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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

201. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed acquisition of 100% shares and control of Tech Data Corporation by Tiger Midco LLC. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tiger Midco LLC – acquired less than 100% shares of – Tech Data Corporation
- Acquisition approved by CCI – under Section 31(1)
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta

202. National & States Affairs

The Tripura government has launched an "Agro-Entrepreneur Facilitation Desk" to help the entrepreneurs of the state to get subsidies and incentives from Central government funding agencies. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – launched – "Agro-Entrepreneur Facilitation Desk"
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

203. Obituaries

Writer and columnist Ronald Vivian Smith, known for his books on Delhi, passed away recently. He was 81. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ronald Vivian Smith – passed away – Writer and columnist

204. National & States Affairs

Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched a helpline "Bharosa" for counselling of students of the Central University of Odisha, who are in mental distress in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' – launched a helpline "Bharosa" for counselling of students
- Ministry of HRD – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' | Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand

205. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the regulatory benefits under the special liquidity facility for mutual funds (SLF-MF) to all banks. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- RBI decided to extend – the SLF-MF scheme
- SLF-MF - Special Liquidity Facility for Mutual Funds

206. Obituaries

The singer and songwriter Bessie Regina Norris also known as Betty Wright, who has died of cancer aged 66, occupied a significant position in African-American music across six decades. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Betty Wright (USA) – passed away – Singer And Songwriter
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

207. Defence Affairs

A confrontation took place between Indian and Chinese soldiers at Naku La in north Sikkim resulting in injuries to troops on both sides. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A confrontation – between Indian and Chinese – at Naku La pass (Sikkim)
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi
- Chief – General Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Satinder Kumar Saini

208. Obituaries

Kulmeet Makkar, the CEO of the Film and Television Producers Guild of India passed away in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. He was 60. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Kulmeet Makkar (Himachal Pradesh) – passed away – CEO of the Film and Television Producers Guild of India



209. Defence Affairs

The U.S. Navy will host the world's largest maritime exercises - RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific exercises) in Hawaii again this year, but the drills will only be held at sea because of the coronavirus. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- USA Navy – RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific exercises) – in Hawaii

210. Persons in News

Union Minister of MSME, Nitin Gadkari launched a portal for uploading ideas and innovations regarding the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – launched – a portal for ideas & innovations regarding the MSME sector
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSME
- Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra

211. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched “CHAMPIONS - Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength” portal. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of MSME – launched – CHAMPIONS portal
- CHAMPIONS – Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSME
- Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra

212. Amount & Agreements

Nirmala Sitharaman has laid out the first cut of the initiative under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (Self-reliant India). A Collateral free automatic loan for MSMEs will give facility upto Rs 3 lakh crore which will have 100% credit guarantee and no fresh collateral required. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 3 lakh crore – the first cut of the initiative under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan
- Nirmala Sitharaman – Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency – Karnataka

213. Amount & Agreements

The government increased its market borrowing estimate by staggering Rs 4.2 lakh crore to Rs 12 lakh crore for the current fiscal to deal with the expected shortfall in revenue due to the impact of COVID-19 crisis on the economy. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Govt increased – market borrowings – to Rs 12 lakh crore

214. National & States Affairs

In Jharkhand, the State Education Department in collaboration with Doordarshan started online classes and educational programs to provide school education to the students of government schools. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Jharkhand + Doordarshan – to start online educational programs for government school's students
- Jharkhand: Capital - Ranchi | CM - Hemant Soren | Governor - Draupadi Murmu

215. Appointments & Resignations

Shri Suresh K. Reddy (IFS:1991), presently Additional Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federative Republic of Brazil. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Suresh K. Reddy – India's ambassador to Brazil
- Brazil – Brasilia – Brazilian real

216. International Affairs

Saudi Arabia decided to raise its value added tax (VAT) from 5% to 15% as of 1 July, as part of austerity measures to support its coronavirus-hit economy. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Saudi Arabia – to raise its VAT – from 5% to 15%
- Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal

217. Current GK

The Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru has won this year's SKYTRAX Award for Best Regional Airport in India and Central Asia. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Kempegowda International Airport (Bengaluru) – won – SKYTRAX Award for Best Regional Airport
- Karnataka Capital – Bangalore
- CM – Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

218. Obituaries

Richard Penniman, better known as Little Richard, died in Tullahoma, Tenn. He was 87. He was the founding father of Rock & Roll music genre. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Little Richard (USA) – passed away – Singer, Songwriter, And Musician
- Founding father of “Rock & Roll” music genre

219. National & States Affairs

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat launched a portal named 'HOPE' - Helping Out People Everywhere aimed at creating employment avenues for the trained youth. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – launched – a portal 'HOPE' - Helping Out People Everywhere
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

220. Science & Technology

In a record time of just 36 days a non-invasive BiPAP Ventilator 'SwasthVayu' has been developed by CSIR - National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bangalore. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-NAL (Bengaluru) – developed a Ventilator 'SwasthVayu'
- CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) HQs – New Delhi
- CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande



221. National & States Affairs

The Gujarat government made digital payment mandatory for all home delivery services in Ahmedabad, the worst-hit city of the western state. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ahmedabad, Gujarat – made digital payment mandatory for all home delivery services
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

222. National & States Affairs

Ministry of Shipping has revamped its website shipmin.gov.in and launched it. The new website is based on open source technology and is deployed on NIC (National Informatics Centre) cloud namely Meghraj. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Shipping – revamped its website
- Based on OST – Open Source Technology
- Deployed on NIC cloud namely “Meghraj”

223. International Affairs

On May 7, Israel has named a street in Tel Aviv after celebrated Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore as a tribute on his 159th birthday. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 7 – 159th Birth Anniversary of – Rabindranath Tagore
- “Israel” named a street after – Rabindranath Tagore
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel
- President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

224. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The World Health Organization is urging countries to create at least 6 million new nursing jobs by 2030 to offset a projected “global shortfall”, according to the State of the World’s Nursing 2020 Report. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- State of the World’s Nursing 2020 Report – Global Shortfall of Nurses – 6 million
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | Director-General – Tedros Adhanom
- Member Countries in WHO – 194

225. National & States Affairs

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has extended the validity of flying license of pilots by 90 days. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- DGCA – extended the validity of flying license of pilots – by 90 days
- Parent agency of DGCA – Ministry of Civil Aviation (Hardeep Singh Puri)

226. National & States Affairs

Despite coronavirus lockdown, Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati has recently organized a poster making competition to celebrate the spirit of Unity in Diversity of our Nation under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Campaign. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- IIIT Guwahati – organized a poster making competition under ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’

227. National & States Affairs

Two delicate handicraft products from Tamil Nadu – the Thanjavur Netti Works (pith works) and Arambavur Wood Carvings, will get the Geographical Indication (GI) from the GI registry. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Thanjavur Netti Works + Arambavur Wood Carvings – of Tamil Nadu – got the Geographical Indication (GI)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- HQ of Geographical Indications Registry – Chennai, TN

228. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

In Madhya Pradesh, all those policemen who rendered their services for 30 days in the fight against Corona will be honoured with Karmaveer Medal. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Policemen of Madhya Pradesh – to be honoured with Karmaveer Madals
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor - Lalji Tandon

229. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union DoNER Minister of State (I/C) Dr Jitendra Singh addressed Indo-Bangladesh “Virtual Conference” organised by ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Indo-Bangladesh “Virtual Conference” – organized ASSOCHAM
- Addressed by – Union DoNER Minister of State (I/C) Dr Jitendra Singh

230. Science & Technology

The Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) and Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), Mysuru, have jointly developed an innovative state-of-the-art mobile microbial containment (BSL-3) laboratory named ‘Parakh.’ [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO + DFRL = developed an innovative laboratory named “Parakh”
- HQs of DFRL – Mysuru, Karnataka
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy
- HQs of RCI – Hyderabad, Telangana

231. Persons in News

Narinder Batra will remain President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) until May 2021. The Executive Board (EB) of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has decided to postpone the 47th FIH Congress from 2020 to 2021. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Narinder Batra – extended as the president of FIH – until May 2021
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra

232. Appointments & Resignations

The Centre has appointed senior IAS officer Manoj Ahuja as the CBSE chairman, Anurag Jain as the vice-chairman of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Senior bureaucrats V Vidyavathi as the Director General of Archaeological Survey of India and Rajendra Kumar as the DG of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) as part of a major bureaucratic reshuffle. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Manoj Ahuja – CBSE chairman
- Anurag Jain – Vice-chairman of DDA
- V Vidyavathi – DG of Archaeological Survey of India
- Rajendra Kumar – DG of ESIC

233. Important Days & Dates

Every year, the last Wednesday of April is celebrated as International Guide Dog Day. The day honours the importance of a guide dog in the life of a person who is visually impaired or blind. International Guide Dog Day 2020 will be celebrated on April 29 this year. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- April 29 – International Guide Dog Day

234. Current GK

The Sal Forest Tortoise, also known as the Elongated Tortoise, recently assessed as Critically Endangered as it is heavily hunted for food. Over 90% of the potential distribution of the Sal forest tortoise species falls outside current protected area's network. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- "Sal Forest Tortoise" – known as "Elongated Tortoise" – assessed as Critically Endangered
- The study published in – "Herpetological Conservation and Biology" Journal

235. Defence Affairs

The Indian Navy, which earned worldwide recognition for the aid it provided to Indian Ocean Region (IOR) countries devastated by the earthquake-cum-tsunami of December 2004, has again launched humanitarian aid and disaster relief (HADR) outreach programme. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – launched humanitarian aid and disaster relief (HADR) outreach programme
- Commander-in-Chief – President Ram Nath Kovind
- Chief of the Naval Staff – Admiral Karmabir Singh

236. Current GK

Hyderabad-based DRDO's lab, Research Centre Imarat (RCI) has developed a contactless UVC sanitisation cabinet called Defence Research Ultraviolet Sanitiser (DRUVS) to sanitize mobile phones, iPads, laptops, currency notes, etc. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO's RCI – developed – DRUVS
- DRUVS – Defence Research Ultraviolet Sanitiser
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy
- HQs of RCI – Hyderabad, Telangana

237. Science & Technology

Collaborative research by scientists from the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) and the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, has led to the discovery of 3 new species of fishes under Dawkinsia genus in Western Ghats recently. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The discovery of 3 new species of fishes – under Dawkinsia genus – in Western Ghats

238. Current GK

A study by scientists and students from the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG) has revealed a 35,000-year history of river erosion in Ladakh Himalayas besides identifying hotspots of erosion and wide valleys that act as a buffer zone. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- WIHG – revealed 35000 year history of river erosion in – Ladakh Himalayas
- HQs of WIHG – Dehradun, Uttarakhand

239. Amount & Agreements

The UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock launched the USD 6.7 billion appeal and updated a global plan to fight the COVID-19 in fragile countries. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- UN & its Partner agencies – launched the – USD 6.7 billion appeal and a global plan
- UN Emergency Relief Coordinator – Mark Lowcock

240. Important Days & Dates

May 11 is National Technology Day, celebrated to mark the day on which India successfully test-fired its first nuclear bombs in 1998. Between May 11 and May 13, 1998, five devices were tested during the nuclear tests in Rajasthan's Pokhran. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 11 – National Technology Day
- India successfully test-fired its first nuclear bombs in – 1998 – at Pokhran (Rajasthan)

241. National & States Affairs

Chak-Hao, the black rice of Manipur, the Gorakhpur terracotta of Uttar Pradesh and Kovilpatti kadalai mittai of Tamil Nadu have recently bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 'Chak-Hao' the black rice – Manipur
- Gorakhpur Terracotta – Uttar Pradesh
- Kovilpatti kadalai mittai – Tamil Nadu
- HQ of Geographical Indications Registry – Chennai, TN

242. Current GK

Recently, the Ministry of Tourism organised a webinar- 'Exploring River Nila' as a part of the 17th session of Dekho Apna Desh Webinar series. River Nila is also known as Bharathapuzha and Ponnani and is located in Kerala. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 17th "Dekho Apna Desh Webinar series" – 'Exploring River Nila'
- Organised by – Ministry of Tourism
- River Nila – Kerala
- Prahlad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram
- CM – Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

243. National & States Affairs

A bench headed by Justice N V Ramana refused to restore 4G services in Jammu and Kashmir but ordered setting up of a high-powered committee, headed by Union home secretary – Ajay Kumar Bhalla, to look into the contentions raised by petitioners. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The SC set up – a high-powered committee – headed by Union home secretary (Ajay Kumar Bhalla)
- CJI - Sharad Arvind Bobde (47th)

244. Current GK

Rajkot-based Macpower CNC has produced the country's first indigenous hot air seam sealing machine that is used to manufacture PPE kits at half the price of the imported ones [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Macpower CNC (Rajkot) – produced 1st indigenous hot air seam sealing machine
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

245. Obituaries

Former National men's singles table tennis champion Manmeet Singh passed away in Montreal, Canada. He was 58. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Manmeet Singh – passed away – Table Tennis

246. National & States Affairs

Madhya Pradesh continues to be the most unsafe state in India to be born in, as it reported the highest infant mortality rate (IMR) in the country again. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – reported highest Infant mortality rate (IMR) in the country
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor - Lalji Tandon

247. Amount & Agreements

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved \$400 million multi-year financing envelope to help India enhance its coastal resources, protect coastal populations from pollution, erosion, and sea-level rise. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – \$ 400 million – to India
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., United States
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshla Kant

248. Science & Technology

The Pune-based Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) has developed a microwave steriliser to kill the coronavirus and named it Atulya. DIAT is a deemed university supported by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- DIAT – developed – a microwave sterilizer named – Atulya
- HQs of DIAT – Pune, Maharashtra
- DIAT comes under – DRDO
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

249. Sports & Games

FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup, which India will be hosting, has been rescheduled to February 17 till March 7, 2021, the football governing body announced on May 12, 2020. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host – FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup
- FIFA HQs – Zürich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino

250. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) announced a tie-up with Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) to develop a fully indigenous vaccine using the virus strain isolated at the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR + BBIL – tie-up – to develop a fully Indigenous Vaccine
- Bharat Biotech HQs – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman - Dr. Krishna Ella
- ICMR HQs – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava

251. Schemes & Initiatives

The Madhya Pradesh government has re-launched the ambitious “Sambal Yojana” aimed to strengthen the lives of the poor and the SC and ST communities by providing them social security cover, right from birth to death. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- “Sambal Yojana”– launched by Madhya Pradesh – to strengthen the lives of the poor, SC & ST
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor - Lalji Tandon

252. Sports & Games

French cycling rider Remy di Gregorio has been banned for four years for using a form of banned blood-boosting hormone EPO. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Remy di Gregorio (France) – banned – Cycling

253. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Department of Consumer Affairs has partnered with tech startups “Safejob” and “Seekify” to use technology to prevent the spread of Covid-19 at the local Kirana store level or Suraksha Stores. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Dept. of Consumer Affairs + Safejob + Seekify = to prevent the spread of Covid-19 at Suraksha Stores
- Ram Vilas Paswan – Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- Constituency – Hajipur, Bihar
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teotia

254. Schemes & Initiatives

The West Bengal Government has launched two schemes: 'Sneher Porosh' to help migrant workers and 'Prochesta' for the workers who are working in unorganised sector. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal – launched two schemes: 'Sneher Porosh' & 'Prochesta'
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamata Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankhar

255. Obituaries

Eminent historian Hari Shankar Vasudevan died at a private hospital. Vasudevan had tested positive for novel coronavirus on May 6. He was 68. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Hari Shankar Vasudevan – passed away – Historian

256. Persons in News

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has formed a six-member committee headed by Rohit Bharadwaj to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for phased resumption of training across sporting disciplines at all the centres once the coronavirus-forced national lockdown is lifted. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- SAI – formed 6 member committee – headed by Rohit Bharadwaj
- To prepare a SOP – Standard Operating Procedure
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | Director General – Sandip Pradhan

257. National & States Affairs

National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science & Technology (DST) has launched a programme on health and risk communication ‘Year of Awareness on Science & Health (YASH)’ with focus on COVID-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- National Council for Science & Technology Communication – launched “Year of Awareness on Science & Health - YASH”
- NCSTC comes under – Department of Science & Technology
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Sci. & Tec, Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi

258. Science & Technology

The TVS group and IIT Madras (IIT-M) have jointly developed a low-cost, automated respiratory assistance device called ‘Sundaram Ventago’ to provide breathing support to patients through controlled and automated squeezing of a self-inflating or Ambu bag. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- TVS + IIT Madras – developed – a device ‘Sundaram Ventago’
- HQs of TVS Group – Chennai, TN | CMD – Venu Srinivasan

259. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) will collaborate to initiate a population-based ‘Sero-Survey’ in selected districts to monitor COVID-19 prevalence. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR + NCDC – initiated a population-based ‘Sero-Survey’
- HQs of ICMR – New Delhi | Director General – Balram Bhargava
- HQs of NCDC – New Delhi | Director – Sujeet Kumar Singh

260. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

A high-level digital conference, on 'Rebooting the Economy through Science, Technology and Research Translations' titled "RESTART" will be organised by Technology Development Board (TDB) a statutory body of the Department of Science & Technology (DST) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on the occasion of national technology day May 11, 2020. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- TDB + CII = organized A high-level digital conference – RESTART
- RESTART - Rebooting the Economy through Science, Technology And Research Translations
- Technology Development Board (TDB) – comes under Dept. of S & T

261. Current GK

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant recently tweeted a picture of “a Black Panther” from Netravali wildlife sanctuary in South Goa. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- A Black Panther – in Netravali wildlife sanctuary (Goa)
- Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

262. Current GK

Helicopters of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA) came close to the border during the face-off with the Indian Army near Pangong Tso lake in Eastern Ladakh. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Pangong Tso lake – in Eastern Ladakh
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

263. Schemes & Initiatives

The Thiruvananthapuram division of Southern Railway has taken an initiative for door delivery and pick up of parcels in association with the department of posts, Kerala circle. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Thiruvananthapuram division – took an initiative for door delivery and pick up of parcels
- HQs of Southern Railway – Chennai



264. Science & Technology

CSIR through its NMITLI program approved a multi institutional project to develop human monoclonal antibodies (hmAbs) that can neutralize SARS-CoV-2 in patients. The project will be implemented by National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), IIT-Indore and PredOmix Technologies Pvt. Ltd. with Bharat Biotech International Ltd., as the commercialization partner. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India's CSIR – approved – a multi institutional project to develop hmAbs
- Implemented by = NCCS + IIT-Indore + PredOmix Technologies + Bharat Biotech
- CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) HQs – New Delhi
- CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

265. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of less than 5% shareholding in Intas Pharmaceuticals Limited by Canary Investments Limited and Link Investment Trust II, under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Canary Investments Limited – acquired less than 5% of – Intas Pharmaceuticals Limited
- Acquisition approved by CCI – under Section 31(1)
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta

266. National & States Affairs

NLC (Neyveli Lignite Corporation) India Limited has for the first time, commenced production of Coal. The coal produced from Talabira II and III Mines in the state of Odisha, which was allotted to NLCIL in 2016 with a capacity of 20 Million Tonne per annum. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Neyveli Lignite Corporation – commenced production of Coal for the 1st time
- HQs of NLC – Chennai, TN | CMD – Rakesh Kumar

267. Defence Affairs

The Indian Navy said that its personal protective equipment (PPE) has been certified by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) for mass production and subsequent usage in clinical COVID-19 situations. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- PPEs of – Indian Navy – is certified for mass production
- INMAS comes under – DRDO (a lab of DRDO)
- Commander-in-Chief – President Ram Nath Kovind
- Chief of the Naval Staff – Admiral Karmabir Singh

268. Current GK

Environmental experts and fisheries organisations have flagged a serious threat to the ecology of the Indian Sundarbans due to recent incidents of fly ash-filled barges capsizing and sinking in the Hooghly River. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Hooghly river – West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata
- CM – Mamata Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankhar

269. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India has moved up two positions to rank 74th on a global 'Energy Transition Index' with improvements on all key parameters of economic growth, energy security and environmental sustainability. Sweden has topped the Energy Transition Index (ETI) for the third consecutive year. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- 'Energy Transition Index' – India 74th – topped by Sweden
- Rankings released by – World Economic Forum
- HQs of WEF – Cologny, Switzerland | Executive Chairman and Founder – Klaus Schwab

270. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Skipper Kane Williamson was named the men's ODI Player of the Year at the annual New Zealand Cricket awards for his stellar performance throughout the year. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Kane Williamson – “Men's ODI Player of the Year” – at New Zealand Cricket awards
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD)

271. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

India Post has entered into a tie-up with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for delivery of its COVID-19 testing kits to 200 additional labs designated for coronavirus testing across the country. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- India Post + ICMR = Partnership – for delivery of its COVID-19 testing kits
- HQs of India Post – New Delhi
- ICMR HQs – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava

272. Science & Technology

China successfully launched two satellites "Xingyun-2 01 and 02" to test the space-based Internet of Things (IoT) communications technology. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Two satellites "Xingyun-2 01 and 02" – launched by China
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

273. Appointments & Resignations

Google Pay India appointed Shikha Sharma, former Axis Bank CEO, as an advisor to digital payments app. Google Pay has been leading UPI Payments adoption in India. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Shikha Sharma – appointed as an advisor of – Google Pay India
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

274. Current GK

The ministry of petroleum and natural gas has set up a six-member expert committee to review the existing production sharing contracts (PSCs) owing to the fall in crude oil prices and the Covid-19 lockdown. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry Of Petroleum And Natural Gas – set up a 6-member expert committee
- PSCs - Production Sharing Contracts
- Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of Steel
- Constituency – RS MP from Madhya Pradesh

275. Current GK

ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, has successfully developed India's first indigenous antibody testing kit "ELISA" to combat COVID-19 in partnership with Zydus Cadila (Cadila Healthcare Ltd). After the development at ICMR-NIV, Pune, technology has been transferred for mass-scale production to Zydus Cadila. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- NIV + Zydus Cadila – developed – 1st indigenous antibody testing kit "ELISA"
- HQs of NIV – Pune, Maharashtra
- NIV comes under – ICMR
- ICMR HQs – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava

276. Appointments & Resignations

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has announced that Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi (IAS) has assumed charge as the new Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy from May 11, 2020. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi – assumed as – the secretary of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy
- Raj Kumar Singh – Minister of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

277. Sports & Games

Paralympics silver medallist Deepa Malik announced her retirement to hold her post as the President of the Paralympic Committee of India. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Deepa Malik – retirement – Shot Put (Athletes)

278. Science & Technology

The MeerKAT captured high-quality imaging of 'X- shaped radio galaxies' called PKS 2014-55 800 million light-years away. But the reason remained a mystery till South African satellite MeerKAT captured high-quality imaging of a galaxy called PKS 2014-55. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- "MeerKAT" satellite (South Africa) – captured high-quality imaging of 'X- shaped radio galaxies'
- 800 million light-years away

279. National & States Affairs

Jharkhand's Sohrai Khovar painting and Telangana's Telia Rumal were given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Sohrai Khovar painting – Jharkhand
- Telia Rumal – Telangana
- HQ of Geographical Indications Registry – Chennai, TN

280. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Proposed Combination between BP Global Investments Limited (BP Global) and Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBPML) in which 49% share of Reliance BP Mobility Limited is acquired by BP Global Investments Limited, under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- BP Global Investments Ltd – acquired 49% share of – Reliance BP Mobility Ltd
- Acquisition approved by CCI – under Section 31(1)
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta

281. Sports & Games

China deservedly won the inaugural FIDE Chess.com, the first edition of the 'Online Nations Cup' after beating USA in the final. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- China – won – the 1st edition of the 'Online Nations Cup'
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

282. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Shri Nitin Gadkari launched "AYUSH Entrepreneurship Development programme" jointly organized by the Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for promoting the AYUSH sector in the country under different Schemes of the Ministry of MSME. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- AYUSH + MSME = "AYUSH Entrepreneurship Development programme"
- MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSME
- Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra

283. Current GK

CSIR's Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO), Chandigarh, has developed an Electrostatic Disinfection Machine for effective disinfection and sanitization to fight with corona pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- CSIO (Chandigarh) – developed – Electrostatic Disinfection Machine
- CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) HQs – New Delhi
- CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

284. Persons in News

Former Commonwealth Games gold-winning boxer Akhil Kumar has been re-inducted into the National Anti-Doping Agency's Disciplinary Panel. Akhil, who is also serving in Haryana Police as ACP Gurugram, was formerly in the panel from 2017 to 2019. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Akhil Kumar – re-inducted into – NADA
- HQs of NADA – New Delhi | DG – Navin Agarwal
- Ambassador of NADA – Suniel Shetty

285. Current GK

The Registration Committee (RC) under the Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee (CIBRC) recommended that use of antibiotics streptomycin and tetracycline be completely banned with immediate effect on crops. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- The Registration Committee – to ban – the use of antibiotics “Streptomycin And Tetracycline”
- These are the types of – TB Drugs

286. Obituaries

An actor, comedian and father of Ben Stiller, veteran Jerry Stiller, who launched his career opposite wife Anne Meara in the 1950s, passed away recently. He was 92. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Jerry Stiller (USA) – passed away – An Actor & A Comedian

287. Schemes & Initiatives

The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and the Delhi Police jointly launched an initiative, AYURAKSHA - "Corona Se Jung- Delhi Police Ke Sang", aimed at maintaining the health of police personnel through ayurveda immunity boosting measures. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- An initiative “AYURAKSHA” – AIIA + Delhi Police
- Delhi: CM - Arvind Kejriwal | Governor - Anil Baijal

288. Schemes & Initiatives

India launched “Mission Sagar” as part of the government's outreach initiative towards five Island nations in the Indian Ocean amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- GoI – launched “Mission Sagar”

289. Important Days & Dates

“International Nurses Day” is an international day celebrated around the world on May 12 every year on the occasion of Florence Nightingale's birthday to mark the nurse's contribution towards people's health. This year the theme was “Nurses: A voice to lead - Nursing the World to Health”. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- May 12 – International Nurses Day
- Theme – “Nurses: A voice to lead - Nursing the World to Health”
- HQ of International Council of Nurses (ICN) – Geneva, Switzerland

290. Obituaries

Former India football captain Chuni Goswami, who led India to the 1962 Asian Games gold, passed away in Kolkata after a prolonged illness. He also played first-class cricket for Bengal and was 82. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Chuni Goswami – passed away – Football & Cricket
- He made India won the gold medal in the Asian Games football – in 1962

291. Schemes & Initiatives

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) launched an initiative ‘Pranavayu’ that will allow to monitor blood oxygen levels and heart rates of patients showing influenza-like illnesses (ILI) in fever clinics. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Pranavayu’ initiative – Bengaluru
- Karnataka Capital – Bangalore
- CM – Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

292. Amount & Agreements

The US' Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has committed \$3.6 million to assist India's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the aid will support prevention, preparedness and response activities. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- CDC of USA – \$3.6 million assistance – to India
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

293. National & States Affairs

Bringing together composers, musicians and singers from across India, contributing recordings from their homes, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has unveiled a musical creation "United We Fight". [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- ICCR – unveiled – a musical creation "United We Fight"
- HQs of ICCR – New Delhi | DG – Dineshk Patnaik

294. Amount & Agreements

PM Modi announced a Rs 20-lakh-crore stimulus package, equivalent to about 10% of India's GDP, aimed at making the country 'Atma Nirbhar' (self-reliant) and reviving the stalled economy. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi announced – 20 Lakh Cr (10% of GDP) – stimulus package

295. National & States Affairs

The IMD has started including Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad, which are parts of PoK, under the Jammu and Kashmir meteorological sub-division since May 5. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- IMD – included Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad
- HQs of IMD – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

296. Schemes & Initiatives

Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has achieved the milestone of 2.23 subscribers as it completes 5 years of its implementation. Under the scheme, the government provides the guarantee of minimum pension after 60 years of age. The male to female subscription ratio is 57:43. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- Atal Pension Yojana (APY) – completed 5 years (launched in 2015)
- Achieved the milestone of 2.23 subscribers
- Guarantee of minimum pension after – 60 years of age
- Male to female subscription ratio – 57:43

297. Amount & Agreements

The New Development Bank of the BRICS countries has fully disbursed \$1 billion emergency assistance loan to India to help it contain the spread of COVID-19. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- NDB – \$1 billion assistance – to India
- NDB HQs – Shanghai, China | President – K V Kamath
- NDB established by – BRICS Countries – In 2014
- BRICS Countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa

298. National & States Affairs

Jammu and Kashmir plans to provide tap water connection to all rural households by December, 2022 under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Out of the remaining households, J&K plans to provide 1.76 lakh households by 2020-21 [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – to provide tap water connection to all rural households – by December, 2022
- Under – Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
- J &K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu

299. Science & Technology

Astronomers at the University of Canterbury (UC) have found a new one in a million “Super-Earth planet” towards the genre of the galaxy. The planet-hunters’ research has been published in The Astronomical Journal. [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- University of Canterbury – found – “Super-Earth planet”
- The research has been published in – The Astronomical Journal

300. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh has highest number of under-five and neonatal deaths in 2017 as per “Subnational mapping of under-5 and neonatal mortality trends in India: the Global Burden of Disease Study 2000–17.” [Click here for more details](#)

Key Points:

- UP – highest number of under-five and neonatal deaths in 2017
- Reports by – India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



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