

Daily Current Affairs-10/12/20

- 1. United Nations declares Invest India the winner of the Investment Promotion Award 2020**
 - The United Nations (UNCTAD-United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) has declared Invest India as a winner of the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award.
 - **Note: UNCTAD** is a central agency that monitors performance of Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) and identifies global best practices. Germany, South Korea and Singapore have been some of the past winners of the award.
 - **About Invest India**, the national investment promotion agency, is a non-profit venture under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. It was set up in 2009.

- 2. Gwalior and Orchha included in UNESCO's world heritage cities list**
 - The historical fort cities of Gwalior and Orchha in Madhya Pradesh have been included in the list of UNESCO's world heritage cities under its urban landscape city programme.
 - **Note: Gwalior** was established in the 9th century and ruled by Gurjar Pratihara Rajvansh, Tomar, Baghel Kachvaho and Scindias. Gwalior is known for its palaces and temples.
 - **Orchha** is popular for its temples and palaces and was the capital of the Bundela kingdom in the 16th century.

- 3. Uttarakhand gets its first Eco-Bridge for small animals**
 - In an attempt to save reptiles and small animals from vehicular accidents while crossing the road, the Ramnagar Forest Division of Uttarakhand has constructed the state's first eco-bridge across Kaladhungi-Nainital highway.
 - It is 90-feet-long and 5-feet-wide. No cement or iron was used in the construction of the bridge. It's made of eco-friendly items like bamboo, rope, and grass.
 - **Note: Eco-Bridges or Eco-Ducts** are constructed to enhance the wildlife connectivity that is usually disrupted due to logging or highways.

- 4. Uttar Pradesh's Dandupur railway station to be renamed as 'Maa Barahi Devi Dham'**
 - The Dandupur railway station situated between Pratapgarh and Badshahpur on Lucknow-Varanasi rail section will now be named Maa Barahi Devi Dham.

- 5. UN removes cannabis from 'most dangerous drug' category**
 - At its ongoing 63rd session, the 53-member CND (The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs) has chosen to affirm a World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendation from 2019 to remove cannabis from its 'most dangerous' category.
 - **Note:** Currently in India, the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, illegalises any mixture with or without any neutral material,

of any of the two forms of cannabis-charas and ganja-or any drink prepared from it.

6. Mt Everest is now 86 cms taller

- China and Nepal jointly announced that the new height of Mt Everest, the world's highest peak, is 8,848.86 meters.
- The new height is 86 cms more than the previous measurement. According to the measurement done in 1954 by Survey of India, the height of Mount Everest is 8,848 metres.

7. India's Amul is now world's 8th largest milk processor

- Amul, a brand of dairy cooperative major Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF), is ranked 8th in the list of top 20 global dairy processors report 2020 released by the International Farm Comparison Network (IFCN).
- **Note:** US's 'Dairy Farmers of America' topped the global list of dairy processors.

8. Sakhir Grand Prix 2020

- Sergio Perez (Racing Point-BWT Mercedes) won the Sakhir Grand Prix 2020 (Formula 1 Rolex Sakhir Grand Prix 2020)
- Esteban Ocon (Renault) got second position and Lance Stroll (Racing Point-BWT Mercedes) got third position.

9. Uday Shankar named FICCI president for 2020-21

- Shankar will succeed Sangita Reddy.
- He is the first-ever media and entertainment executive in India to lead a national industry chamber such as FICCI (The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry).

10. December 10, Human Rights Day

- The theme of Human Rights Day 2020 is 'Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights'.
- **Note:** Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).