

1. United Nations (UN) World Food Programme wins Nobel Peace Prize 2020 for 'combating hunger.'

- The World Food Programme (WFP) was awarded the prize for its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict.
- **Note:** The **World Food Programme(WFP)** is the food-assistance branch of the UN (United Nations) and the world's largest humanitarian organization addressing hunger and promoting food security.
- **Facts about the World Food Programme**
Formation: 1961
Headquarter: Rome, Italy
Parent Organization: United Nations General Assembly

2. PM Narendra Modi launches physical distribution of property cards under 'SVAMITVA' scheme

- Under this scheme, beneficiaries of 'SVAMITVA Scheme' can use the property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits.
- **Note:** SVAMITVA Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme on **National Panchayat Day 24th April 2020**. In the States, the Revenue Department /Land Records Department are the Nodal Department and shall carry out the scheme with the support of State Panchayati Raj Department. Survey of India shall work as the technology partner for implementation. The purpose of this scheme is to provide the 'record of rights' to village household owners in rural areas and issue property cards.

3. India Test-Fires First Indigenous Anti-Radiation Missile "Rudram"

- Rudram-1, a New Generation Anti-Radiation Missile (NGARM) integrated on Sukhoi-30 Fighter Aircraft, which is India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile developed by DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) for Indian Air Force was tested successfully at ITR (INTEGRATED TEST RANGE), Balasore, Odisha.

4. Indian Navy conducts Sagar Kavach Coastal Security Exercise and Matla Abhiyan Exercise

- The Indian Navy which is the naval branch of the Indian Armed Forces along with Indian Coastal Guard has held a two-day coastal security exercise called "Sagar Kavach". It is a half-yearly exercise to ensure coastal security mechanisms and validate Standard Operating Procedure. The exercise was conducted along the coastal areas of Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep.



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- **Matla Abhiyan Exercise** The Matla Abhiyan Exercise is a five day coastal security exercise in Matla River that was conducted by the Indian Navy. Two Indian boats undertook the patrol in the Sunderban Delta during the exercise.
- **Facts about Indian Navy:**
Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh
Founded: 26 January 1950
Head office: New Delhi

5. Andhra Pradesh Government launches ‘Jaganna Vidya Kanuka’ scheme for students in government schools.

- Under this scheme, 42,34,222 kits will be distributed to students of government schools studying from class 1 to 10 standard. The kit comprises three pairs of uniforms, a belt, a school bag, one pair of shoes, two pairs of socks, prescribed textbooks and notebooks.
- **Facts about Andhra Pradesh:**
Capital: Amaravati
Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan
Chief Minister: Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy

6. Goa becomes first ‘Har Ghar Jal’ state across India to provide tap water connections to every rural household

- **Note:** The aim of **Jal Jeevan Mission** is to provide piped water to all the rural households by 2024. It was launched on 15 August 2019. It comes under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.
- **Facts about Goa:**
Capital: Panaji
Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Chief Minister: Pramod Sawant

7. Polish teenager Iga Swiatek becomes the new French Open Champion

- In Tennis, Polish teenager Iga Swiatek has become the new French Open Champion. She beats the American Australian Open winner Sofia Kenin in the Women Singles final.
- **Note:** The **French Open** is an annual tennis tournament, established in 1891 and played since 1928 in Paris. The French Open Champion is (since 1925) one of the four Grand Slam tournaments played each year, the other three are:
 1. Australian Open
 2. Wimbledon
 3. US Open



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8. October 10: World Mental Health Day

- The theme of this international awareness day is “**Mental Health for All**” and an **increased investment in mental health**. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines mental health as a health issue associated with thoughts, behavior, emotions, and relationship with others.
- **Note:** The World Federation for Mental Health is an international membership organization founded in 1948. Under the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, the first-ever World Mental Health Day was celebrated on October 10, 1992. The 66th World Health Assembly, consisting of Ministers of Health of 194 Member States, adopted the **WHO’s Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020** in May 2013.
- **Facts about Mental Health Care in India**
In India, on 7 April 2017, the **Mental Health Care Act 2017** was passed and came into force from 7 July 2018. The act effectively decriminalized attempted suicide which was punishable under Section 309 of the Indian Penal Code.

9. 10 October, World Migratory Bird Day 2020

- World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is celebrated on the second Saturday of October and May every year. The day is celebrated as an awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. Its objective is to draw attention to the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them.
- World Migratory Bird Day’s theme is “**Birds Connect Our World.**”
- **Note:** Most beautiful migratory birds coming to India during the winter and summer season are Siberian Cranes, Greater Flamingo, Bluethroat, Great White Pelican, Asiatic Sparrow-Hawk.

10. 11 October: International Day of the Girl Child

- The theme of International Day of the Girl Child on 2020 is “**My voice, our equal future.**”
- International Day of the Girl Child is an international observance day announced by the UN (United Nations); it is also known as the Day of Girls and the International Day of the Girl. The first day of the Girl Child was on the 11 October, 2012.
- International Day of Girl Child this year marks 25 years of the **Beijing Declaration** and Platform for Action for working towards empowering girls and their rights universally. The Beijing Declaration is one of the first “most comprehensive international agreements on women's rights and gender equality”.
- **Facts about National Girl Child Day:**



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The National Girl Child Day is celebrated on January 24 in India every year. It was started on 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. On this day various programs are organized such as awareness campaigns on child sex ratios, Save the girl child and creating a safe and healthy environment for a girl child.

- **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme** was launched on 22nd January 2015 by the Prime Minister of India. It is a combination of three ministries- Women and Child Development, Health & Family Welfare and Human Resource Development. The aim of this scheme is to generate awareness and improve the efficiency of welfare services intended for girls in India.

11. Justice KK Usha, former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court dies at 81

- Justice Usha, who served as Chief Justice of the High Court from 2000 to 2001, was the first woman to be directly elevated to the High Court bench from the bar. After retiring from the high court, she was made president of the Delhi-based Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

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