Coast constitution limits the president to **two terms**. He was serving his 2nd consecutive term as the President of the country.

Bollywood Actor Rajkummar Rao appointed as new brand ambassador of **Syska Group**:

Fast Moving Electrical Goods (FMEG) company **Syska Group**, has roped in actor **Rajkummar Rao** as the new face of the brand. He will promote the Syska products across **LED and fan segments**. With this partnership, company aims to reach the masses across **tier 2 & tier 3** cities. **First ever** brand ambassador of **Syska** was actor **Irrfan Khan**.

ONGC Videsh appoints **Alok Gupta** as **MD and CEO**:

AK Gupta, the new Managing Director and CEO of **ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)** took

charge. Before this, Gupta was Director (Operations) of the company.

Industry veteran Jagbir Singh joins Vodafone Idea as Chief Technology Officer:

Telecom operator providing services **Vodafone Idea Ltd** under the brand **Vi**, has appointed **Jagbir Singh** as **Chief Technology Officer** (CTO). He was also involved with very large **4G network** rollouts and operations. He will be replacing **Vishant Vora**.

Tanzania President John Magufuli Won 2nd Term:

President of Tanzania **John Magufuli** had won a **second five-year term**. National Electoral Commission stated that Mr. Magufuli had received over **12.5 million** of the **14 million** valid votes counted. John Magufuli was elected as the President in **2015** and his CCM party has been in power since the independence of Tanzania from British in **1961**.

NDDB Chairman Dilip Rath elected to the board of International Dairy Federation:

Chairman of **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)** **Dilip Rath** has been unanimously elected to the Board of **International Dairy Federation (IDF)**. As Member Secretary of Indian National Committee and as a member of the Standing Committee on **Dairy Policy** and Economics, Rath has been associated with IDF for the last **10 years**.

Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati to head panel to look into TRP system of TV channels:

The **Information and Broadcasting Ministry** has constituted a **four-member** committee to review the guidelines on television rating agencies headed by **Shashi Shekhar Vempati**, CEO of **Prasar Bharati**. This comes after the Mumbai police investigations that revealed that a few news channels had tampered with the ratings.

HDFC Bank appoints Ramesh Lakshminarayanan as Chief Information Officer:

HDFC Bank has appointed **Ramesh Lakshminarayanan**, as its new **Group Head Information Technology**. Ramesh has been designated **Chief Information Officer (CIO)**. He will be responsible for taking the Bank's technological transformation journey to the next level.

Former Delhi Chief Secretary M.M. Kutty to be chairperson of Air Quality Commission:

Former Chief Secretary of Delhi **M M Kutty** was appointed as the **chairperson** of the Commission for **Air Quality Management** in **National Capital Region** and Adjoining Areas. **Arvind Kumar Nautiyal** from Ministry of Environment to be a **full-time member**. They have been appointed for a term of **three years**.

Justices Sanjay Kumar Medhi, Nani Tagia and Manish Choudhury appointed as Judges of the Gauhati High Court:

Ministry of **law and justice** announced the elevation of Justice **Sanjay Kumar Medhi**, Justice **Nani Tagia**, and Justice **Manish Choudhury** as Gauhati High Court Judges. The appointments under **clause (I) of Article 217** of the Constitution of India.

Chacha Chaudhary named as Brand Ambassador for NamamiGange Project:

Chacha Chaudhary (iconic Indian superhero) whose brain works faster than a computer has now come forward to join hands with the Government of Indian Initiative **Namami Gange Programme** (Launched in June 2014).

Manipur's Gyanendro Ningombam replaces Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad as Hockey India president:

Manipur's **Gyanendro Ningombam** was elected unopposed as the **Hockey India (HI) president**, taking over from **Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad**. Ahmad remains in the federation after being elected unopposed for the senior **vice-president** post at HI's Congress and Elections.

Indian diplomat Vidisha Maitra elected to U.N. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Indian diplomat **Vidisha Maitra** was elected to the UN Advisory Committee on **Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)**, a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly. The ACABQ consists of **16 members** appointed by the Assembly in their **individual capacity**.

Indian Oil Corporation Director A K Singh to head Petronet LNG:

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) director-pipelines **Akshay Kumar Singh** will be the new managing director and chief executive of the country's biggest gas importer, **Petronet LNG Ltd.** Singh replaces **Prabhat Singh** who completed his five-year term on September 13.

IRDAI sets up panel headed by R Chandrasekaran to revisit retail business of engineering tariff:

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a **9 member** working group headed by **R Chandrasekaran** to revisit the product structures of **engineering tariffs** relevant to the retail businesses and provide suitable recommendations to revise them. The committee will submit the report within **3 months**.

Indian American Kash Patel Named Chief of Staff to Acting US Defence Secretary:

Indian-American **Kash Patel** has been named as the **Chief of Staff** to the Acting US Defence Secretary **Chris Miller**.

The new appointment from the **Pentagon** comes a day after Donald Trump fired Defence Secretary **Mark Esper** and designated the **National Counter Terrorism Center Director**, Chris Miller, as the Acting Secretary of Defence.

Centre Forms Inter-Ministerial Committee Headed by Arun Goel to strengthen capital goods sector:

Government of India has set up a **21-member** Inter-Ministerial Committee to strengthen the **Capital Goods (CG) sector**. The committee is headed by **Arun Goel**, Secretary of **Department of Heavy Industries (DHI)**, Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises.

To strengthen India's capital goods sector which turns to achieve the target of a **USD 5 trillion** economy and a **USD 1 trillion** manufacturing sector.

SEBI Setup a 7 Member Expert Group Chaired by Sandip Bhagat to Review the Share Based Employee Benefits:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), set up a **7-member** expert group chaired by **Sandip Bhagat**, partner at **S&R Associates** to review the frameworks of the share based employee benefits & issue of sweat equity and recommend policy changes.

Vellayan Subbiah appointed new chairman of Cholamandalam Investment Finance:

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd.(Chola), a Murugappa group firm named **Vellayan Subbiah** as the chairman. He will replace **M M Murugappan** who resigned as Chairman and Director on attaining the age of 65 years. Subbiah is the MD of **Tube Investments** of India Ltd.

Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director S K Mishra's tenure extended by one year:

Union government has extended the tenure of **Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra** by a year after modifying his appointment order that was

issued in **2018**. His tenure was to end next week as the ED director's post comes with a fixed term of **two years**.

Myanmar's Chief Aung San Suu Kyi wins landslide victory in Parliamentary election 2020:

Myanmar's ruling National League for Democracy (NLD) party leader **Aung San Suu Kyi** has claimed landslide victory in the 2020 Parliamentary election to form the next government. The NLD secured **346 seats**, which is more than the **322 seats** needed to form the next government.

Sonu Sood appointed as Punjab state icon by Election Commission:

Actor **Sonu Sood** has been appointed as the Punjab state icon by the **Election Commission of India**. Belonging to **Moga district** of **Punjab**, Sood catapulted to the national spotlight for his work in helping migrants reach their homes during the coronavirus-triggered lockdown.

Maia Sandu Becomes Moldova's First-Ever Woman President:

Moldova has elected the country's **first-ever woman President**, with former Prime Minister **Maia Sandu** overwhelmingly claiming **57.7%** of the popular vote. She has worked as an **economist** in the World Bank. Moldova has the **23rd highest** global gender gap in the world.

Navneet Munot appointed as MD and CEO of HDFC Mutual Fund:

Board of Directors of HDFC Mutual Fund has approved the appointment of **Navneet**

Munot as the next Managing Director and CEO of the company. He was the chief investment officer of **SBI Funds Management**. Munot succeeds **Milind Barve**.

Senior IPS officer D K Thakur appointed as Lucknow police commissioner:

Uttar Pradesh government-appointed senior IPS officer **Dhruva Kant Thakur** as the new police commissioner of Lucknow, replacing **Sujit Pandey**. D K Thakur was the **Additional Director General** (ADG) of Police **Anti-Terrorist Squad** (ATS).

Rohit Sharma becomes the ambassador of AI based lending platform Financepeer:

India's leading batsman **Rohit Sharma** signed as brand ambassador for **Financepeer**, Google incubated Education fee financing Company. Established in **2017**, it ensures access to education and seamless operations of **schools** apart from offering insurance covers.

RBI's innovation hub will be led by Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan:

Reserve Bank of India has officially set up its innovation hub to boost financial technology startups in the country. **Kris Gopalakrishnan**, co-founder of Infosys Ltd, to chair the **Reserve Bank's new innovation hub (RBIH)**. It aims to promote advancement in financial sector using technology. Gopalakrishnan is presently chief mentor of **Start-Up Village**.

Virat Kohli named brand ambassador for sanitation brand Vize:

India captain **Virat Kohli** is currently on tour of **Australia** and his brand team has signed new brand endorsement deal for the Indian captain. Kohli was unveiled as the brand ambassador for **Vize**, a new healthcare and sanitation product.

Francisco Sagasti Sworn as President of Peru:

Francisco Sagasti, a legislator from the centrist Purple Party, sworn-in as the **interim President of Peru**. Sagasti will lead the country as the interim president until the **2021 General election**.

Oriental Insurance Chief SN Rajeswari appointed as whole-time member of IRDAI:

Oriental Insurance Company Limited's (OICL) Chairperson & Managing Director **SN Rajeswari** has been appointed as Whole-Time Member (Distribution) of the insurance regulator **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**.

Jitan Ram Manjhi becomes Protem Speaker of Bihar Legislative Assembly:

Former CM of **Bihar** and National President of Hindustan Awam Morcha (HAM), **Jitan Ram Manjhi** was sworn in as Protem Speaker of the newly elected **17th Bihar Legislative Assembly**.

Joe Biden appoints Indian-American Mala Adiga as policy director of incoming First Lady:

US President-elect **Joe Biden** has appointed Indian-American **Mala Adiga** as the policy director of his wife Jill, choosing an experienced education policy hand as the **incoming First Lady** focuses on education and plans to continue teaching community college classes.

India's CAG Murmu elected as External Auditor of Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva:

Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) of India, **Girish Chandra Murmu** has been elected as **External Auditor of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU)**, Geneva for a **three-year term**.

The election took place at the virtual meeting of the **284th session** of the IPU which is a **179 countries** Parliamentarians body.

Achyuta Samanta elected President of Volleyball Federation of India:

Kandhamal MP and founder of **KIIT** and **KISS**, **Achyuta Samanta** was felicitated by different sports association and organization for being elected as the President of **Volleyball Federation of India**.

The post was unopposed and by virtue of which he has become the member of **Indian Olympic Association**, the apex body for sports in **India**.

Sunil Mittal appointed as Executive Chairman of OneWeb:

Chairman of Bharti Enterprises **Sunil Bharti Mittal** has been appointed as executive chairman of **OneWeb**, a **Low Earth Orbit (LEO)** satellite communications company

which has now emerged from bankruptcy and will start commercial connectivity services in late **2021**.

N. Chandrasekaran appointed as the chairman of board of Tata Chemicals:

Tata Chemicals, a Tata Group company has appointed **N. Chandrasekaran** as an additional director and chairman of the board of directors of the company. Currently, he is the chairman designate of **Tata Sons**, the holding company of Tata Group.

New Zealand Cricket director Greg Barclay elected as new ICC Chairman:

Greg Barclay, an Auckland-based commercial lawyer and director of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) since 2012, has been elected as the new chairman of the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**. He succeeds India's **Shashank Manohar** who stepped down earlier this year.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

India's Global Himalayan Expedition wins UN award for efforts to fight climate change amid Covid-19:

Global Himalayan Expedition (GHE) is among the winners of the 2020 **UN Global Climate Action Award**. GHE is one of the world's first organisations using tourism and technology to bring solar energy to remote communities.

Bangladeshi boy Anzar Mustaeen Ali won special prize in Global Art Competition conducted by ICCR:

A six-year-old **Bangladeshi** boy **Anzar Mustaeen Ali** won a special prize of **USD 1000** for his **Artwork in The Global Art Competition** organised by the **Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)**. The ICCR had launched a global painting competition named '**United Against CORONA- Express through Art**' which attracted **8000 artwork** entries from around the world.

CSIR-CDRI Scientist Dr Satish Mishra bags Dr Tulsi Das Chugh Award 2020 by National Academy of Medical Sciences:

CSIR-CDRI Scientist, **Dr Satish Mishra** bags "**Dr. Tulsi Das Chugh Award-2020**" given by **National Academy of Medical Sciences (India)** in recognition of his research work on **Malaria parasite's life cycle**.

Om Puri honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at India International Film Festival of Boston:

Late **Indian actor Om Puri** was honoured with a **Lifetime Achievement Award** at the

third edition of the **India International Film Festival of Boston (IIFFB 2020)**. The award was received by his wife Nandita Puri. The three-day film festival, based in **Boston USA.**, was held virtually from October 16 to 18.

'Gully Boy' Bags Best Original Music Award at 14th Annual Asian Film Awards:

Zoya Akhtar's **Gully Boy**, starring **Ranveer Singh** in the role of a budding street rapper and Alia Bhatt, was India's official entry to Oscars in the **International Feature Film category**. The award went to **Karsh Kale and The Salvage Audio Collective**.

Gully Boy bagged the award for the **Best Original Score** at the event **Asian Film Awards Academy**.

Writer Paul Zacharia selected for the 28th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram of Kerala:

Noted **Malayalam** writer **Paul Zacharia** has been selected for the **28th Ezhuthachan award**, the highest literary award of the Kerala government. He is a recipient of many honours including **Kendra Sahitya Academy Award**. He has penned around **60 books**.

CDAC Senior Director Dr Dinesh Katre Wins Prestigious 2020 Emmett Leahy Award:

Dr Dinesh Katre, Senior Director and Head of Human-Centred Design & Computing Group at the **Centre for Development of Advance Computing (CDAC)** has won the prestigious **2020 Emmett Leahy Award**. **Dr. Vijay P Bhatkar** Founder Executive Director of C-DAC and Chancellor of **Nalanda**

University presented the award to **Dinesh Katre**.

HDFC Bank is "Most Outstanding Company - Financial Sector" in India; Asiamoney Report:

HDFC Bank Ltd has been voted **"Most Outstanding Company - Financial Sector"** in India, in a poll conducted by well-known publication, Asiamoney. HDFC has been given the honour for the **2nd consecutive year**.

Six women led startups win COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge organized by MyGov in Collaboration with UN Women:

Six women led startups have won **COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge** in collaboration with **UN Women** to involve women-led startups to come up with innovative solutions that can help fight COVID-19. It was implemented in **two stages: Ideation stage and Proof of Concept Stage**.

Director Hariharan bags JC Daniel award for lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema:

Veteran movie director **Hariharan** bagged the prestigious **JC Daniel Award**, the Kerala government's highest honour, for his **"Outstanding contribution to Malayalam cinema"**. The award carries a purse of **Rs 5 lakh**, a citation, and a sculpture.

Dr Susanta Kar honoured with "Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award-2020" by Society of Biological Chemists:

Society of Biological Chemists (India) has chosen **Dr Susanta Kar**, Senior Scientist, Molecular Parasitology and Immunology,

CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow for this year's **Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award 2020.**

Ministry of Water Resources to award Maharashtra villager angli sampatrao Pawar:

Union Ministry of Water Resources declared an award for a villager of **Sangli Sampatrao Pawar** for his contribution to revitalization of **Agrani River**. Agrani is a tributary of **Krishna river** originating from **Tamkhadi** village in **Khanapur tehsil** of **Sangli district, Maharashtra**. In all, 107 villages in five tehsils of Sangli district fall under this river basin.

Vidya Balan's short film 'Natkhat' qualifies for Oscar nomination:

Vidya Balan starrer **'Natkhat'**, has won the top prize at the **third edition of Best of India Short Film Festival 2020**, which makes it eligible for Oscar nomination. She debuted as a **producer** with the film, plays a homemaker in a patriarchal setup. The film has been directed by **Shaan Vyas** and co-produced by **Ronnie Screwvala** and **Vidya Balan**.

Malayalam writer S. Hareesh bags 2020 JCB Prize for Literature:

S Hareesh for his novel **Moustache** won the **JCB Prize for Literature 2020**. It has been translated into English by **Jayasree Kalathil** & published by **HarperCollins India**. He will receive **25 Lakh cash prize** & the translator will receive an additional **Rs.10 Lakh**.

Marathi film 'Karkhanisanchi Waari' only Indian entry at Tokyo International Film Festival:

Marathi film 'Karkhanisanchi Waari' (Ashes On a Road Trip) directed by **Mangesh Joshi** is the lone Indian entry at the **33rd Tokyo International Film Festival**. The **149-minute film** tells the story of the Karkhanis, the last joint family of **Pune**. It is the **only Indian** entry at the festival.

'Karkhanisanchi Waari' is the only Indian film to entry at Tokyo Film Festival:

Marathi film, **Karkhanisanchi Waari** (Ashes on a Road Trip), the **149-minute** film tells the story of the Karkhanis, the last joint family of Pune. The movie was directed by **Mangesh Joshi**. The movie will have its world premiere at the **33rd Tokyo International Film Festival**. It is the only Indian entry at the festival.

Tamil Nadu bags 'Best State' award for water management at 2nd National Water Award 2019:

Tamil Nadu has won the **"National Water Award"** for being one of the best states for water security and management in 2019 presented by the **Union Ministry of Jal Shakti**, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. **Vellore** and **Karur districts** have been ranked **first and second** respectively, under the **"Revival of River"** sub-category while **Perambalur district** came second in the Water Conservation category. **K Manivasan**, PWD Secretary will receive the Best State Award on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government. **Ruskin Bond** conferred with **Tata Literature Lifetime Achievement Award 2020:**

One of India's most cherished authors **Ruskin Bond** has been conferred the **11th Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award** for 2020, to recognise his very long literary life of almost seventy years.

Apart from this, **renowned poet, lyricist** and screenwriter **Javed Akhtar** has been named as the **Poet Laureate** of the Tata Literature Live! The Mumbai LitFest 2020.

Russia's Lakhta Center wins Emporis Skyscraper Award 2019:

Emporis Skyscraper Award, one of the world's most renowned prizes for high-rise architecture, has been given to a **462-metre-high Lakhta Center** in St Petersburg this year. This marks the first time that the prestigious award has gone to a project in **Russia** in the **20-year-long** history of the award.

TNAU Professor K S Subramanian wins Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award 2020:

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) research director **Dr K S Subramanian** has been chosen for the **Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award**. He is also director of research and **NABARD** chair, got the award for his contribution to the field of **nano-fertilisers** and its role in improved use while ensuring **environmental safety**.

Bangladeshi teen Sadat Rahman wins International Children's Peace Prize 2020 for Fighting Cyberbullying:

A 17-year-old Bangladeshi boy **Sadat Rahman** has won this year's **International**

Children's Peace Prize 2020 for his work to fight cyberbullying in his country.

Kerala's Responsible Tourism Mission Receives World Travel Mart's 'Highly Commended' Award:

Kerala's **Responsible Tourism (RT)** Mission received World Travel Mart's '**Highly Commended**' Award in the category of "**Meaningful Connections**" for its activities that aimed at promoting RT during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal virtually launches AICTE's Lilavati Award-2020:

Education Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank"** virtually launched **Lilavati Award-2020**. AICTE's Innovative education program to empower women. With women empowerment as the theme, the objective of the award is to create awareness about issues like **sanitation, hygiene, health, nutrition, literacy** and **employment** among **women**. Theme of the award is '**women empowerment**' has always been the top priority of the government.

National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) Confers Four Awards to Assam for Success in Fishery Sector:

National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has conferred four awards to **Assam** for the success in the fishery sector. Assam has got the best state award under the category of **best hilly and North Eastern state**.

Assam Apex Cooperative **Fish Marketing and Processing Federation Limited**

(FISHFED) has been selected under the category of best hilly and North eastern government organization. **Odisha** has been named as the best marine state category.

Param Siddhi bags 63rd rank in list of most powerful supercomputers in world:

PARAM-Siddhi AI supercomputer was established under the **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)**, has achieved **63rd rank** in the list of 500 most powerful supercomputers in the world, the Department of Science and Technology (DST). Pratyush was ranked **78th**.

Scottish author Douglas Stuart wins Booker Prize for 'Shuggie Bain':

Scottish author **Douglas Stuart** was awarded the **2020 Booker Prize** for his acclaimed debut novel **"Shuggie Bain"**. The book based on his **own childhood**, tells of a young boy growing up during tough years in Glasgow with a mother who is battling addiction.

Bish Agrawal has been awarded the AESC Lifetime Achievement Award 2020:

Chairman of Accord Group India **Bish Agrawal**, has been awarded the **AESC Lifetime Achievement Award 2020**. He is the first Asian to receive this recognition. He was honoured AESC Global Conference that was held virtually.

Adam Yao Liu Won the Exim Bank's BRICS Economic Research Award 2020 for his PhD Dissertation:

Dr. Adam Yao Liu, a political scientist trained at Stanford University, won the **Export-Import Bank of India's** (India Exim Bank's) BRICS Economic Research Award

2020 for his for his Ph.D. dissertation, **"Building Markets within Authoritarian Institutions: The Political Economy of Banking Development in China."**

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal awarded with Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award:

Union Education Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** has been awarded the **Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award**.

The education minister has been a recipient of many respected awards in the field of **Literature and Administration** including the **Sahitya Bharati Award** by the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and **Sahitya Gaurav Samman** by Former President APJ Abdul Kalam, among others.

Naseeruddin Shah honoured with Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar:

Veteran actor **Naseeruddin Shah** has been honoured with the **2020 Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar** at annual **Sangit Kala Kendra Awards**.

Two emerging stars, in the firmament of theatrics – **Neel Choudhary** and **Irawati Karnik** were awarded the Aditya Vikram Birla Kalakiran Puraskars. **"Theatre"** is the central theme, for this year's awards.

Three Indian Writers Feature in 2020 '100 Notable Books' Selected by 'The New York Times':

Critically-acclaimed books by three Indian writers have featured among this year's **'100 Notable Books'** list of **The New York Times** that also includes former US president

Barack Obama's newly released memoir '**A Promised Land**'.

'A Burning' by Megha Majumdar.

'Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line' by Deepa Anappara.

'A Dominant Character: The Radical Science and Restless Politics of J.B.S. Haldane' by Samanth Subramanian.

Queen Mother of Bhutan and HelpAge India receive **2020 UN Population Award**: Queen Mother of Bhutan **Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck** was announced as the individual laureate for the 2020 United Nations Population Award. **HelpAge India** was announced as the award's **institutional laureate**.

HelpAge India won the award for its contribution towards the disadvantaged **elderly people** in India and raising awareness on the cause of the elderly.

Raah Foundation wins **Palghar CSR Award 2020**:

Raah Foundation won **Palghar CSR Award 2020** under the category of **Village Development** for outstanding contribution towards sustainable socio-economic development of **Palghar, Kokan** region at the 2nd edition CSR conclave and awards Dialogue Palghar.

'Delhi Crime' bags **Best Drama Series at the International Emmy Awards 2020**:

Netflix's India Original series "**Delhi Crime**", helmed by Indian-Canadian director **Richie Mehta**, has bagged the best drama series honour at the **48th International Emmy**

Awards. "Responsible Child" bagged the best TV Movie / Mini-Series award.

Pilibhit Tiger Reserve **Receives Global Award for Doubling Tiger Population**:

Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR) and the **Uttar Pradesh Forest department** have bagged the **first-ever international award**, TX2, for doubling the number of tigers in four years against a target of **10 years**. PTR was the first to receive the award among 13 tiger range countries.

ISRO Chairman K Sivan honoured with **Doctor of Science honorary doctorate by Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala**:

Visvesvaraya Technological University, of the Government of Karnataka, has conferred the **Doctor of Science honorary doctorate** upon ISRO Chairman **K Sivan**. The doctorate was presented to the ISRO Chief by Karnataka Governor **Vajubhai Vala**.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS:

Suman Dubey debut novel "The Fixer: Winning Has a Price. How Much Will You Pay?" to tell story of ex-cricketer turned fixer:

The Fixer: Winning Has A Price. How Much Will You Pay?" is a gripping story of 40-year-old failed cricketer **Neil Upadhyay**, a cricketer-turned-fixer, who finds himself up against the wall when his family business takes an unfortunate turn. The thrilling tale is set to hit the stands on October 26. The book is published by **Rupa Publications, India.**

Author Sarbpreet Singh's latest book "Night of the Restless Spirits" is on the Sikh massacre of 1984:

A Book titled **"Night of the Restless Spirits"** author Sarbpreet Singh's recounts the **Sikh massacre of 1984**. The book is a fictionalised version of real happenings comprising just eight chapters. It shows the events of 1984 through the prism of many lives & impact on Sikhs. The book is published by **Penguin.**

World's first scientoon book "Bye Bye Corona" on Coronavirus released by Governor of UP, Anandiben Patel:

World's 1st scientoon book entitled **"Bye Bye Corona"** written by 'scientoonist' **Dr Pradeep Srivastava**, former Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow was released. It is further planned to make a **3D version** of the book. The book has been published by **Vigyan Prasar.**

A Book titled "Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy" authored by Tamal Bandyopadhyay:

Indian business journalist **Tamal Bandyopadhyay** has authored a book titled **"Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy"** and will be released on **November 09, 2020.**

'Till We Win': Book on Covid-19 Authored by AIIMS Director Randeep Guleria:

A new book titled **"Till We Win"** authored by AIIMS Director **Randeep Guleria** and two other doctors will give a definitive account of India's fight against COVID-19 and how to deal with the pandemic in the days to come, announced publishing house **Penguin Random House India.**

A book titled "Jugalbandi: The BJP Before Modi" authored by Political Scientist Vinay Sitapati:

A new book titled **"Jugalbandi: The BJP Before Modi"** will explain Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP's dominance in Indian politics through the 100-year old story of RSS, Jana Sangh. The book will be published by **Penguin's Viking** is set to release in **November 2020.**

A Book Titled "The Age of Pandemic (1817-1920): How they Shaped India and the World" Authored by Chinmay Tumbe:

Chinmay Tumbe's 2nd book titled **"The Age of Pandemic (1817-1920): How they Shaped India and the World"** the book argues that the period between 1817 and

1920 as the age of Pandemic which claimed around 70 million lives, with India as the epicentre. The book is published by **HarperCollins India** and is set to release in **December 2020**.

Anupam Kher's new book titled 'Your Best Day Is Today!':

Veteran actor **Anupam Kher** unveiled the cover of his latest book "**Your Best Day Is Today!**". His previous books are his biography **Lessons Life Taught Me** **Unknowingly** & **The Best Thing About You is You**.

A Book Titled "Thavaasmi: Life and Skills Through the Lens of Ramayana" virtually launched by VP Venkaiah Naidu:

Vice President of India **M. Venkaiah Naidu** has launched the book titled "**Thavaasmi: Life and Skills through the lens of Ramayana**" over a virtual platform.

Rallabandi Srirama Chakradhar authored the book along with the co-author **Amara Sarada Deepthi**.

A Book Titled, "Archaeology and the Public Purpose: Writings on and by M N Deshpande" authored by Nayanjot Lahiri:

The Book titled "**Archaeology and the Public Purpose: Writings on and by M N Deshpande**" authored by **Nayanjot Lahiri**, Professor of History at **Ashoka University**. The book was published by **Oxford University Press (OUP)**.

New Zealand PM Jacinda's Biography 'Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy' Publish by HarperCollins:

A biography of **New Zealand** Prime Minister **Jacinda Ardern** '**Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy**' will be published next year which will explore the influences that have shaped her and made her a leader with a different way of doing things.

HarperCollins Publishers India has announced the acquisition of book, which will be authored by **Supriya Vani** and **Carl A Harte**.

Book titled 'How to be a Writer' by Ruskin Bond:

Ruskin Bond came out with yet another book '**How to be a Writer**'. The book defines How to Be a Writer which gives a glimpse into the writing credo of the man who has had an incredibly successful writing career.

Actor Sonu Sood's Autobiography Titled 'I Am No Messiah' To be release in December 2020:

An Actor and producer **Sonu Sood** is set to pen his autobiography titled "**I Am No Messiah**". The book will be co-authored by **Meena Iyer**. The book will account the experience of Sonu Sood during the COVID-19 pandemic. The book will be published by **Penguin Random House** India and released in **December 2020**.

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari releases former Minister **Rajendra Darda's** book '**Majhi Bhint'**:

Maharashtra Governor **Bhagat Singh Koshiyari** has released the book '**Majhi Bhint**' (**My Wall**) authored by former Maharashtra Minister of Education **Rajendra Darda** at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. The book is a compilation of selected Facebook posts of Rajendra Darda pertaining to a range of issues written over the last four years.

A New Book titled "Boskiyana: The Life and the World of Gulzar" authored by Yashwant Vyas:

A Book Titled "**Boskiyana: The Life and the World of Gulzar**" is authored by **Yashwant Vyas**. The book is to know the philosophy of Gulzar's life. **Gulzar** is a great person, famous poet, film director, writer-songwriter. Gulzar has been awarded the **Padma Bhushan**, **Dadasaheb Phalke**, **Grammy**, **Oscar**, etc., **A Book titled "Reporting India: My Seventy Year Journey as a Journalist" authored by Prem Prakash:**

Veteran Journalist Prem Prakash's new book titled "**Reporting India: My Seventy Year Journey as a Journalist**" has launched. The book was published by **Penguin Random House India**. The book accounts the life events of **Prem Prakash**, a pioneer in the field of Indian journalism.

Rajnath Singh and Prakash Javadekar releases selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind:

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** along with **Prakash Javadekar** released the third volume of the selected speeches of President

Ram Nath Kovind titled '**Loktantra Ke Swar**' and '**The Republican Ethic Volume III**'.

A book titled 'Reporting India: My Seventy Year Journey as a Journalist' authored by Prem Prakash:

Veteran Journalist Prem Prakash recently launched his book titled '**Reporting India: My Seventy Year Journey as a Journalist**'. It accounts the life of the author who is a **pioneer in Indian Journalism**. He is currently the chairman of Asian News International. The book will be published by **Penguin Random House India**.

Pandey Kapil's Bhojpuri Novel 'Phoolsunghi' Translated by Gautam Choubey:

Gautam Choubey has translated '**Phoolsunghi**', a Bhojpuri Novel written by **Pandey Kapil**. It is the first ever translation of a Bhojpuri novel into English. The book is published under **Penguin's Hamish Hamilton**.

RANKINGS:

India ranks 131 in mobile internet speeds; South Korea Tops; Ookla Speedtest Global Index:

India has been ranked **131 out of 138 countries** in the global mobile internet speed rankings by **Ookla**, the US based company behind testing the speed and performance of the internet connection of a country. India was at 121 rank in 2019.

South Korea has topped the list with an average mobile internet speed of **121.00 Mbps**. **Singapore** has topped this index with the download speed of **226.60 Mbps**.

Samsung Tops Forbes' list of World's Best Employer 2020:

South Korea based **Samsung Electronics** has topped the list of **World's Best Employer 2020** published by **Forbes**. The global list features 750 multinational and large corporations headquartered in 45 countries. **Amazon, IBM, Microsoft LG** are among the top 5 in the list respectively.

From India, **HCL Technologies** is top industry in the list. It is placed at 30th position globally. In Banking sector, **HDFC Bank** is top from India. It is at **176th position**. State-run power giant **NTPC Ltd.** has **topped** the list among **Indian PSUs**. Globally it is ranked at **261 position**.

Azim Premji tops EdelGiveHurun India Philanthropy List 2020; Mukesh Ambani ranks third:

Azim Premji, the founder-chairman of **Wipro Ltd** has topped the 7th Edison of **EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020**. The EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020 is compiled by the **EdelGive**

Foundation and Hurun Research Institute.

Shiv Nadar, founder and chairman of **HCL Technologies**, ranked second (Rs 795 crore) on the list. He topped the list in 2019. India's richest man and the chairman of Reliance Industries, **Mukesh Ambani** stood at the third spot (Rs 458 crore).

Kerala On Top, Delhi Near Bottom in New Migrant Policy Index:

Kerala, Goa, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have been most successful in integrating **migrant workers**, while crucial migrant receiving states, including **Delhi**, have done poorly, shows the **Interstate Migrant Policy Index (IMPEX)** that seeks to measure integration of interstate migrants.

India Ranked 196th in BMI Ranking 2019 report by Lancet: Netherlands Tops:

BMI (Body Mass Index) of various countries' teenagers has been recently published in the international medical journal "**The Lancet**", according to which India is placed at **196th rank** with respect to BMI.

India's 19-year-old boys and girls have a **BMI of 20.1** means they are also among the shortest in the world. India's boys ranked **180th** with an average height of **5.46 feet** while girls ranked **182nd** with an average height of **5.06 feet**.

Netherlands is the nation with the tallest boys and girls of **age 19 years**. It is followed by **Montenegro, Estonia, and Bosnia** and Herzegovina for boys; and Montenegro, Denmark, and Iceland for girls.

Elon Musk now world's third richest person, overtakes Mark Zuckerberg:

Tesla and SpaceX head **Elon Musk** is now the world's third-richest person. With a wealth of

nearly **\$110 billion**, he overtook Facebook mogul Mark Zuckerberg for the spot after skyrocketing Tesla stocks added \$7.6 billion to Musk's coffers according to the **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**.

London tops list of World's Best Cities 2021, Delhi ranked 62; Resonance Consultancy Ltd report

London has topped a new list of **best cities** around the world by Vancouver-based **Resonance Consultancy** annual report. According to a tweet by the company, the top **10 cities** for **2021** in the world are 1. London, 2. New York, 3. Paris, 4. Moscow, 5. Tokyo, 6. Dubai, 7. Singapore, 8. Barcelona, 9. Los Angeles, and 10. Madrid.

Delhi is the only Indian city listed in the ranking at **62** which was ranked 81st in previous year ranking.

India ranks 77 in global bribery risk matrix 2020:

India is ranked **77th** in the global list of trade **bribery risks of 2020** with **45 points**. Trade bribery risk is included in **194 countries**, regions and autonomous and semi-autonomous regions in the list of anti-bribery standard setting organization TRACE. **India's** rank stood **78 position** in **2019**.

India becomes 4th nation to have navigation satellite system as IRNSS Gets IMO Recognition:

India has become the **4th country** in the world to have its **Independent Regional Navigation Satellite System** recognized by **International Maritime Organisation** (IMO) as a part of World Wide Radio Navigation System. other three countries are US, Russia & China

IIT Delhi tops among Indian institutes in Global Employability Ranking & Survey 2020:

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi is the country's most employable university, according to the **Global Employability Ranking and Survey (GEURS)** 2020 results. India has secured **15th place**, improving from its 23rd rank in 2010.

The other Indian institutes that secured positions in the list are **IIT Bombay** (128), **Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad** (184), **IIT Kharagpur** (195), and **Amity University** (236).

Hong Kong, Zurich, and Paris most expensive cities in EIU's Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL) Index 2020:

Hong Kong (China), **Paris** (France) and **Zurich** (Switzerland) share the top spot as the most expensive cities in the list, which comprises of 133 cities. **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)** has released its biannual '**Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL)**' report of the World's Most Expensive Cities in 2020, based on their cost of living.

Elon Musk overtakes Bill Gates to be world's second-richest person:

Tesla CEO **Elon Musk** (\$127.9 billion) has toppled **Bill Gates** as the world's second-richest person, only a week after the Tesla co-founder overtook Facebook's **Mark Zuckerberg** to become the **third-richest** according to **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, a ranking of world's **500 richest people**.

OBITUARY NEWS:

Veteran Gujarati Singer Mahesh Kanodia passes away at 83:

Veteran **Gujarati film musician**, singer & former Lok Sabha MP from Patan constituency **Mahesh Kanodia** passed away. He was known for singing in 32 different voices including female voices. He was awarded Best Music for the Gujarati films **Jigar ane Ami**, etc.,

Samsung chairman Lee Kun-hee, head of South Korea's biggest conglomerate passed away at 78:

South Korea's Lee Kun-Hee, the ailing **Samsung Electronics** chairman who transformed the small television maker into a global giant of consumer electronics died. Samsung became the world's largest maker of **smartphones, televisions & memory chips**.

Veteran Gujarati Actor Naresh Kanodia passes away at 77:

Veteran **Gujarati film star**-turned-politician **Naresh Kanodia** has passed away at **UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre** after testing positive for coronavirus. He joined politics and was elected as a BJP MLA from Karjan constituency between **2002 and 2007**.

Daniel Menaker, award-winning author and editor Passes away at 79:

Daniel Menaker, an award-winning **author of fiction** and nonfiction and a longtime editor at **The New Yorker** and **Random House** who worked with Alice Munro, Salman Rushdie, Colum McCann and many others,

has died. He was also known for the **O Henry Award-winning** title story of his collection **The Old Left**.

Former Gujarat CM Keshubhai Patel passes away at 92:

Keshubhai Savdasbhai Patel, former Chief Minister of **Gujarat**, has passed away following sudden cardiac arrest. Keshubhai Patel had served as the Chief Minister of the state for a few months in 1995 and then from March 1998 to October of 2001.

Former Turkish PM and veteran politician Mesut Yilmaz passes away at 72:

Mesut Yilmaz, a former **Turkish prime minister**, and veteran politician who served as premier three times during a tumultuous political era in his country, died. Mesut Yilmaz served as the leader of the now-defunct centre-right **Motherland Party (Anavatan Partisi – ANAP)** from 1991 to 2002.

Tamil Nadu agriculture minister R Duraikannu passes away at 72:

R. Duraikannu, Tamil Nadu Agriculture Minister passed away at the age of 72. He was elected from **Papanasam** in **2006, 2011, and 2016** Assembly elections. He was later appointed as the **Agriculture Minister and Animal Husbandry** in May 2016.

James Bond actor Sean Connery passed away at 90:

Scottish Legendary actor **Sean Connery**, best known for playing fictional **spy James Bond**, has died at the age of 90, leading to an outpouring of tributes for one of Britain's **best-loved screen heroes**. Connery will be remembered first as **British agent 007**.

Eminent violin maestro and Padma Bhushan awardee TN Krishnan passes away at 92:

Legendary violinist **T N Krishnan** passed away. Krishnan started as a child prodigy and went on to perform with legends from several generations. He was honoured with many titles, including **Sangeetha Kalanidhi, Padma Bhushan & Padma Vibhushan.**

Gujarati Filmmaker and Actor Ashish Kakkad Passes Away at 49:

Gujarati filmmaker actor and voice artist **Ashish Kakkad** passed away. Ashish was known for his directorial ventures **Better Half** (2010) and **Mission Mummy** (2016). As an actor, he was most notably seen in Abhishek Kapoor's **Kai Po Che!** in 2013.

Bihar's shortest-serving CM Satish Prasad Singh passed away at 87:

Satish Prasad Singh, former Chief Minister (CM) and Socialist of **Bihar** passed away due to illness in **Delhi**. He became the **6th** and the **shortest- served CM** of Bihar for **5 days (28 January to February 1, 1968).**

Veteran Kannada actor Somashekar Rao passes away at 86:

Veteran **Kannada film** and theatre actor **HG Somashekar Rao** died after a heart attack. Somashekar had appeared in more than **60 movies** during his career spanning about **five decades.**

'Fareb' actor Faraaz Khan passes away at 46:

Bollywood actor **Faraaz Khan** has passed away. He was undergoing treatment for neurological disorder in **Bengaluru**. He acted

Mehndi (1998), Fareb (1996), Dulhan Banoo Main Teri (1999) and Chand Bujh Gaya (2005) among others.

Former International Hockey Umpire Susanta Kumar Dey passes away at 78:

Former International hockey umpire **Susanta Kumar Dey**, who had represented **Bengal National team** from **South Eastern Railway** had passed away. He coached **Bengal National Team, East Bengal Club.**

Legendary Australia swimming coach Don Talbot passes away aged 87:

Don Talbot, Australia's legendry **swimming coaches** and **former head coach of Olympic** Swimming team of **Australia and Canada** passed away in Queensland, Australia.

Bollywood Filmmaker Sudarshan Rattan passes away:

Filmmaker **Sudarshan Rattan**, who was known for his 1986 film Manav Hatya, starring **Madhuri Dixit** and **Shekhar Suman** has passed away due to COVID-19. He had also written, directed and produced the **1996** action drama film **Hahakaar**, starring Sudhir Pandey, Shafi Inamdar, Neelima Azeem and Johny Lever among others.

Gujarati columnist Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ passes away at 95:

Veteran **author** and **Gujarati** columnist of **Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ**, popularly known as **Father Valles** passed away. A Jesuit priest born in Spain, he was a Mathematics teacher in **Gujarat**. He wrote extensively in **Gujarati, English and Spanish.**

Former Sikkim CM Sanchaman Limboo passed away at 73:

Sanchaman Limboo, Former Chief Minister (CM) of **Sikkim** passed away due to prolonged illness at the Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial (STNM) Hospital, a state-run hospital in **Gangtok, Sikkim**. He was born on **January 15, 1947** in **West Sikkim district, Sikkim**.

Ken Spears, co-creator of Scooby-Doo, passed away at 82:

American television editor, writer, and producer **Ken Spears**, who co-created the beloved animated series "**Scooby-Doo**" has passed away. Ken was also the co-founder of television animation production company, Ruby-Spears Productions, along with the late **Joe Ruby**.

Former Indian football player Satyajit Ghosh passed away at 62:

Satyajit Ghosh, former football player of India and **Mohun Bagan** passed away at **Bandel, West Bengal** due to cardiac arrest. The defender represented India in the **1985 Nehru Cup**.

Bahrain's longest serving PM Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa passes away at 84:

The **world's longest-serving** PM **Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa** of Bahrain passed away. Khalifa, the uncle of King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa, had served as prime minister since Sunni Muslim-led island kingdom declared independence from **Britain** in **1971**.

Bollywood actor Asif Basra passes away at 53:

Bollywood actor **Asif Basra** allegedly died by suicide at a private guest house in McLeod

Ganj, **Himachal Pradesh**. Basra had appeared in a number of Bollywood films, thriller series **Paatal Lok**, including a movie on the 1993 Mumbai blasts **Black Friday**, the 2002 Gujarat riots **Parzanina** and **Kai Po Che**. **Nobel laureate physicist Masatoshi Koshiba passed away at 94:**

Professor **Masatoshi Koshiba**, one of Japan's most eminent scientists, died at the age of 94. He shared **2002 Nobel prize** for the detection of **cosmic neutrinos**. Koshiba's most famous work involved detecting neutrinos from a distant supernova explosion using a vast detector based in a mine in central Japan.

Haryana's First Woman MP and Former Puducherry LG Chandrawati passed away at 92:

Haryana's first woman MP and former **Puducherry** Lt Governor **Chandrawati** passed away. She has a number of 1st to her credit as she was the 1st **Member of Parliament** (1977), the 1st MLA, 1st minister (1964-66 and 1972-74) & 1st leader of Opposition in the Haryana assembly (1982-85).

Noted journalist and writer Ravi Belagere passes away at 62:

Noted journalist and writer **Ravi Belagere** passed away due to heart attack. He was from **Karnataka**. He was famous for writings on the crime world and his column '**Paapigala Lokadalli**' was very popular.

Legendary Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee passes away at 85:

Bengal's legendary actor **Soumitra Chatterjee** passed away. Chatterjee's honours included a **Padma Bhushan** and the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award**. In 2017, the

French government gave Chatterjee its highest civilian award, the **Ordre des Arts et des Lettres**.

Rajasthan Cabinet Minister Master Bhanwarlal Meghwal passes away at 72:

Rajasthan's cabinet minister **Bhanwar Lal Meghwal** passed away. He was minister of social justice & empowerment in government of **Ashok Gehlot**. He had also served as education minister of Rajasthan & was a member of Legislative Assembly from **Sujargarh constituency**.

Former England goalkeeper Ray Clemence has passed away at 72:

Former England, Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper **Ray Clemence** has died. He played **61 times** for England, began his professional career with Scunthorpe United before joining Liverpool and he made over **450 appearances** in **14 years** at Anfield.

First woman Governor of Goa Mridula Sinha passes away at 77:

Former **Goa Governor** and BJP leader **Mridula Sinha** died Delhi. She was also a renowned **Hindi writer**. Mridula has served as the head of the BJP's women's wing and Chairperson of **Central Social Welfare Board** in the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Former Navy Officer Vice Admiral John Thomas Goslin Pereira passed away at 97:

Vice Admiral **John Thomas Goslin Pereira** Indian Navy's former Chief of Materials passed away after a brief illness. He was among the last surviving naval officers who served during the **Second World War**.

Sahitya Academy recipient Bangla poet Alokaranjan Dasgupta passes away at 87:

Sahitya Academy award winner Bengali poet **Alokaranjan Dasgupta** has passed away at his residence in Germany. He was awarded **Ananda Purashkar** in 1985, **Rabindra Puraskar** in 1987 & **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman** 2005 & won the Sahitya Award for his Marami Korat book of poems.

Former chairman of L&T Finance YM Deosthalee passed away at 74:

M Deosthalee, former chairman of **L&T Finance Holdings**, has died in Mumbai. He is a qualified chartered accountant and holds a degree in law. He joined L&T in **1974** & was instrumental in setting up **L&T Finance**, a wholly-owned subsidiary.

Sahitya Academy awardee Telugu Poet Shaik Khaja Hussain passes away at 70:

Renowned **Telugu poet, journalist, scriptwriter** and Sahitya Academy awardee **Shaik Khaja Hussain**, has passed away after brief illness. Popularly known as **Devi Priya**, the renowned poet bagged the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award in 2017, for his book **Gaali Rangu**.

Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi passes away at 84:

Former **Assam** Chief Minister from Congress party **Tarun Gogoi**, has passed away. Tarun Gogoi had served as the Chief Minister of Assam between **2001** and **2015**. He was the **longest serving chief minister of Assam**.

SPORTS NEWS:

Lewis Hamilton overtakes Michael Schumacher's record after 92nd Grand Prix win:

World champion **Lewis Hamilton** became the most **successful F1 driver** of all time in terms of race wins with a **92nd career victory** at the **Portuguese Grand Prix**. **Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes- Finland) came **second** followed by **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) at **third spot**.

India U-19 World Cup Winner Tanmay Srivastava Announces Retirement at 30:

India U-19 World Cup winner and **Uttar Pradesh** batsman **Tanmay Srivastava** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He scored **262 runs in 6 matches** in U19 WC. In his 14-year-long career, Srivastava played **90 first-class games**.

Alexander Zverev Beats Diego Schwartzman to Win Cologne Championship:

Alexander Zverev made it back-to-back ATP Tour titles when he beat **Diego Schwartzman** 6-2, 6-1 in the final of the Cologne Championship held in **Cologne, Germany**. It's Zverev's **13th title** overall.

Aryna Sabalenka beats sick Azarenka to win Ostrava Open:

Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus won the **Ostrava Open WTA tournament** after beating her visibly indisposed compatriot **Victoria Azarenka** in straight sets 6-2, 6-2. It was Sabalenka's **second title** this year after a win at the **Qatar Open** in February, before the coronavirus pandemic broke out.

BCCI announces Jio as title sponsor of Women's T20 Challenge 2020:

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced **Reliance Jio** as the title sponsor of the **Women's T20 Challenge 2020** to be held in **Sharjah, UAE**. This is the **first time** a sponsor is partnering with the BCCI exclusively for the women's counterpart to the **Indian Premier League (IPL)**.

Aussie John Millman claims first ever ATP title at Astana Open:

31-year-old Australian **John Millman** has taken down Frenchman Adrian Mannarino at the Astana Open to claim his first ever ATP title held in **Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**. He beat **Frenchman Adrian Mannarino** 7-5 6-1. Millman had previously lost two finals in his career.

Panghal, Sanjeet and Ashish wins gold at Alexis Vastine International Boxing Tournament held in Nantes, France:

World silver-medallist **Amit Panghal** (52kg), **Sanjeet** (91kg) and **Ashish Kumar** (75kg) have won gold medals at the recently concluded Alexis Valentine International Boxing Tournament held in Nantes, France. **Kavinder Singh Bisht** won silver medal in **57 kg weight** category.

Lewis Hamilton wins Emilia Romagna Grand Prix as Mercedes claim seventh F1 title:

Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the **Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020** held in **Imola, Italy**. This was his **9th** win of the season and **93rd** F1 win of his

career. **Valtteri Bottas** finished **second** while **Daniel Ricciardo** finished **third**.

Australian Cricketer Shane Watson announces retirement from all forms of Cricket:

The 39-year-old former **Australia** vice-captain and all-rounder **Shane Watson** has announced retirement from **all forms of cricket**. Watson played almost **750 matches** at all levels, leaving the game with **59 Tests, 190 ODIs** and **58 T20s** for his country.

Andrey Rublev beat Lorenzo Sonogo to Claim Fifth Title of 2020 In Vienna:

23-year-old **Russian Andrey Rublev** beat **Lorenzo Sonogo** to win the **Erste Bank Open**, lifting his ATP Tour-leading **fifth title** of the season. **Andrey** is now tied with World No. 1 **Novak Djokovic** atop the 2020 match wins' leaderboard with 39.

West Indies batsman Marlon Samuels retires from all forms of cricket:

The 39-year-old **west Indies** batsman **Marlon Samuels** has announced his retirement from professional cricket. He has played **71 Tests, 207 ODIs, and 67 Twenty-20s** at the international level, has scored **11,134** international runs including **17 centuries** across all formats.

Ritu Phogat Wins Third Straight MMA title at ONE Championship Inside the Matrix Event:

26-year-old Former **Indian wrestler** and now a **Mixed Martial Arts star, Ritu Phogat** won her third consecutive MMA championship title in Singapore by defeating Cambodia's **Nou Srey Pov**.

Daniil Medvedev beats Alexander Zverev to win his first Paris Masters final:

Russia's **Daniil Medvedev** defeated German ace **Alexander Zverev** 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 to win the **Paris Masters** making it his eighth career title and third at a Masters event.

Mumbai Indians Defeats Delhi Capitals to Win Record 5th IPL title:

Mumbai Indians beat **Delhi Capitals** in the **Dream11 Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 final** by **5 wickets** to clinch their record fifth IPL title on 10 November 2020, held at **Dubai International Cricket Stadium**.

➤ **Orange Cap** (Most Runs) – **K. L. Rahul** of Kings XI Punjab (670 runs).

➤ **Purple Cap** (Most Wickets) – **Kagiso Rabada** of Delhi Capitals (30 wickets).

➤ **Most Valuable Player** (Man of the Series) – **Jofra Archer** of Rajasthan Royals.

➤ **Emerging Player of the Season** – **Devdutt Padikkal** of RCB.

China's Chen Meng beat Sun Yingsha claims her maiden ITTF Women's World Cup title:

World number one **Chen Meng** beat Chinese compatriot **Sun Yingsha** to win her maiden **ITTF Women's World Cup** title in **Weihai, China**. The **ITTF Women's World Cup 2020** was the **24th edition** of the ITTF-sanctioned event.

Trailblazers beat Supernovas by 16 runs to win Jio Women's T20 Challenge title:

Jio Women's T20 Challenge was the third season of the Women's T20 Challenge, a Twenty20 cricket tournament established by

the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**.

Lewis Hamilton wins Turkish GP to clinch record-equalling seventh F1 title:

Lewis Hamilton won **Turkish Grand Prix** to win F1 2020 world championship. With this, he equalled **Michael Schumacher's** record of winning seven F1 world titles. Hamilton also extended his record of **winning most races** in F1 history to **94** with win in Istanbul.

India to host U-17 Women's World Cup 2022, FIFA cancels 2021 edition:

FIFA cancelled both women's **U-17** and **U-20** World Cup which were scheduled to be held in India and Costa Rica respectively and handed both countries the hosting rights of **2022** editions. FIFA Club World Cup, originally planned for December, to be held in **Feb 2021** in **Doha, Qatar**.

Indian cricketer Sudeep Tyagi announces retirement from all forms of cricket:

The 33-year-old **Sudeep Tyagi** has announced his retirement from all forms of the Cricket. He had played for the Indian national cricket team in **four ODIs** and a lone **T20I** as a fast bowler.

The right-arm medium-fast bowler had also featured in **14 games** in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for **Chennai Super Kings** (CSK) and **Sunrisers Hyderabad** (SRH).

Italian teenager Jannik Sinner Clinches Maiden ATP Tour Title in Sofia:

The 19-year-old **Jannik Sinner** captured his **maiden ATP** Tour trophy at the **Sofia Open in Bulgaria**. He battled past experienced

Canadian **Vasek Pospisil** to become the youngest Italian in the Open Era to win an ATP Tour title.

BCCI ropes in MPL Sports as Official Kit Sponsor for Team India:

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced its partnership with **MPL Sports**, the athleisure wear and sports merchandise brand from **Mobile Premier League** as the new **kit sponsor** and official merchandise partner for the **Indian Cricket Team**.

Argentina and Barcelona star Javier Mascherano announces retirement:

36-year-old Former **Barcelona** and **Argentina** great **Javier Mascherano** announced his retirement from football, drawing curtains on his illustrious career spanning 17 years. Mascherano won one **Argentine league title** and one **Brazilian league title**, as well as many trophies with Barcelona.

Daniil Medvedev beat Dominic Thiem to win ATP Tour Finals 2020:

The 24-year-old **Daniil Medvedev** (Russia) beat **Dominic Thiem** (Austria) to win the **2020 ATP Tour Finals**, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, held in **London**. Daniil will finish the year at **fourth position** in the world rankings.

In the doubles final, Dutch-Croatian duo **Wesley Koolhof** and **Nikola Mektic** claimed their first title together after surpassing Jurgen Melzer and Edouard Roger-Vasselin 6-2, 3-6, 10-5.

IMPORTANT DAYS:

DATE	IMPORTANT DAYS	THEME
November Month	Lung Cancer Awareness Month	-
1 November	World Vegan Day	-
2 November	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists	-
5 November	World Tsunami Awareness Day	-
7 November	Infant Protection Day	-
7 November	National Cancer Awareness Day	-
8 November	International Day of Radiology	"Radiologists and Radiographers Supporting Patients during COVID-19"
8 November	World Urbanism Day	-
9 November	Legal Services Day	-
10 November	World Science Day for Peace and Development	"Science for and with Society in dealing with the Covid-19"
11 November	National Education Day	-
12 November	World Pneumonia Day	-
12 November	Public Service Broadcasting Day	-
12 November	Guru Nanak Dev's Birth Anniversary	-
13 November	World Kindness Day	"Kindness: The World We Make – Inspire Kindness"
13 November	National Ayurveda Day	-
14 November	World Diabetes Day	"The Nurse and Diabetes"
14 November	Children's Day	-
15 November	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	-

November (15-21)	National New Born Week	"Quality, Equity, Dignity for every new born at every health facility and everywhere"
16 November	International Day for Tolerance	-
16 November	National Press Day	"Role of Media during the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Impact on Media"
November (16-22)	National Pharmacy Week (NPW)	"Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals"
17 November	National Epilepsy Day	"Friendship and Inclusion"
18 November (Third Wednesday of November)	World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day	-
18 November	National Naturopathy Day	-
November (18-24)	World Antimicrobial Awareness Week	"United to preserve anti microbials"
19 November	International Men's Day	"Better health for men and boys"
19 November	World Toilet Day	"Sustainable sanitation and climate change"
19 November	Women's Entrepreneurship Day	-
20 November	World Children's Day	"Investing in our future means investing in our children"
20 November	Africa Industrialisation Day	-
21 November	World Television Day	-
21 November	World Fisheries Day	"Social Responsibility in the fisheries value chain"
22 November	72nd Raising Day of National Cadet Corps	-

25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	"Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect"
26 November	Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas)	-
26 November	National Milk Day	-
27 November	National Organ Donation Day	-
29 November	International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People	-
30 November	Saint Andrew's Day	-

ENGLISH VOCABULARY:

1)	TREASON (noun):
	Meaning: the action of betraying someone or something.
	Synonyms: betrayal, disloyalty, falsity, treachery.
	Antonyms: faithfulness, loyalty, staunchness, steadfastness.
	Usage: Reading a friend's diary without permission would have to be regarded as the ultimate act of personal treason.
2)	SMUG (adjective):
	Meaning: having or showing an excessive pride in oneself or one's achievements.
	Synonyms: bighead, complacency, egotism, vainglory.
	Antonyms: diffidence, bashfulness, demureness, shyness.
	Usage: Because Rocky had a smug attitude during his meeting with the principal, he projected the image he was proud of his misdeeds.
3)	PROCLIVITY (Noun):
	Meaning: a tendency to choose or do something regularly; an inclination or predisposition towards a particular thing.
	Synonyms: liking, inclination, tendency, leaning
	Antonyms: disinclination, dislike, antipathy, hate

	Usage: His proclivity for cooking made him a big hit in the homeowner's association.
4)	GUILE (Noun):
	Meaning: sly or cunning intelligence.
	Synonyms: cunning, artifice, canniness
	Antonyms: forthrightness, guilelessness
	Usage: A shady salesman usually relies on a combination of quick thinking and guile.
5)	REVELRY (Noun):
	Meaning: a situation in which people are drinking, dancing, singing, etc. at a party or in public, especially in a noisy way
	Synonyms: debauchery, carouse
	Antonyms: sadness, mourning
	Usage: The revelries next door kept me awake all night.
6)	Vernacular (Noun):
	Meaning: the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people of a country or region.
	Synonym: everyday language, spoken language, colloquial speech, slang
	Usage: To hold the interest of the community, the playwright penned his play using only the local vernacular.
7)	DILATORY (adjective):
	Meaning: slow to act
	Synonyms: sluggish, slothful, lax, slack.
	Antonyms: fast, prompt, brisk, quick.
	Usage: They were dilatory in providing the researchers with information.
8)	CULL (verb):
	Meaning: select from a large quantity; obtain from a variety of sources.
	Synonyms: elect, choose, select, handpick.

	Antonyms: discard, reject, decline, spurn.
	Usage: When we cull the contestants for the show, we choose individuals with outgoing personalities.
9)	PROTRACTED (adjective):
	Meaning: lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual.
	Synonyms: expanded, lasting, prolonged, sustained.
	Antonyms: abbreviated, abridged, curtailed, shortened.
	Usage: Three years of long and protracted negotiations characterized the proposals for an indoor-events arena.
10)	SUAVE (Adjective):
	Meaning: (especially of a man) charming, confident, and elegant.
	Synonyms: charming, sophisticated, debonair, urbane
	Antonyms: unsophisticated, rude
	Usage: He was tall and suave, careful in dress, careful in behaviour.
11)	MAINSTAY (noun):
	Meaning: a person or thing on which something else is based or depends.
	Synonyms: cornerstone, bulwark, buttress, bastion.
	Antonyms: antagonist, opponent, enemy.
	Usage: Smith was a mainstay of the club's success this season with his running from defence and solid tackling.
12)	Disenchantment (noun):
	Meaning: a feeling of disappointment about someone or something you previously respected or admired; disillusionment.
	Synonym: disillusionment, disappointment,
	Antonym: enchanted, encourage
	Usage: We live in a time of great disenchantment with elected officials.
13)	UNSCATHED (adjective):
	Meaning: without suffering any injury, damage, or harm.

	Synonyms: intact, safe, unscarred, secure.
	Antonyms: hurt, injured, harmed, wounded.
	Usage: It was strange how the fire destroyed most of the city but left the church unscathed.
14)	TACIT (adjective):
	Meaning: understood or implied without being stated.
	Synonyms: implicit, inferred, insinuated, unspoken.
	Antonyms: blatant, evident, manifest, explicit.
	Usage: In my business, all that is needed for a tacit understanding is a handshake between men.
15)	DENIZEN (noun):
	Meaning: a person, animal, or plant that lives or is found in a particular place.
	Synonyms: inhabitant, occupant, resident, tenant.
	Antonyms: visitor, emigrant, evacuee, expatriate.
	Usage: The author of Atlanta's latest guidebook is a longtime denizen of the city who knows all the best places to visit.
16)	RESORT (verb): Meaning: turn to and adopt (a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one) so as to resolve a difficult situation.
	Synonyms: expedient, recourse, makeshift, substitute.
	Antonyms: abstain, dodge, halt, shun.
	Usage: Excluded from parliament by the fatal error of his youth, he was compelled to resort to indirect means of working out his plans by influencing public men.
17)	Repercussion (Adjective):
	Meaning: the effect that an action, event, or decision has on something, especially a bade effect:
	Synonyms: aftermath, consequence
	Antonyms: loyal
	Usage: Any decrease in tourism could have serious repercussions for the local economy.

18)	Sanguine (Adjective):
	Meaning: optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation.
	Synonyms: optimistic, bullish, hopeful, buoyant, positive
	Antonyms: pessimistic, gloomy
	Usage: They are less sanguine about the company's long-term prospects.
19)	Frowsy (Adjective):
	Meaning: Scruffy and neglected in appearance
	Synonym: scruffy, unkempt
	Antonym: Smile
	Usage: He sat up and stretched, and rubbed his hands back and forth through his frowsy hair.
20)	Skulk (Verb):
	Meaning: Move in stealthy or furtive manner
	Synonym: Avoid, elude
	Antonym: Appear, Issue
	Usage: At the gate she skulked, she felt like a thief.
21)	Suffuse (Verb):
	Meaning: Spread over or through something
	Synonym: Steep and spread
	Antonym: Deprive
	Usage: Sweet and spicy flavors, including date, coriander and cumin suffuse the foods
22)	Pell-Mell (Adverb):
	Meaning: In a confused, disorderly, or rushed manner.
	Synonym: Hurries
	Antonym: Slow, Organized
	Usage: Mary ran down the stairs, chasing the rat with a marbel pell-mell

23)	Misprision (Noun):
	Meaning: Neglect or wrong performance of official duty.
	Synonym: Contempt and despite
	Antonym: Acceptance, tolerance
	Usage: The punishment to the culprit was given out of misprision.
24)	GRIPE (verb):
	Meaning: to express dissatisfaction, pain, or resentment usually tiresomely.
	Synonyms: bellyache, bleat, carp, complain, crab, croak, fuss, grouch, grouse, growl, grumble, grump, nag, scream, squawk, squeal, whimper, whine.
	Antonyms: bear, countenance, endure, tolerate, applaud, cheer, commend, delight, rejoice.
	Usage: Her tendency to gripe constantly drove everyone away.
25)	ENNUI (Noun):
	Meaning: a feeling of listlessness and dissatisfaction arising from a lack of occupation or excitement.
	Synonym: boredom, tedium, listlessness.
	Antonym: animation, contentment.
	Usage: Listening to your dull story about becoming a librarian is leaving me in a state of ennui.
26)	FLEECE (Verb):
	Meaning: obtain a great deal of money from (someone), typically by overcharging or swindling them.
	Synonyms: swindle, cheat, defraud, deceive, trick,
	Antonyms: give, offer
	Usage: Joining arms, they set out to fleece their latest victims.
27)	DAFT (adjective):
	Meaning: silly; foolish.
	Synonyms: balmy, bedlam, demented, deranged

	Antonyms: rational, reasonable, judicious, sensible.
	Usage: We were shocked that Diana was so daft to believe John's tale.
28)	Brickbat:(noun):
	Meaning: an act or expression showing scorn and usually intended to hurt another's feelings
	Synonyms: affront, barb, epithet, indignity.
	Antonyms: accolade, commendation, compliment, acclaim.
	Usage: The candidates were reduced to hurling brickbats at each other.
29)	CONCURRENCE (noun):
	Meaning: the fact of two or more events or circumstances happening or existing at the same time.
	Synonym: concordance, cooperation, coincidence.
	Antonym: dissonance, discord.
	Usage: Because the events ran in concurrence, the coordinator could not attend both parties at the same time.
30)	Unprecedented (adjective):
	Meaning: never done or known before.
	Synonym: unequaled, unmatched, unrivaled.
	Antonym: preceded, familiar, usual.
	Usage: The damage caused by the hurricane is unprecedented and has never been experienced before in this country.
31)	SPATE (Noun):
	Meaning: a large number of similar things or events appearing or occurring in quick succession.
	Synonyms: deluge, flood, flurry, outpouring, string, succession
	Antonyms: dribble, drip, trickle
	Usage: A spate of words has been published on this controversial topic.
32)	Corroborate (Verb):

	Meaning: Give evidence for, Back up with evidence.
	Synonyms: Validate, support, confirm, verify, endorse.
	Antonyms: Reject, Disapprove, contradict
	Usage: Every one hastened to corroborate this verdict with some piece of evidence.
33)	Ardent (Adjective):
	Meaning: Characterized by strong enthusiasm
	Synonyms: Passionate, enthusiastic, zealous
	Antonyms: apathetic, dull, calm.
	Usage: One should be an ardent supporter for the right cause.
34)	FARCE (Noun):
	Meaning: an event or situation that is absurd or disorganized.
	Synonyms: absurdity, mockery, travesty, sham
	Usage: The debate turned into a drunken farce.
35)	OBDURATE (Adjective):
	Meaning: stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing
	Synonyms: callous, stubborn
	Antonyms: humane, sensitive
	Usage: Union leaders remain obdurate that working conditions and pay improve.
36)	Conflate (verb):
	Meaning: combine (two or more sets of information, texts, ideas, etc.) into one.
	Synonyms: amalgamate, converge, unify, fuse.
	Antonyms: divide, part, separate, rupture.
	Usage: To conflate art and science, teachers must design activities that blend the two.
37)	Expeditious (Adjective):
	Meaning: done with speed and efficiency.
	Synonyms: speedy, swift, quick, rapid, fast; prompt

	Antonyms: slow
	Usage: The man was saved because of the doctor's expeditious diagnosis.
38)	Jeopardize (verb):
	Meaning: put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure.
	Synonyms: imperil, threaten, chance, gamble
	Antonyms: guard, protect, save, design
	Usage: By a word he could have done it, yet he feared lest that word must jeopardize his brother.
39)	OVERTURE (noun):
	Meaning: an introduction to something more substantial.
	Synonyms: prelude, introduction, opening, voluntary.
	Antonyms: conclusion, epilogue, aftermath, coda.
	Usage: He spent more time with the orchestra, with the overture in the beginning of the show than the whole block of the show.
40)	HEFT (verb):
	Meaning: lift or carry (something heavy).
	Synonyms: lift, heave, hoist, haul.
	Antonyms: lower, drop, fix, dodge.
	Usage: Reluctantly, she hefted herself up and picked up the phone.
41)	Corroborate (Verb):
	Meaning: Give evidence for, Back up with evidence.
	Synonyms: Validate, support, confirm, verify, endorse.
	Antonyms: Reject, Disapprove, contradict
	Usage: Every one hastened to corroborate this verdict with some piece of evidence.
42)	Ephemeral (Adjective):
	Meaning: Lasting for short time

	Synonyms: Temporary, Short-lived, transient.
	Antonyms: long-lived, enduring, everlasting, eternal, perpetual.
	Usage: time is ephemeral so don't waste it.
43)	Approbation (Noun):
	Meaning: Official Approval.
	Synonyms: Approval, Favour.
	Antonyms: disapprobation, disapproval, disfavour.
	Usage: Government gives its approbation to his selection.
44)	Altruist (Noun):
	Meaning: who make charitable donations
	Synonyms: beneficent, benevolent, charitable, humanitarian, philanthropist, generous
	Antonyms: self-centred, self-concerned, selfish.
	Usage: Animals can have more altruistic behaviour than humans.
45)	Ardent (Adjective):
	Meaning: Characterized by strong enthusiasm
	Synonyms: Passionate, enthusiastic, zealous
	Antonyms: apathetic, dull, calm.
	Usage: One should be an ardent supporter for the right cause.
46)	Mundane (Adjective):
	Meaning: Found in the ordinary course of events
	Synonyms: dime, stale, sober, humdrum, day-to-day
	Antonyms: unusual, Exciting, extraordinary.
	Usage: The list included many mundane, routine tasks.
47)	Ameliorate (Verb):
	Meaning: To make better
	Synonyms: Amend, better, improve, upgrade
	Antonyms: worsen, reduce, diminish

	Usage: The editor ameliorated the manuscript with his changes.
48)	Quirk (Noun):
	Meaning: a strange habit
	Synonyms: irregularity, trait
	Antonyms: normality,
	Usage: His biggest quirk is his love for old marbles.
49)	Ample (adjective):
	Meaning: enough or more than enough; plentiful.
	Synonyms: abundant, bountiful, broad, copious
	Antonyms: cramped, insignificant, lacking, limited
	Usage: I've left ample stores of food and water for you.
50)	UNCHARTED (adjective):
	Meaning: (of an area of land or sea) not mapped or surveyed.
	Synonyms: unexplored, undiscovered, unfamiliar, unplumbed.
	Antonyms: familiar, famous, commonplace, known.
	Usage: Twice more he struck as if he was securing a flagpole into the soil of a previously uncharted land.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ:

Q.1) What is the rank of India in the Ookla Speedtest Global Index 2020 in terms of global mobile internet speed?

- a) 126
- b) 103
- c) 114
- d) 131**
- e) 124

Q.2) Who has won the 2020 Portuguese Grand Prix?

- a) Max Verstappen
- b) Valtteri Bottas

c) Lewis Hamilton

- d) Charles Leclerc
- e) Pierre Gasly

Q.3) PM Narendra Modi launched Kisan Suryodaya yojna in which Indian state?

- a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Gujarat

- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Odisha
- e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.4) Who among the following has assumed charge as the DG, Dental Services & Colonel Commandant of ADC?

- a) Anil Kumar

b) N K Sahoo

- c) Nitin Singh
- d) Surendra Rao
- e) Raj Aggarwal

Q.5) The longest temple ropeway project of the world has been inaugurated in which of the following states/UTs?

- a) Chhattisgarh

b) Gujarat

- c) Jammu & Kashmir
- d) Haryana
- e) Maharashtra

Q.6) World Bank sanctions Rs 3 crore to set up India's first Sand Dune Park in which Indian state?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Haryana

c) Goa

- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) Tamil Nadu

Q.7) Which of the following state topped the list of states in disbursing loans under PM SVA Nidhi Scheme?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Haryana
- c) Karnataka

d) Uttar Pradesh

- e) Tamil Nadu

Q.8) Which IIT in partnership with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) developed a 'novel Industry 4.0 Technology' for remotely controlled factory operations?

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) IIT Madras

c) IIT Kharagpur

- d) IIT Delhi
- e) IIT Kanpur

Q.9) A Book Titled "The Fixer: Winning Has a Price. How Much Will You Pay?" was authored by whom?

- a) Ruskin Bond
- b) Arunthathi Roy

c) Suman Dubey

- d) Rupa Ganguly

e) Kirtika Pandey

Q.10) Which among the following corporations has topped the Forbes list of World's Best Employer 2020?

a) Samsung

b) Flipkart

c) Microsoft

d) Google

e) Amazon

Q.11) Indian-origin Wavel Ramkalawan has been appointed as the President of which country?

a) Sri Lanka

b) Mauritius

c) Comoros

d) Seychelles

e) Madagascar

Q.12) Who heads the 70-member committee formed by the centre to commemorate the 400th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur?

a) Piyush Goyal

b) Amarinder Singh

c) Pralhad Singh Patel

d) Narendra Modi

e) Rajnath Singh

Q.13) Which country has launched the "No Mask, No Service" policy?

a) Nepal

b) Bangladesh

c) India

d) Bhutan

e) Myanmar

Q.14) Which state government has built war memorial as a tribute to Joginder Singh of 1st

Battalion, Sikh Regiment during 1962 Sino-India war?

a) Himachal Pradesh

b) Karnataka

c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Arunachal Pradesh

e) Haryana

Q.15) World's third largest economy Japan to achieve carbon neutral by which year?

a) 2060

b) 2030

c) 2050

d) 2100

e) 2075

Q.16) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a MoU with Which IIT for the advancement of highway infrastructure?

a) IIT Bombay

b) IIT Kharagpur

c) IIT Madras

d) IIT Jodhpur

e) IIT Kanpur

Q.17) Who has been elected 3rd term as the President of Guinea?

a) Carlos Mesa

b) Luis Arce

c) Alpha Condé

d) Dalein Diallo

e) Andrew Ramkalawan

Q.18) Which Indian company has topped the India list of Forbes World's Best Employer 2020?

a) Tata Group

b) State Bank of India

c) TCS

d) HCL Technologies

e) Wipro

Q.19) Union Shipping Minister Mansukh Mandaviya recently inaugurated the 'Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility' of V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust. The port is located?

a) Kerala

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Gujarat

d) Andhra Pradesh

e) Karnataka

Q.20) Who among the following inaugurated the festival of 'Parampara Series 2020-National Festival of Music & Dance'?

a) Narendra Modi

b) Ram Nath Kovind

c) Piyush Goyal

d) Venkiah Naidu

e) Rajnath Singh

Q.21) World longest Fehmarnbelt Tunnel will connect which of the following countries?

a) Germany and Austria

b) Belgium and Mexico

c) Luxembourg and Austria

d) Denmark and France

e) Germany & Denmark

Q.22) Who among the following has won his 8th match at the ATP Cologne 2020?

a) Novak Djokovic

b) Alexander Zverev

c) Daniil Medvedev

d) Denis Shaplov

e) Roger Federer

Q.23) Name the NASA observatory which has detected water molecules in one of the craters in the Moon.

a) MAFIA

b) SANTA

c) ASTROSAT

d) SOFIA

e) NATINO

Q.24) Who is the author of the book titled "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984"?

a) Deepankar Aron

b) Aniruth Chauhan

c) Pradeep Goorha

d) GBS Sandhu

e) Sarbpreet Singh

Q.25) Who among the following has won Presidential election of Bolivia?

a) Ibrahim Fofana

b) Luis Alberto Arce Catacora

c) Cellou Dalein Diallo

d) Lasana Cente

e) Alpha Conde

Q.26) Who among the following has represents Indian at the 2020 BRICS Parliamentary Forum?

a) Pralhad Joshi

b) Venkaiah Naidu

c) Om Birla

d) Nitin Gadkari

e) Piyush Goyal

Q.27) Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS) ?

a) Raj Kumar

b) Shivaram Nair

c) Bimal Julka

d) M S Sahoo

e) Pradip Shah

Q.28) Who among the following has won the Ostrava Open WTA tournament?

a) Aryna Sabalenka

b) Petro Kvitova

c) Sofia Kenin

d) Victoria Azarenka

e) Naomi Osaka

Q.29) Which of the following became the first state in India to fix Minimum Support Price for vegetables?

a) Maharashtra

b) Kerala

c) Gujarat

d) Rajasthan

e) Punjab

Q.30) Who among the following has been elected as the fellow of Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi?

a) Pradeep Kumar

b) Irfan Khan

c) Saman Habib

d) Sakib Quereshi

e) Mohammad Irfan

Q.31) Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant India?

a) Rajesh Nambiar

b) Ramkumar

c) Sanjay Gupta

d) Sunil Shetty

e) Sarath Kumar

Q.32) Name the Indian Cricketer who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Dr Trust?

a) Rishab Pant

b) Rohit Sharma

c) Virat Kohli

d) M S Dhoni

e) Suresh Raina

Q.33) Six year-old Anzar Mustaeen Ali from which country has won the Global Art Competition conducted by ICCR?

a) Afghanistan

b) Israel

c) Sri Lanka

d) Pakistan

e) Bangladesh

Q.34) Which of the following organisation from India won the 2020 UN Global Climate Action Award?

a) Indian Oil Corporation

b) National Solar Energy

c) Greenpeace India

d) Global Himalayan Expedition

e) National Thermal Power Corporation

Q.35) Which of the following companies collaborate with National Skill Development Corporation to empower women in India with digital skills?

a) Dell Technologies

b) Flipkart

c) Microsoft

d) Amazon

e) Google Cloud

Q.36) The mobile app named Wildlife Rescue which monitors rescue, reporting & release of wildlife online was released by which of the following place?

a) Shillong

b) Chandigarh

c) Lucknow

d) Kochi

e) Hyderabad

Q.37) The 19th Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Ministers of Foreign Economy and Foreign Trade was held under the Chairmanship of which country?

a) India

b) China

c) Pakistan

d) Russia

e) Japan

Q.38) Who has been elected as the Vice-President of Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association?

a) Sudhanshu Jain

b) Sudhakar Rao Desai

c) Manoj Rajan

d) Pranav Malik

e) Rasood Khan

Q.39) Which State government has signed a MoU with Sports Authority of India (SAI) for development of Infrastructure at the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) ?

a) Arunachal Pradesh

b) Meghalaya

c) Nagaland

d) Telangana

e) Assam

Q.40) Who has been awarded with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 3rd India International Film Festival of Boston (IIFFB) 2020?

a) Amitav Gosh

b) Om Puri

c) Ranjith Kumar

d) Vinod Khanna

e) Irfan Khan

Q.41) A web portal named Sumangal Portal for inter-caste married couples was launched by which Indian State?

a) Assam

b) Goa

c) Odisha

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Bihar

Q.42) Which state launched 'Dharani' Portal for Land & Property Registrations?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Gujarat

c) Tamil Nadu

d) Telangana

e) Rajasthan

Q.43) Who among the following unveiled the Indian Infrastructure Body of Knowledge (InBoK), a book on the practice of program and project management in India?

a) Thaawar Chand Gehlot

b) Nitin Gadkari

c) Harsh Vardhan

d) Narendra Singh Tomar

e) D.V. Sadananda Gowda

Q.44) PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'Arogya Van' in which state of the country?

a) Karnataka

b) Assam

c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Gujarat

e) Maharashtra

Q.45) Name the initiative launched by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Indian Railways to ensure safety and security of women passengers during their train journeys.

a) Sakhi

b) E-Rail

c) Meri Saheli

d) Kusum

e) Frieght seva

Q.46) Which state government is planning to sign MoU with NTPC and SECI to establish a 8000MW renewable park to light up India-Pak border areas in the state?

a) Punjab

b) Rajasthan

c) Nagaland

d) Gujarat

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.47) Which state government Inks MoU with Game to Support MSMEs in Partnership with Omidyar Network India?

a) Maharashtra

b) Punjab

c) Karnataka

d) Nagaland

e) Bihar

Q.48) Name the NCLAT's Chairperson, whose term has been extended till December 2021?

a) Mukhopadhaya

b) Bansi Lal Bhat

c) Mukesh Kumar Jain

d) Venugopal Raj

e) Kasi Rangarajan

Q.49) Which is the best-governed state among large states by Public Affairs Index?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Kerala

c) Tamil Nadu

d) Karnataka

e) Maharashtra

Q.50) India's first Sea Plane service has been inaugurated in which of the following states?

a) Maharashtra

b) Haryana

c) Gujarat

d) Karnataka

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.51) IISc, Bengaluru signed MOU with which company to develop and demonstrate biomass gasification based hydrogen generation technology?

a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

b) Indian Oil Corporation

c) Petronet LNG Limited

d) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

e) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Q.52) Name the guided missile corvette of Indian Navy, which is test fired Anti-Ship Missile (AShM) in Bay of Bengal?

a) INS Vikrant

b) INS Kora

c) INS Kavaretti

d) INS Sruthi

e) INS Vajra

Q.53) Who has been appointed as the CEO of Alliance Air, becoming first woman to head an Indian air carrier?

a) Nandhini Ramakrishnan

b) Ahmed Meeran

c) Harpreet A De Singh

d) Sudha Murthy

e) Bhawana Singh

Q.54) PVG Menon appointed as CEO of which organisation?

a) Electronics Sector Skill Council of India

- b) National Institute of Open Schooling
c) Indian Stainless Steel Development
d) National Research Development Corporation
e) Indian Council of Medical Research

Q.55) Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Mumbai Port Trust?

- a) Pradip Shah
b) Harsha Kumar

c) Rajiv Jalota

- d) Manoj Sinha
e) Sanjay Gupta

Q.56) Jishnu Barua Appointed as New Chief Secretary of which Indian state?

- a) Meghalaya

b) Assam

- c) Rajasthan
d) Bihar
e) Tripura

Q.57) Who has been appointed as senior advisor of Global investment firm Carlyle?

- a) Uday Kodak
b) Pramod Srivastav
c) Injeti Srinivas

d) Aditya Puri

- e) Rajiv Kumar

Q.58) NABARD sanctioned loans worth Rs 8,504.3 lakh loans under RIDF scheme to which state?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
b) Kerala

c) Goa

- d) Karnataka
e) Maharashtra

Q.59) Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates Mansar Lake Development Plan in _____.

- a) Shimla

b) Jammu

- c) Ladakh
d) Agartala
e) Shillong

Q.60) Who won the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020?

a) Lewis Hamilton

- b) Pierre Gasly
c) Max Verstappen
d) Valtteri Bottas
e) Charles Leclerc

Q.61) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'Arogya Van' a wide range of medicinal plants in which Indian state?

- a) Kerala
b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Gujarat

- d) Haryana
e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.62) India's first ever e-resource centre 'Nyay Kaushal' has been inaugurated (October 31, 2020) in which State/UT?

- a) Tamil Nadu

b) Maharashtra

- c) Gujarat
d) Karnataka
e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.63) Which of the following States/UTs has launched a scheme for distribution of fortified rice?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Gujarat

d) Chhattisgarh

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.64) India's First Ever Solar-Powered Miniature Train Launched at which state?

a) Kerala

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Gujarat

d) Haryana

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.65) Which of the following Indian Boxer has won the gold medal at the 2020 Alexis Valentine International Boxing Tournament in the 52 kg weight category?

a) Ashish Kumar

b) Amit Panghal

c) Shiva Thapa

d) Vijender Singh

e) Sanjeet

Q.66) Who is the author of the book Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy?

a) Surendar Singhel

b) Shashi Tharoor

c) Tamal Bandyopadhyay

d) Ashok Kumar

e) Ruskin Bond

Q.67) Which company has been selected as the title sponsor for the Women's T20 Challenge 2020?

a) BSNL

b) Byju's

c) Jio

d) Amazon

e) Dream 11

Q.68) Who has won the Emmett Leahy Award 2020?

a) Charanjit Attra

b) Dinesh Katre

c) Vijay P Bhatkar

d) Nandha Kumar

e) Vinay Solanki

Q.69) Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurates SAI's new Regional Centre at which place (November 2020) ?

a) Zirakpur

b) Ludhiana

c) Jalandhar

d) Amritsar

e) Patiala

Q.70) Who has been awarded of 28th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram of kerala?

a) MR Gopakumar

b) Paul Zacharia

c) Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri

d) Adoor Gopalakrishnan

e) K. Ravindranathan Nair

Q.71) Who has been appointed as the new President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) for 2020-2023?

a) Taliya Habrieva

b) Gabriela Cuevas Barron

c) Viktor Sadovnichiy

d) Mikhail Piotrovsky

e) Duarte Pacheco

Q.72) Who among the following Australian cricketer has recently announced retirement from all forms of cricket (November 2020) ?

a) Steve Smith

b) Shane Watson

c) Aaron Finch

d) Shaun Marsh

e) David Warner

Q.73) Central government released Rs 2,200 cr as the first instalment for improvement of air quality based on the recommendations of which committee?

a) Jagdish Singh Khehar

b) Injeti Srinivas

c) N K Singh

d) Prashant Bhushan

e) Madan B. Lokur

Q.74) India, US, Japan and Australia kick-starts Malabar naval exercise held in which place?

a) Indian Ocean

b) Port Blair

c) Bay of Bengal

d) Arabian Sea

e) Pacific Ocean

Q.75) Which of the following Indian Naval Ships delivered 100 tonnes of food aid to the Port Sudan as a part of Mission Sagar-II?

a) INS Virat

b) INS Jalashwa

c) INS Airavat

d) INS Kavaratti

e) INS Vikrant

Q.76) Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation is being set up in which Indian state?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Manipur

c) Maharashtra

d) Assam

e) Gujarat

Q.77) Priyanka Radhakrishnan becomes the first Indian-origin politician to be elected as the minister of which country?

a) Maldives

b) New Zealand

c) Croatia

d) Singapore

e) Australia

Q.78) Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) partnership with which company to launch MSME Credit Health Index?

a) American Express

b) TransUnion CIBIL

c) Federal Trade Commission

d) Equifax

e) WalletHub

Q.79) Which of the following Indian city topped the list by WWF of the cities which will suffer from severe water risk in 2050?

a) Jaipur

b) Noida

c) Ahmedabad

d) Indore

e) Thane

Q.80) Who has won the Erste Bank open by beating Lorenzo Sonego?

a) Gael Monfils

b) Andrey Rublev

c) Novak Djokovic

d) Rafael Nadal

e) Ugo Humbert

Q.81) Aegon Life Insurance Company Limited launched 'Life + 36 critical illness Insurance' on which e-commerce platform?

a) Amazon

b) PhonePe

c) Snapdeal

d) Flipkart

e) Paytm

Q.82) Which of the following Utsav has recently begun virtually with COVID-19 precautions and will continue till November 4th?

a) Godavari Utsav

b) Yamuna Utsav

c) Ravi Utsav

d) Krishna Utsav

e) Ganga Utsav

Q.83) Which of the following institutions is all set to launch a website for students' emotional needs?

a) IIT Mandi

b) IIT Guwahati

c) IIT Bombay

d) IIT Madras

e) IIT Roorkee

Q.84) Who among the following has taken over as the MD and CEO of ONGC Videsh?

a) Gurpreet Singh

b) Kabir Agarwal

c) Rajesh Kumar

d) AK Gupta

e) Praveen Kumar

Q.85) Alassane Outtara has been elected as President of which Country for the third time?

a) Turkey

b) Brazil

c) Ivory Coast

d) Guinea

e) Maldives

Q.86) World's largest pink diamond mine, Argyle mine, has announced to shut down its operation after 40 years of business operation. The mine is located in which country?

a) Austria

b) Singapore

c) Mexico

d) Australia

e) Maldives

Q.87) Name the state which is going to launch the 'Go Electric' campaign to set up 400 electric vehicle charging stations.

a) Assam

b) Gujarat

c) Andhra Pradesh

d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Meghalaya

Q.88) Asian Development Bank sanctioned a loan amount \$ 132.8 million to which state to upgrade power distribution network?

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Meghalaya

c) Maharashtra

d) Haryana

e) Gujarat

Q.89) Marlon Samuels has retired from all forms of cricket. He played for which country?

a) South Africa

b) Zimbabwe

c) Oman

d) West Indies

e) Afghanistan

Q.90) Who among the following has won his 2nd term as the President of Tanzania?

a) Dramane Ouattara

b) Amadou Gon Coulibaly

c) John Magufuli

d) Laurent Gbagbo

e) Alassane Ouattara

Q.91) Who has been won the JC Daniel award for lifetime contributions of Malayalam cinema?

a) KS Chitra

b) Shankar Mahadevan

c) Hariharan

d) Vasudevan Nair

e) Kavita Krishnamurthy

Q.92) Which of the following IIT has developed a biosensor to detect harmful detergent pollutants?

a) IIT Guwahati

b) IIT Kanpur

c) IIT Roorkee

d) IIT Madras

e) IIT Bombay

Q.93) Name the typhoon, which is the world's most powerful storm has smashed into the Philippines (November 2020).

a) Niba

b) Kaser

c) Goni

d) Allen

e) Malos

Q.94) Who has become 2nd Indian to be elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF) ?

a) Rajiv Menon

b) Bimal Julka

c) Karan Sharma

d) Dilip Rath

e) Rohan Kumar

Q.95) Who has been appointed as Chief Technology Officer of Vodafone Idea?

a) Rudra Pradap

b) Keshav Kumar

c) Jagbir Singh

d) Arnab Goswami

e) Sanam Singh

Q.96) Which of the following Municipal Corporation has launched the Plastic Lao MASK LE JAO initiative?

a) Dhamtari

b) Dehradun

c) Jagdalpur

d) Surat

e) Lucknow

Q.97) Who among the following has won her third straight MMA title in Singapore?

a) Ritu Phogat

b) Vignesh Phogat

c) Babita Kumari

d) Sakshi Malik

e) Pooja Dhanda

Q.98) The Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Bangladesh 2020 is being held between the Navies of Bangladesh and which country?

a) Russia

b) Australia

c) Japan

d) United States

e) India

Q.99) Which IIT has launched NICE (NMDC Innovation and Incubation Centre) Program along with National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) ?

a) IIT Madras

b) IIT Mandi

c) IIT Kanpur

d) IIT Hyderabad

e) IIT Bombay

Q.100) Who is the author of the Book titled "The Age of Pandemic (1817-1920): How they Shaped India and the World"?

a) Balram Bhargava

b) Randeep Guleria

c) Chinmay Tumbe

d) Gagandeep Kang

e) Panangipalli Venugopal

Q.101) Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas?

a) Arnab Goswami

b) Sanjay Nautiyal

c) Sampath Kumar

d) M M Kuttu

e) Mukesh Kumar Jain

Q.102) Which country has signed a MoU with Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru to develop scientific and technical collaborations in the astronomy field?

a) Russia

b) Australia

c) Japan

d) Spain

e) India

Q.103) Name the state which has made its way among the Top 5 states in MSME employment generators amid Covid-19.

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Karnataka

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Chhattisgarh

e) Gujarat

Q.104) Who authored the book "Jugalbandi: The BJP Before Modi"?

a) Nikhil Tandon

b) Raman Gangakhedkar

c) Vinay Sitapati

d) Tamal Bandyopadhyay

e) Gagandeep Kang

Q.105) Who heads the 4-member committee formed by the government to assess the existing TRP rating system of Television channels?

a) Surya Prakash

b) S S Vempati

c) Rajeev Singh

d) Manish Sharma

e) Rajiv Menon

Q.106) Which of the following states has ranked as the top performing state with maximum functional drinking water tap connections?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Telangana

c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Haryana

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.107) Which of the following states has ranked on top in terms of Indian states in new investments in H1FY21?

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Tamil Nadu

d) Haryana

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.108) Who among the following has been appointed as Group Head – IT of HDFC Bank?

- a) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- b) Srikanth

c) Ramesh Lakshminarayanan

- d) Sandeep Bakshi
- e) Aditya Puri

Q.109) Which state government signed an agreement with Tata Technologies to upgrade 150 government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) ?

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Andhra Pradesh

d) Karnataka

- e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.110) Who among the following co-chaired the 4th high-level meeting of India-OPEC Energy Dialogue with Secretary-General of OPEC Secretariat Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Narendra Modi

c) Dharmendra Pradhan

- d) S Jaishankar
- e) Jitendra Singh

Q.111) Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Namami Gange Programme?

- a) Shakti Srinivas
- b) Nageswar Rao
- c) Krishna Kumar
- d) Mowgli Singh

e) Chacha Chaudhary

Q.112) Kottoor elephant rehabilitation centre set to become largest care centre in the world. It is located in which place?

- a) Shillong, Meghalaya

b) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

- c) Pune, Maharashtra
- d) Mysore, Karnataka
- e) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Q.113) Who chaired the Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) 2020 Conference?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) M. Venkaiah Naidu

d) Nirmala Sitharaman

- e) Piyush Goyal

Q.114) Two-Day Joint Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' held at _____.

- a) Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar
- b) Umroi, Meghalaya

c) Paradip Coast, Odisha

- d) Visakhapatnam
- e) Teresa Island, Andaman and Nicobar

Q.115) Who has been appointed as the President of Hockey, India and becomes first from North East Region?

- a) Praful Patel

b) Gyanendro Ningombam

- c) Narinder Batra
- d) Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad
- e) Hemang Amin

Q.116) Name the three-day Tri-Service Combat Exercise conducted by Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) of India at Teresa Island in Nicobar Group of Islands.

- a) SLINEX
- b) Nomadic Elephant

c) Bull Strike

- d) VAYU Range

e) Samudra Shakti

Q.117) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has Partnered with which country to launch 'AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0'?

a) France

b) Russia

c) Germany

d) Japan

e) United States

Q.118) Who has been elected as the Vice-President of the recently concluded United States election?

a) Karen Bass

b) Mike Pence

c) Kamala Harris

d) Joe Biden

e) Amy Klobuchar

Q.119) Government of India has renamed the Ministry of Shipping. What is the new name?

a) Ministry of Water Transport

b) Ministry of Shipbuilding and Waterways

c) Ministry of Ports and Shipbuilding

d) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

e) Ministry of Shipping and Transport

Q.120) Who has been elected as UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) ?

a) Nethra Singh

b) Vidisha Maitra

c) Ridhima Pandey

d) T S Trimurti

e) Priyank Chopra

Q.121) Which state launched India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) ?

a) Haryana

b) Arunachal Pradesh

c) Gujarat

d) Karnataka

e) Maharashtra

Q.122) Government has made FASTags mandatory for all the vehicles, including the old ones sold before December 2017, with effect from _____

a) January 2021

b) April 2021

c) December 2020

d) March 2021

e) June 2021

Q.123) Who among the following has won the 2020 Presidential election of the United States?

a) Jill Biden

b) Donald Trump

c) Kamala Harris

d) Joe Biden

e) Bernie Sanders

Q.124) Who among the following is the author of the book titled "Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly"?

a) Paresh Rawal

b) Karan Johar

c) Shashi Tharoor

d) Anupam Kher

e) Ruskin Bond

Q.125) Rupsi Airport at Kokrajhar is ready to start commercial operation by January 2021. The airport is located in which state?

a) Assam

b) Tripura

c) Bihar

d) Mizoram

e) Manipur

Q.126) Who has been appointed as the new managing director and chief executive of Petronet LNG?

a) Sivaraman Bhat

b) Prabhat Rawat

c) Nanda Kishore

d) Akshay Kumar Singh

e) Pratap Kumar

Q.127) Prime Minister Modi has inaugurated the Ro-Pax Ferry Vessel 'Voyage Symphony' in which state?

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Haryana

c) Gujarat

d) Arunachal Pradesh

e) Karnataka

Q.128) Which state has launched the eco-sustainable programme 'Parivarthanam' to improve the livelihood of the fishing community?

a) Assam

b) Gujarat

c) Haryana

d) Kerala

e) Jharkhand

Q.129) India's longest (725-metre-long) single-lane motorable suspension bridge, 'Dobra-Chanti' has been inaugurated in which state?

a) Gujarat

b) Arunachal Pradesh

c) Uttarakhand

d) Kerala

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.130) Which of the following states has introduced an award for civil servants to promote good governance?

a) Bihar

b) Meghalaya

c) Assam

d) Manipur

e) Haryana

Q.131) Who among the following has topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020?

a) Sudha Murthy

b) Hinduja Brothers

c) Shiv Nadar

d) Azim Premji

e) Mukesh Ambani

Q.132) Tezpur Litchi which has recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag belongs to which state (November 2020) ?

a) Sikkim

b) Assam

c) Telangana

d) Haryana

e) Goa

Q.133) Who has won the Rolex Paris Masters Tennis title 2020?

a) Stefanos Tsitsipas

b) Novak Djokovic

c) Daniil Medvedev

d) Rafael Nadal

e) Alexander Zverev

Q.134) Name the Indian institution which has been selected to lead the newly inaugurated Australia-India Water Centre (AIWC).

a) IIT Delhi

b) IIT Guwahati

c) IIT Bombay

d) IIT Madras

e) IIT Kanpur

Q.135) Which company along with the American India Foundation and NSDC have collaborated to Launch 'Project Future Ready'?

a) TCS

b) Microsoft

c) Dell

d) Google

e) HCL

Q.136) Bharti AXA General Insurance partnered with which Payment Bank to offer 'Smart Drive Private Car Insurance'?

a) Fino Payments Bank

b) Paytm Payments Bank

c) India Post Payments Bank

d) Airtel Payments Bank

e) Jio Payments Bank

Q.137) Fitch Solutions has revised India's Fiscal Deficit Forecast to _____ per cent from 8.2% Earlier for FY21.

a) 8.5

b) 4.5

c) 7.8

d) 6.5

e) 7.5

Q.138) Which company will acquire 100 per cent stake in Postbank Systems AG (PBS) from Deutsche Bank AG?

a) Wipro

b) TCS

c) Dell

d) Infosys

e) Mind Tree

Q.139) Which of the films is the only Indian entry at the Tokyo International Film Festival?

a) Hold Me Back

b) Tremble All You Want

c) Karkhanisanchi Waari

d) The Bloom of Yesterday

e) Amanda

Q.140) What will be the venue for International Bird Festival to be organised in February 2021?

a) Kevadiya, Gujarat

b) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

c) Ahmadabad, Gujarat

d) Hyderabad, Telangana

e) Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

Q.141) Worlds' longest serving PM Khalifa bin Salman al-Khalifa passed away recently was the Prime Minister of which country?

a) Oman

b) Kuwait

c) Bahrain

d) Qatar

e) Egypt

Q.142) Who among the following is the winner of Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2020?

a) Sudha Murty

b) Ruskin Bond

c) Amitav Ghosh

d) Arundhati Roy

e) Shashi Tharoor

Q.143) Indian Railways launched the first-ever food truck in which of the following station?

a) Vijayawada Station

b) Lucknow Station

c) Pune Station

- d) Secunderabad Station
- e) Mumbai Station

Q.144) Who is the winner of ITTF Women's World Cup table tennis title 2020?

- a) Wang Manyu

b) Chen Meng

- c) Sun Yingsha
- d) Zhang Yining
- e) Liu Shiwen

Q.145) Who will head the 9 member working group set up by IRDAI to revisit the product structures of engineering tariffs?

- a) Subhash Chandra Khuntia

b) R Chandrasekaran

- c) Praveen Srivastava
- d) Ajay Tyagi
- e) Injeti Srinivas

Q.146) Who will lead the 7-member expert group set up by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to review the share-based employee benefits?

- a) Rajiv Kumar
- b) Tapan Ray

c) Sandip Bhagat

- d) Sunil Mehta
- e) Ajay Tyagi

Q.147) What is India's rank in BMI (Body Mass Index) Ranking 2019 published in the international medical journal "The Lancet"? (Netherlands Topped)

- a) 175th
- b) 163rd

c) 196th

- d) 190th
- e) 176th

Q.148) Name the player who has won the Purple Cap in IPL 2020?

- a) Yuzvendra Chahal
- b) Jasprit Bumrah
- c) Thangarasu Natarajan
- d) Trent Boult

e) Kagiso Rabada

Q.149) Who authored the Book titled 'How to Be a Writer'?

- a) Salman Rushdie

b) Ruskin Bond

- c) Arundhati Roy
- d) Chetan Bhagat
- e) Shashi Tharoor

Q.150) Which state government has launched Mobile App "Secha Samadhan" for farmers?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Gujarat
- c) Haryana

d) Odisha

- e) Maharashtra

Q.151) As per Moody's, what is the projected GDP growth rate of India for the Calendar year 2020?

- a) -5.3%

b) -8.1%

- c) -7.9%
- d) -7.7%
- e) -7.1%

Q.152) The second World Health Expo was held in which of the following cities?

a) Wuhan

- b) London
- c) Beijing
- d) Dubai
- e) Tokyo

Q.153) Under the Chairmanship of which person the Government of India has set up a 22-member inter-ministerial Panel to Boost Country's Capital Goods Sector?

- a) A K Sanjeev
- b) Sandhip Sharma

c) Arun Goel

- d) Chandra Seker
- e) Sanjay Kothari

Q.154) Who among the following has been Named Chief of Staff to Acting US Defence Secretary?

- a) Arvind Kumar

b) Kash Patel

- c) Sushil Gupta
- d) Naren Singh
- e) Karan Sharma

Q.155) Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the Chola Mandalam Investment Finance?

- a) Vinay Kumar
- b) Mariyappan Thangavelu

c) Vellayan Subbiah

- d) Ramesh Kumar
- e) Suresh Chandran

Q.156) Who is the author of the book 'Boskiyana: The Life and the World of Gulzar'?

- a) Ruskin Bond

b) Yashwant Vyas

- c) Shashi Tharoor
- d) Amitav Ghosh
- e) Kiran Desai

Q.157) Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates 'Sarhad Vikasotsav 2020' at which Indian state?

a) Gujarat

- b) Maharashtra

- c) Uttar Pradesh

- d) Karnataka

- e) Haryana

Q.158) Which of the following States/UTs launches 'Project Air Care' to combat rising Air Pollution?

- a) Gujarat

- b) Chhattisgarh

- c) Telangana

- d) New Delhi

e) Haryana

Q.159) Name the city which is set up India's First Sandalwood Museum?

- a) Salboni

- b) Hyderabad

c) Mysore

- d) Pune

- e) Kolkata

Q.160) Who has been won the Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award 2020?

- a) Rajendra Nair

b) K S Subramanian

- c) Subash Singh

- d) Mahendra Varma

- e) Archana Menon

Q.161) Who is the winner of Turkish Grand Prix 2020?

- a) Sebastian Vettel

- b) Max Verstappen

c) Lewis Hamilton

- d) Pierre Gasly

- e) Charles Leclerc

Q.162) India's longest Bridge across which river in Northeast is expected to be completed by 2026-27.

a) Godavari

b) Brahmaputra

c) Ganga

d) Yamuna

e) Sutlej

Q.163) Who has been conferred with the Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award 2020?

a) Damodar Reddy

b) Yogendra Kothari

c) K S Subramanian

d) Saravana Sundaram

e) Manoj Sinha

Q.164) Aung San Suu Kyi has won the Parliamentary elections of which country?

a) Thailand

b) Singapore

c) Maldives

d) Indonesia

e) Myanmar

Q.165) A Book title 'I Am No Messiah' is an autobiography of which actor?

a) Shah Rukh Khan

b) Akshay Kumar

c) Amitabh Bachchan

d) Sonu Sood

e) Aamir Khan

Q.166) Lonar Lake has been declared as a wetland area under the 'Ramsar Convention'. It is Located in which Indian state?

a) Gujarat

b) Himachal Pradesh

c) Haryana

d) Maharashtra

e) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.167) Who has been awarded the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize 2020?

a) Siena Castellon

b) Ivanna Ortega

c) Sadat Rahman

d) Hosni Mubarak

e) Divina Maloum

Q.168) Which of the following countries hold the Chairmanship of East Asia Summit (EAS) 2020?

a) Japan

b) Sri Lanka

c) Vietnam

d) Australia

e) United States

Q.169) Retail inflation jumps to ____ per cent in October 2020, highest in six years.

a) 8.21

b) 9.35

c) 7.61

d) 6.50

e) 7.45

Q.170) Soumitra Chatterjee passed away recently was a renowned _____.

a) Producer

b) Singer

c) Economist

d) Actor

e) Journalist

Q.171) Who among the following will unveil the 'Statue of Peace' to mark the 151st Birth Anniversary of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Nirmala Sitharmaman
- c) Narendra Modi

d) Anurag Thakur

- e) Piyush Goyal

Q.172) Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar?

- a) Sushil Modi
- b) Renu Devi
- c) Tarkishore Prasad
- d) Pervez Aggarwal

e) Both B and C

Q.173) Which institution has approved the merger of HDFC ERGO Health Insurance with HDFC ERGO General Insurance.

- a) SIDBI
- b) RBI

c) IRDAI

- d) SEBI
- e) NABARD

Q.174) Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the newly constituted Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) ?

- a) S Srinivasan
- b) Arun Kumar Sinha

c) Kris Gopalakrishnan

- d) Sutha Murthy
- e) Nandan Nilekani

Q.175) Which Indian Woman Cricketer has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Equitas Small Finance Bank?

- a) Harmanpreet Kaur
- b) Mithali Raj

c) Smriti Mandhana

- d) Jhulan Goswami
- e) Shafali Verma

Q.176) Name the player who has been awarded the 2020 ATP Tour No. 1 trophy of tennis?

- a) Daniil Medvedev
- b) Rafael Nadal
- c) Novak Djokovic**

- d) Alexander Zverev
- e) Dominic Thiem

Q.177) Who has been elected as the first ever woman President of Moldova?

- a) Renato Usatii
- b) Igor Sarav
- c) Andrei Năstase

d) Maia Sandu

- e) Galina Dodon

Q.178) Which institution has formulated an efficient "Pincer" catalytic system that transforms biomass wastes into valuable chemicals?

- a) IIT Kanpur

b) IIT Guwahati

- c) IIT Madras
- d) IIT Bombay
- e) IIT Roorkee

Q.179) Who among the following has quit SBI Funds to join HDFC Mutual Fund as CEO?

- a) Harsha Kumar

b) Navneet Munot

- c) Gopal Srinivasan
- d) Deepak Sharma
- e) Anand Kumar

Q.180) Asia's First solar power-enabled Textile Mill to be set up in Parbhani district of which state?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Bihar

c) Gujarat

d) Maharashtra

e) Haryana

Q.181) Who has been appointed as brand ambassador of Financepeer (Google incubated education fee financing company) ?

a) Virat Kohli

b) Rohit Sharma

c) MS Dhoni

d) Shikhar Dhawan

e) KL Rahul

Q.182) FIFA has cancelled the Women's Under-17 football World Cup. Which country will host the 2022 edition?

a) Australia

b) Belgium

c) Germany

d) India

e) France

Q.183) Which State Coastal Security Police launched "Kadalu App" to support and help the fishermen?

a) Karnataka

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Andhra Pradesh

d) Maharashtra

e) Kerala

Q.184) Who among the following has been named as the brand ambassador for sanitation brand Vize?

a) Suresh Raina

b) Rohit Sharma

c) MS Dhoni

d) Virat Kohli

e) Rishab Pant

Q.185) Which state government has Launched 'Gau Cabinet' for protection of cows?

a) Karnataka

b) Maharashtra

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Telangana

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.186) Australia and which country sign landmark defence deal to counter China's growing influence in South China Sea.

a) India

b) France

c) Sri Lanka

d) Japan

e) USA

Q.187) Which Indian State recorded best sex ratio at birth in India as per annual report from office of Registrar General & Census Commissioner?

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Gujarat

c) Arunachal Pradesh

d) Tamil Nadu

e) Manipur

Q.188) Researchers from which institution have developed cellulose nano-crystals from cucumber peels for food packaging.

a) IIT Guwahati

b) IIT Madras

c) IIT Bombay

d) IIT Kanpur

e) IIT Kharagpur

Q.189) Which Indian city to be ranked (62nd) in the list "2021 World's Best Cities" by

Resonance Consultancy Ltd.(Topped by London) ?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Bengaluru

c) Delhi

- d) Hyderabad
- e) Chennai

Q.190) Which Company has delivered India's first launch hardware 'S-200' for Gaganyaan Mission to ISRO?

- a) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- b) Reliance Industries Limited

c) Larsen & Tubro

- d) Defense Research & Development organization
- e) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited

Q.191) Sudeep Tyagi, who announced retirement recently, is associated with which sport?

- a) Table Tennis
- b) Hockey
- c) Boxing

d) Cricket

- e) Wrestling

Q.192) Who has authored the book titled "Reporting India: My Seventy Year Journey as a Journalist"?

- a) Jhumpa Lahiri
- b) Chinmay Tumbe
- c) Tammy Abraham

d) Prem Prakash

- e) Salman Rushdie

Q.193) According to Moody's, what is the projected growth rate of India in fiscal 2020-21?

- a) -13.6%
- b) -11.4%
- c) -10.6%**
- d) -11.8%
- e) -12.1%

Q.194) Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan virtually addressed the 33rd Stop TB Partnership Board meet. India has set the target to completely eliminate TB by which year?

- a) 2024
- b) 2030
- c) 2023

d) 2025

- e) 2050

Q.195) The government of which state/UT has rolled out a free breakfast scheme for school students named after Karunanidhi?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Telangana

d) Puducherry

- e) Tamil Nadu

Q.196) Which is the First City in the Country to get ISO 9001:2015 Certification for Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) services?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Hyderabad

c) Bhubaneswar

- d) Lucknow
- e) Chennai

Q.197) Who among the following has virtually inaugurated the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020?

a) Narendra Modi

b) Amit Shah

c) Prahlad Patel

d) Rajnath Singh

e) Harsh Vardhan

Q.198) What is the projected GDP growth rate of India in FY21 as per Barclays latest estimate?

a) -7.1%

b) -5.3%

c) -8.2%

d) -6.4%

e) -7.3%

Q.199) Which is the 31st District of Karnataka recently carved out of Ballari, Karnataka?

a) Hampi

b) Vijayanagara

c) Kamalapura

d) Siruguppa

e) Kollur

Q.200) Which is the first Indian City to have an urban plan with gender-specific designated spaces for the needs of women?

a) Hyderabad

b) Pune

c) Mumbai

d) Mysore

e) Bangalore

Q.201) What is the rank of India in the TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix 2020?

a) 81

b) 93

c) 77

d) 80

e) 67

Q.202) Which International Airport became the first airport in Asia Pacific Region to get

the highest level – Level 4+ Transition – carbon accreditation?

a) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport

b) Changi Airport, Singapore

c) Bandaranaike International Airport

d) Gimhae International Airport

e) Indira Gandhi International Airport

Q.203) Which State introduced a scheme 'Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojana' to empower persons with disabilities?

a) Gujarat

b) Punjab

c) Maharashtra

d) Haryana

e) Rajasthan

Q.204) National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) confers four awards to which state for success in the fishery sector?

a) Karnataka

b) Assam

c) Telangana

d) Gujarat

e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.205) Francisco Sagasti sworn-in as the interim President of which Country?

a) Bolivia

b) Kenya

c) Peru

d) France

e) Brazil

Q.206) who has been appointed as a Whole-time member (distribution) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

a) Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

b) Rajkiran Rai G

c) SN Rajeswari

d) Sunil Mehta

e) Madhabi puri Buch

Q.207) Which Indian state has flagged off the Medical Mobile Unit Jeevan Dhara to provide free medical consultancy and health care services?

a) Arunachal Pradesh

b) Haryana

c) Karnataka

d) Himachal Pradesh

e) Assam

Q.208) Who has been awarded the Booker Prize for Fiction 2020?

a) Aminatta Forna

b) Brandon Taylor

c) Maaza Mengiste

d) Douglas Stuart

e) Gabriel Krauze

Q.209) Which Bank has approved a \$120-million loan for Meghalaya Integrated Transport Project (MITP) to improve and modernize the transport sector of Meghalaya?

a) New Development Bank

b) European Central Bank

c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

d) World Bank

e) Asian Development Bank

Q.210) 'Loktantra Ke Swar' and 'Republican Ethic Volume III' is a collection of selected speeches of which Famous Personality?

a) Rajnath Singh

b) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

c) Narendra Modi

d) Ram Nath Kovind

e) Venkaiah Naidu

Q.211) Which state government will Pay Stipend to ST Candidates Preparing for UPSC Exams?

a) Telangana

b) Maharashtra

c) Karnataka

d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.212) United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has partnered with which company to launch the "Project Kirana" to support women entrepreneurship?

a) American Express

b) Visa

c) MasterCard

d) Rupay

e) Paytm

Q.213) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Phase II of the Rupay card in which of the following countries?

a) Nepal

b) Singapore

c) Thailand

d) Bhutan

e) Malaysia

Q.214) Who among the following has written the book 'Reporting India: My Seventy Year Journey as a Journalist'?

a) Ruskin Bond

b) Raman Singh

c) Anant Verma

d) Prem Prakash

e) Rajat Gupta

Q.215) Which Bank has provided a USD 500 loan for 'Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional

Rapid Transit System Project (RRTS) ' in the National Capital Region (NCR) ?

- a) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) World Bank

d) New Development Bank

- e) State Bank of India

Q.216) IndusInd Bank subsidiary firm Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd has tied with the government of which state to provide livestock care?

- a) Haryana
- b) Karnataka
- c) Gujarat

d) Maharashtra

- e) Telangana

Q.217) Who has won the Exim Bank's BRICS Economic Research Award 2020 for his for his Ph.D. dissertation?

- a) David Rasquinha
- b) Prates Romero
- c) Dean Henderson

d) Adam Yao Liu

- e) Juan Mata

Q.218) Who is the first Asian to win the 2020 AESC (Association of Executive Search and Leadership Consultants) Lifetime Achievement Award?

- a) Samir Arora
- b) Madhusudan Kela

c) Bish Agrawal

- d) Harshad Mehta
- e) Ketan Parekh

Q.219) Which state government has conducted the 'Poshit Parivar-Suposhit' campaign in all districts?

- a) Karnataka

- b) Haryana

- c) Maharashtra

d) Madhya Pradesh

- e) Bihar

Q.220) Which of the following country will host the G20 summit in 2021?

- a) India

- b) Brazil

c) Italy

- d) Germany

- e) France

Q.221) ADB has approved a \$50 million (about Rs 370 crore) policy-based loan to help boost which state government's Digital Platforms for Public Finance Reforms?

- a) Karnataka

b) West Bengal

- c) Assam

- d) Maharashtra

- e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.222) Who has been elected as the External Auditor of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) ?

- a) Rajiv Kumar

- b) Ashok Lavasa

- c) Rajiv Mehrishi

d) Girish Chandra Murmu

- e) N K Singh

Q.223) Name the state which has passed the ordinance that provides for banning "Electronic Transfer of Funds" for wagering or betting.

- a) Gujarat

b) Tamil Nadu

- c) Haryana

- d) Telangana

e) Maharashtra

Q.224) Who has been conferred with the Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Vatayan-UK organization in London?

a) Ramnath Kovind

b) Narendra Modi

c) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

d) Nitin Gadkari

e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Q.225) Which Insurance Company launched its First Digital App, 'ANANDA' (Atmanirbhar Agents New Business Digital App, a first of its kind in the Indian Life Insurance industry?)

a) Bharti AXA Life Insurance

b) Aviva Life Insurance

c) Life Insurance Corporation of India

d) United India Insurance

e) New India Assurance

Q.226) Who has been honoured with the 2020 Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar?

a) Amitab Choudhary

b) Viral Acharaya

c) Naseeruddin Shah

d) Hari Krishna

e) Ranjith Singh

Q.227) Who has been elected as the President of the Volleyball Federation of India?

a) Rakesh Chawla

b) Himanta Biswa Sarma

c) Achyuta Samanta

d) Anil Kumar

e) Vinoth Malhothra

Q.228) Who has been appointed as Jill Biden's policy director recently?

a) Sonam Kapoor

b) Mala Adiga

c) Kamala Harris

d) Malavika ravi

e) Karen Reshmi

Q.229) Who was announced as the individual laureate for the United Nations Population Award 2020?

a) Aung Sang Suu Kyi

b) Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck

c) Suresh Ramachandran

d) Tshering Pem

e) Dogri Wangmo

Q.230) Which is the Host country of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit (APEC) 2020?

a) Australia

b) France

c) Malaysia

d) Indonesia

e) Thailand

Q.231) India's first-ever dedicated Moss Garden to be set up in which Indian state?

a) Karnataka

b) Uttarakhand

c) Himachal Pradesh

d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Maharashtra

Q.232) National Cadet Corps, the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world, will celebrate its _____ Raising Day.

a) 77th

b) 71st

c) 72nd

d) 73rd

e) 70th

Q.233) Bilateral Maritime Exercise 'SIMBEX-20' held between India and which country in Andaman Sea?

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Singapore**
- c) Slovakia
- d) Sweden
- e) Switzerland

Q.234) Which State Government launched 'Mukhyamantri Unnato Godhan Prakalpa' (MUGP) scheme to make the state self-sufficient in milk production?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Tripura**
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Sikkim
- e) Assam

Q.235) Who among the following has won ATP Tour Finals held in London?

- a) Rafael Nadal
- b) Wesley Koolhof
- c) Daniil Medvedev**
- d) Nikola Mektic
- e) Roger Federer

Q.236) Tarun Gogoi recently passed away. He was the Former Chief Minister (longest serving) of which state?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Assam**
- d) West Bengal
- e) Bihar

Q.237) A Researchers from which Educational Institution has made a Solar-Powered Unmanned Autonomous Survey Craft for Indian ports and inland waterways?

- a) IIT-Bombay
- b) IIT-Madras**
- c) IIT-Kharagpur
- d) IIT- Delhi
- e) IIT- Kanpur

Q.238) Which state was awarded as best performing state in the inland fisheries sector?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Haryana
- c) Uttar Pradesh**
- d) Odisha
- e) Gujarat

Q.239) Which state government has launched "Abhayam app" for safe and secure travel for women commuting by autos and taxis?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Andhra Pradesh**
- c) Karnataka
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) Telangana

Q.240) NABARD sanctions Rs 74.31 cr for road infrastructure in which state government?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Haryana
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Meghalaya**
- e) Gujarat

Q.241) Who has been appointed as the Executive Chairman of OneWeb?

- a) Sanjay Bansal
- b) Rajiv Kumar
- c) Sunil Mittal**
- d) Harsha Kumar Bhanwala
- e) Manoj Sinha

Q.242) According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, who bagged the world's second-richest person title?

a) Kylie Jenner

b) Jeff Bezos

c) Elon Musk

d) Bill Gates

e) Mukesh Ambani

Q.243) Which country has launched the 'Chang-e 5' spacecraft mission to moon to collect lunar samples?

a) China

b) Japan

c) United States

d) Russia

e) India

Q.244) Haveri Railway station as Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station after a freedom fighter. It was located in which state?

a) Maharashtra

b) Telengana

c) Andhra Pradesh

d) Tamil Nadu

e) Karnataka

Q.245) Which state government has passed an ordinance to ban unlawful religious conversions for marriage?

a) Assam

b) Telengana

c) Andhra Pradesh

d) Tamil Nadu

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.246) Which state government has introduced 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' to sensitize the people regarding the Covid-19 pandemic?

a) Maharashtra

b) Haryana

c) Meghalaya

d) Himachal Pradesh

e) Karnataka

Q.247) Which is the 1st Central bank to reach one million followers on twitter?

a) European Central Bank

b) The Bank of Ghana

c) Reserve Bank of India

d) Central Bank of Sri Lanka

e) Reserve Bank of Australia

Q.248) Who has been conferred with Doctor of Science honorary doctorate by Visvesvaraya Technological University?

a) Ashish Sharma

b) Ramachandra Guha

c) K Sivan

d) Venkaiah Naidu

e) Subash Chandra

Q.249) Who has been appointed as the chairman of the International Cricket Council?

a) Greg Barclay

b) Adam Gilchrist

c) Shashank Manohar

d) Manu Sawhney

e) Chandrasekeran

Q.250) Name the Airport which was renamed as Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport in Uttar Pradesh.

a) Yogi Airport

b) Raman Airport

c) Lakshmi Airport

d) Ayodhya Airport

e) Shivaji Airport

BANKING AWARENESS QUIZ:

Q.1) What is the deadline set by RBI for Payment System Operators (PSOs) to shift from proprietary QR codes to interoperable QR codes?

a) March 31, 2022

b) December 31, 2021

c) March 31 2021

d) December 31, 2022

e) April 30, 2021

Q.2) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) partnered with which Co-operative Bank to launch a rewards programme?

a) Shivalik Mercantile Cooperative Bank

b) SVC Co-operative Bank

c) Arunachal Pradesh State Co Operative Apex Bank Ltd

d) Sardar Bhiladwala Pardi Pepls Co Bk

e) Ahmedabad Mercantile Cooperative Bank

Q.3) Which of the following bank in October 2020, raised Rs 5,000 cr by issuing Basel-III compliant bonds?

a) ICIC Bank

b) HDFC Bank

c) Axis Bank

d) State Bank of India

e) Bank of Baroda

Q.4) Which Private Bank has partnered with IIFL Finance, a Non-Banking Financial Company to source and manages retail gold loan assets?

a) IDFC Bank

b) HDFC Bank

c) CSB Bank

d) RBL Bank

e) Axis Bank

Q.5) RBI's Internal Working Group panel has suggested that minimum initial capital requirement for licensing new banks to be Increased from 500 crore to _____ crore.

a) 700

b) 1000

c) 850

d) 2000

e) 1500

Q.6) The Reserve Bank of India mandated all lending institutions to implement the waiver of interest on interest for loans up to _____.

a) Rs.10 Lakhs

b) Rs.5 Crores

c) Rs.50 Lakhs

d) Rs.1 Crore

e) Rs.2 Crores

Q.7) According to the recent guideline by RBI, Housing Finance Companies should have to deploy how much per cent of their net assets for providing finance for housing?

a) 60%

b) 74%

c) 49%

d) 99%

e) 51%

Q.8) Which bank has signed a loan agreement of united loan with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) for \$ 1 billion?

a) Bank of Baroda

b) State bank of India

c) Canara Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) Indian Bank

Q.9) Which is the 1st bank in India to become a Financial Information Provider (FIP) under the new Account Aggregator (AA) Framework of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ?

a) RBL Bank

b) IndusInd bank

c) HDFC Bank

d) Yes Bank

e) Indian Bank

Q.10) Name the General Insurance Company which has partnered with FreePaycard Retail to launch Group Safeguard Insurance.

a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company

b) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company

c) Bharti Axa General Insurance Company

d) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company

e) Reliance General Insurance Company

Q.11) Name the Bank which is the Safest Bank in Asia according to the list 'World's 50 Safest Banks 2020'?

a) Standard Chartered Bank

b) Development Bank of Singapore

c) Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

d) United Overseas Bank

e) State Bank of India

Q.12) Which bank has tied up with Visa to launch instant payouts for FinTechs to empower real-time push payments powered by Visa Direct and enable instantaneous payouts through cards?

a) Axis Bank

b) RBL Bank

c) ICICI Bank

d) HSBC Bank

e) HDFC Bank

Q.13) Which Bank has launched the Tracking & Monitoring Staff Accountability Cases (TMSAC) portal and a Vigilance Manual as a part of Vigilance Awareness Week – 27th October 2020 to 2nd November 2020?

a) Punjab National Bank

b) State Bank of India

c) Canara Bank

d) Bank of Baroda

e) Indian Bank

Q.14) Which of the following bank has tied up with global education platform edX?

a) Axis Bank

b) SBI

c) ICICI Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) IDBI Bank

Q.15) Online pre-paid card trading platform FreePaycard has partnered with which insurer to offer a bite-sized, convenient health insurance solution?

a) IFFCO Tokio

b) Bajaj Allianz

c) TATA AIG

d) ICICI Lombard

e) Edelweiss

Q.16) Central government provides Rs 670 crore to Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) of the country to help them meet the regulatory capital requirement of how much percentage?

a) 5%

b) 7%

c) 9%

d) 10%

e) 12%

Q.17) Which General Insurance Company launched AI tool 'IDEAS' for automatic claim settlements?

- a) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- b) Reliance General Insurance

c) HDFC ERGO General Insurance

- d) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- e) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Q.18) Axis Bank is ready to acquire around how much percentage of the equity share capital of Max Life Insurance?

- a) 10%
- b) 27%
- c) 21%

d) 19%

- e) 16%

Q.19) What is the extended timeline for which the government has extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) ?

- a) December 31, 2020
- b) January 1, 2021
- c) March 31, 2021

d) November 30, 2020

- e) April 1, 2021

Q.20) RBI has extended the trading hours for various debt as well as the current market by how many minutes?

- a) 30
- b) 70
- c) 50

d) 90

- e) 40

Q.21) Which bank is "Most Outstanding Company – Financial Sector" in India in the

poll conducted by Asiamoney for the 2nd consecutive year?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) Yes Bank
- d) HDFC Bank**

- e) SBI

Q.22) Which SFB has signed an agreement with Care Health Insurance Company as Corporate Agent for Health Insurance Products?

- a) Jana Small Finance Bank
- b) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- c) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

d) AU Small Finance Bank

- e) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

Q.23) Name the bank which has launched India's first-of-its-kind comprehensive banking programme for its millennial customers named 'MINE'?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Yes Bank

d) ICICI Bank

- e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q.24) SBI Cards partnered with _____ along with Visa to launch co-branded credit cards in two variants.

- a) Google Pay

b) Paytm

- c) Mobikwik
- d) Phone Pe
- e) MasterCard

Q.25) Which of the following bank launched 'The Employee Assistance Programme' to

promote the emotional well-being of its employees?

- a) Indian Bank
- b) State Bank of India

c) Bank of Baroda

- d) Union Bank of India
- e) Bank of Maharashtra

Q.26) 'RBI Kehta Hai' to evaluate the impact of the multi-media public awareness campaign. In how many languages was it launched?

- a) 20
- b) 18

c) 14

- d) 13
- e) 19

Q.27) SEBI has increases Overseas Investment limits for Mutual Funds from _____ to USD 600 million.

- a) USD 500 million
- b) USD 400 million

c) USD 300 million

- d) USD 200 million
- e) USD 100 million

Q.28) RBI under which scheme can provide loans along with NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies) to priority sector borrowers based on a prior agreement?

- a) Co-Debit Model
- b) Cash Credit Model

c) Co-Lending Model

- d) Co-Deposit Model
- e) Common Lending Model

Q.29) Name the bank which acquires 57,743 shares of CSC e-Governance for Rs 36 crore.

- a) HDFC Bank

b) Axis Bank

- c) Canara Bank
- d) SBI
- e) ICICI Bank

Q.30) Which Bank has introduced an 'Employee Assistance Program', a Well-being Programme for its employees and their family members 24x7?

- a) Indian Bank
- b) Punjab National Bank

c) Bank of Baroda

- d) State Bank of India
- e) Canara Bank

Q.31) Name the General Insurance Company which _____ has _____ launched 'CancerSendsNoNotifications' Campaign.

- a) Acko General Insurance
- b) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- c) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

d) Bhart AXA General Insurance

- e) ICICI Lombard General Insurance

Q.32) NPCI has imposed a _____ percent cap on transaction volumes of UPI payment apps.

- a) 25
- b) 20
- c) 15
- d) 10

e) 30

Q.33) Marg ERP Ltd has partnered with which payment company in order to ease seamless transactions for MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) ?

- a) Amazon Pay
- b) PhonPe

c) Paytm

d) Google Pay

e) Mobikwik

Q.34) Which Bank launched a new indigenous contactless RuPay debit card- National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) ?

a) Canara Bank

b) Karnataka Bank

c) HDFC Bank

d) Indian Bank

e) State Bank of India

Q.35) Name the Bank which has launched 'SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0', India's first comprehensive banking and payment solution for merchants with Visa?

a) YES Bank

b) Federal Bank

c) ICICI Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) Axis Bank

Q.36) Who launched 'Payout Links', a new initiative, for businesses?

a) Paytm

b) Google Pay

c) PhonePe

d) Amazon Pay

e) Mobikwik

Q.37) Name the Life Insurance Company which has partnered with PayBima (PayBima.com) to distribute its industry-leading life insurance solutions.

a) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance

b) Tata AIA Life Insurance

c) Bharti AXA Life Insurance

d) Bajaj Life Insurance

e) Birla Sun Life Insurance

Q.38) Government has made it mandatory for companies with annual turnover of Rs _____ and above to go for e-invoicing for business to companies (B2C) transactions from 1st January 2020.

a) 200 crore

b) 100 crore

c) 300 crore

d) 500 crore

e) 250 crore

Q.39) Which Payment bank has launches doorstep service to submit Digital Life Certificate (November 2020) ?

a) Fino Payments Bank

b) Paytm Payments Bank

c) India Post Payments Bank

d) Airtel Payments Bank

e) Jio Payments Bank

Q.40) Name the private bank which has put in the 'red flag' list, a system used for monitoring foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits.

a) HDFC Bank

b) ICICI Bank

c) Yes Bank

d) Axis Bank

e) Federal Bank

Q.41) Which was the first foreign bank in India to obtain a banking license from RBI to operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary?

a) DBS Bank

b) Royal Bank of Scotland

c) Standard Chartered Bank

d) Deutsche Bank

e) State Bank of Mauritius

Q.42) Which Bank partnered with Fintech PayNearby to launch a neo banking service platform 'Nivesh' in India?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) SBM Bank India**

- d) ICICI Bank
- e) HSBC Bank

Q.43) Which Bank launched 'Mooh Band Rakho' Campaign to protect individuals from cyber frauds?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Federal Bank

c) HDFC Bank

- d) Axis Bank
- e) Yes Bank

Q.44) Which small finance bank has launched the 'Eva' Savings Account facility for the women population of the country?

- a) A U Small Finance Bank
- b) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- c) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- d) Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank

e) Equitas Small Finance Bank

Q.45) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has placed cash-strapped _____ under a moratorium for a period of one month and restricted withdrawals at Rs 25,000 for depositors

- a) Indian Overseas Bank

b) Lakshmi Vilas Bank

- c) Union Bank of India
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) ICICI Bank

Q.46) Which private bank has launched a co-branded prepaid card with Neokred for cashless payments?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) HDFC Bank

c) Yes Bank

- d) Axis Bank
- e) Federal Bank

Q.47) Which of the following bank has Launched Current and Savings Account campaign of FY 2020-21?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Yes Bank

d) Karnataka Bank

- e) Federal Bank

Q.48) Which Bank has selected Amazon Web Services to drive digital transformation?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Canara Bank

d) RBL Bank

- e) Axis Bank

Q.49) Which bank has partnered with Pine Labs to become India's first bank and first in industry to launch a fully digital payment mode, a Cardless EMI facility at retail stores?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) IDFC Bank

d) ICICI Bank

- e) IDBI Bank

Q.50) Which of the following mutual funds has launched the ESG Opportunities Fund?

- a) Franklin Templeton
- b) ICICI Prudential Bluechip Fund

c) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company

d) Mirae Asset Hybrid Equity Fund

e) HDFC Small Cap Fund