

- 1. The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda launched two Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Tribal Welfare in collaboration between Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and Art of Living (AoL)**
 - **First Centers of Excellence** in the field of training 10000 tribal farmers in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra on sustainable natural farming based on Go-Adharith farming techniques.
 - Farmers will be helped in getting the Organic certification and the marketing opportunities will be made available to them to make each of them Atmanirbhar Tribal Farmers.
 - **Second Centers of Excellence** in the field of ‘Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)’ in 5 districts covering 30 Gram Panchayats and 150 villages of Jharkhand.
 - Strengthening of tribal Panchayati Raj Institutions will also help to educate them about their constitutional rights. This will empower the PRIs in matters relating to decision making and development of their community.
- 2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates three-day National Conference on Vigilance and Anti Corruption**
 - Theme of this conference is Vigilant India, Prosperous India.
 - The Central Bureau of Investigation organizes this National Conference coinciding with ‘**Vigilance Awareness Week**’, which is observed in India every year from 27th October to 2nd November.
 - **Note:** Activities in this conference would be focused on Vigilance issues aimed at raising awareness and reaffirming India’s commitment to promotion of integrity and probity in public life through citizen participation.
- 3. CBSE introduces Facial Recognition System for accessing digital academic documents**
 - The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced a facial recognition system for accessing digital documents on platforms like “Parniaam Manjusha” and DigiLocker.
 - Candidates will be able to download their Class 10, 12 mark sheets and certificates from DigiLocker without providing Aadhaar Card or mobile number.
 - DigiLocker is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology under the Digital India initiative.
 - **About Digital India:** It is a campaign launched by the Government of India in order to ensure the Government's services are made available to citizens electronically by improved online infrastructure and by increasing Internet connectivity or making the country digitally empowered in the field of technology. It was launched on 1 July 2015.



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4. NTPC ranks 1st among Indian PSUs in Forbes' 'World's Best Employer 2020'

- NTPC Limited, formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, is an Indian Public Sector Undertaking, engaged in the business of generation of electricity and allied activities. It is a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 and is promoted by the Government of India.

Founded: 1975

Headquarters: New Delhi, India

Chairman and Managing Director: Gurdeep Singh

5. India Meteorological Department commissions Flash Flood Guidance Services for South Asia

- Ministry of Earth Sciences dedicated Flash Flood Guidance Services, first of its kind for South Asian countries namely India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka.
- The Guidance for flash floods in the form of Threats (6 hours in advance) and Risks (24 hours in advance) will be provided by Regional Centre to National Meteorological & Hydrological Services, National and State Disaster Management Authorities and all other stake holders for taking necessary mitigation measures to reduce the loss of life and property in the South Asian Region countries.
- **Note:** The **Flash Flood Guidance** is a robust system designed to provide the necessary products in real-time to support the development of warnings for flash floods about 6- 12 hrs. in advance at the watershed level with resolution of 4km x 4km for the Flash Flood prone South Asian countries viz. India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

6. Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) extends coverage of health insurance scheme to Arunachal Pradesh

- Government of India has now extended the Employees State Insurance (ESI) Scheme for the first time to Arunachal Pradesh, with effect from 1st November, 2020.
- All factories located in the district of Papum Pare of Arunachal Pradesh employing 10 or more persons shall become eligible for coverage.
- **Employees' State Insurance (ESI)** is a self-financing social security and health insurance scheme for Indian workers. The fund is managed by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation according to rules and regulations stipulated in the ESI Act 1948.
- **Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** is a Statutory and autonomous Body under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.

Industry: Insurance

Founded: 24 February 1952



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Headquarters: New Delhi, India
Director General: Ms. Anuradha Prasad

7. Uttar Pradesh becomes top tourist destination for Indians, third for foreigners in 2019

- Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top destination for attracting the highest number of domestic tourists in 2019. The Indian Tourism Statistics (ITS) 2020 has announced that as many as 53.6 crore domestic tourists visited Uttar Pradesh in 2019.
- **List of top three states with domestic tourist visits in 2019**
 1. Uttar Pradesh - 23.1%
 2. Tamil Nadu - 21.3%
 3. Andhra Pradesh - 10.2%
- **Uttar Pradesh also secured the third position in attracting foreign tourists** with a record footfall of nearly 47 lakh foreigners visiting last year. **Tamil Nadu got top position** with nearly 68 lakh foreigners visiting last year. **Goa came last** on the list with over 9 lakh foreign tourist visits in 2019.

8. World Bank sanctions Rs 3 crore for Goa to develop India's first sand dune parks

- Goa is set to be home to the country's first sand dune park under a project funded by the World Bank which has accepted the proposal of the Biodiversity Board of the state and has sanctioned a sum of 3 crores for the project.
- **Note:** Dune management involves restoring eroded areas and stabilising others using vegetation and fencing in order to help, not obstruct, the dune-forming processes to conserve the ecosystem. The sand dune project in Goa will build bridges made of eco-sensitive materials which will protect the sand vegetation from being trampled upon by tourists. This move follows the efforts of the state to shift towards an eco-friendly tourism approach.

9. Portuguese Grand Prix 2020

- British **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes) won the Portuguese Grand Prix 2020 Formula One F1 held at Algarve International Circuit, Portugal.
- Finland **Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes) got **second position** and Netherland **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull) got **third position**.

10. Cologne Tennis Tournament 2020 (bett1HULKS Championship)

- **Singles**
Winner: Alexander Zverev
Runner-Up: Diego Schwartzman
- **Doubles**



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Winner: Raven Klaasen, Ben McLachlan
Runner-Up: Kevin Krawietz, Andreas Mies

11. Former Telangana Home Minister Nayani Narasimha Reddy passed away

- The 86-year-old, a founder leader of the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), was the first Home Minister of the state.

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