

#### 1. New Cabinet formed in Bihar

- In recently concluded Assembly elections, Nitish Kumar has swear-in as Chief Minister for the record 7<sup>th</sup> time.
- While Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi were swear-in as Deputy Chief Ministers.
- In the Assembly elections, NDA has emerged victorious with 125 seats.

### 2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled 'Statue of Peace' to mark 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj

- The Statue unveiled in the honour of the Jain acharya, has been named as 'Statue of Peace'. The 151 inch tall statue has been made from Ashtadhatu i.e. 8 metals, with Copper being the major constituent, and is installed at Vijay Vallabh Sadhana Kendra, Jetpura, in Pali, Rajasthan.
- **Note:** The Jainacharya established many institutions for girl children and brought women to the mainstream. Bird Hospital and many gaushalas are running in the country today.

### 3. India's first Sandalwood Museum

- This first of a kind museum has been set by the Mysuru Forest Division at the Sandalwood Depot in Aranya Bhavan, Mysuru, Karnataka.
- Visitors can learn about sandalwood classification, varieties of sandalwood, its farming methods, etc. It will also display posters with information about sandalwood growth and its role in prevention of diseases.
- Later, the museum might get shifted to the Mysuru Palace.

### 4. QRSAM Missile System achieves major milestone

Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) System has achieved a major milestone by a direct hit on a Banshee Pilotless target aircraft at medium range & medium altitude.

- DRDO launched the missile from ITR Chandipur off the Odisha Coast. The missile is propelled by a single stage solid propellant rocket motor and uses all indigenous subsystems. The Missile is canisterised for transportation and launch using a mobile launcher capable of carrying 6 canisterised missiles.
- The system is capable of detecting and tracking targets on the move and engaging target with short halts.

### 5. 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting

- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the BRICS Russian Chairmanship on 09 November.
- The agenda of the meeting included discussions on the outcomes of G20 Saudi Presidency in 2020, a digital platform to encourage infrastructure investments and expansion of the membership of the New Development Bank (NDB).



• **Note:** The Finance Minister observed that the G20, of which all BRICS countries are members, has delivered some very significant initiatives this year including the G20 Action Plan in response to COVID-19 which has provided broad guidance to navigate a collective global response to the crisis.

## 6. Government to provide 50 percent subsidy on air transportation for fruits & vegetables from North-Eastern and Himalayan states

- The Food Processing Industries Ministry under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Operation Greens Scheme TOP to TOTAL, 50 percent transportation subsidy is now made available for air transportation for 41 notified fruits and vegetables from North-Eastern and Himalayan states to any place in India.
- All the airports in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura from North-East, and Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh among the Hilly States are eligible under the scheme.
- **Note:** The transportation subsidy was earlier extended under Operation Greens Scheme for Kisan Rail Scheme with effect from 12th October this year. Railways charge only 50 percent of freight charges on the notified fruits and vegetables.
- Operation Greens is a scheme approved by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries with its aim to stabilize the supply of tomato, onion and potato crops (TOP crops) in India. It was first introduced in the 2018-2019 Union Budget. The scheme was extended during June 2020 to cover all fruits & vegetables (TOTAL) for a period of six months on pilot basis.

# 7. Dishang 2020 ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation) Women's World Cup

• World No.1 Table Tennis player **Chen Meng** defeated Chinese compatriot Sun Yingsha to bag her first ITTF Women's World Cup title in Weihai, China.

#### 8. Nitish Kumar took oath as Chief Minister of Bihar for the seventh time

- Nitish Kumar sworn in as the CM of Bihar for the seventh time—his fourth consecutive term.
- Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi also took oath as the Deputy Chief Ministers of Bihar
- **Note:** Nitish Kumar is on course to becoming the longest-serving Chief Minister of the state. As CM, he had a continuous run since November 2005, except for the period in 2014-15.

### 9. A New Book on Gulzar "Boskiyana"

- This book has been published by Radhakrishna Prakashan.
- It portrays the life of Gulzar through his films, poetry, philosophies, lifestyle, likes and dislikes. The book is edited and compiled by Yashwant Vyas. 'Boskiyana' is the name of the house of Gulzar in Mumbai.



## 10. Dr. K S Subramanian wins national award 'Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award'

- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) professor, Dr. K S Subramanian has been chosen for the Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs. one lakh and a gold medal, which would be presented in New Delhi next month.
- **Note:** Subramanian, who 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.

### 11. Actor Soumitra Chatterjee passed away at 85

- Legendary actor Soumitra Chatterjee, star of some of Bengali cinema's finest films, has died.
- He was a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, Dadasaheb Phalke Award, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, besides winning three National Film Awards and many more.

