

## Weekly Current Affairs from 1st October to 7th October, 2020

### Important News: India

#### India's first Vulture Conservation and breeding centre in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

- The establishment of the centre dedicated to red-headed king vulture will be under the control of Gorakhpur forest department, Uttar Pradesh and Bombay Natural History Society and technical help will be provided by the Wildlife Research Institute.

Note: The Red-headed vulture is also known as Pondicherry Vulture, Asian King Vulture and the Indian Black Vulture. According to censuses 2013-14, approximately 900 vultures were found in 13 districts of Uttar Pradesh.

#### Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office, Niti Ayog surveyed Data Governance Quality Index.

- Department of Fertilizers under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers got 2nd rank amongst the 16 Economic Ministries / Departments and 3rd rank out of the 65 Ministries / Departments with a score 4.11 on a scale of 5 on DGQI (Data Governance Quality Index).

Note: The purpose of this survey is to assess the performance of different Ministries /Departments on the basis of implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Central Sector Schemes.

There is a Self-assessment based review of data preparedness levels across Ministries / Departments to produce a DGQI. In this survey, an online questionnaire was prepared under six major themes of DGQI: Data Quality; Data Generation; Use of Technology; Data Analysis, Use and Dissemination; Data Security and HR Capacity and Case Studies.

The Government launched the Ambedkar Social Innovation Incubation Mission (ASIIM)

- It was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- ASIIM aims to promote innovation and entrepreneurship amongst SC students and with special preference to Divyangs in higher education campuses because there is a need to identify innovative ideas and provide focused support to young entrepreneurs who are engaged in working on innovative and technology-



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oriented business ideas either in educational campuses or Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) to help them set up successful commercial enterprises.

- Apart from that, the Government set up the Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCFSC) and supporting 1,000 innovative ideas till 2024 through a synergetic work with the (TBIs) Technology Business Incubators set up by the Department of Science and Technology among others.

### **PM Narendra Modi to inaugurate the Atal Tunnel, Rohtang**

- Atal Tunnel is the 9.02 Kilometre long which connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley. This is the longest highway tunnel in the World.
- The Tunnel is built with ultra-modern specifications in the Pir Panjal range of Himalayas at an altitude of 3000 Metres (10,000 Feet) from the Mean Sea Level (MSL).
- It reduces the road distance by 46 Kilometre between Manali and Leh and the time by about 4 to 5 hours.

### **'Tribes India E-Marketplace' will be launched by Tribal Minister Arjun Munda**

- It aims to make India Aatmanirbhar and self-reliant, this path-breaking initiative of TRIFED will showcase the handicrafts and produce of tribal enterprises from across the country. It will help them to showcase their products directly to the market.
- Along with this several other TRIFED initiatives that are aimed to support tribal brethren. These include the inauguration of Pakur Honey which is 100 per cent natural honey, gathered by Santhal Tribals from Pakur, Jharkhand and Tribes India's 123rd and 124th outlets in Rishikesh and Kolkata, inclusion of new tribal product ranges from the states of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh and partnership of TRIFED and Tribes India with Amazon in their Seller Flex program.

### **The South Eastern Railway has launched an 'Operation My Saheli (friend)'**

- It aims to boost the security of women passengers in trains during their entire journey.
- In this project "Teams of women sub-inspectors (SI) interact with lady passengers in the train at the starting station, tell them about precautions & guideline should be followed and provide the emergency contact numbers in case of emergency.

### **Famous Chilli "Dalle Khursani" of Sikkim gets GI Tag.**



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- The red cherry pepper chilli of Sikkim which is locally known as the “Dalle Khursani” has got the geographical indication (GI) tag from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.
- Note: GI (Geographical Indication) is a sign or name used on certain products which corresponds to a specific geographical location or origin (a town, region, or country).

### **‘Back to Village’ programme emerges as a ray of hope for rural people in Jammu and Kashmir.**

- The ‘Back to Village’ programme in the Union Territory of J&K, has emerged as a ray of hope for rural people turning their dreams into reality. Under the programme, Visiting Officers are reaching the unreachable and tough terrains of the Union Territory with a sole motive of empowering the underprivileged segments of the society.

### **On 17th November, 12th BRICS Summit to be held virtually.**

- The theme of this summit is “BRICS Partnership for Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth”.
- The Summit is being held under Russia's Chairmanship and aims at multifaceted cooperation between the member countries. The five-member countries have continued close strategic partnership on all the three significant pillars of peace and security, economy and finance, cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

Note: BRICS is an association of five countries: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The BRICS members are known for their significant influence on regional affairs.

### **MoHUA enters into MoU with Swiggy to take street food vendors online under PM SVANIDHI scheme.**



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- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Swiggy, one of the leading food delivery platforms, to onboard street food vendors on its e-commerce platform.
- The MoU aims at giving the street food vendors online access to thousands of consumers and help them grow their businesses. The arrangement has been facilitated under the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme.
- The Ministry and Swiggy will run a pilot programme by on-boarding 250 vendors across five cities, namely - Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Indore, and Varanasi.
- The street vendors will be helped with PAN and FSSAI registration, training on technology, menu digitization and pricing along with hygiene and packaging best practices.

Note: PM SVANidhi (Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi) scheme was launched on June 1, 2020, to help the street vendors resume their livelihood activities that were impacted by COVID-19.

### **Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched an anti-air pollution campaign.**

- Under the campaign "Yudh Pradushan ke Virudh", "Polluted air can be life-threatening in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. Both affect lungs."
- The government is also preparing a "Green Delhi" mobile application.
- "Using it, people can bring pollution-causing activities, such as garbage burning or industrial pollution.

### **'Sunidhi' project launched to digitize CMPFO services**

- The government announced the launch of an information technology project 'Sunidhi' to digitize provident fund and pension related activities of the CMPFO (Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization).



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- CMPFO inaugurated the -Superior New-generation Information and Data Handling Initiative (SUNIDHI) on the occasion of 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Note: CMPFO was established through an Act of Parliament in 1948 under the coal ministry to administer various schemes of provident fund, pension and deposit linked insurance for coal mine workers.

**Ravi Chopra Committee: The chairman of an expert committee has alleged violations of the Supreme Court orders in the execution of the Chardham project.**

- Ravi Chopra is the Chairman of the High Powered Committee (HPC) appointed by Supreme Court. Supreme Court ruled that the width of the road should not exceed the 5.5 metres that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) specified in 2018 for construction roads in the mountain.

Note: Chardham Pariyojana: The Chardham road connects the pilgrimage centres of Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath and Kedarnath. This programme is under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for connectivity improvement for Chardham in Uttarakhand. It is a 900-km, ₹12,000-crore enterprise to connect pilgrimage spots in Uttarakhand.

**Important News: World**

**World Space Week, 4-10 October**

- By resolution of 6 December 1999, the General Assembly proclaimed World Space Week, to celebrate the contributions of space science and technology to the welfare of the human condition.
- World Space Week is the largest annual space event in the world. The weeks helps build up the workforce of tomorrow by inspiring students; demonstrates visible public support for the space programme; educates the public about space activities; and fosters international cooperation in space outreach and education.



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Note: The 2020 theme is “Satellites Improve Life.” The World Space Week will show the importance of satellites in daily life and how our lives are affected by satellites such as in communications, environmental monitoring, transportation, weather forecasting, telemedicine, science, and in many other ways.

## **Award and Honor**

### **Swachh Bharat Awards 2020 announced: Gujarat bags first position under Swachh Sundar Samudayak Shouchalaya category**

- The Swachh Bharat Awards-2020 was given to States, Districts, Blocks and Village Panchayats.
- The awards were given particularly under drinking water and cleanliness categories.
- The Government had earlier launched three missions under Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shouchalaya, Samudayik Shouchalaya Abhiyan and Gandagi Mukth Bharat.
- Under the Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shouchalaya category, Gujarat bagged the first position at state level whereas Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu got the Award for cleanliness at District Level.
- Khachrod block in Ujjain district in Madhya Pradesh was awarded the first position and Chinnanur Village in Tamil Nadu bagged the top slot at Gram Panchayat level.
- Under the Samudayik Shouchalaya Abhiyan, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh were awarded as the best performing states whereas Prayagraj and Bareilly got it for being the best performing districts. Under the Gandagi Mukth Bharat Mission, Haryana and Telangana were awarded the top slot.

### **Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister, launched a book written by Dr Krishna Saksena- “A bouquet of flowers”.**

- The book has been designed to allow the readers to travel their own journey and arrive at their own very personal realization and be inspired by it.

### **Visnu Shivaraj Pandian wins gold in 10-meter air rifle event of International Online Shooting Championship**

- Visnu won the 10m air rifle event of the International Online Shooting Championship at the fifth edition.



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- The 16-year-old Pandian shot 251.4 to win the title by a clear margin of two points.

### **Union Minister Piyush Goyal to release results of 1st edition of National Startup Awards**

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has conceived the first-ever National Startup Awards to recognize and reward outstanding Startups and ecosystem enablers that are building innovative products or solutions. Applications of the first edition awards have been invited from 12 sectors which were further sub-classified into a total of 35 categories.
- The winning Startups will get 5 lakh rupees cash prizes of each, along with opportunities to present their solutions to relevant public corporates and authorities.

### **The Nobel Prize in Medicine 2020**

- Nobel Prize in the field of Physiology or Medicine was awarded jointly to Americans Harvey J. Alter and Charles M Rice, and British scientist Michael Houghton for the discovery of the Hepatitis C virus.

Note: The Prize Money of 1,118,000 USD for the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine also comes with a gold medal.

Hepatitis: According to the WHO (World Health Organization), there are more than 70 million cases of Hepatitis in the world. Over 400,000 deaths occur due to the disease. The disease is chronic, and it causes liver inflammations and cancer. Hepatitis C is caused by the hepatitis C virus. It is a liver infection that can lead to serious liver damage.

Nobel Prize is international awards bestowed in a number of categories by Swedish and Norwegian institutions in recognition of academic, cultural, and scientific advances. The will of the Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel established the prizes in 1895. The prize



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ceremonies usually take place annually in Stockholm, Sweden. Each recipient, or laureate, receives a diploma, gold medal and a sum of money that has been decided by the Nobel Foundation.

### **The Nobel Prize in Physics 2020**

- The Nobel Prize in Physics 2020 was awarded to one half to Roger Penrose "For the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity", the other half jointly to Andrea Ghez and Reinhard Genzel "For the discovery of a super massive compact object at the centre of our galaxy."

### **Defense**

#### **ISRO to Launch Venus Mission In 2025**

- Indian Space Research Organization will launch Venus mission in 2025 with the participation of French space agency CNES.
- ISRO has selected The VIRAL (Venus Infrared Atmospheric Gases Linker) instrument co-developed with the Russian's & France space agency.
- Note: Venus is the second planet from the Sun. It is the hottest planet in the Solar System. It is also called Earth's "sister planet" because of their similar size, mass, proximity to the Sun, and bulk composition. Venus has no moons and no rings. The atmosphere consists mainly of carbon dioxide 96.5% and 3.5% nitrogen with traces of other gases, most notably sulfur dioxide. The surface temperature of the planet is about 900 degrees Fahrenheit (465 degrees Celsius).

#### **India and France jointly launched the constellation of maritime surveillance satellites for the Indian Ocean Region.**

- The primary objective is to trace illegal spillage of oil by ships.
- The Indian Ocean Region has several Sea Lanes of Communication and is used by many ships every day.
- French space agency CNES and ISRO committed to building and developing a constellation of satellites carrying telecommunications and optical remote-sensing instruments and radar, constituting the first space-based system capable



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of tracking ships continuously in the world. The monitoring centre will be based in India.

### **DRDO successfully flight tests SMART (Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo)**

- Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo was successfully flight tested from Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha.

Note: SMART is a missile assisted release of lightweight Anti-Submarine Torpedo System for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) operations far beyond Torpedo range. The launch and demonstration are significant in establishing Anti-Submarine warfare capabilities.

The technology required for SMART has been developed by several laboratories, including the Hyderabad-based Defence Research Development Laboratory (DRDL) and Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Agra-based Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE) and Visakhapatnam-based Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL).

### **India to acquire Sprut light tanks for use in high altitude areas from Russia.**

- Government talks to Russia to acquire a newly developed light tank that could be useful in high altitude areas like the LAC (Line of Actual Control) in eastern Ladakh. India could receive almost two dozen such tanks in the first allotment.

Note: The Sprut tank, transportable by air, has commonalities with the T72 and T90s operated by India and would require minimal crew training. Tank is armed with a 125 mm gun, similar to the one on the T90, and fires all types of ammunition with the T72/90 fleet available with the Army.

### **India-Bangladesh Naval Forces to Hold Exercise Bongosagar**

- The 2nd edition of India-Bangladesh Bilateral Exercise Bongosagar begins on October 3 and will end on October 5 in the Bay of Bengal.



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Note: This edition of the joint naval exercise between Bangladesh and India will include surface warfare drills, seamanship evolutions and helicopter operations.

The exercise Bongosagar is aimed at developing interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of maritime exercises and operations.

The Exercise Bongosagar will be followed by the 3rd edition of IN-BN Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT). This joint exercise will take place in the Northern Bay of Bengal from October 4-5. India and Bangladesh's navy will patrol along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) during the CORPAT exercise.

### **India test-fires new version of nuclear-capable 'Shaurya' Missile**

- India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear-capable hypersonic missile 'Shaurya' with a strike range of around 1,000 kilometres. 'Shaurya', which is the land variant of India's K-15 missile, is capable of carrying payloads of 200 kg to 1000 kg and has a strike range of 700 km to 1000 km.
- The surface-to-surface tactical missile was blasted off from a canister strapped to the ground launcher from launch complex 4 of ITR (Integrated Test Range) in the APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha by DRDO.
- According to DRDO, Shaurya is one of the top 10 missiles in the world with its high-performance navigation and guidance systems, sophisticated control technologies, efficient propulsion systems and canisters launch.

### **DRDO Successfully test-fires BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile**

- Defence Research and Development Organisation test-fires BrahMos surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile featuring indigenous Booster and Airframe Section along with many other 'Made in India' sub-systems was successfully flight tested for designated range from Integrated Test Range, Balasore in Odisha.
- Note: The BrahMos missile is capable of being launched from land, submarines, warships or fighter jets. It was successfully tested first on March 11, 2017. The missile was originally built with a range of 290 km. An Indo-Russian joint venture, 'BrahMos' is a medium-range ramjet supersonic cruise missile with a strike range of 450 km.

## **Science & Technology**

### **Indian start-up AgniKul Cosmos rocket to be test-launched from US facility**



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- AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited (It is an Indian aerospace start-up) is a Chennai-based start-up incubated at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

### **World's first asteroid mining robot into space will be launched by China in last 2020**

- The main aims of the mission will be to know the asteroid mining robot's capabilities and to find out how well it can extract and identify valuable resources.
- The robot has been named 'asteroid mining robot' launched into space by a Chinese Long March series rocket.
- Objective: The robot will not be engaging in any mining work but it will be testing the technologies and to verify and demonstrate multiple functions such as stimulated small celestial body capture, spacecraft orbital manoeuvre, intelligent spacecraft identification, and control.

### **NASA launches SS Kalpana Chawla Cygnus spacecraft to International Space Station**

- This spacecraft will receive thousands of kilograms of essential space supplies and related-equipments to the astronauts of International Space Station (ISS). SS Kalpana Chawla Cygnus spacecraft along with Antares rocket for NG-14 mission was launched on October 2nd.
- This spacecraft is made by Thale Alena Space in Turin, Italy and has a composition of pressurized cargo modules.
- The vehicle consists of two solar arrays, navigation equipment and propulsion element.
- The Cygnus spacecraft is an expendable American cargo spacecraft developed by Orbital Sciences Corporation and manufactured and launched by Northrop Grumman Innovation Systems.

Note: Kalpana Chawla was an American astronaut, engineer, and the first woman of Indian origin to go to space. Kalpana was one of the seven crew members who died in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster in 2003.

### **Gujarat Government announces Digital Seva Setu Programme for rural areas.**

- The villages of Gujarat will be connected with a 100 MBPS optical fibre network under the Digital Seva Setu programme.



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- The citizens can get various documents like duplicate ration card, income certificate, senior citizen certificate, caste certificate at their doorstep under this programme.
- Note: The Digital Seva Setu has been initiated under the Bharat Net Project. Bharat Net Project is the world's largest rural broadband connectivity programme using Optical fiber. It is implemented by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) – a special purpose vehicle under the Telecom Ministry.

### **C-DAC to commission India's fastest HPC-AI Supercomputer 'PARAM Siddhi – AI' with NVIDIA**

- The supercomputer will have 210 AI Petaflops (6.5 Petaflops Peak DP).
- PARAM Siddhi – AI, a large-scale HPC-AI scalable infrastructure will be established under NSM at C-DAC, with support from Niti Aayog, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Department of Science and Technology, and the central government. It will use NVIDIA Next Generation technology, C-DAC software stack and Cloud platform.
- “It will play a important role in developing a vibrant ecosystem for research and innovation in science and engineering. With three decades of expertise in AI and augmenting the AI and Language Computing Mission Mode Program of C-DAC, this infrastructure will accelerate experiments and outcomes for India specific grand challenge problems in Health Care, Education, Energy, Cyber Security, Space, Automotive and Agriculture.

### **ISLRTC and NCERT sign MoU to convert educational materials into Indian Sign Language**

- A MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) was signed between ISLRTC (Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center) and NCERT (National Council of



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Educational Research and Training) to make educational materials accessible for Deaf children in their preferred format of communication.

- This MoU is a step as availability of NCERT textbooks in Indian Sign Language will ensure that Hearing Impaired children can also now access educational resources in Indian Sign Language. This MoU is a step towards achieving the common goal of fulfilling needs of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and New Education Policy, 2020.
- Note: The total population of deaf persons in India numbered about 50 lakh as per the 2011 Census. Obsolete training methodology and teaching systems need urgent attention. Indian Sign Language (ISL) is used in the deaf community all over India.

### **PM Narendra Modi addresses International webinar on textile traditions organized by ICCR.**

- The theme is "Weaving Relations: Textile Traditions."
- The Prime Minister praised ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations) and Uttar Pradesh Institute of Design for their hard work in bringing people from different countries to participate in the webinar. This Program is organized in the context of Gandhi ji's 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations. Naturally coloured cotton and silk has a long and glorious history in India. The diversity in our textiles shows the richness of our culture.

### **"India PV EDGE 2020" on Solar Manufacturing**

To catalyze cutting-edge PV manufacturing in India, NITI Aayog, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and Invest India, are organizing a global symposium, 'India PV EDGE 2020', on October 6, 2020.



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Note: India has become the third-largest solar capacity country in the world and set an ambitious target of 450 GW of renewable capacity by 2030, in which 300 GW is of solar capacity. Cutting-edge giga-scale solar manufacturing stands on three pillars:

(i) Disruptive PV chemistries (ii) Manufacturing by custom-engineered advanced production equipment (iii) Utilization of innovative BOM components like special glasses and coatings.

That is why companies involved in all the three pillars are invited to present and engage the Indian industry in the symposium, which will catalyze the momentum for further discussions and collaborations.

India's NDC document of the Paris Agreement in 2015 called for extraordinary vision, leadership, compassion, and wisdom to combat climate change.

## Health

### Reliance Life Sciences Develops RT-PCR Kit that Promises Diagnosis of Covid-19 in 2 Hours

- The kit, developed by scientists at Reliance Life Sciences, is named R-Green Kit (SARS COV2-real-time PCR) and has been technically validated by ICMR for satisfactory performance.

## Environment & Ecology

### Delhi Government adopts "Bio-Decomposer" Spraying to Counter Stubble Burning

- The Indian Agricultural Research Institute, PUSA, found "Bio-Decomposer" Spraying which is a low-cost, effective technique to deal with the problem of stubble burning.
- Bio-Decomposer capsules which are used to prepare a liquid formulation. The solution, when sprayed in the fields, can decompose crop residue and turn it into manure. The solution reduces the use of fertilizers and increases soil fertility.



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## Scientists discover a new family of bony fish in the Western Ghats

- A new family of bony fish has been found from the Western Ghats and named it 'Aenigmachannidae'.
- Note: Western Ghats: A chain of mountains running parallel to India's western coast, approximately 30-50 km inland, the Ghats traverse the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is one of the eight hot-spots of biological diversity in the world.

## NSS (National Sample Survey) REPORT: TIME USE IN INDIA- 2019

- NSO (National Statistical Office) conducted the first Time Use Survey in India during January – December 2019.
- The survey measures the time spent and participation rate on paid activities, unpaid activities, care activities etc.

Note: The primary objective of Time Use Survey (TUS) is to determine the participation of women and men in paid and unpaid activities. TUS is an essential source of information on the time spent in unpaid caregiving activities, volunteer work and unpaid domestic service-producing activities. TUS also provides information on time spent on leisure activities, learning, socializing, self-care activities, etc., by the household members.

Features of the Survey:

1. Coverage: This survey covered 1,38,799 households (urban: 55,902 and rural: 82,897).
2. Data collection: In this survey data on time use was collected through a personal interview method.
2. Presentation of the estimates: The results have been presented here considering all the activities in the time slots instead of considering only the primary activity.

## India's first 5 Animal bridges to come up on Delhi-Mumbai Greenfield Expressway

- The Delhi-Mumbai expressway will have five animal bridges or animal overpasses with a combined length of over 2.5 km.
- The upcoming expressway project will have India's first animal bridges that will be designed keeping in mind not to disturb the environment and wildlife section that comes up on the way of over 1,200 km long expressway.



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- These bridges have been planned to abide by the concerns of not disturbing the wildlife movement on a section of Ranthambore Wildlife Corridor that comes on the way connecting Ranthambore and Mukundra (Darrah) wildlife sanctuaries in Rajasthan.

Note: Wildlife crossings or animal bridges are a practice in habitat conservation, allowing connections or reconnections between habitats, combating habitat fragmentation. And also assist in avoiding collisions between vehicles and animals.

## Important Days

### October 1, International Day of Older Persons

- This year (2020) marks the 30th Anniversary of the United Nations International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) 2020: "Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?"
- In view of the higher risks confronted by old age persons during the outbreak of pandemics such as COVID-19, policy and programmatic interventions must be targeted towards raising awareness of their special needs. Recognizing older person's contributions to their own health and the multiple roles they play in the preparedness and response phases of current and future pandemics is also important.
- Note: The United Nations General Assembly designated October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons on 14 December 1990.

### International Day of Non-Violence 2 October

- This Day is observed on 2 October on account of the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. He was the great leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.
- According to the UNGA (United Nations General Assembly) resolution of 15 June 2007, which established the commemoration, the International Day is an event to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through public awareness and education".

### World Habitat Day 2020, October 05

- The 2020 theme is Housing For All: A better Urban Future. This day will be hosted by the city of Surabaya, in Indonesia.
- Note: In 1985 the (UN) United Nations designated the first Monday of October as World Habitat Day. It aims to reflect on the state of our cities and towns and the



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basic right of all to adequate shelter. It intends to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat.

- The Habitat Scroll of Honour, most prestigious human settlements award, was launched by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in 1989.

### **Wild Life Week 2020 is observed from the 2nd of October to 8th of October in India.**

- Wildlife Week is celebrated in the country with the view to preserve the fauna, which means the animal life of India.
- The Government has established an Indian Board of Wild Life, whose purpose is to improve the consciousness as well as the awareness of the Indian people towards wildlife preservation.

#### Objectives of Wild Life Week:

- To create awareness of the protection and conservation of wildlife.
- To focus the people's attention towards the importance of conservation of wildlife.
- To implement more services to preserve wildlife.
- To discuss all the issues related to the preservation of wildlife.

#### **Obituaries**

#### **Syeda Anwara Taimur, Assam's only woman Chief Minister, died.**

- She passes at the age of 84 due to cardiac arrest. She was the first Muslim woman Chief Minister of any state in independent India.



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