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301. National & States Affairs

The farmers from Golaghat district in Assam have cultivated new flood resistant paddy (rice) varieties to shift from the traditional ones. The varieties called Ranjit Sub1, Swarna Sub1 and Bahadur Sub1 have been used by about 60% farmers of the West Brahmaputra area. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Farmers from Golaghat district (Assam) cultivated new flood resistant paddy (rice) varieties
- Ranjit Sub1, Swarna Sub1 and Bahadur Sub1 = the varieties of Rice (Paddy)

302. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The world's costliest fungus "Ophiocordyceps sinensis" also known as "Himalayan Viagra", which is sold in international markets for more than Rs 20 lakh per kg, has entered the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species in the "Vulnerable Category". {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Ophiocordyceps sinensis" or "Himalayan Viagra" a fungus entered IUCN's Red List in the "Vulnerable Category"
- HQs of IUCN Gland, Switzerland | President Xinsheng Zhang

303. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Visa has announced its partnership with Federal Bank to avail 'Visa Secure' to the bank's cardholders. Visa Secure is a global authentication program that uses the latest standards of the EMV 3DS (3D Secure) protocol. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Visa + Federal Bank = to avail 'Visa Secure' to the bank's cardholders
- HQs of Visa Foster City, California | CEO Alfred F. Kelly
- HQs Federal Bank Kerala | MD & CEO Shyam Srinivasan

304. Acquisitions & Mergers

Google will acquire a 7.7% stake in Jio Platforms for Rs 33,737 Cr. Global investments have cumulatively brought more than Rs 1.52 lakh Cr (\$20 billion) into Reliance Industries' technology and telecom arm. {Read more}

- Google will acquire a 7.7% stake (Rs 33,737 Cr) in Jio Platforms
- Google HQs California, United States | CEO Sundar Pichai
- HQs of Reliance Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Mukesh Ambani



305. Amount & Agreements

The tech giant Google has announced an investment of Rs 75,000 Cr or \$10 billion Digitalization Fund over next five to seven years in India. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Google to invest Rs 75,000 Cr or \$10 billion as 'Digitalization Fund' in India over next 5-7 years
- Google HQs California, United States | CEO Sundar Pichai

306. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has signed a contract for the construction and supply of two autonomous electric ferries for ASKO Maritime AS of Norway with an option to build two more identical vessels. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Cochin Shipyard to construct two autonomous electric ferries for ASKO Maritime AS of Norway
- Norway Oslo Krone

307. Defence Affairs

Senior Indian and Chinese military commanders are set to meet at 'Chushul' in eastern Ladakh for the 4th round of talks to negotiate the next stage of disengagement between the two armies along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Indian + Chinese military commanders = to meet at 'Chushul' (eastern Ladakh) For the 4th round of talks
- China Beijing Renminbi | President Xi Jinping

308. Books & Authors

Stephen King is back with his new book titled "If It Bleeds" published by Hachette India. Stephen King is one of the most distinguished contemporary authors. He has been the recipient of the 2014 National Medal of Arts. {Read more}

- "If It Bleeds" authored by "Stephen King" (the recipient of the 2014 'National Medal of Arts')
- Published by Hachette India



309. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) has signed an MoU with the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) to access the centralised online database on FIRs and stolen vehicles. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NATGRID + NCRB = to access the centralised online database on FIRs and stolen vehicles
- HQs of NATGRID Bengaluru, Karnataka
- HQs of NCRB New Delhi | Director Ram Phal Pawar

310. Banking & Economic Affairs

Industry body FICCI's Economic Outlook Survey has projected the country's annual median GDP growth for 2020-21 at (-) 4.5%. {Read more}

Key Points:

- FICCI's Economic Outlook Survey projection of India's GDP = (-) 4.5% {Flexible News}
- HQs of FICCI New Delhi | Chairman Sangita Reddy

311. Important Days & Dates

206th birth anniversary of Nepali poet Adikavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya or 'Bhanu Jayanti' was celebrated in Sikkim. {Read more}

Key Points:

- July 13 206th birth anniversary of Nepali poet Adikavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya or 'Bhanu Jayanti'
- Celebrated by Sikkim
- Sikkim: Capital Gangtok | CM Prem Singh Tamang | Governor Ganga Prasad

312. Defence Affairs

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has granted special powers to the 3 armed forces for individual Capital Procurement Programme worth Rs 300 Cr to meet emergent operational requirements. {Read more}

- DAC granted special powers to 3 armed forces under Capital Procurement Programme worth Rs 300 Cr
- DAC Chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh (Constituency Lucknow, UP)



313. Current GK

Due to delays of funding from India, Iran has decided to drop India from the project of construction of Chabahar Port rail line and decided to proceed with the project without any Indian aid. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Iran decided to drop India from the project of construction of "Chabahar Port" rail line
- Iran Tehran Rial | President Ali Khamenei

314. Current GK

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has announced that "Poba Reserve Forest" in Dhemaji district would be upgraded to a wildlife sanctuary. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Poba Reserve Forest" to be upgraded to a wildlife sanctuary in Assam
- Assam: Capital Dispur | CM Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor Jagdish Mukhi

315. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Google has announced a new partnership with Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to digitise classrooms across the country. Google will train over 1 million teachers in 22,000 schools across India by the end of 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Google + CBSE = to digitise classrooms across the country
- Google to train over 1 million teachers by the end of 2020
- HQs of CBSE New Delhi | Chairperson Shri Manoj Ahuja
- Google HQs California, United States | CEO Sundar Pichai

316. Current GK

Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu released a book titled "Tangams: An Ethnolinguistic Study Of The Critically Endangered Group of Arunachal Pradesh". Tangam language is spoken by the Tangam community, which has reportedly 253 speakers left now and has been marked 'critically endangered' by the UNESCO World Atlas of Endangered Languages. {Read more}

- Pema Khandu released a book titled "Tangams: An Ethnolinguistic Study Of The Critically Endangered Group of Arunachal Pradesh"
- Tangam community Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital Itanagar | CM Pema Khandu | Governor B D Mishra



317. Amount & Agreements

India has handed over outdoor fitness equipment for 61 islands across Maldives under a cash grant of 8 million US dollars. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India handed over outdoor fitness equipment for 61 islands in Maldives under cash grant of \$8 million
- Maldives Male Maldivian rufiyaa | President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

318. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Indian hockey great Gurbux Singh and former Bengal cricketer and coach Palash Nandi will be conferred with prestigious 'Mohun Bagan Ratna' this year. The awards are given on July 29 every year which is celebrated as 'Mohun Bagan Day'. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Gurbux Singh (Hockey) + Palash Nandi (Cricket) = conferred with prestigious 'Mohun Bagan Ratna'
- July 29 'Mohun Bagan Day'

319. Important Days & Dates

July 15 marked the 117th birth anniversary of the former CM of Tamil Nadu K. Kamaraj. It was observed as "Tamil Nadu's Educational Development Day" to remember his contribution to enhance the school education facilities of Tamil Nadu. {Read more}

Key Points:

- July 15 "Tamil Nadu's Educational Development Day"
- July 15 117th birth anniversary of former CM of Tamil Nadu 'K. Kamaraj'
- Tamil Nadu: Capital Chennai | CM Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor Banwarilal Purohit

320. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an MoU with Defence PSU Bharat Electronics (BEL), to explore emerging global opportunities in the airport business. {Read more}

- AAI + BEL = signed an MoU to explore global opportunities in the airport business
- HQs of AAI New Delhi | Chairman Arvind Singh
- HQs of BEL Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD Venkateswara Gowtama Mannava



321. International Affairs

India has created "air bubbles" agreement with some countries to resume international flights till resumption of regular schedule flights in a post-pandemic world. The first special arrangements or bubbles have been established with US, France and Germany. {Read more}

Key Points:

• India created first "air bubbles" agreement – with US, France and Germany – to resume international flights

322. International Affairs

According to the data of the commerce ministry, the USA has remained India's top trading partner for the second consecutive fiscal in 2019-20. The bilateral trade between the US and India stood at \$88.75 billion. {Read more}

Key Points:

- USA remained India's Top Trading Partner in 2019-20 with bilateral trade of \$88.75 billion
- USA Washington, D.C. US Dollar | President Donald Trump

323. Appointments & Resignations

Dr Vidhu P Nair (IFS: 2002), presently Director in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Dr Vidhu P Nair appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan
- Turkmenistan Ashgabat Manat

324. Science & Technology

The Twitter accounts of some of the world's top businessmen, politicians and celebrities were hacked in an alleged Bitcoin scam. Billionaires Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Barack Obama & Joe Biden are among many prominent figures targeted by hackers. {Read more}

- Twitter accounts of the world's top businessmen, politicians and celebrities were hacked in Bitcoin scam
- HQs of Twitter San Francisco, California, USA | CEO Jack Dorsey



325. International Affairs

Britain's National Grid had started construction on Viking Link, an electricity interconnector between Britain and Denmark. The 1.4 GW high voltage electricity interconnector will be the longest in the world when completed by the end of 2023. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Britain + Denmark = 'Viking Link' 1.4 GW high voltage electricity interconnector
- Britain London Pound sterling | Denmark Copenhagen Danish krone

326. Amount & Agreements

Pakistan and China have signed an agreement for the 700 MW 'Azad Pattan Hydel Power Project' on the Jhelum river in Sudhoti district of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK). The \$ 1.5-billion project is the second power project under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Pakistan + China an agreement for the 700 MW 'Azad Pattan Hydel Power Project' on Jhelum river
- The project worth \$ 1.5-billion
- China Beijing Renminbi | President Xi Jinping
- Pakistan Islamabad Pakistani Rupee | PM Imran Khan | President Arif Alvi

327. International Affairs

India and the European Union have adopted a joint declaration on moving towards a more circular economic model that provides for reduction in primary resource consumption and enhances the use of secondary raw materials. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India + European Union = adopted a joint declaration on moving towards a more circular economic model
- HQs of EU Brussels, Belgium | President Ursula von der Leyen | Member Countries 27

328. International Affairs

Philippines has publicly called on China to comply with 2016 arbitral ruling which had ruled that China has no 'historic rights over the waters of South China Sea'. {Read more}

- Philippines called on China to comply with '2016 arbitral ruling'
- Philippines Manila Peso | President Rodrigo Duterte
- China Beijing Renminbi | President Xi Jinping



329. Current GK

The country's first cable-stayed Indian Railways bridge "Anji Khad Bridge" will soon connect Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir. The cable-stayed railway bridge is a part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project. It is being developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Country's first cable-stayed Indian Railways bridge "Anji Khad Bridge" in J & K
- It is being developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL)
- J &K Capital Srinagar | Lt. Governor G C Murmu

330. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

"The World Wildlife Crime Report 2020" has been released by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The report highlighted the trafficking of wild species such as pangolins, which have been identified as a potential source of coronaviruses. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "The World Wildlife Crime Report 2020" released by UNODC
- The report highlighted the trafficking of Pangolins
- HQs of UNODC Vienna, Austria | Director-General Ghada Fathi Waly

331. National & States Affairs

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for 11 national highway projects worth over Rs 20,027 Cr in Haryana. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stones for 11 national highway projects in Haryana (worth Rs 20,027 Cr)
- Haryana: Capital Chandigarh | CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya

332. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Mos for Defence, Shripad Yesso Naik has inaugurated 5th edition of the conference on Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Technologies. Theme of the conference is "Empowering India with Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Mission". {Read more}

- Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated 5th edition of conference on Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Technologies
- Theme "Empowering India with Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Mission"



333. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Dr. Kailasavadivoo Sivan, the Chief of ISRO is the 3rd recipient of the "Von Karman Award-2020", announced by the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA). The award will be presented to Dr. K. Sivan in March 2021. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Dr. Kailasavadivoo Sivan 3rd recipient of the "Von Karman Award-2020" by IAA
- The award will be presented in March 2021
- HQs of IAA Paris, France | President Peter Jankowitsch

334. Appointments & Resignations

Snapdeal's Co-founder & CEO Kunal Bahl has been appointed as the Chairman of e-commerce committee of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2020-21. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Kunal Bahl appointed as the Chairman of e-commerce committee of CII
- HQs of Snapdeal New Delhi | CEO Kunal Bahl
- CII HQs New Delhi | President Vikram Kirloskar | Director General Chandrajit Banerjee

335. Obituaries

'Brahm Vasudeva' has passed away recently. He was the Chairman of Hawkins Cookers Ltd. He was 84. {Read more}

Key Points:

• Brahm Vasudeva – passed away – Businessman (Chairman of Hawkins Cookers Ltd)

336. Amount & Agreements

Haryana is to get a financial aid of Rs 1,500 Cr from the Centre to expand its crop diversification scheme and rejuvenate ponds in the state. The state will get Rs 500 Cr for water conservation through 'Mera Pani Meri Virasat' scheme and Rs 1,000 Cr for rejuvenation of ponds and treating water. {Read more}

- The Central Gov. allotted Rs 1,500 Cr to Haryana
- Rs 500 Cr for 'Mera Pani Meri Virasat' scheme | Rs 1,000 Cr for rejuvenation of ponds
- Haryana: Capital Chandigarh | CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya



337. Science & Technology

IIT Kanpur has developed an Ultraviolet (UV) sanitising product named "SHUDH" that can disinfect a room in 15 minutes. The "SHUDH" (Smartphone operated Handy Ultraviolet Disinfection Helper) has 6 UV lights of 15 watts each that can be individually monitored from a distance. {Read more}

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur developed an Ultraviolet (UV) sanitising product named "SHUDH" to disinfect rooms 15 minutes
- SHUDH Smartphone operated Handy Ultraviolet Disinfection Helper

338. National & States Affairs

Madhya Pradesh government has launched "Roko -Toko" campaign for those who do not wear masks as the Use of masks is mandatory in all public places in the state. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh launched "Roko -Toko" campaign For those who do not wear masks
- MP: Capital Bhopal | CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor Lalji Tandon

339. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), a Central PSU under Ministry of Power has won the prestigious CII-ITC Sustainability Award 2019, under Outstanding Accomplishment in Corporate Excellence Category. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NTPC won the prestigious "CII-ITC Sustainability Award 2019" under 'Corporate Excellence Category'
- HQs of NTPC New Delhi | CMD Gurdeep Singh

340. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the data on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (BBI), Reliance Industries Limited Chairman Mukesh Ambani has become the 6th richest man in the world. Ambani's net worth now stands at \$72.4 billion (Rs 5.44 lakh crore) after a rise of \$2.17 billion. {Read more}

- "World's Richest Persons List" as per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (on July 14, 2020)
- Mukesh Ambani 6th \$72.4 billion | Topped by Jeff Bezos (USA) \$184 billion



341. Obituaries

Renowned cartoonist Avad Bin Hassan Jami, popularly known as "Jami" passed away in Jamnagar, Gujarat. He was 77. {Read more}

Key Points:

Avad Bin Hassan Jami – passed away – Cartoonist

342. Important Days & Dates

World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) is an event recognised by the United Nations and is celebrated on July 15 every year. It was designated by the General Assembly (UNGA) in 2014. This day marks the 5th anniversary of the launch of 'Skill India Mission'. The conclave has been organised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. {Read more}

Key Points:

- July 15 World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) designated by UNGA in 2014
- Theme "Skills for a Resilient Youth"
- July 15 marked the 5th anniversary of the launch of 'Skill India Mission'
- HQs of UNGA NewYork, USA | President Volkan Bozkır

343. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

India joined Chile and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN (FAO) to co-host the High-Level Political Forum side-event "On the road to the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021: Highlighting health and nutritional benefits through sustainable production and consumption of fruits and vegetables". {Read more}

Key Points:

- India + Chile + FAO = to co-host the High-Level Political Forum side-event
- Chile Santiago Peso
- HQs of FAO Rome, Italy | DG QU Dongyu

344. Amount & Agreements

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has launched a new utility for banks and post offices to help ascertain the applicable Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) for cash withdrawals above Rs 20 lakh for non-filers and above Rs 1 Cr for filers of income tax returns. {Read more}

- CBDT launched a new utility for banks and post offices
- Applicable TDS for cash withdrawals: For non-filers above Rs 20 lakh | For filers above Rs 1 Cr
- HQs of CBDT New Delhi | Chairman P C Mody



345. Science & Technology

Serum Institute of India (SII) has got an approval from Drug Controller and General of India (DCGI) to manufacture pneumococcal vaccine which is the first indigenous pneumonia vaccine. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Serum Institute of India to manufacture first indigenous pneumonia vaccine
- Approved by The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) V G Somani
- HQs of SII Pune, Maharashtra | CEO Adar C. Poonawalla

346. Amount & Agreements

In Karnataka, NABARD has extended a grant assistance of Rs 221.89 Cr to support 298 watershed projects in over three lakh hectares benefitting 66,500 families. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NABARD extended a grant assistance of Rs 221.89 Cr to Karnataka
- HQs of NABARD Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Chintala Govinda Rajulu
- Karnataka: Capital Bangalore | CM BS Yediyurappa | Governor Vajubhai Vala

347. Persons in News

Andrzej Sebastin Duda has won Poland's presidential election with 51.2% of votes and defeated Warsaw Mayor Rafał Trzaskowski. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Andrzej Sebastin Duda won Presidential Election of Poland
- Poland Warsaw Polish Zloty | President Andrzej Sebastin Duda

348. Current GK

A Tiger halted traffic on Madhya Pradesh Flyover. The incident occurred on National Highway 7, which falls inside the buffer zone of "Pench National Park". {Read more}

- Pench National Park Madhya Pradesh
- MP: Capital Bhopal | CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor Lalji Tandon



349. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Tata group Chairman N Chandrasekaran and Lockheed Martin CEO Jim Taiclet will receive the "USIBC Global Leadership Award-2020". {Read more}

Key Points:

- N Chandrasekaran + Jim Taiclet = "USIBC Global Leadership Award-2020"
- HQ of Tata Group Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman N. Chandrasekaran
- HQs of Lockheed Martin Maryland, USA | CEO Jim Taiclet

350. Amount & Agreements

The NABARD has announced Rs 5,000 Cr of refinance scheme for banks and financial institutions for providing finance to the beneficiaries of its 2,150 watershed development projects. On July 13, NABARD organised its first 'Digital Choupal' to mark its 39th foundation day which was observed on July 12, 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NABARD Rs 5,000 Cr of refinance scheme for banks and financial institutions
- July 12 39th foundation day of NABARD (also launched its first 'Digital Choupal')
- HQs of NABARD Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Chintala Govinda Rajulu

351. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Mukhyamantri Darpan and mobile App which contains the details of all the flagship schemes of the Chhattisgarh government including the ambitious 'Suraji Gaon Yojna' has been awarded "Elites Excellence Awards-2020" at the national level presented by the Elites Technomedia. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh Mukhyamantri Darpan and mobile App received "Elites Excellence Awards-2020"
- 'Suraji Gaon Yojna' Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital Raipur | CM Bhupesh Baghel | Governor Anusuiya Uikey

352. National & States Affairs

Hyderabad International Airport (HIA) has introduced India's first fully contact-less airport car parking in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic. The authority has also scaled up its NETC (National Electronic Toll Collection) FASTag car parking in collaboration with NPCI. {Read more}

- Hyderabad International Airport introduced India's first fully contact-less airport car parking
- HIA + NPCI = scaled up its NETC FASTag car parking
- NETC National Electronic Toll Collection



353. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the latest census report of Madhya Pradesh forest department, there are just 68 dolphins left in 435-kilometre-long Chambal river sanctuary which passes through three states (Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan). The dolphins' number in Chambal River has been reduced by 13% in last 4 years. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 68 dolphins left in Chambal River sanctuary (Madhya Pradesh) reduced by 13% in last 4 years
- Chambal River The tributary of Yamuna river
- MP: Capital Bhopal | CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor Lalji Tandon

354. National & States Affairs

The Dhanvantari Raths of the civic body that were testing patients for cough, cold and fever will now also check patients for dengue and malaria. Dhanvanatari Raths are Mobile Medical Vans of Gujarat. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Dhanvantari Raths Mobile Medical Vans in Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital Gandhinagar | CM Vijay Rupani | Governor Acharya Devvrat

355. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Ashok Kumar, a key member of India's 1975 World Cup-winning hockey team, was conferred with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by Mohun Bagan Athletic Club. {Read more}

Key Points:

Ashok Kumar (Hockey) – conferred with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' – by Mohun Bagan Athletic
 Club

356. Appointments & Resignations

IPL chief operating officer Hemang Amin has been appointed as the interim chief executive officer (CEO) of The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). {Read more}

- Hemang Amin appointed as the interim CEO of BCCI
- HQs of BCCI Mumbai, MH | Chairman Sourav Ganguly | Interim CEO Hemang Amin



357. International Affairs

Russia has become the first nation to complete clinical trials of Covid-19 vaccine on humans, and the results have proven the medication's effectiveness. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Russia the first nation to complete clinical trials of Covid-19 vaccine on humans
- Russia Moscow Russian Ruble | PM Mikhail Mishustin | President Vladimir Putin

358. Defence Affairs

DRDO has developed "P7 Heavy Drop System" which is capable of Para dropping military stores up to 7-ton weight class from IL-76 aircraft. This system is fully indigenous and being manufactured by L&T who makes the platform system while parachutes are manufactured by Ordnance Factory. {Read more}

Key Points:

- DRDO developed "P7 Heavy Drop System"
- Capable of Para dropping military stores up to "7-ton weight" class from "IL-76 aircraft"
- Platform System manufactured by L&T
- Parachutes manufactured by Ordnance Factory
- DRDO: HQs New Delhi | Chairman G. Satheesh Reddy

359. National & States Affairs

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has achieved a major milestone under 'Make in India' initiative by building a cryostat for USD 20 billion global fusion project. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) in 2012 chosen by ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor) to manufacture and install cryostat — a vacuum pressure vessel made of 3,850 tonnes of stainless steel. {Read more}

Key Points:

- L&T achieved a major milestone initiative by building a cryostat for USD 20 billion global fusion project
- L&T was chosen by ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor) in 2012
- 7 member entities funds ITER Project
- Larsen & Toubro HQs Mumbai | CMD SN Subrahmanyan

360. Science & Technology

The launch of UAE's "HOPE" Mars mission has now been delayed twice due to poor weather conditions at the launch site in Tanegashima Space Center, Japan. {Read more}

- "HOPE" Mars mission UAE (Launch site: Tanegashima Space Center, Japan)
- UAE Abu Dhabi Dirham | President Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan



361. Current GK

The Odisha State Road Transport Corporation began the bus service following private services after the construction of the "Gurupriya bridge" in 2018, which connected Swabhiman Anchal with the rest of the state. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Gurupriya bridge" Odisha (construction in 2018)
- Odisha: Capital Bhubaneswar | CM Naveen Patnaik | Governor Ganeshi Lal

362. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

NITI Aayog's flagship Atal Innovation Mission, (AIM) has teamed up with other Ministries and partners to support Startups with COVID-19 innovative Solutions and to further fight Covid- 19 pandemic. AIM today has also coordinated and concluded a series of virtual COVID-19 Demo-Days. {Read more}

Key Points:

- AIM + other Ministries = to support Startups with COVID-19 innovative Solutions
- AIM a flagship of NITI Aayog (NITI Aayog HQs New Delhi | CEO Amitabh Kant)
- Chairperson Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson Rajiv Kumar

363. International Affairs

India and Bhutan have launched a new trade route between Jaigaon in West Bengal and Ahllay in Bhutan, enabling smoother trade of goods and strengthening of sub-regional cooperation amid Chinese inroads into South Asia. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India + Bhutan = launched a new trade route between Jaigaon (West Bengal) & Ahllay (Bhutan)
- Bhutan Thimphu Bhutanese Ngultrum

364. National & States Affairs

Due to the quick spread of highly-infectious Novel Coronavirus Covid-19, IRDAI has instructed Insurance companies to offer two standard Covid-specific covers — 'Corona Kavach' and 'Corona Rakshak'. Corona Kavach is a mandatory indemnity plan while Corona Rakshak serves as an optional benefit-based plan. {Read more}

- IRDAI instructed Insurance companies to offer 'Corona Kavach' & 'Corona Rakshak'
- HQs of IRDAI Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman Subhash C. Khuntia



365. Current GK

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has claimed that India on his government's request has decided not to seek a joint venture with it to run the "Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport" in the country. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte Sri Lankan rupee
- PM Mahinda Rajapaksa | President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

366. Defence Affairs

In a boost to the fledgling domestic small arms industry, two latest Israeli assault rifles "the Arad & the Carmel" are set to be manufactured in India. The assault weapons are to be produced under the 'Make in India' initiative in Madhya Pradesh, where a plant had been set up in 2017 by Israel Weapons System (IWI). {Read more}

Key Points:

- "The Arad & the Carmel" assault rifles of Israel are set to be manufactured in Madhya Pradesh, India
- Israel Jerusalem Israeli Shekel | President Reuven Rivlin | PM Benjamin Netanyahu

367. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Ved Parkash Dudeja, vice chairman, Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) was recently awarded the 'Infra Business Leader of the Year' award for 2020 by the Rail Infra and Mobility Business Digital Awards (RIMBDA). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ved Parkash Dudeja awarded with 'Infra Business Leader of the Year' award for 2020 by RIMBDA
- HQs of RLDA New Delhi | Vice Chairman Ved Parkash Dudeja

368. National & States Affairs

Union Shipping Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has asked officials to draw a strategy to turn 'Kochi International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT)', locally known as the 'Vallarpadam terminal' into trans-shipment hub. It will be India's 1st trans-shipping hub in Cochin Port. {Read more}

- 'Vallarpadam terminal' to be converted into India's 1st trans-shipping hub (Cochin Port)
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Shipping Mansukh L. Mandaviya



369. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has given its nod to Aceso Company Pte Ltd's acquisition of 58.92% stake in HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Aceso Company Pte to acquire 58.92% stake in HealthCare Global Enterprises
- HQs of HCEG Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO BS Ajai Kumar
- CCI HQs New Delhi | Chairman Ashok Kumar Gupta

370. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Leading stock exchange BSE has signed a pact with IIT Alumni Council to encourage listing of startups and develop a 'high investor depth' platform for such new generation companies. {Read more}

Key Points:

- BSE + IIT Alumni Council to encourage listing of startups and develop a 'high investor depth'
- HQs of IITAC New Delhi | President Ravi Sharma
- HQs of BSE Mumbai, MH | Chairman Sethurathnam Ravi

371. Sports & Games

Former Australia captain Mile Jedinak announced his retirement from Football. He was a Crystal Palace midfielder. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Mile Jedinak (Australia) retirement from Football
- Australia Canberra Australian Dollar | PM Scott Morrison

372. Appointments & Resignations

"SportsAdda", Indian news and information website for cricket, football, and kabaddi, has signed former Australian fast bowler and cricket legend 'Brett Lee' as its brand ambassador. {Read more}

- Brett Lee (Cricket Australia) appointed as the Brand Ambassador of "SportsAdda"
- HQs of SportsAdda Gurugram, Haryana



373. Obituaries

Dutch football player Wim Suurbier, a trusted teammate of Johan Cruijff, has passed away recently in July. He was 75. {Read more}

Key Points:

• Wim Suurbier (Netherlands) – passed away – Football player

374. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

UNICEF India has partnered with FICCI to jointly develop "#Reimagine Campaign" to support the most vulnerable populations and children during the ongoing COVID-19 response and its aftermath in India. {Read more}

Key Points:

- UNICEF + FICCI = to jointly develop "#Reimagine Campaign" to support the most vulnerable populations
- UNICEF HQs New York, United States | Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore
- HQs of FICCI New Delhi | Chairman Sangita Reddy

375. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Nearly 690 million people, or 8.9% of people around the globe, are hungry (undernourished) according to a United Nations report titled "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World". Over 890 million people or 9.8% of the world's population could be affected by hunger by 2030. {Read more}

Key Points:

- A report titled "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" released by UN
- 690 million people (8.9% population) are affected by hunger
- 890 million people (9.8% population) could be affected by hunger by 2030
- Decline in undernourishment in the total population in India 14% in 2017-19 (from 21.7% in 2004-06)
- HQs of UN New York, United States | Director António Guterres

376. National & States Affairs

In a meeting with the 15th Finance Commission, the Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan highlighted that the government aims at gradually increasing the public health expenditure to 2.5% of the nation's GDP by the year 2025. {Read more}

- Government aims to increase public health expenditure to 2.5% by 2025
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)



377. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani has moved three notches up to become the 5th richest man in the world, a position he shares with Tesla founder Elon Musk and Former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, according to data collected by 'Hurun's Research'. Amazon founder Jeff Bezos with a networth of \$200 billion still tops the chart. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "World's Richest Persons List" as per Hurun's Research
- Mukesh Ambani + Elon Musk + Steve Ballmer = 5th \$78 billion | Topped by Jeff Bezos \$200 billion

378. National & States Affairs

Madhya Pradesh has emerged on top in implementing the "Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)" scheme to help the street vendors to continue their business. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh topped in implementing "Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)"
- MP: Capital Bhopal | CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor Lalji Tandon

379. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 15th Summit between India and the European Union was held in virtual format. India was represented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The EU was represented by Charles Michel (President of the European Council) & Ursula von der Leyen (President of the European Commission). {Read more}

Key Points:

- 15th Virtual Summit between India and the European Union
- India: represented by PM Modi | EU: represented by Charles Michel & Ursula von der Leyen
- HQs of EU Brussels, Belgium | President Ursula von der Leyen | Member Countries 27

380. National & States Affairs

For the first time, the Indian Railways has loaded special parcel train with 'Dry Chillies' from Reddipalem in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh to Benapole in Bangladesh. {Read more}

- Indian Railways loaded special parcel train with "Dry Chillies" from Andhra Pradesh to "Bangladesh"
- Chairman of Indian Railways Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs New Delhi
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Bangladesh Dhaka Taka | PM Seikh Hasina | President Abdul Hamid



381. International Affairs

The government of Myanmar has passed a law allowing private zoos for commercial farming of endangered species which may boost the demand for rare animals in the world. Myanmar is considered to be a major hub of illegal trade in wildlife driven by demand from neighbouring China. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Myanmar passed a law allowing private zoos For commercial farming of endangered species
- Myanmar a major hub of illegal trade in wildlife
- Myanmar Naypyitaw Kyat | President Win Myint

382. Current GK

The National Green Tribunal has directed NTPC Vindhyachal "Singrauli Super Thermal Power Station" to pay an interim compensation of ₹10 crore for breach of its fly ash dyke into the Govind Vallabh Pant Sagar "Rihand Reservoir". {Read more}

Key Points:

- NGT directed NTPC Vindhyachal to pay an interim compensation of ₹10 crore
- "Singrauli Super Thermal Power Station" Uttar Pradesh
- HQs of NTPC New Delhi | CMD Gurdeep Singh

383. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs along with Smart Cities Mission and The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) opened registration for India Cycles4Change Challenge. {Read more}

Key Points:

- MoHUA + SCM + ITDP = opened registration for India Cycles4Change Challenge
- SCM works under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoS Hardeep Singh Puri)
- HQs of ITDP New York, USA | Exec. Director Clayton Lane

384. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

An India Energy Modeling Forum was launched in the joint working group meeting of the Sustainable Growth Pillar. Sustainable Growth Pillar is an important pillar of India—US Strategic Energy Partnership cochaired by NITI Aayog and USAID. {Read more}

- Joint working group meeting of the Sustainable Growth Pillar co-chaired by = NITI Aayog + USAID
- NITI Aayog HQs New Delhi | CEO Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson Rajiv Kumar



385. Appointments & Resignations

Indian government is set to appoint Vikram Doraiswami as India's next Ambassador to Bangladesh while Rudrendra Tandon, is likely to be the new ambassador to Afghanistan. The government has also appointed Hemant Harishchandra Kotalwar as India's next envoy to the Czech Republic. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Vikram Doraiswami to be appointed as India's next Ambassador to Bangladesh
- Rudrendra Tandon to be appointed as India's next Ambassador to Afghanistan
- Hemant Harishchandra Kotalwar appointed as India's next Ambassador to Czech Republic

386. Appointments & Resignations

Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa has been appointed as the vice-president of Manila based Asian Development Bank (ADB). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ashok Lavasa appointed as the vice-president of ADB
- HQs Mandaluyong, Philippines | President Masatsugu Asakawa | VP Ashok Lavasa

387. Current GK

The Supreme Court has restored the right of Managership or the Shebaitship of "Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple" at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala to the royal family of Travancore. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Supreme Court restored the right of Managership of "Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple" to Travancore
- The temple located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

388. Amount & Agreements

The Ministry of Shipping has approved Rs 107 Cr for augmentation of firefighting facilities on 5 jetties of Haldia Dock Complex, Kolkata Port. {Read more}

- Ministry of Shipping approved Rs 107 Cr to augment firefighting facilities on 5 jetties of Haldia Dock Complex
- Haldia Dock Complex Kolkata Port
- MoS I/C of Ministry of Shipping Mansukh L. Mandaviya



389. National & States Affairs

Union Human Resource Development Ministry has released 'PRAGYATA' guidelines for Digital Education. As per the guidelines, online classes for pre-primary students should not be for more than 30 minutes. {Read more}

Key Points:

- HRD Ministry released 'PRAGYATA' guidelines for Digital Education
- Cap on online classes for pre-primary students 30 minutes
- Ministry of HRD Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

390. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog has presented India's second Voluntary National Review (VNR) report titled 'Decade of Action: Taking SDGs from Global to Local' at the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog presented India's second VNR report titled 'Decade of Action: Taking SDGs from Global to Local'
- HQs of HLPF New York, USA
- NITI Aayog HQs New Delhi | CEO Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson Rajiv Kumar

391. International Affairs

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) has got an approval from the GIFT SEZ Authority to set up an IFSC Banking Unit at GIFT City - Gandhinagar. {Read more}

Key Points:

- HSBC to set up an IFSC Banking Unit at GIFT City Gandhinagar
- HQs of HSBC London, UK | CEO Noel Quinn

392. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Committee to Protect Journalists has announced that the recipients of the "2020 International Press Freedom Awards" include Shahidul Alam from Bangladesh, Mohammad Mosaed from Iran, Dapo Olorunyomi from Nigeria and Svetlana Prokopyeva from Russia. Human rights lawyer Amal Clooney will also be honoured by the Ney York-based watchdog with the Gwen Ifill Press Freedom Award. {Read more}

- The recipients of the "2020 International Press Freedom Awards"
- Shahidul Alam(Bangladesh), Mohammad Mosaed(Iran), Dapo Olorunyomi(Nigeria), Svetlana Prokopyeva(Russia)
- Amal Clooney to be honoured by "Gwen Ifill Press Freedom Award"



393. Amount & Agreements

The NABARD (National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development) has launched development Projects worth Rs. 44 lakhs in Andaman and Nicobar Islands with an objective to strengthen the concept of Atmanirbhar Bharat. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NABARD launched development Projects worth Rs. 44 lakhs in Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- HQs of NABARD Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Chintala Govinda Rajulu
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands: Capital Port Blair | Lieu. Governor Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi

394. National & States Affairs

Telangana police has launched the "CybHer" campaign which aims at providing safe cyberspace for women and children. The month-long campaign will focus on cases of paedophile activity, sexual harassment of minors and young adults under the guise of education activity online, malware and data theft of personal information. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Telangana police launched "CybHer" campaign to provide safe cyberspace for women and children
- Telangana: Capital Hyderabad | CM K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan

395. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

On World Youth Skills Day, UNICEF India has announced a partnership with SAP India to provide career counselling to young people in the country that will improve their employability skills in a Covid and post-Covid era. {Read more}

Key Points:

- UNICEF India + SAP India = partnership to provide career counselling to young people in the country
- UNICEF HQs New York, United States | Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore
- HQs of SAP SE Walldorf, Germany | MD & President Kulmeet Bawa

396. National & States Affairs

The coal ministry is planning to link the mining plan portal with "Parivesh" website of Environment Ministry. PARIVESH is a single-window hub for online submission, monitoring, and management of proposals submitted to the Environment Ministry. {Read more}

- Coal ministry to link the mining plan portal with "PARIVESH" website of Environment Ministry
- Pralhad Joshi Minister of Coal, Minister of Mines (Constituency Dharwad, Karnataka)
- Prakash Javadekar Ministry of Environment (Constituency Maharashtra)



397. Appointments & Resignations

The National Assembly of Suriname has elected Chandrikapersad 'Chan' Santokhi as the new president. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Chandrikapersad 'Chan' Santokhi appointed as the new President of Suriname
- Suriname Paramaribo Dollar | President Chandrikapersad 'Chan' Santokhi

398. Current GK

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has sought alternative routes for the proposed gauge conversion of a railway line passing through the 'Melghat Tiger Reserve' in Amravati district. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 'Melghat Tiger Reserve' Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari

399. Science & Technology

Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and Minister of State (HRD) Sanjay Dhotre have launched world's most affordable Covid-19 test kit namely "Corosure" developed by IIT Delhi. {Read more}

Key Points:

- HRD Ministry launched "Corosure" world's most affordable Covid-19 test kit developed by IIT Delhi
- HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency Haridwar, Uttarakhand)
- MoS of HRD Sanjay Dhotre

400. Appointments & Resignations

Tunisian Prime Minister 'Elyes Fakhfakh' has resigned over Conflict of Interest because of his stake in a waste processing company that won government contracts worth 15 million euro. {Read more}

- Elyes Fakhfakh resigned from the post of PM of Tunisia
- Tunisia Tunis Dinar





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