

1. COVID-19 test 'FELUDA':

- The Tata Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats, CRISPR test, powered by CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) FELUDA has received regulatory approvals from the Drug Controller General of India for commercial launch.
- The test has met high quality benchmarks with 96 per cent sensitivity and 98 per cent specificity for detecting the Novel Corona virus.

2. International Coastal Cleanup Day:

- The 35th International Coastal Cleanup Day was celebrated on Sep 19 consecutively for the ninth year by the Indian Navy today at Visakhapatnam. The event was also aimed to create awareness among the general public to keep beaches clean and to support the noble efforts of GVMC in making 'The City of Destiny – Vizag' a clean city.

3. MP celebrates 'Gharib Kalyan Week' as ' Vanadhikar Diwas':

- In Madhya Pradesh, Gharib Kalyan Week is being organized from 16th to 23rd September to mark the Birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- On the fourth day of the week, 'Vanadhikar Diwas' was celebrated in the State. And more than 23,000 forest rights pattas were distributed in 47 districts of the State. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Bhopal and Ministers as well as public representatives has distributed forest right pattas to the beneficiaries in other districts.

4. Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020 passed by Rajya Sabha;

- The Bill aims to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to include protections for healthcare personnel combating epidemic diseases and expands the powers of the central government to prevent the spread of such diseases.
- The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020 makes injury, harm, hurt or danger to the life of healthcare service personnel as a cognizable and non-bailable offence.

5. IFC to provide two trillion dollars to India:

- The International Finance Corporation has said that two trillion dollars will be provided to India to develop green buildings, improve public transport and to expand renewable sources of energy.
- **Note: International Finance Corporation (IFC)** provides advisory, asset-management services and investment to encourage private-sector development in developing countries. IFC is a member of the World Bank Group and headquartered in Washington, United States.

6. Shri Manish Chauhan appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Portugal:

- IFS: 1994, Shri Manish Chauhan, presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Portugal.

7. Retd Col Mungali named in AFC task-force:

- Colonel Dr. Girija Shanker Mungali has been appointed as one of the seven members of the Asian Football Confederation's task force for regulating football clubs in Asia and Australia.

- **Note:** The **Asian Football Confederation (AFC)** is the governing body of association football in Asia and Australia and is one of the six continental confederations within FIFA.

8. Udit Singhal named in UN's 2020 list of Young Leaders:

- Indian teenager **Udit Singhal** has been named in the **2020 Class of 17 Young Leaders** for the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- Udit Singhal is the founder of Glass2Sand, an initiative that is based on a zero-waste ecosystem to tackle the challenge of glass waste in Delhi. This initiative has prevented empty glass bottles of getting dumped into landfills and turned it into sands, making it commercially viable.

9. Gujarat government launches Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana:

- The scheme will provide interest-free loans to women's groups in the state. Under the MMUY, 50,000 joint liability and earning group (**JLEG**) will be formed in urban areas.

10. Margaret Atwood awarded 2020 Dayton Literary Peace Prize:

- Margaret Atwood is a prolific writer of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, essays and comic books. In the recent years, she has drawn a new round of acclaim for "The Handmaid's Tale", her bestselling 1985 novel of a dystopian future in which women are subjugated after a theocratic group overthrow the US government.

11. Chef Vikas Khanna honoured with Asia Game Changer Award 2020:

- This award is given to him for feeding millions of people across India in the **COVID-19 pandemic** through a massive food distribution drive '**FeedIndia**'.
- **Note:** **Asia Game Changer Award**, a US-based non-profit organization, in **2014** was launched by the **Asia Society**, to identify and honour true leaders who make a positive contribution to the future of Asia.

12. Anil Dhasmana appointed as new chief of NTRO:

- **Note:** **National Technical Research Organization (NTRO)** is a technical intelligence agency under the National Security Advisor. The agency deals in technology capabilities in remote sensing and aviation, data gathering and processing, cryptology systems, cyber security, strategic hardware and software development and strategic monitoring.

13. International Day of Peace:

- The International Day of Peace is celebrated on 21 September every year. The main aim of Peace Day is for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

- **2020 Peace Day Theme: Shaping Peace Together**

13. World Alzheimer's Day:

- World Alzheimer's Day is the international campaign on every 21 September to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia.
- **Note:** Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disorder that causes brain cells to waste away (degenerate) and dies. The common cause of dementia, a continuous decline in thinking,

behavioral and social skills that disrupts a person's ability to function independently. The symptoms of this disease may be forgetting recent events or conversations.

14. MP Roza Deshpande passes away:

- Veteran Communist leader and former Lok Sabha Member Roza Deshpande had taken part in the Sanyukta Maharashtra Movement (the movement for the creation of the State of Maharashtra) and also taken the Goa liberation struggle. And she was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1974 from the Bombay South Central constituency.

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