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All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

201. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 3rd India-ASEAN youth dialogue 2020 took place online on June 8-10, 2020, revolving around the fight against Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd Edition – India-ASEAN youth dialogue 2020 – took place online
- Presidency of ASEAN-2020 – Vietnam
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

202. Important Days & Dates

“Green Mizoram Day” was observed in Mizoram on June 11. The state government has been observing the day on June 11 since 1999 and 38,46,043 trees have been planted across the state till last year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 11 – “Green Mizoram Day” – since 1999
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

203. National & States Affairs

Ministry of Shipping has approved the Revised Cost estimate of an amount of Rs. 123.95 Cr for augmenting Ship Repair facilities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Shipping – approved – Revised Cost estimate of Rs. 123.95 Cr
- For Ship Repair facilities in – Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- Andaman & Nicobar: Capital – Port Blair | Governor – Devendra Kumar Joshi
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Shipping – Mansukh L. Mandaviya

204. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Three of the autonomous institutions of the Department of S & T, have found their place among top 30 Indian Institutions as per Nature Index 2020 ratings. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) stood at the 160th position, IISc Bangalore at the 184th & Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) at the 260th. The Nature Index 2020 ratings has been globally topped by Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Nature Index 2020 ratings” – globally topped by Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China
- In India: CSIR (160th) | IISc Bangalore (184th) | TIFR (260th)



205. Schemes & Initiatives

A provision of Rs 1,01,500 Cr has been made under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the current financial year 2020-2021. A total of 10 lakh works have been completed so far during the current Financial Year 2020-2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A provision of Rs 1,01,500 Cr – made under MGNREG Scheme for 2020-21

206. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the value of international trade in goods declined around 5% in the first quarter of 2020 and is expected to decline further by 27% in the second quarter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to UNCTAD – international trade declined around 5% in Q1
- Expected to decline by 27% in Q2
- UNCTAD HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | UNCTAD Secretary-General – Mukhisa Kituyi

207. Schemes & Initiatives

With an aim of empowering women and supporting the victims of domestic violence and abuse, the Hyderabad City Police in association with Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC) launched a programme STREE (She Triumph's through Respect, Equality and Empowerment). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hyderabad Police – launched “STREE” programme
- STREE – She Triumph's through Respect, Equality and Empowerment
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

208. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Eminent Indian-American soil scientist Rattan Lal was named this year's recipient of \$250,000 World Food Prize, with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo lauding his research in soil science. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rattan Lal (Soil Scientist) – received – “World Food Prize” (\$250,000)
- US Secretary – Mike Pompeo

209. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Kerala based start-up VST Mobility Solutions tied up with Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Science and Technology (SCTIMST) to launch IoT (Internet of Things) based used mask disposal smart bin & UV light-based disinfection device namely 'BIN-19' & 'UV SPOT' to beat COVID 19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- VST Mobility Solutions (Kerala) + SCTIMST (Kerala) = to launch IoT & developed 'BIN-19' & 'UV SPOT'
- SCTIMST Director– Asha Kishore

210. National & States Affairs

The diversion of forest land for other purposes continued throughout India. A total 11,467.83 hectares (114.68 square kilometre) forest lands were diverted in 22 states between January 1 and November 6, 2019, according to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Annual Report 2019-20. The most number of projects - 251 were in Haryana, which led to the diversion of 519.53 ha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Total 11,467.83 hectares forest lands – diverted in 22 states
- Haryana – The most number of projects (251)
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

211. International Affairs

India will reconstruct a total of 56 higher secondary schools in seven districts of Nepal as part of post-earthquake reconstruction in the Himalayan nation with a grant of 2.95 billion Nepali rupees. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to reconstruct 56 higher secondary schools – in Nepal (a grant of 2.95 billion)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

212. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Rotary India Humanity Foundation digitally signed MoU for e-learning content telecast for class 1-12 over all NCERT TV channels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCERT + Rotary India Humanity Foundation = MoU for e-learning content telecast – for class 1 to 12
- HQs of NCERT – New Delhi | Director – Hrushikesh Senapaty
- HQs of Rotary India Humanity Foundation – Kolkata, West Bengal



213. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

TCS iON, part of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), has partnered with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to provide its training partners access to the TCS iON Digital Glass Room, enabling online vocational skills training for millions of students across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TCS iON + NSDC = to enable online vocational skills training for millions of students
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan

214. National & States Affairs

With an aim to boost economic growth of Manipur through agriculture and horticulture, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated a Plant Health Clinic at the Directorate of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Imphal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manipur – a Plant Health Clinic
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

215. Appointments & Resignations

Google has appointed Anil Valluri as the Senior Director for Google Cloud India. Before joining Google Cloud, Valluri was the President of India & SAARC operations at NetApp. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anil Valluri – appointed as the Senior Director – for Google Cloud India
- Earlier he was – the President of – India & SAARC operations at NetApp
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

216. Current GK

Mayur Nritya (Peacock Dance) is famous in the state of Uttar Pradesh. It is performed by dancers who wear specially designed clothes so as to resemble a peacock.

Key Points:

- Mayur Nritya (Peacock Dance) – Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

217. Obituaries

Dr A Vaidyanathan, a former member of the Government of India's Planning Commission, passed away. During his lifetime, Dr Vaidyanathan also served as a Professor at the Madras Institute of Development Studies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr A Vaidyanathan – passed away – Professor (former member of India's Planning Commission)

218. National & States Affairs

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has asked insurers not to grant loan renewals or enhancements if the borrowers do not get the LEI code from the Legal Entity Identifier India Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – directed insurers not to grant loans to the borrowers without – LEI code
- LEI – Legal Entity Identifier
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash C. Khuntia

219. Science & Technology

Pratik Tirodkar, a 23-year-old engineer from Maharashtra's Thane has developed a first-of-its kind 'Internet-controlled' robot specifically to address the needs of hospitals treating COVID-19 patients. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pratik Tirodkar (Maharashtra) – developed "Coro-bot" – a first-of-its kind 'Internet-controlled' robot
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

220. Defence Affairs

A Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) complex was inaugurated at Visakhapatnam by Vice-Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, flag officer commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command (ENC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DSRV complex – Rs 572 Crore – inaugurated at Visakhapatnam
- HQs of ENC – Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh | FOC-in-C – Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain

221. National & States Affairs

Madhya Pradesh has emerged the top state in the country in wheat procurement on support price by purchasing more than one crore metric tonnes from farmers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – top state in the country – in wheat procurement on support price
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

222. Schemes & Initiatives

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched "Sahakar Mitra" Scheme on Internship Programme, an initiative by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Sahakar Mitra" Scheme – an initiative by NCDC
- launched by – Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (Narendra Singh Tomar – Morena, MP)
- HQs of NCDC – New Delhi | MD – Sundeep Kumar Nayak

223. Books & Authors

"A Burning", the breakaway novel that everyone is talking about, is written by Megha Majumdar. A Burning is a quiet, searing study of the underclass and the aspiring middle class in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "A Burning" Novel – authored by Megha Majumdar

224. Sports & Games

Former WBC light heavyweight Boxing champion Oleksandr Gvozdyk of Ukraine has announced his retirement from boxing at the age of 33. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Oleksandr Gvozdyk (Ukraine) – retirement – Boxing
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky



225. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) constituted a three-member high-level committee to inquire about the circumstances that led to the blowout incident at Baghjan in Assam. The three-member committee comprising SCL Das (head of the committee), BC Bora and TK Sengupta. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoPNG – constituted – 3-member high-level committee – related to blowout at Baghjan gas well (Assam)
- 3 members = SCL Das (head) + BC Bora + TK Sengupta
- HQs of OIL – Noida, UP | MD & Chairman – Sushil Chandra Mishra
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

226. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

State-owned National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL)'s Nangal plant in Punjab has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ITI Nangal to train youth in 12 trades. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NFL + ITI Nangal = MoU to train youth in 12 trades
- HQs of NFL – Noida, UP | MD & Chairman – Virendra Nath Datt

227. Banking & Economic Affairs

As per Fitch Ratings, India's economy is forecast to bounce back with a sharp growth rate of 9.5% next year provided it avoids further deterioration in financial sector health. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- As per Fitch Ratings – India's GDP forecast – 9.5% for next year (Flexible news)
- HQs of Fitch Solutions – New York, USA | President – Brian Filanowski

228. Important Days & Dates

“World Accreditation Day” was celebrated on June 9 to highlight as well as promote the role of accreditation in trade and economy. The theme this year was “Accreditation: Improving Food Safety”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 9 – “World Accreditation Day”
- Theme – “Accreditation: Improving Food Safety”



229. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey', Mumbai is the 60th most expensive city for expatriates globally, while it ranks 19th in Asia. Mumbai is followed by New Delhi (101st globally) and Chennai (143rd globally). The global list was topped by Hong Kong. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mercer's "2020 Cost of Living Survey" – globally topped by – Hong Kong
- In India: Mumbai (60th) | New Delhi (101st) | Chennai (143rd)

230. Obituaries

Pierre Nkurunziza, the outgoing president of Burundi has died of a sudden illness, suspected by many to be Covid-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pierre Nkurunziza (Burundi) – passed away – Former President of Burundi
- Burundi – Gitega – Franc

231. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Recykal, a digital technology company in waste management space, has partnered with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB) for Project "Prithvi" - a joint initiative for developing sustainable plastic waste management practices in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Recykal + UNDP + HCCB = for Project "Prithvi"
- HQs of Recykal – Hyderabad, Telangana | Founder – Abhay Deshpande
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner
- HQs – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Christina Ruggiero

232. Obituaries

DMK MLA J Anbazhagan, who contracted COVID-19 earlier in June, died in Chennai. He was 61. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J Anbazhagan (Tamil Nadu) – passed away – Politician [Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) Party]

233. National & States Affairs

In a ground-breaking shift this year, Madhya Pradesh dethroned Punjab to become India's top wheat producer. The central Indian state had already picked up more than 12.9 million tonnes by June 8, ahead of Punjab's 12.8 million tonnes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – became India's top wheat producer
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

234. International Affairs

Even as the world continues to grapple with the novel coronavirus, New Zealand announced it has eliminated the disease. It has been 17 days since the last new case was reported in New Zealand, during which time an additional 40,000 people have been tested, and Monday also marked the first time since February when there has been no active cases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Zealand – eliminated the novel coronavirus
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD) | PM – Jacinda Ardern

235. Arts & Cultural Affairs

National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi has announced ONLINE NAIMISHA 2020 - Summer Art Program from 8th June 2020 to 3rd July 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- National Gallery of Modern Art – announced Online Summer Art Program – “NAIMISHA”
- NGMA works under – Ministry of Culture (Prahlad Singh Patel)

236. Books & Authors

Shobhaa De's new series of short stories is set amid the tumult of the Covid-19 pandemic. “Lockdown Liaisons: Leaving and Other Stories”, Shobhaa De's, series of short stories, looks at how confinement affects different people in different ways. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Lockdown Liaisons: Leaving and Other Stories” the book – Sobhaa De

237. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Switzerland is the safest country in the world, as per the report of Deep Knowledge Group's safest country in the world from COVID-19. While Switzerland is at the top position with a score of 752, India ranked 56th in the comprehensive report. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The report of Deep Knowledge Group's safest country in the world from COVID- 19"
- India – 56th | Topped by – Switzerland
- Switzerland – Bern – Swiss Franc | President – Simonetta Sommaruga

238. Banking & Economic Affairs

Country's largest lender State Bank of India has re-launched 'SBI Insta Saving Bank Account' an Aadhaar-based instant digital savings account, for customers who would like to open an account online through bank's integrated banking and lifestyle platform – YONO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – re-launched – "SBI Insta Saving Bank Account" an Aadhaar-based instant digital savings a/c
- YONO digital platform – SBI
- SBI Bank HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | SBI Bank Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- SBI Bank MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar
- SBI Life CEO – Sanjeev Nautiyal

239. National & States Affairs

Odisha became the first state in the country where ISO certification has been given to tribal hostels under "Mission Suvidya" project which was earlier launched by ST&SC Welfare Department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – first state to receive ISO certification for tribal hostels
- Under – "Mission Suvidya" (Launched by ST&SC Welfare Department)
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

240. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

ePaisa, a leading point of sale (POS) solution provider in India, has joined hands with First Alliance Bank (Z) Ltd in Zambia, Africa to provide mobile point of sale (mPOS) solution to the SMEs and other businesses in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ePaisa + First Alliance Bank = to provide mobile point of sale (mPOS) solution to the SMEs
- HQs of ePaisa – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Pravinkumar Bhandari
- HQs of First Alliance Bank – Lusaka, Zambia | MD – Inder Mani Malik



241. Schemes & Initiatives

Himachal Pradesh launched “Panchvati Yojna” for senior citizens of rural areas of the state under which parks and gardens would be developed in every development block with necessary facilities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – launched – “Panchvati Yojna” – for Senior Citizens
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

242. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has barred Kanpur-based People's Co-operative Bank from granting fresh loans and accepting deposits for six months, due to its weak financial position. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – barred – “People's Co-operative Bank” from granting fresh loans and accepting deposits for 6 months
- HQs of PCB – Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

243. Important Days & Dates

“The World Day against Child Labour”, is held every year on June 12. The theme of the year is "Covid-19: Protect Children from Child Labour, now more than ever." According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), there are about 152 million children globally who are engaged in child labour, 72 million of whom are in hazardous work. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 12 – The World Day against Child Labour
- Theme – "Covid-19: Protect Children from Child Labour, now more than ever"
- According to ILO – 152 million children – globally engaged in child labour
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder

244. Schemes & Initiatives

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) launched its flagship programme “Turant Customs” at Bengaluru and Chennai. This is a giant leap forward to leverage technology for faster Customs clearance of imported goods. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBIC – launched its flagship programme – “Turant Customs” – at “Bengaluru and Chennai”
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar



245. Defence Affairs

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) delivered ICGS Kanaklata Barua, the fifth and final ship in the series of Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV) for the Indian Coast Guard. This is the 105th vessel delivered by the Defence PSU. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GRSE – delivered “ICGS Kanaklata Barua” – 5th ship in the series of FPVs
- FPVs – Fast Patrol Vessels
- HQs of GRSE – Kolkata, India | CMD – Rear Admiral Vipin Kumar Saxena

246. Acquisitions & Mergers

Bharti International (Singapore) Pte Ltd, a wholly owned arm of Bharti Airtel, has acquired Japanese telco, NTT DoCoMo’s 6.3% stake in Robi Axiata for an undisclosed sum in an all-cash deal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti International (Singapore) Pte Ltd – acquired 6.3% stake – Robi Axiata (of NTT DoCoMo)
- HQs of Bharti Airtel – New Delhi | CEO & MD – Gopal Vittal
- HQs of Robi Axiata – Dhaka, Bangladesh | MD & CEO – Mahtab Uddin Ahmed
- HQs of NTT Docomo Inc. – Tokyo, Japan | CEO – Kazuhiro Yoshizawa

247. National & States Affairs

As part of the Tribal Comprehensive Development Programme in Kerala the "Food Forest" project is being implemented in cooperation with the “Mahila Kissan Saktheekaran Pariyojana” of the Central Government. The project aims to provide food security to 192 tribal villages in Attapadi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala + Mahila Kissan Saktheekaran Pariyojana = implemented "Food Forest" project
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram
- CM – Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

248. Schemes & Initiatives

The Union government extended its flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to migrant workers across states, in the wake of coronavirus outbreak. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government – extended – flagship health insurance scheme named “AB-PMJAY”
- CEO of AB-PMJAY & NHA – Indu Bhushan

249. Obituaries

Manchester United's European Cup-winning defender, footballer, Tony Dunne has died aged 78. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tony Dunne (Ireland) – passed away – Football (Manchester United's European Cup-winner)
- Ireland – Dublin – Euro

250. Science & Technology

The Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) in Pune has developed a nano-technology based disinfectant spray named "Ananya" to combat Covid-19. It is effective in disinfecting all types of surfaces. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DIAT (Pune) – developed a disinfectant spray – "Ananya"

251. Persons in News

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has reconstituted a committee to look into the welfare of freedom fighters, with the minister of state for home affairs G Kishan Reddy as the chairman and 9 eminent freedom fighters from across the country as its members. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA – reconstituted a committee – for the welfare of freedom fighters
- The committee chaired by – G Kishan Reddy (MoS in Ministry of home affairs)
- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

252. Science & Technology

Scientists say that Saturn's largest moon Titan is moving away from the ringed planet much faster than previously believed. In fact, it is drifting away a hundred times faster - about 11 centimetres per year. The study was published in the journal Nature Astronomy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Saturn's largest moon "Titan" – moving away from the ringed planet – 100 times faster than believed
- The study was published in – "Nature Astronomy" journal



253. Current GK

According to the RBI, Carve outs have been provided for Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS) in prescriptions regarding minimum holding period (MHP), minimum retention requirement (MRR) and reset of credit enhancements. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RMBS – Residential Mortgage Backed Securities
- MHP – Minimum Holding Period
- MRR – Minimum Retention Requirement

254. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Renjith Kumar, 57, an aerospace entrepreneur hailing from India, has been bestowed with “NASA Distinguished Service Medal”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Renjith Kumar – bestowed with – “NASA Distinguished Service Medal”
- NASA HQs – Washington, D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

255. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Shobha Sekhar is founder of Kalakruthi, music organisation in Australia. The Melbourne-based artiste and lecturer, University of Melbourne, figures her in the Queen's Birthday 2020 Honours List and will be conferred the Medal of the Order of Australia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shobha Sekhar – founder of “Kalakruthi” – a music organisation in Australia
- Conferred with – the “Medal of the Order of Australia”
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

256. Obituaries

TV actor Jagesh Mukati, best known for playing Lord Ganesha on the 2000 mythological serial 'Shree Ganesh', has died at the age of 47. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jagesh Mukati – passed away – TV Actor

257. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

IIT Madras has been ranked number one in India in both 'Overall' and 'Engineering' Categories in NIRF Rankings 2020. This is the second year when IIT Madras has bagged the Top Rank in 'Overall' Category and fifth year for 'Engineering' category. The rankings were released by HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “NIRF Rankings 2020” – topped by IIT Madras (rankings released by HRD Ministry)
- Categories – both 'Engineering' & 'Overall'

258. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Fertiliser major IFFCO has signed an agreement with government's farm research institute ICAR (Indian Agricultural Research Institute) for joint research, testing and validation of different products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFFCO + ICAR = or joint research, testing and validation of different products
- HQs of IFFCO – New Delhi | Chairman – Balvinder Singh Nakai
- HQs of ICAR – New Delhi | Director General – Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra

259. Current GK

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned one 270 MW thermal unit at the 4x270 MW Bhadradi Thermal Power Project in Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BHEL – commissioned 270 MW thermal unit Bhadradi Thermal Power Plant (Telangana)
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

260. International Affairs

North Korea will completely cut off and shut down the liaison line (communications) between the authorities of the North and the South Korea. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- North Korea – will completely cut off communications – with South Korea
- North Korea – Pyongyang – North Korean won | President – Kim Jong-un
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in

261. Science & Technology

For the first time, Scientists from France witnessed birth of new planet around a distant star. The new discovery was published in Astronomy & Astrophysics journal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists from France – witnessed birth of new planet
- The discovery was published in – “Astronomy & Astrophysics” journal

262. Science & Technology

The star Kepler-160 and its companion KOI-456.04 are more reminiscent of the Sun-Earth system than any previously known exoplanet-star pair, according to a team of scientists led by the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research (MPS) in Gottingen, Germany. The new discovery has been reported in Astronomy & Astrophysics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The star Kepler-160 and its companion KOI-456.04 – discovered
- The discovery published in – “Astronomy & Astrophysics” Journal

263. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

A Philippine peace award named "Ramon Magsaysay awards" has been cancelled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, marking only the third disruption in six decades for the annual prize regarded as an Asian Nobel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Philippine peace award – named "Ramon Magsaysay awards" – cancelled due to Covid-19
- It's also known as – Asian Nobel

264. Sports & Games

Former European high jump champion Alexander Shustov has been banned for four years for doping in the latest case from previous years to hit the Russian team. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alexander Shustov (Russia) – banned for 4 years – Athlete (High Jump)
- By CAS - Court of Arbitration for Sport (HQs – Lausanne, Switzerland)

265. Persons in News

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has launched a high-level 8-member panel of leading experts to help the officials identify options for Southeast Asian economies to tap into to quickly bounce back after the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The panel is moderated by ADB Vice-President Ahmed M Saeed. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – constituted – 8 member panel of Experts – to help Southeast Asian economies to recover from COVID-19
- The panel moderated by – Ahmed M Saeed
- ADB: HQs – [Mandaluyong, Philippines](#) | President – [Masatsugu Asakawa](#) | Member countries – 68

266. Schemes & Initiatives

Chief minister Vijay Rupani instructed the state water resources department to complete the phase-2 works of the “Saurashtra-Narmada Avataran Irrigation Yojana” (Sauni Yojana). The phase 2 & 3 of SAUNI scheme will fill 115 dams in Gujarat state by water from Narmada. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Saurashtra-Narmada Avataran Irrigation Yojana” (Sauni Yojana) – Gujarat
- Under this scheme – 115 dams in Gujarat to be filled by – Narmada river
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

267. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The ‘Department of School Education and Literacy’ under MHRD has joined hands with sports ministry’s flagship programme ‘Fit India’ under the ‘Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat’ initiative to produce a series of special films promoting 10 indigenous sports of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHRD + Sports Ministry = collaborated to produce a series of promoting 10 indigenous Sports
- HRD Ministry – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ | Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- Sports Ministry – Kiren Rijju | Constituency – Arunachal West

268. Persons in News

The RBI proposed changes to Securitisation Rules. The draft guidelines take into account the recommendations of the Committee on Development of Housing Finance Securitisation Market in India (Chair: Dr. Harsh Vardhan) and the Task Force on the Development of Secondary Market for Corporate Loans (Chair: Shri T. N. Manoharan), which were set up by the Reserve Bank in May, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – proposed changes – to ‘Securitisation Rules’
- “Committee on Development of Housing Finance Securitisation Market in India” – chaired by Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- “Task Force on the Development of Secondary Market for Corporate Loans” – chaired by T N Manoharan

269. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The latest FIFA rankings released on June 11, 2020. Belgium remained at the top ahead of France and Brazil, who share the top three positions. India has retained the 108th spot with 1187 points. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The latest FIFA rankings” released on June 11, 2020 – topped by Belgium
- 2nd – France & 3rd – Brazil | India – 108th
- FIFA World Cup 2022 – Qatar
- FIFA HQs – Zürich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino

270. National & States Affairs

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has won the first of its kind manufacturing-linked solar agreement worth \$6 billion from the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AGEL – won solar agreement worth \$6 billion – from SECI
- HQs of AGEL – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Founder – Gautam Adani

271. Persons in News

Gargo International, a Delhi-based Lubricant Company under the flagship of R.G. Group has appointed Actor Sonu Sood as its brand Ambassador in the month of January, this year. And they praised him for his tremendous work and his kindness towards the migrants. The company has gone live with its TVC now, starring Sonu Sood. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Actor “Sonu Sood” – brand Ambassador of “Gargo International” – got praised for his work
- HQs of Gargo International – New Delhi

272. Schemes & Initiatives

The scheme, christened as "Jagananna Chedodu (Handholding by Jagan)" was launched by Andhra Pradesh chief minister to provide financial assistance to barbers, dhobis (washermen) and tailors in the state. It involves direct cash transfer of Rs 10,000 into the bank accounts of each of 2,47,040 beneficiaries every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Jagananna Chedodu" – launched by Andhra Pradesh CM
- Direct cash transfer of – Rs 10,000 to beneficiaries every year
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

273. Amount & Agreements

Union Government approved Rs 572 Crore for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Jharkhand in 2020-21. The state is planning to have 100% household coverage by 2023-24. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government approved – Rs 572 Crore – for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in "Jharkhand"
- Jharkhand – plan to have 100% household coverage – by 2023-24
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

274. Schemes & Initiatives

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the 'Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana', a scheme to educate child labourers in the state. The scheme's launch coincides with the 'World Day Against Child Labour'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – launched the "Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana" a scheme to educate child labourers
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

275. National & States Affairs

A new world benchmark has been created by Indian Railways recently by running the first Double Stack Container Train in high rise Over Head Equipment (OHE) electrified sections of the Western Railway zone. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – sets benchmark in the world – to run 1st Double-stack container train
- In high rise OHE electrified sections of – Western Railway Zone
- HQs of Western Railways – Mumbai | General Manager – Shri Alok Kansal



276. National & States Affairs

Maharashtra has renamed its Environment Ministry as "Environment and Climate Change Ministry". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – renamed Environment Ministry as "Environment and Climate Change Ministry"
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

277. Current GK

The colour of water in Maharashtra's Lonar lake, also known as Lonar crater, which was formed after a meteorite hit the Earth some 50,000 years ago, has changed to pink. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The colour of water of Lonar lake (Maharashtra) – changed to pink
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

278. Current GK

Sand mining was rampant in Vamsadhara river at Andhra and Odisha border (AOB) areas. The river starts in Odisha and passes through Srikakulam district in the State. Sand is being excavated at Neradi and Singidi areas in Bhamini mandal in Srikakulam district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Illegal Sand mining – in Vamsadhara river – at Andhra and Odisha border (AOB)
- The river starts in – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

279. Amount & Agreements

The World Bank has given Rs. 1,950 Cr loans to the West Bengal Government for tackling COVID situation and developmental work in the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – Rs. 1,950 Cr loan – to West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamata Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankhar



280. Current GK

The Andhra Pradesh government signed a concession agreement with GMR Airports Ltd for construction of a greenfield international airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh + GMR = for construction of Greenfield Bhogapuram international Airport
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

281. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the “QS World University Ranking 2021”, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay is at 172nd position; Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore is at 185th spot, while IIT Delhi is at 193rd. Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT) USA continues to be at number one spot for the ninth consecutive year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “QS World University Ranking 2021” – topped by Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT) USA
- In India: IIT Bombay (172nd) | IISc Bangalore (185th) | IIT Delhi (193rd)

282. Sports & Games

The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has dropped the doping charge against Indian weightlifter K Sanjita Chanu due to “non-conformities” in the handling of her sample. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IWF – dropped – the doping charge against K Sanjita Chanu (weightlifter)
- IWF HQs – Budapest, Hungary | President – Tamas AJAN

283. National & States Affairs

Uttarakhand forest department opened the first biodiversity park in Haldwani district, on World Environment Day. The park is spread across 18 acres and has around 500 species of plants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – opened the first biodiversity park in – Haldwani district
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

284. National & States Affairs

To impress upon the significance of Tamil phonetics, Tamil Nadu has issued an order amending the English spelling of 1,018 cities and places. The government has changed the name of the Coimbatore city to "Koyampuththoor", Tuticorin or Thoothukudi to "Thooththukkudi", Triplicane to "Thiruvallikkeni" & Egmore to "Ezhumboor". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – issued an order amending the English spelling of – 1,018 cities and places
- Coimbatore – Koyampuththoor | Tuticorin – Thooththukkudi
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

285. Amount & Agreements

Annual allotment of Rs. 4000 Cr is made by the Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare (DAC&FW) to State Governments under 'Per Drop More Crop' component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY- PDMC) for the year 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DAC&FW – allotted Rs. 4000 Cr – to State Governments
- Under – 'Per Drop More Crop' component of " Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana" (PMKSY-PDMC)

286. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects (GEP) report, India's economy to contract 3.2% in the current fiscal year, a sharp downgrade from its April projection of 1.5%-2.8% growth, citing stringent lockdown and spill overs from weaker global growth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank's report – "Global Economic Prospects"
- India's GDP: -3.2% for current year
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

287. International Affairs

A group of senior lawmakers from eight democracies including the U.S. have launched a new Cross-Parliamentary Alliance to counter China. Those 8 countries are the U.S., Germany, U.K., Japan, Australia, Canada, Sweden, Norway. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new Cross-Parliamentary Alliance to counter – China
- Launched by – A group of senior lawmakers from 8 democracies
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President - Xi Jinping



288. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Empays Payment Systems India Pvt Ltd, which built and runs the IMT Payment System, announced a partnership with Mastercard to enable contact-free ATM cash withdrawals in India. India now has become the second nation to have contact-free ATM cash withdrawals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Empays Payment Systems + Mastercard = to enable contact-free ATM cash withdrawals
- HQs of Empays Payment Systems – Mumbai, MH | CMD – Ravi Rajagopalan
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga (From Jan 2021 - Michael Miebach)
- India - 2nd country to have contact-free ATM cash withdrawals

289. National & States Affairs

In view of the novel coronavirus outbreak, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has gone fully digital with cloud-based 'Data Lake Software', becoming the first such construction sector organisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHAI – has gone fully digital with cloud-based “Data Lake Software”
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

290. National & States Affairs

In a major development, the Karnataka government has decided to extend the ban on holding virtual classes for students up to standard seven. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – decided to extend the ban on holding virtual classes up to standard 7
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

291. National & States Affairs

India is reportedly planning to launch its first coal trading platform named "Coal Exchange" on the lines of commodity or energy exchanges. Such an exchange would turn the coal sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to launch its 1st Coal trading platform – "Coal Exchange"
- Pralhad Joshi – Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of Coal, Minister of Mines
- Constituency – Dharwad, Karnataka

292. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The global economy is on track to shrink by 5.2% this year amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the deepest recession since the Second World War, the World Bank Group said in its latest Global Economic Prospects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank's report – "Global Economic Prospects"
- Global Economy – to shrink by 5.2%
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

293. Obituaries

Former IIM-Lucknow director Pritam Singh, an acclaimed management guru and Padma Shri awardee, passed away following a cardiac arrest. He was 78. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pritam Singh – passed away – Management Trainer (Former IIM-Lucknow director)

294. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The "Poonam Avlokani (full-moon night estimation exercise)" showed that the number of Asiatic lions in the Gir forest region has increased by 29% to reach 674 lions in last 5 years. The area inhabited by lions has also increased by 36%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- As per "Poonam Avlokani" – the number of Asiatic lions in increased by 29% - Gir forest region
- At present – 674 lions in Gir National Park (Gujarat)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

295. National & States Affairs

Increase in import duty on bamboo sticks from 10% to 25% is likely to create at least 1 lakh jobs in eight-10 months in the agarbatti (incense sticks) industry, according to Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC). The hike in import duty was to boost usage of domestic bamboo for Atmanirbhar Bharat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Increase in import duty on bamboo sticks – to 25% (from 10%)
- KVIC works under – Ministry of MSME (Nitin Gadkari – Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena

296. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

With the lockdown ending and domestic travel gradually starting across the country, PhonePe announced the launch of a comprehensive, domestic multi-trip insurance cover in a strategic partnership with ICICI Lombard. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe + ICICI Lombard = launched “Domestic multi-trip insurance cover”
- PhonePE HQs – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta

297. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved Cow-Slaughter Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020. The amendments are aimed to protect the cow and prevent crimes related to cow slaughter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – approved “Cow-Slaughter Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

298. Defence Affairs

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has operationalised its newly sanctioned twin commands in Chandigarh and Guwahati that supervise the deployment of its troops along the 3,488 km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ITBP – operationalised – newly sanctioned twin commands – Chandigarh + Guwahati
- LAC – Line of Actual Control
- HQs – New Delhi | Director General – Surjeet Singh Deswal

299. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Greece and Italy have signed an agreement demarcating their maritime boundaries, amid tension in the Mediterranean region over rights to natural resources. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Greece + Italy = an agreement demarcating their maritime boundaries
- Greece – Athens – Euro | Italy – Rome – Euro



300. Current GK

A campaign for saving the 111.19 sq. km Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary had gathered momentum after The Hindu had in April broken the story on the National Board for Wild Life's (NBWL) nod for coal mining in a part of the Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary" – Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



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