

- 1. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar passed two farm sector legislations in the Lok Sabha:**
 - The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020
 - Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020
 - **Note:** The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 also permits the electronic trading of farmers' produce and allows setting up of transaction platforms for facilitating their direct online buying and selling through electronic devices and internet. The legislation prohibits state governments from levying any market fee, cess or levy on farmers, traders, and electronic trading platforms for trade of farmers' produce conducted outside the State Mandis.

- 2. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare attended Joint G20 Finance and Health Ministers Meeting through video conference:**
 - Saudi Arabia bestowed with the Presidency of G20 grouping hosted the session.
 - **Note: G20** is the premier forum for international economic cooperation and brings together the leaders of developing and developed countries.
 - The representatives of G20 countries gather to talk about financial and socio-economic issues.
 - Members represent around 80% of the world's economic output, three-quarters of international trade and two-thirds of global population.

- 3. IBSA Foreign Ministers' Virtual Meeting:**
 - S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India chaired the customary meeting of IBSA Foreign Ministers.
 - The Ministers focus on various issues of global significance including peace, climate change, sustainable development, security, countering terrorism, multilateral trading system, disarmament, non-proliferation issues and South-South Cooperation.
 - **Note: IBSA** is a formal association of India, Brazil and South Africa; all three are large democracies and major economies from three different continents, facing similar challenges.

- 4. Union civil aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated India's first general aviation terminal for private jets at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport:**
 - India's first general aviation terminal for private jets which promises faster turnaround of business jets and chartered planes, shielding them from the clutter of general passenger terminals where they now compete for taxiing slots with commercial flights.

- 5. 10th virtual meeting of BRICS NSAs chaired by Russia:**
 - The National Security Advisors of the BRICS nations will deliberate upon the issues related to strengthening political security and cooperation among the five countries
 - **Note:** BRICS is an organization of 5 major Countries: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The BRICS aims to deepen and intensify cooperation within the grouping and among the individual countries for more equitable, sustainable and mutually beneficial development. The BRICS members are known for their significant present on regional affairs.



6. Manduadih becomes 'Banaras':

- Manduadih railway station has been renamed as 'Banaras' in Uttar Pradesh by The Union Home Ministry.

7. India ranked 116 in the Human Capital Index:

- In the latest ranking of the World Bank's annual Human Capital Index, India has been ranked 116 in the list of 174 countries.
- According to the Human Capital Index report released by the World Bank, India's score has increased from 0.44 in 2018 to 0.49 in 2020.
- **Note: Human Capital Index** is a report prepared by the World Bank. The Index measures which countries are best in mobilizing the economic and professional potential of its citizens. The index identifies how much capital each country loses through lack of health and education.

8. World Patient Safety Day, 17 September:

- On 17th September, The World Patient Safety Day is observed globally to focus a global awareness for patient safety and urge people to show their commitment to making healthcare safer.
- The theme for **World Patient Safety Day 2020: Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety**.

9. Food sectoral committees to tap new markets and investment announced by TPCI:

- Three committees are **Food & Beverages, Food Processing Technology and Chemical and Allied Products**.
- **Food & Beverages:** Chairman- Laxman Singh Rathore
- **Food Processing Technology:** Chairman- R Senguttuvan
- **Chemical and Allied Products:** Chairman- Manish Shah
- **Note:** TPCI is an organization of trade and investment promotion notified in the Foreign Trade Policy. TPCI is supported and recognized by the Department. of Commerce, Govt. of India. The TPCI council focuses on various strategies for intensifying business internationally, by organizing specialized business events and working with the Government by providing policy suggestions which are essentially based on inputs collated from research and industry stakeholders.

10. Delhi Metro launches first indigenous signal system:

- The first Made-in-India signaling system. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) developed an indigenously-built communication-based train control with the launch of i-ATS.
- **Note:** The ATS (Automatic Train Supervision) is a computer-based system, which manages train operations, including basic functioning such as running and halting. By this technology, the i-ATS will reduce the dependence of Indian Metros on foreign vendors dealing with such technologies.

11. M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 4th Global Ayurveda Summit virtually on the theme “Emerging Opportunities for Ayurveda during Pandemic”:



- The objective of the summit is to showcase the Ayurveda immunity model to the global level as a solution named 'Health as One' and 'Immunity through Ayurveda'.

12. Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan to inaugurate 'Poshan Sarkar' programme:

- The month of September is observed every year as the month of nutrition under the Nutrition Campaign.
- The main objective of the Poshan Sarkar programme is to eliminate the malnutrition by helping the Gram Panchayat and the Urban Bodies in the nutrition campaign. Under the programme, nutrition resolution will be passed in all Gram Panchayats/ Nagar Panchayats /Urban Bodies.

13. Sewa Saptah being organized to mark PM Modi's birthday across country:

- Different welfare events were organized across the country to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, who turned 70 today. Bharatiya Janata Party has organized a 1 week long Seva Saptah to celebrate PM's mark the occasion. Various programmes related to social service, cleanliness, distribution of sanitary pads and wheel chairs are being organized from 14th to 20th of this month.

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