

**1. Sushant Singh Rajput is the most searched person in 2020 at Yahoo**

- Recently, Yahoo announced that actor Sushant Singh Rajput is the most searched person on the search engine in 2020.
- While Indian PM Narendra Modi stood second in the list.

**2. British PM Boris Johnson will be the Chief Guest on Republic Day celebrations**

- He is the second British PM after John Major who came to India as Chief Guest on Republic Day in 1993.
- Earlier, Boris Johnson invited PM Narendra Modi to participate in G-7 summit going to held in 2021 in United Kingdom.

**3. Lucknow Municipal Corporation bonds list on BSE.**

- With the listing of Municipal Corporation, Lucknow become the first city in Northern India and ninth overall.
- The Lucknow Municipal corporation bond will collect around Rs. 200 crore rupees which will be invested in developmental works of the city.
- **Note-** Municipal corporations are government bodies that typically form the third tier of the government in urban areas after the central and state government. They have their own expenditures and sources of revenue. Typically, municipal bodies provide services like water, sanitation, sewage and solid waste management. Some bigger municipal bodies also run schools.

**4. Union Minister unveiled Sahakar Pragya**

- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development, Panchayat Raj and Food Processing Industries, unveiled **Sahakar Pragya**.
- The 45 new training modules of Sahakar Pragya of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas of the country.
- **Sahakar Pragya** embodies enhancing NCDC's training capacity by 18 fold through an elaborate network of 18 Regional Training Centres across the country by the dedicated, Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC) set up and fully funded by NCDC.
- **Note:** India boasts a huge network of over 8.50 lakh cooperative societies with about 290 million members and around 94% of the farmers in India are members of at least one cooperative society.



- **About NCDC (National Cooperative Development Corporation):** NCDC has emerged as a financial powerhouse giving the client cooperatives a wide range of products and services.
- NCDC had earlier launched the **SahakarCooptube NCDC Channel** with the aim to involve youth in the cooperative movement, **Sahakar Mitra**-Scheme on Internship Programme, **Yuva Sahakar**-Start Up Scheme in Cooperatives, **Ayushman Sahakar**-For creation of healthcare infrastructure and services.

#### 5. **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launches world-class premium grade Petrol (Octane 100) in the country**

- Indian Oil has launched a world-class premium grade Petrol (Octane 100) in the country. Branded as **XP100**, the premium grade petrol was launched across ten cities by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel.
- Indian Oil plans to roll-out **XP100** premium grade petrol in 15 identified cities across the country in two phases. In the first phase, it has been made available at select ROs w.e.f December 1, 2020, in Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Agra, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Mumbai, Pune and Ahmedabad. In the second phase, the availability of this 100 Octane petrol would be extended to Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kochi, and Kolkata.
- **Note:** Worldwide, 100 Octane petrol has a niche market for luxury vehicles that demand high performance, and is available only in six countries like Germany, USA, etc.
- India has already adopted the BS-VI category of fuel since April this year, and invested over Rs 30,000 crore in the technology.

#### 6. **India's first organ donor memorial inaugurated in Jaipur**

- On the occasion of National Organ Donation Day 27 November, Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the country's first organ donor memorial in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- The memorial has been built by the Mohan Foundation Jaipur Citizens Forum and the Jaipur Municipal Corporation.
- The organ donor memorial, built near SMS Hospital, is dedicated in honour of those who have given life to hundreds of others.
- The memorial is inspired by the famous Jantar Mantar of Jaipur and has been designed by Sameer Wheaton. It depicts life looking towards the cosmic heavens in gratitude, compassion and love.
- **Note:** "Organ donation is only 0.08 percent in India while in Spain it is 35 percent, in the US it is 21 percent and in the UK it is 15 percent.

#### 7. **Successful test firing of BrahMos by Indian Navy**

- BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile in Anti-Ship mode was successfully test fired against a decommissioned Ship.



- BrahMos is the supersonic cruise missile jointly developed by DRDO and NPOM of Russia as a Brahmos Aerospace joint venture, which became Brahmos Aerospace Private Limited.
- The missile has established itself as a major force multiplier in modern-day complex battlefields with its impeccable anti-ship and land-attack capabilities with multi-role and multi-platform abilities and has been deployed in all the three wings of the Indian Armed Forces.
- **Note:** The first launch of Brahmos took place in 2001 and till date numerous launches have taken place from various ships, Mobile Autonomous Launchers and Su-30 MKI aircraft, making it a versatile weapon.

#### 8. Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda launches 'Aadi Mahotsav'

- The 10-day-long 'Aadi Mahotsav', Madhya Pradesh, a festival of tribes has been launched on December 1, 2020.
- Keeping in view of restrictions due to Covid-19, the TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India) has decided to organise its annual event Aadi Mahotsav-2020 in an online mode.
- **Note: Aadi Mahotsav** is a unique celebration of the spirit of tribal crafts, culture, cuisine and commerce. It commenced in 2017.
- It was also announced that the next focus state from the 11th December would be Gujarat, following which the spotlight would shift to Bengal from the 21st December, 2020.

#### 9. 'Ramayan Cruise Service' will be launched on the river Saryu in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

- 'Ramayan Cruise Tour' on the Saryu River in Ayodhya will be launched soon. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways chaired a review meeting for the implementation of cruise service.
- **Note:** It will be the first-ever luxury Cruise service on the Saryu river (Ghagra/National Waterways-40) in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.

#### 10. Delhi Half Marathon 2020 (16<sup>th</sup> edition)

- **Men's winner:** Amedework Walelegn (Ethiopia)
- **Women's winner:** Yalemzerf Yehualaw (Ethiopia)
- India's Avinash Sable, who qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in 3000m steeplechase, emerged winner among Indian elite runners.
- **Note:** Airtel Delhi Half Marathon (ADHM) is an annual half marathon foot-race held in New Delhi, India. Established in 2005, it is both an elite runner and mass participation event.

#### 11. The Government of India appointed Varsha Joshi as the new Chairperson of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)

- She replaces Dilip Rath on completion of his tenure on November 30.

- Joshi is the Joint Secretary (CDD), Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India.
- **Note:** The National Dairy Development Board is an institution of national importance set up by an Act of Parliament of India. The main office is in Anand, Gujarat with regional offices throughout the country. It was founded on 16 July 1965.

### **12. December 3, International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) 2020**

- The theme is "Building back better: towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 world by, for and with persons with disabilities".
- **Note:** WHO estimates that more than one billion people - about 15% of the world's population - experience some form of disability.
- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol was adopted on 13 December 2006 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992.

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