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Weekly Current Affairs Updates

2nd - 8th November



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1. Kerala became first Indian state to fix MSP for vegetables

- Kerala has become the first state of India to fix **minimum support price (MSP) for vegetables**, along with floor price for 16 varieties of vegetables with effect from Nov 1.
- The move will relief as well as support for the farmers targeting towards enhancement of agriculture in the state.
- MSP will be **20% above the production cost of the vegetables** and it will be revised on a regular basis
- It will be coordinated by Kerala local self-government bodies
- CM: **Pinarayi Vijayan**

Honours & Awards

2. Anzar Mustaeen Ali wins special prize in ICCR Global Art Competition

- Bangladeshi boy **Anzar Mustaeen Ali (6 year)** won \$1000 special prize for his artwork in the global art competition organised by **Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)**.
- ICCR launched global painting competition titled as '**United Against CORONA- Express through Art**' that attracted 8000 artwork entries from around the world.
- Final list was evaluated from each category in 4 sections: **Contemporary Art; Folk and Tribal Art; Cartoons-Illustrations and Digital-New Age Art.**

Honours & Awards

3. CSIR-CDRI Scientist, Satish Mishra bags Dr. Tulsi Das Chugh Award 2020

- CSIR-CDRI Scientist, **Dr Satish Mishra** has been awarded with **Dr. Tulsi Das Chugh Award-2020** for his research on Malaria parasite's life cycle
- The award is given by **National Academy of Medical Sciences (India)** and consists of a Scroll, Commemorative Medal and Cash Incentive
- His research work focused on **Secreted Protein with Altered Thrombospondin Repeat (SPATR)** which is Essential for Asexual Blood Stages but not Required for Hepatocyte Invasion by Malaria Parasite

Obituaries

4. Former Gujarat CM Keshubhai Patel passes away

- Former Gujarat Chief Minister **Keshubhai Patel (92 years)** passed away in Ahmedabad due to COVID-19
- He joined **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)** in 1945 as a pracharak and started his political career as Jan Sangh career
- He served as the Gujarat chief minister in 1995 and again during 1998-2001
- He was a member of **Gujarat Legislative Assembly** six times.
- He quit the BJP in 2012 and floated **Gujarat Parivartan Party**, which merged with the BJP in 2014.
- Native: **Junagadh**

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5. Air-connectivity between Bangladesh & India resumes



- **Bangladesh** and **India** resumed air-connectivity between them with two flights leaving Dhaka under air-bubble arrangement
- This air service was inaugurated at Hazrat Shahjalal airport in Dhaka
- It will help people who needed urgent medical support in India, along with strengthening cordial ties.
- Under this, 3 Bangladeshi airlines named Biman Bangladesh, US-Bangla Airlines and Novo Air will initially operate 28 flights a week to India.

Agreement

6. India Post, US Postal Service sign MoU for electronic customs data exchange

- **Department of Posts, India** and **United States Postal Service** have entered into MoU for **electronic exchange of customs data** related to postal shipments exchanged between the two nation.
- It will facilitate **transmission of electronic data of international postal items prior to their physical arrival** at the destination enabling customs clearance of postal items in advance in line with the evolving global postal framework.
- This will also improve postal services performance

National Affairs

7. 'Electricity Access in India and Benchmarking Distribution Utilities' report

- **NITI Aayog, Ministry of Power, Rockefeller Foundation** and **Smart Power India** has rolled out '**Electricity Access in India and Benchmarking Distribution Utilities**' report for 10 states
- Report underlines best practices adopted by electricity distribution utilities and highlights govt led power schemes
- As per the report, **92% of customers reported overall availability of electricity infrastructure** with **improved hours of supply** and **87% got access to grid-based electricity**.

8. Delhi CM launches 'Green Delhi' App to redress pollution complaints

- Delhi CM **Arvind Kejriwal** has launched '**Green Delhi**' mobile app through which citizens can bring pollution-causing activities to govt's notice.
- Citizens can click pictures or make a video of pollution-causing activities in the region and upload them on the application.
- The app will identify the location and complaint will be automatically forwarded to the concerned dept in time-bound manner
- **Green war room** has been set up to monitor the status of complaints.

Summits & Conferences

9. India hosted 19th SCO Ministers Meet of Foreign Economy & Foreign Trade

- India virtually hosted **19th Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** Ministers of Foreign Economy and Foreign Trade.
- The meeting was held to leverage the economic strength and explore partnerships that enhance trade and investment in the region and greater cooperation for access to medicines
- It was attended by Secretary General of SCO and Ministers from **Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.**

Banking & Finance

10. SBI raises USD 1 billion untied loan with JBIC, other lenders

- **SBI** has signed \$1 billion loan agreement with **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)** to promote smooth funds flow for business operations of Japanese automobile manufacturers in India
- As per the agreement, JBIC must finance \$600 million while the remaining amount will be financed by other participants-**SMBC, MUFG Bank, Mizuho Bank, Shizuoka Bank and Bank of Yokahama**
- SBI is entering into an untied loan for the 1st time with JBIC
- SBI Chairman: **Dinesh Kumar Khara**

Banking & Finance

11. IFSCA prescribes regulatory framework for listing of Depository Receipts

- **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has prescribed the regulatory framework for listing of **Depository Receipts (DRs)** to develop financial products and services in GIFT IFSC
- It will provide listing of DRs by companies that are listed in FATF compliant jurisdictions
- It will also **enables eligible listed companies to raise capital** on stock exchanges in GIFT IFSC.
- **DR** is a foreign currency denominated instrument, listed on an international exchange

State Affairs

12. Tamil Nadu launched Young Advocates Welfare Fund

- Tamil Nadu CM **Edappadi Palaniswamy** has launched **Young Advocates Welfare Fund** to provide Rs 3000 monthly financial assistance for 2 years to lawyers who just come out of law colleges.

- Usually, a law fresher takes 3 to 4 years to begin practice as an advocate as registration in the Bar Council, and the mandatory practicing under a senior advocate takes time, forcing them to change profession
- It is aimed at helping fresh candidates to withstand the initial challenges.

13. Om Puri honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFB 2020 posthumously

- Indian actor **Om Puri** has been honoured posthumously with **Lifetime Achievement Award** at the **3rd edition of India International Film Festival of Boston (IFFB 2020)**
- His wife Nandita Puri received the award on his behalf
- Om Puri has worked in multiple critically acclaimed film in his career like **Gadar, Lakshya, Rang De Basanti, Yuva, Lakshya, Dabang, The Hangman**
- He was honoured with **Padma Shri in 1990** and **National Film Award for Best Actor**
- IFFB is a 3-day film festival

Science & Technology

14. Ministry of Science & Technology launches SERB-POWER scheme

- Ministry of Science & Technology has launched '**SERB-POWER (Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research)**' scheme designed to mitigate gender disparity
- It has 2 components: **Fellowship and Research Grants**
- **Age group:** 35-55 years
- **Components of support:** Fellowship of Rs. 15,000 per month in addition to regular income
- **Duration:** 3 years
- It will empower women researchers under Level I and II Category
- Regulated by: **SERB-CRG guidelines**

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15. Indian Railways launches Meri Saheli initiative for women security

- **Indian Railways** has rolled out '**Meri Saheli**' initiative across all zones to provide safety and security to lady passengers travelling by trains till the destination station.
- It is an initiative of **Railway Protection Force (RPF)**
- Under this, lady passengers are briefed about all precautions to be taken during the journey and told to dial **182** in case they face or see any problem in the coach.
- It started as a pilot project in **South Eastern Railway** in September 2020

Defense

16. Indian Army develops messaging app 'Secure Application for Internet'

- **Indian Army** has developed messaging application titled as **Secure Application for Internet (SAI)** to facilitate secure messaging within Army across the nation
- SAI will support **end to end secure voice, text and video calling services** for Android platform over the internet.
- It is similar in function to apps like Whatsapp, Telegram, SAMVAD and GIMS
- It also has **security features with local in-house servers and coding** which can be tweaked as per requirements.

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17. PM inaugurates Arogya Van and Arogya Kutir in Gujarat

- PM **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Arogya Van** and **Arogya Kutir** at Kevadia, Narmada district
- PM also inaugurated **Ekta Mall Children Nutrition Park** and **Jungle Safari and Geodesic Dome Aviary**
- **Arogya Van:** It is set up on 17 acres for spreading awareness on Yoga, Ayurveda and Meditation and has 380 species of plants and trees with rich medicinal values.
- PM will also inaugurate about 17 different projects and lay the foundation stone for 4 projects at Statue of Unity Complex

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18. Indian Oil launches common Indane refill booking number across India

- **Indian Oil** has rolled out **one common number for Indane LPG refill booking** for customer convenience across India, which will be available 24x7 for the customers
- LPG refills Common booking number for the whole country is **7718955555**.
- Booking can be made through SMS and IVRS boosting customer convenience and ease of booking LPG refills.
- **Indane** is a Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) brand developed and owned by **Indian Oil Corporation in India**.

State Affairs

19. Telangana CM launches 'Dharani' Portal for land and property registrations

- Telangana Chief Minister **K Chandrasekhar Rao** has rolled out '**Dharani**' Portal for land and property registrations at Mudu Chinatalapalli as a part of revenue reforms of govt
- Registrations will begin from **November 2**.
- Property details which are not uploaded on the portal will be treated as illegal
- One can register their property, succession and also the partition of agriculture lands and once the registration is done, the owner will be provided with **e-pattadar passbook**.

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20. CCEA approves Mechanism for procurement of ethanol

- **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has approved **Mechanism for procurement of ethanol** by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies under **Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme**.
- Prior to this, there was uniform rate for ethanol but now there will be different prices like new Price fixed for Ethanol produced from sugar will be Rs. 62.65 per litre, ethanol from heavy molasses will be Rs. 57.61 per litre
- **GST** and **transportation charges** will also be payable.

State Affairs

21. Odisha launches 'Integrated Odisha State Scholarship' and 'Sumangal' portal

- Odisha Govt has launched '**Integrated Odisha State Scholarship (IOSS)**' and '**Sumangal**' portal to aid beneficiaries
- **IOSS portal:** It will help eligible students in availing scholarship benefits in a seamless transparent manner. 21 scholarships will be offered to more than 11 lakh students from SC, ST, OBC and educationally backward classes

- **Sumangal Portal:** It will help people avail inter-caste marriage incentives, under Odisha Right to Public Services Act, 2012.

Honours & Awards

22. Gully Boy movie wins Best Original Score at 14th Asian Film Awards

- **Gully Boy** directed by Zoya Akhtar has bagged Best Original Score at **14th Asian Film Awards**
- **Karsh KALE** and **The Salvage Audio Collective** collected the award for Gully Boy
- Other awards are
 - **Best Film:** Parasite (Korea)
 - **Best Director:** WANG Xiaoshuai for So Long, My Son (China)
 - **Best New Director:** HIKARI for 37 Seconds (Japan)
 - **Best Actor:** Lee Byung-hun
 - **Best Actress:** ZHOU Dongyu
- 14th Asian Film Awards were announced virtually by **Asian Film Awards Academy (AFAA)**

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23. Govt revises PLI Schemes for bulk drugs & medical devices manufacturing

- **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers** has revised **Production Linked Incentive (PLI)** schemes for promoting domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs and medical devices.
- As per revised guidelines, **'Minimum Threshold' investment requirement has been replaced by 'committed investment'** taking into account availability of technology choices which varies from product to product.
- It has been released to encourage efficient use of productive capital under **Department of Pharmaceuticals**

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24. Ministry of Shipping issues draft of Coastal Shipping Bill, 2020

- **Shipping Ministry** has issued draft of **Coastal Shipping Bill, 2020** for public consultation augmenting people's participation and transparency in the governance.
- It will replace part XIV of the **Merchant Shipping Act, 1958**.
- It will **expand definition of coastal shipping and coastal waters** and will eliminate the requirement of trading licence for Indian flag vessels
- It will **reduce transportation costs** encouraging Indian vessels to increase their share in coastal shipping.

25. Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha appointed as Chief Information Commissioner

- **Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha** (retired IFS officer) has been appointed as the new **Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of India**
- He was sworn in as information commissioner in the CIC on January 1, 2019
- He served as the former diplomat as high commissioner of India to the United Kingdom and Sri Lanka
- He will succeed **Bimal Julka**
- Along with him, **Uday Mahurkar** has been named as information commissioner
- **CIC is statutory body**, which came to effect from Oct 2005 under **RTI Act 2005**

Schemes

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26. LTC tax voucher scheme extended to all employees

- **Govt** extended the income-tax exemption available under **LTC cash voucher scheme to non-central government employees** that include employees of state govt, state-owned enterprises and private sector.
- Income tax exemption shall not be applicable for those opting for concessional income tax regime introduced last year and employees will have to refund the unspent LTC fare received
- The scheme was launched to provide Cash payment and leave encashment in lieu of one LTC

Important Dates

27. National Unity Day being observed on 31st October

- **National Unity Day** or **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** is observed every year on **October 31** to commemorate the **birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.
- The year 2020 marks the **145th anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, who played an instrumental role in India's struggle for independence, and during the integration of princely states to form India
- He was the first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of India.
- It was first commemorated in 2014.

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28. Prime Minister inaugurates Sardar Vallabhai Patel Zoological Park

- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated **Sardar Patel Zoological Park** and **Geodesic Aviary Dome** in Kevadia, Gujarat
- The **zoological park or Jungle Safari** is spread over an area of 375 acres at seven different levels ranging from 29 to 180 meters and has more than 1100 Birds & Animals and 5 lakh plants.
- **Geodesic Aviary Dome**: It has 2 aviaries for Domestic birds and exotic birds. It is the world's largest geodesic dome for aviary
- **Ekta Cruise Service** was also flagged off.

Banking & Finance

29. IndusInd Bank first bank to go live on RBI's 'Account Aggregator Framework'

- **IndusInd Bank** has become the first bank in India to go live on '**Account Aggregator Framework**' of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The Bank has gone live as a '**Financial Information Provider**' (**FIP**) under the new 'Account Aggregator Framework'
- **Account Aggregator framework of RBI**: It will enable customers to avail benefits like viewing statements of their accounts, track deposits, plan investments and avail credit cards on a single window
- IndusInd Bank CEO-MD: **Sumant Kathpalia**

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30. PM inaugurates dynamic lighting of the Sardar Sarovar Dam

- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated dynamic lighting for **Sardar Sarovar Dam** and unveiled the **website of Statue of Unity in all the UN official languages**
- **Kevadia App** and **Cactus garden** has also been inaugurated

- **Unity Glow Garden:** It is a unique theme park that has an glimmering array of installations, figures and optical illusions
- **Cactus Garden:** It is a grand architectural greenhouse with 450 national and international species with 1.9 lakh cactus plants from 17 countries

Obituaries

31. Meghalaya icon Spelity Lyngdoh Langrin passes away

- Face of the decades-long anti-uranium mining movement of Meghalaya, **Spelity Lyngdoh Langrin (95 years)** passed away
- She was the icon for turning down a multi-crore offer from the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a Public Sector enterprise in Meghalaya
- India's largest and richest uranium deposits in Domiasiat and Wahkyn areas of Meghalaya.
- Domiasiat uranium deposit was discovered in 1984 and has 9.22 million tonnes of high-grade uranium ore deposits.

Arts & Culture

32. FIP organises virtual version of Delhi Book Fair for the year 2020

- **Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP)** in partnership with **PragatiE** has organised virtual version of **Delhi Book Fair** this year due to COVID-19 pandemic
- It is a **two day online event** which culminates on 31st October.
- It was the 26th and unique edition of the Delhi Book Fair
- **Publications Division of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** has also put up 3 virtual stalls that had 120 publications covering 12 wide categories including Gandhian literature, Art and Culture.

Honours & Awards

33. Bangladesh PM confers 'Swadhinata Puraskar 2020' to 8 individuals

- Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina conferred **8 distinguished persons and educational institute** with the highest national award '**Swadhinata Puraskar 2020**' in Dhaka
- **Recipients:** Golam Dastagir Gazi, Azizur Rahman (posthumous), Commander Abdur Rauf (posthumous), Mohammad Anwar Pasha (posthumous); Md Obaidul Kabir Chowdhury and AKMA Muktedir (Medical sciences); Kalipada Das and Ferdousi (culture) and Bharateswari Homes School
- Award carries a gold medal, certificate and Taka 5 lakh

National & International Appointments

34. Tashi Gyaltson unanimously elected Chairman of 6th LAHDC Leh

- **Tashi Gyaltson** has been unanimously elected as the **Chief Executive Councillor and Chairman of 6th Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council of Leh general council.**
- He became the first LAHDC, Leh after Ladakh was made a union territory.
- Along with him, 26 other elected councillors of sixth Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)-Leh joined the office
- All the members of LAHDC will administer oath by principal district and sessions judge **Ranbir Singh Jasrotia**

35. Kerala ranked as best governed states in Public Affairs Index 2020

- **Public Affairs Centre (PAC)** released **Public Affairs Index 2020** that measures the quality of governance at subnational level and ranks states and Union Territory
- Best-governed Large Indian state: **Kerala, followed by Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka**
- Worst-governed states: **Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar**
- Best-governed small state: **Goa, followed by Meghalaya**
- Worst governed small state: **Manipur**
- Best governed UT: **Chandigarh, followed by Puducherry, Lakshadweep**

National & International Appointments

36. Centre extends Bansi Lal Bhat's term as officiating Chairperson of NCLAT

- Centre has extended the term of Justice (retd) **Bansi Lal Bhat** as the **acting Chairperson of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)**.
- The term is extended till December 31, 2020 or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.
- Justice Bansi Lal Bhat was appointed as acting Chairperson of NCLAT in March 2020 for 3 months and his term extended twice in September and October
- First Chairperson of NCLAT: **Justice SJ Mukhopadhaya**
- NCLAT HQs: **New Delhi**

Science & Technology

37. Nasa's SOFIA confirms water on sunlit surface of Moon

- Nasa's **SOFIA telescope** has confirmed water presence on the moon's north and south poles surface
- Water molecules have been found at Clavius Crater, one of the largest craters visible from Earth on lunar surface
- This discovery indicated that water may be distributed across moon's surface
- SOFIA: **Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy**, is a joint project of Nasa and the German Aerospace Center to maintain and construct an airborne observatory.

Obituaries

38. Renowned author and editor Daniel Menaker passes away

- Award-winning author and editor **Daniel Menaker (79 years)** passes away in Massachusetts, United States due to pancreatic cancer
- He was a **fiction editor at The New Yorker** for twenty years and had material published in the magazine frequently.
- He became **chief editor at Random House** and later became the host for web-based book show 'Titlepage'
- **Works:** The African Svelte, The Committee, My Mistake: A Memoir, The treatment, Friends and Relations: A Collection of Stories, etc

National Affairs

39. BharatPe introduces digital gold product on its platform for merchants

- **BharatPe** in association with **Safegold** has introduced digital gold product on its platform for merchants to allows customers to buy, sell and take delivery of 24k physical gold, at low ticket sizes, round the clock.

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- Under this, merchants will get an entire gamut of financial products and will be able to buy and sell 99.5 % purity, 24-carat gold
- Gold can be bought in rupees or grams, at any time of the day and from anywhere, by using the BharatPe app

National Affairs

40. Second edition of Integrated Foundation Course for Civil Services 'Aarambh

- Prime Minister interacts with Officer Trainees (OTs) of Indian Civil Services in the second edition of the Integrated Foundation Course **Aarambh**
- AARAMBH launched for the first time in 2019.
- It is a **week-long unique comprehensive foundation course**.
- Officer trainees gave presentations on **5 thematic areas**: Agriculture and Rural Empowerment, Health care reforms and policymaking; sustainable rural management techniques, inclusive urbanization and future of education

Important Dates

41. World Vegan Day being observed on 1st November

- **World Vegan Day** is celebrated every year on **November 1** globally to spread benefits of veganism for humans, non-human animals, and the natural environment.
- Vegan day was established in **1994** by Louise Wallis, then Chair of The Vegan Society in the United Kingdom, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of vegan society foundation and the coining of the term's vegan and veganism
- Vegan Society was established in 1944.
- The day promotes **Live Vegan for Less campaign**

Obituaries

42. Former Turkish Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz passes away in Istanbul

- Veteran Politician and former Prime Minister of Turkey, **Mesut Yilmaz (72 years)** passed away in Istanbul
- He was the Chief of now-defunctional centre-right Motherland Party or ANAP from 1991 to 2002.
- He was the Prime Minister of Turkey three times in 1991, 1996 and then from 1997 to 1999
- He was the first prime minister to be tried in Turkey's supreme court for the charge of misfeasance in public office
- Turkey's Capital: **Ankara**
- Currency: **Turkish lira**

Agreement

43. Microsoft Collaborates with NSDC for digital empowerment of women in India

- **Microsoft** partners with **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** to impart digital skills to more than 1 lakh underserved women in India for next 10 months.
- Under this, more than 70 hours of course content will be made available free of cost to underserved young women from rural communities.
- Topics covered under this are digital literacy, enhancing employability, nano entrepreneurship, and communication skills
- CEO & MD of NSDC: **Manish Kumar**

44. **Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh gets UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status**

- **Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh** has been included in the 'World Network of Biosphere Reserves' (WNBR) list of UNESCO.
- This is the **12th Indian biosphere reserve to be included in 'World Network of Biosphere Reserves'**, and third from MP after **Pachmarhi** and **Amarkantak**
- At present, Panna Tiger Reserve is home to **54 tigers**.
- **UNESCO's WNBR** covers internationally designated protected areas that demonstrate a balanced relationship between people and nature

45. **World's first scientoon book "Bye Bye Corona" released**

- Uttar Pradesh Governor **Anandi Ben Patel** has released World's first scientoon book 'Bye Bye Corona', which is based on COVID-19
- The book has been written by 'scientoonist' **Dr Pradeep Srivastava**, former Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow
- It has been published by **Vigyan Prasar of DST**
- It is a 220 pages book that contains comprehensive information on coronavirus, its symptoms and its prevention
- It will also be released in **Brazil**.

Sports

46. **BCCI announce Jio as Title Sponsor for 2020 Women's T20 Challenge**

- **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has announced **Reliance Jio** as the **title sponsor of the Women's T20 Challenge 2020**.
- BCCI is partnering with a sponsor for the first time exclusively for women's IPL.
- **Jio Women's T20 Challenge** will inspire young girls to take up the sport and give parents the confidence that playing cricket is a great career opportunity.
- Women's T20 challenge is scheduled to run from November 4-9 in Sharjah.
- BCCI Chairman: **Sourav Ganguly**

National Affairs

47. **NMC notifies Minimum Requirements for Annual MBBS Admissions Regulations**

- National Medical Commission (NMC) has notified Minimum Requirements for Annual MBBS Admissions Regulations 2020 to make medical education affordable
- This new regulation replaced Minimum Standard Requirements for Medical Colleges, 1999 of the erstwhile Medical Council of India.
- Applicability: All new medical colleges which are to be established and medical colleges that will increase MBBS intake from 2021-22
- It will boost technology inclusion into medical education

National Affairs

48. **Centre to set up Strategic Policy & Facilitation Bureau**

- **Ministry of AYUSH** has been collaborated with **Invest India** to set up a strategic policy unit title as '**Strategic Policy & Facilitation Bureau (SPFB)**' to facilitate planned and systematic growth of Ayush Sector.
- SPFB will support Ayush Ministry in strategic and policy making initiatives
- Invest India will frame the work plan of the Bureau and define its short-and long-term targets.
- **State Policy Bench marking** will be set for uniform guidelines/regulations

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49. DoNER inaugurates Mansar Lake Development Plan in Jammu and Kashmir

- Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, **Jitendra Singh** has inaugurated **Mansar Lake Development Project** in Jammu and Kashmir to boost tourism
- It will attract almost 20 lakh tourists every year and create employment for 1.15 crore man-days with an income generation of ₹800 crore per year.
- **Mansar Lake** is a lake fringed by forest-covered hills and are designated as **Ramsar Convention in November 2005**.
- It is significant Pilgrimage and Heritage site

Obituaries

50. Tamil Nadu minister R Doraikannu passes away

- Tamil Nadu Agriculture Minister **R Doraikannu (72 years)** passed away due to COVID-19 at a private hospital in Chennai.
- He was elected to the Tamil Nadu Assembly from **Papanasam constituency in Thanjavur district** in 2006, 2011 and 2016, with the late chief minister J Jayalithaa inducting him in the cabinet in 2016.
- He was appointed as the **Minister for Agriculture in May 2016**.
- TN's Governor: **Banwarilal Purohit**
- Chief Minister: **Edappadi K. Palaniswami (AIADMK)**

State Affairs

51. Kochi Metropolitan Transport Authority came into effect in Kochi

- **Kochi Metropolitan Transport Authority (KMTA)** came into effect in Kerala's financial nerve-centre, Kochi
- **KMTA** will act as an umbrella independent body to shape and preside over an integrated, seamless urban transport system in the city.
- It will be chaired by the **state's transport minister** with **transport secretary acting as vice-chairperson** and can have 15 members.
- **KMTA bill** was passed in **November 2019**.
- Kochi is the largest and most populous metropolitan area in Kerala.

Defense

52. Aero India 2021 to be held from 3rd February

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- 13th edition of 'Aero India 2021' will be held from **3 to 7 February 2021** at Air Force Station, Bengaluru, (Karnataka)
- Registration for media personnel for the event has been opened on the Aero India 2021 website and last date to register is fixed at 6 Dec 2020
- There is no fee for media registration, however foreign journalists who wish to cover the event must have valid 'J visa'.
- **Aero India 2021:** It is a 5 day exhibition of aerospace and defence industries.

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53. Haryana RERA puts limit of 1% on brokerage for property deals

- **Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (HRERA)** has approved a **maximum 1% brokerage on sale or purchase of property in the state**, facilitating 0.5% commission each from buyer and seller per deal.
- **Applicability:** Only to those who are registered under the **Haryana Regulation of Property Dealers and Consultants Act, 2008**.
- **RERA:** Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act came into effect in May 2016 to regulate and promote the real estate sector all over India

Science & Technology

54. IIT Bombay launches self- help website named Bandhu

- **Union Minister of State for Education** has unveiled a self-help website named as '**Bandhu**' for students of IIT Bombay.
- It has been designed and developed in conjunction with the counsellors at **IIT Bombay** along with external experts.
- The website addresses challenges ranging from adjustment to college life, academic stress, and mental health.
- **Project Bandhu** was initiated by **alumni of 1992** batch as a part of their silver jubilee reunion in 2017

International Affairs

55. Super typhoon Goni slams into Philippines

- Super Typhoon **Goni** slammed into Philippines with authorities warning of catastrophic conditions and is expected to receive the hardest hit
- It is the **strongest typhoon of 2020 on Catanduanes Island** with maximum sustained wind speeds of 225 kilometres (140 miles) per hour.
- Goni intensified into a super typhoon after Typhoon Molave hit the same region a week ago
- Hong Kong Observatory has divided typhoons into 3 division: **typhoon, severe typhoon and super typhoon**.

56. India's first Solar-Powered Miniature Train launched in Kerala

- Kerala's Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** has inaugurated **India's first solar energy-driven miniature train** at Veli Tourist Village, Kerala.
- It has 3 bogies and will cover a distance of 2.5km with 45 people at a time.
- It will have **fully- equipped rail system, including a tunnel, traditional station and a ticket office** and will attract especially children
- Artificial steam spouted by engine of the train, modelled after vintage steam locomotive, will stir nostalgic feelings

57. Govt extended Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme till Nov 30

- Central Govt has extended **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)** till 30th November or till Rs 3 lakh crores is sanctioned under the scheme, whichever is earlier.
- It will provide further opportunity to borrowers who have not availed the scheme so far, to obtain credit.
- **ECLGS:** It is a fully guaranteed collateral free additional credit to MSMEs, business enterprises, individuals for business purposes and MUDRA borrowers.

National Affairs

58. CJI Arvind Bobde inaugurates India's first E-resource centre in Nagpur

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) **Sharad Arvind Bobde** and Supreme Court Justice **DY Chandrachud** has jointly inaugurated India's first-ever E-resource centre and virtual court called '**Nyay Kaushal**' at Judicial Officers Training Institute in Nagpur.
- **Nyay Kaushal:** It will facilitate electronic-filing of cases in the Supreme Court, High Court as well as district courts across the country to enable speedy justice by utilising technology.
- It will work from Katol, Nagpur

National Affairs

59. AAI hands over Lucknow airport to Adani group on lease for 50 years

- **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** has handed over Lucknow airport to Adani group on lease for 50 years.
- Central Govt privatised 6 major airports: **Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Mangaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Guwahati** in February 2019
- Adani group has taken over the operations of Jaipur, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram in Sep 2020, Mangaluru on Oct 31, 2020, Lucknow on Nov 2, 2020 and will take Ahmedabad Airport on Nov 11, 2020
- AAI's Chairman: **Arvind Singh**

Agreement

60. IREDA signs MoU with MNRE for setting key targets for year 2020-21

- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)** has signed MoU with **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** for setting key targets for 2020-21
- Government has set revenue target of 2,406 crore rupees under 'Excellent' rating along with various performance-related parameters such as Operating Profit as percentage of Revenue from Operation, PAT (profit after tax) as a percentage of Average Net worth, Loan disbursement, Overdue loan etc.
- IREDA CMD's: **Pradip Kumar Das**

Agreement

61. IISc signs MoU with Indian Oil R&D for hydrogen-generation technology

- **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** signed MoU with R&D Centre of **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** to develop and demonstrate biomass gasification-based hydrogen generation technology.
- This technology will be used for producing fuel cell-grade hydrogen at affordable cost
- It will be scaled up and demonstrated at IndianOils R&D Centre, Faridabad.

- Hydrogen generated from this plant will be used to power fuel cell buses.
- IISc Director: **Govindan Rangarajan**

Banking & Finance

62. CCI approves Bharti AXA Insurance Business acquisition by ICICI Lombard

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved acquisition of General Insurance Business of **Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Ltd** by **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited** under **Section 31(1) of Competition Act, 2002**.
- The acquisition will be done by demerger Bharti AXA General Insurance business to ICICI Lombard
- ICICI Lombard: General insurance company which has range of insurance products
- CCI Chairperson: **Ashok Kumar Gupta**

National Affairs

63. Indian Naval Ship entered Port Sudan under Mission SAGAR II

- Indian Naval Ship **Airavat** has entered **Port Sudan** as a part of '**Mission Sagar-II**' for providing assistance to overcome natural calamities and COVID-19
- **Mission Sagar-II**, follows '**Mission Sagar**' undertaken in May-June 2020, wherein India reached out to **Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros**, and provided food aid and medicines.
- Under **Mission Sagar-II**, Indian Naval Ship Airavat will deliver food aid to **Sudan, South Sudan, Djibouti and Eritrea**

Sports

64. Lewis Hamilton wins F1 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020

- Mercedes racer **Lewis Hamilton** (Great Britain) has won **Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020** held in Italy.
- This was Hamilton's 9th victory of the F-1 2020 season and 93rd victory of his Formula 1 career.
- **Valtteri Bottas** finished second at Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, followed by **Daniel Ricciardo**.
- After this title, Mercedes became the seventh consecutive constructors' title for 2020, followed by Red Bull and Renault.

Sports

65. Cricket Association of Ladakh organises Ladakh Premier League 2020

- **Cricket Association of Ladakh** is organising **Ladakh Premier League 2020**.
- The Ladakh Premier league has been inaugurated by Upper Leh Councillor Phunsog Stanzin Tsepag at NDS Stadium
- The league will serve as the big opportunity for youth in Ladakh region to prove their talent.
- 22 teams from various parts of Leh district are participating in the Ladakh Premier League tournament 2020
- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh: **Radha Krishna Mathur**

Sports

66. Sports Minister inaugurates SAI new Regional Centre in Punjab

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Kiren Rijiju** has virtually inaugurated **Sports Authority of India's (SAI) new Regional Centre in Zirakpur, Punjab**
- It will now act as one of the main SAI centres for the northern belt of India.
- **Zirakpur Regional Centre's administrative block** has been built by **Central Public Works Department**
- **Zirakpur:** It is a satellite town in Mohali, Punjab. It is set on the foothills of Shivalik hills. It is the gateway to Chandigarh from Delhi.

Sports

67. Amit Panghal, Sanjeet and Ashish win gold at Alexis Vastine International

- Indian boxers **Amit Panghal, Sanjeet and Ashish Kumar** have won gold medals at **2020 Alexis Valentine International Boxing Tournament** held in France.
- This was the first international tournament post-lockdown for Indian boxers
- Amit Panghal won the gold in 52 kg-weight category, Sanjeet won in the 91 kg final bout and Ashish Kumar won in the 75 kg weight category.
- Along with them, **Kavinder Singh Bisht** won silver in the 57 kg weight category.

Honours & Awards

68. Malayalam Writer Paul Zacharia selected for Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2020

- **Paul Zacharia** has been selected for **2020 Ezhuthachan Puraskaram** for his contribution to Malayalam literature for 5 decades.
- His famous works: **Salam America, Oridath, Aarkkariyam, Bhaskara patelarum ente jeevithavum**
- He won Kerala **Sahitya Akademi Award in 1979** and **Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award in 2004.**
- **Ezhuthachan Puraskaram:** Kerala govt's highest literary honour, named after Ezhuthachan, father of Malayalam language. It carries a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and citation

69. Portugal's Duarte Pacheco elected as President of Inter Parliamentary Union

- **Duarte Pacheco of Portugal** has been elected as the new **President of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU)** after the IPU election process concluded through remote electronic secret ballot
- The secret electronic ballot was held with 24-hour window for casting votes
- His term will be from 2020 to 2023.
- He succeeded Mexican MP **Gabriela Cuevas Barron** and became 30th President of the IPU
- IPU's HQs: **Geneva.**
- Total Members in IPU: **179 nations including India.**

Arts & Culture

70. NMCG virtually inaugurates three-day long Ganga Utsav 2020

- **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** along with **Ministry of Jal Shakti** has organised **Ganga Utsav 2020** virtually amidst COVID-19
- It is a **three-day long event** which is being held from 2nd to 4th November 2020
- Ganga Utsav is organised to spread awareness about river Ganga and the need to keep the river clean and rejuvenated.

- **2020 edition of Ganga Utsav** marks 12th anniversary of holy river Ganga, which is being accorded **National River status on 4th November 2008**

Obituaries

74. **Legendary violinist T.N. Krishnan passes away in Chennai**

- Legendary violinist **Tiruppunithura Narayanaiyer Krishnan (92 years)** passed away in Chennai.
- He was a **Carnatic music violinist** and was considered a part of violin-trinity along with **Lalgudi Jayaraman** and **M. S. Gopalakrishnan**
- **Honours:** Madras Music Academy's **Sangeetha Kalanidhi (1980)**, **Padma Bhushan (1992)**, and **Padma Shri (1973)**
- He served as the **Dean of the School of Music and Fine Arts**, University of Delhi and **vice-chairman of the Sangeet Natak Akademi**.

Honours & Awards

75. **Susanta Kar honoured with A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award-2020**

- Senior Scientist of CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow, **Susanta Kar** has been conferred with **Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award 2020**
- He has been recognized for his contributions towards defining the survival tactics of **Leishmania donovani**, which is a protozoan parasite that effects immune cells like macrophages, dendritic cells and T cells causing Kala Azar
- **A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award:** It is being conferred by Society of Biological Chemists (India) and is given biennially

State Affairs

76. **CM Sarbananda Sonowal launched Indo-Israeli agricultural project at Khetri**

- Assam CM **Sarbananda Sonowal** laid the foundation stone of **Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation** at Khetri on the outskirts of Guwahati
- It is estimated to be set up at a cost of Rs 10.33 Crore.
- It will provide exposure to latest Israeli technologies to the farmers of Assam maximizing their production and income.
- It would also boost agricultural and horticultural production in Assam leading to greater economic rewards to its farmers

Summits & Conferences

77. **MoHUA organises 13th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference**

- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) **Hardeep Singh Puri** will organise **13th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference** through Video Conference on 9th Nov 2020
- Main theme of this year's event: '**Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility**'
- Theme will address challenges posed by Covid-19 to provide accessible and convenient transport to people
- **Jan Gehl**, renowned Danish Architect, Urbanist, and founder of Modern Urban Planning will deliver keynote address at the event

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78. IBM collaborates with Indian Oil Corporation for Digital Transformation

- **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)** has collaborated with **IBM** to digitally transform the customer experience using digital tools.
- Under this, IBM will develop mobile app and portal of Indian Oil, which will be named as '**IndianOil One**'
- This digital transformation initiative is a part of **Indian Oil's 'Project ePIC' (Electronic Platform for Indian Oil customers)**, an integrated platform for Customer Relationship Management and Distribution Management System (DMS).

Obituaries

79. Filmmaker-actor Ashish Kakkad passes away in Kolkata

- Noted actor, filmmaker and voiceover artiste **Ashish Kakkad (49 years)** passed away after suffering a massive cardiac arrest
- He was one of the most prominent artists of Gujarati film industry.
- As a filmmaker, he was known for **Better Half (2010)** and **Mission Mummy (2016)**.
- As an actor, he was seen in several Gujarati and Hindi films like **Kai Po Che! in 2013**, and psychological thriller '**Beyond Blue: An Unnerving Tale of a Demented Mind**' in 2015

Defense

80. First Phase of Malabar Naval Exercise begun in Bay of Bengal

- **First Phase of the 24th edition of Malabar Naval Exercise** has begun in **Visakhapatnam, Bay of Bengal**
- **Participants:** Indian Navy, United States Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force and Royal Australian Navy
- It will be conducted in 2 phases and **phase 2 will be conducted in Arabian Sea in mid-November**
- Malabar series of maritime exercises commenced in **1992** as a bilateral Indian Navy- United States Navy exercise and was joined by Japan in 2015 and Australian Navy in 2020

National & International Appointments

81. Rajiv Jalota Appointed As Chairman of Mumbai Port Trust

- **Rajiv Jalota** (1988 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre) has been appointed as the new **Chairperson of Mumbai Port Trust**
- He will hold the position till September 30, 2024.
- He will take over the post from **Sanjay Sethi**, who is holding additional charge of the post since July 31
- He succeeded **Sanjay Bhatia**
- Rajiv Jalota was the **first GST commissioner of Maharashtra** and is currently **additional chief secretary in higher technical education dept of Maharashtra**

National & International Appointments

82. Priyanca Radhakrishnan becomes first Indian-origin minister of New Zealand

- Indian-origin New Zealand politician **Priyanca Radhakrishnan (41 year)** has become the 1st Indian-origin woman to become New Zealand minister

- She was appointed as **Minister for Community and Voluntary Sector** and **Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities** in Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's cabinet.
- She also become **Minister for Youth** and **Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment** in addition
- She was one of 5 new ministers inducted into Cabinet.

Obituaries

83. Actor Faraaz Khan passes away in Bengaluru

- Actor **Faraaz Khan** passed away at a hospital in Bengaluru, after being admitted in ICU for neurological disorder.
- He made his debut in Bollywood with Vikram Bhatt-directed **Fareb** in 1996
- He found fame with social drama movie **Mehendi** in 1998 opposite to Rani Mukherjee
- **Prithvi, Dulhan Banoo Main Teri Dil Ne Phir Yaad Kiya** and **Chand Bujh Gaya** are his other works
- He also starred in a many TV shows like **Achanak 37 Saal Baad, Sssshhh...Koi Hai** and **Raat Hone Ko Hai**

Sports

84. Shane Watson formally announces retirement from all forms of cricket

- Australian all-rounder and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) opener **Shane Watson (39 years)** has formally announced retirement from all forms of Cricket
- He was one of the world's premier white-ball all-rounders.
- He retired from his international career in March 2016 and had only been playing in overseas T20 leagues
- He played **59 Tests, 190 ODIs, and 58 T20s** at the international level and was a part of ICC World Cup Australia team in 2007 and 2015.

National Affairs

85. Hardeep Singh Puri launches 'Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge'

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has launched '**Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge**' to ensure development of common spaces along with creation of data banks for better planning in smart cities
- It is being conducted with the support of **Bernard van Leer Foundation, Netherlands** and **WRI India**.
- In this, selected cities will receive technical assistance and capacity-building to reimagine parks and open spaces, improve access to early childhood facilities.

Science & Technology

86. ISRO to launch Earth Observation Satellite EOS01 on Nov 7

- **Indian Space Research organisation (ISRO)** is all set to launch Earth Observation Satellite '**EOS01**' by **PSLV- C49 launch vehicle** on November 7, 2020
- Along with this, 9 other customer satellites will also be carried into space by PSLV-C49.
- This will be the first launch by ISRO after the Covid-19 lockdown.
- Satellite will be launched from **Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh**
- EOS-01 will be used for agriculture, forestry and disaster management support.

National & International Organizations

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87. UNGA adopts two India sponsored resolutions on Nuclear disarmament

- **First committee of UN General Assembly** has adopted **two India-sponsored resolutions on nuclear disarmament** to reduce risk of nuclear accidents and call for prohibition on the use of nuclear weapons.
- Adopted resolutions: **'Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons'** and **'Reducing Nuclear Danger'** under 'Nuclear weapons' cluster.
- **Aim:** Total elimination of nuclear weapons and works in close cooperation with UN Disarmament Commission and Conference on Disarmament

Agreement

88. Prasar Bharati signs MoU to launch 51 education TV channels

- **Prasar Bharati** has signed MoU with **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics, MeitY** to launch 51 DTH education TV channels
- These TV Channels will be co-branded by DD to all DD FreeDish viewers.
- **Components:** Swaymprabha (22 channels), e-Vidya-NCERT for classes 1 to 12 (12 channels), Vande Gujarat (Govt. of Gujarat) (16 channels) and DigiShala (1 channel)
- **Aim:** 24x7 Quality education to every households free of cost

Defense

89. Bangladesh & US jointly launches naval exercise 'CARAT Bangladesh 2020'

- **Bangladesh and US Navies** rolled out **'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Bangladesh-2020'** to expand relationships and broaden maritime awareness
- Historically, the CARAT exercises involve people to people interactions and a variety of professional exchanges.
- It will be held online this year due to COVID-19
- Sea-phase of this exercise will take place in **Bay of Bengal** with navy ships of both nations
- **First edition of CARAT Bangladesh was held in 2011**

Honours & Awards

90. Six women led startups win COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge

- Six women led startups have won **COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge** organized by **MyGov** in collaboration with **UN Women**.
- The challenged was conducted in April 2020 to encourage and involve women led startups
- 25 startups were shortlisted from 1,265 entries
- Top 3 winners:
 - **Dr P Gayatri Hela**
 - **Romita Ghosh**
 - **Anjana Ramkumar and Anushka Ashokan**
- Top 3 startups identified as 'Promising Solutions' are:
 - **Seragen BioTherapeutics**
 - **Empathy Design Labs**

Summits & Conferences

91. **India hosts 8th India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investment**

- India hosted **eighth edition of India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force** virtually due to COVID-19
- It was co-chaired by Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** and **Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Member of Abu Dhabi's Executive Council
- Joint Task Force was established in **2012** as a crucial forum for deepening the already strong economic ties between UAE and India.
- Both sides reviewed the existing UAE special desk (UAE Plus) and Fast Track Mechanism created in 2018

Sports

92. **West Indies batsman Marlon Samuels retires from all forms of cricket**

- West Indies batsman **Marlon Samuels** has formally announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- He represented his country in December 2018, against Bangladesh in ODI match.
- He is a **right-handed middle order batsman** and off spinner and played **71 Tests, 207 ODIs, and 67 T20s** for West Indies.
- He was the top-scorer for West Indies team that won 2012 and 2016 ICC World Twenty20
- He also represented T20 franchises including **Pune Warriors, Delhi Daredevils** in IPL

National Affairs

93. **Tourism Ministry launches Tourist Facilitation Centre facility at Kerala**

- Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism **Prahlad Singh Patel** has virtually inaugurated '**Tourist Facilitation Centre**' facility at Guruvayur, Kerala
- It has been constructed under Development of Guruvayur project under PRASHAD Scheme of Ministry of Tourism with a cost of Rs. 11.57 Crores.
- '**Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive**' (**PRASHAD**) was launched in 2014-15 to integrate development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations.

Defense

94. **DRDO successfully tested Enhanced PINAKA rocket**

- **DRDO** has successfully flight tested **Enhanced PINAKA rocket** from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- Enhanced Pinaka system will help in achieving longer range performance compared to earlier design with reduced length.
- It has been designed and developed by DRDO laboratories, **Armament Research and Development Establishment** and **High Energy Materials Research Laboratory**
- **Enhanced version of the Pinaka rocket** will replace **Pinaka Mk-I rocket**

National & International Appointments

95. Alassane Ouattara elected as Ivory Coast President for the third time

- Incumbent President of Ivory Coast, **Alassane Ouattara (78 years)** has won Presidential election of the country for the third time in a landslide victory
- He secured more than **94%** of the total votes
- **Term: 5 Years**
- He was first sworn in as the president in 2010 and was re-elected in 2015.
- He also served as the Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire from November 1990 to December 1993.
- Capital of Ivory Coast: **Yamoussoukro**
- Currency: **West African CFA franc**

Obituaries

96. Theatre and film actor HG Somashekar Rao passes away in Bengaluru

- Theatre and film actor **HG Somashekar Rao (86 years)** passed away in Bengaluru after a heart attack.
- He acted in over 300 plays and made his big screen debut with 1975 Kannada film **Geejagana Goodu**.
- He was featured in more than 60 movies like **Kaamana Billu (1983)**, **27 Mavalli Circle (1986)**, **Harakeya Kuri (1992)**, **Mithileya Seeteyaru (1988)**, **Minchina Ota (1981)** and **Accident (1984)**.
- He also authored around 25 books, including an autobiography.

Obituaries

97. Former Bihar's CM Satish Prasad Singh passes away

- Former Bihar's CM **Satish Prasad Singh (87 years)** passed away due to Covid-19 at a private hospital in Delhi
- He was the shortest-serving Chief Minister of Bihar, who was appointed as the sixth Chief Minister of Bihar in 1968 for only five days.
- He served as Bihar's CM from January 28, 1968 to February 1, 1968.
- He was also Bihar's first non-upper caste Chief Minister.
- He was elected to the **7th Lok Sabha from the Khagaria constituency of Bihar** in 1980.

Summits & Conferences

99. PM addresses Virtual Global Investor Roundtable

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired **Virtual Global Investor Roundtable**
- It is being organized by **Finance Ministry** and **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund**.
- This roundtable is an exclusive dialogue between leading global institutional investors, Indian business leaders and highest decision makers of Govt and Financial Market Regulators.
- It will witness participation from key regions like **US, Europe, Canada, Korea, Japan, West Asia, Australia, and Singapore**.

National & International Appointments

100. John Pombe Magufuli sworn in as President of Tanzania

- **John Pombe Magufuli** has been sworn in as the **President of Tanzania** for a second term, by taking oath on 5 November 2020
- He will serve as the President for 5 years
- He **secured 84% of the total votes** in Presidential elections that was held on October 28.
- He was elected as the fifth President of Tanzania, and holds the office since 2015.
- Tanzania is an East African country.
- Capital of Tanzania: **Dodoma**.
- Currency: **Tanzanian shilling**.

International Affairs

101. United States formally exits Paris Climate Accord

- **United States (US)** has officially withdrawn from **Paris climate accord** amid US election uncertainty.
- US has now become the only nation to formally pull out of the deal since it was adopted in 2015.
- **Paris climate accord/ agreement** was signed in **2015** to protect the planet from the worsening impacts of the climate crisis **limiting global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius**
- US notified UN of its withdrawal on November 4, 2019, as per the accord rule of 1 year notice.

National & International Appointments

102. AK Gupta assume charges as new MD & CEO OF ONGC Videsh Limited

- **AK Gupta** took charge as **Managing Director and CEO of ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)**
- Prior to this, he was serving as the **Director (Operations) of ONGC Videsh**
- He started his career with ONGC in 1984 as Graduate Trainee and made noteworthy contributions in ONGC projects for diverse geographies like Myanmar, Vietnam in Asia Pacific, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela in Latin America
- **OVL:** International petroleum company of India and overseas arm of national oil and gas major ONGC

Banking & Finance

103. ICICI Bank launches banking stack for millennial customers 'Mine'

- **ICICI Bank** has launched a comprehensive banking programme for millennial customers titled as '**Mine**'
- It is India's first and unique product launched by bank to offer a mobile-first, highly personalised and experiential led banking experience to millennial customers
- **Features:**
 - **Age:** 18-35 years
 - Instant savings account
 - New credit card with curated features
 - Instant personal loans & overdrafts
 - Experiential branch with social engagement space
- ICICI MD-CEO: **Sandeep Bakhshi**

National Affairs

104. MIB constitutes committee to review guidelines on Television Rating agency

- **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB)** has constituted **committee to review guidelines on Television Rating agencies in India**.

- Chairman of committee: **Shashi Shekhar Vempati** (CEO of Prasar Bharti)
- **Other Committee Members:**
 - Shalabh, IIT Kanpur,
 - Rajkumar Upadhyay, C-DOT
 - Pulak Ghosh, Decision Sciences Centre for Public Policy.
- Committee will carry out an appraisal of the existing system, examine TRAI recommendations, and address the needs of the stakeholders.

National Affairs

105. President promulgates Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment) Ordinance 2020

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has promulgated **Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020** amending **Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996**.
- The new ordinance will ensure equal opportunity for all stakeholders to seek unconditional stay of enforcement of arbitral awards that are induced by fraud or corruption or otherwise
- Through this, addition is made to **section 36** and also does away with the **8th Schedule of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996**.

Arts & Culture

106. Vice President launches 'International Satavadhanam' event

- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has virtually launched '**International Satavadhanam**' program
- It has been organised by Medasani Mohan
- **Avadhānam**: It is a literary performance that originated as Sanskrit literary process in ancient India and revived by Telugu and Kannada poets in modern times. It involves partial improvisation of poems using specific themes, metres, forms.
- It is held with number of Prchakas/ questionnaire that can be 8 (Aṣṭāvadhānam) or 100 (Śatāvadhānam)

Honours & Awards

107. Harsh Vardhan gives away Gandhian Young Technological Awards

- Union Health Minister **Harsh Vardhan** has given away **Gandhian Young Technological Awards (GYTA)** at virtual function in New Delhi.
- **GYTA comprises of 2 awards:**
 - Students Innovations for Advancement of Research Explorations - Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (SITARE-GYTI)
 - Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technological Innovations (SRISTI) GYTI
- 14 awards, 11 appreciation under SITARE-GYTI, and 7 awards, 16 appreciation under SRISTI were given.

International Affairs

108. WhatsApp announces new feature 'disappearing messages'

- **WhatsApp** has officially announced new feature named as '**disappearing messages**' or '**Ephemeral message**', which will be available to users globally by November end
- **Ephemeral messaging**: Ephemeral means **something that only lasts for a short period of time**. It is the mobile-to-mobile transmission of multimedia messages that automatically disappear from recipient's screen after message has been viewed

- Encrypted messaging apps like **Telegram, Signal, Wire** already use this method.

State Affairs

109. Union Minister inaugurates ADIP Camp in North Mumbai

- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister **Thaawarchand Gehlot** has virtually inaugurated **ADIP Camp** for free distribution of assistive aids and devices to Divyangjan in North Mumbai
- It was organized by **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), Kanpur** under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with district administration, North Mumbai under ADIP Scheme
- Under this, aids and assistive devices were distributed among 150 Divyangjan.

Summits & Conferences

110. Shaktikanta Das chaired 40th SAARCFINANCE Governors' Meet

- Governor of RBI, **Shaktikanta Das** chaired and inaugurated **SAARC Central Bank Governors Meet** for 40th SAARCFINANCE Governors' Group
- The meeting was attended by all the Governors from SAARC nation central banks
- **SAARCFINANCE**: Network of central bank governors and finance secretaries of SAARC
- **RBI** is the current chair of SAARCFINANCE.
- **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)**: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

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