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All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

## 601. Persons in News

Bollywood actor Salman Khan has announced the launch of his personal care and grooming brand Frsh. The brand has been co-created by Scentials Beauty Care and Wellness Pvt. Ltd, a beauty brand co-founded by former tennis professional Mahesh Bhupathi. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Salman Khan – launched his personal care and grooming brand “Frsh”
- Co-created by – Scentials Beauty Care and Wellness Pvt. Ltd
- Mahesh Bhupathi – Tennis

## 602. National & States Affairs

In a historic development after the formation of Union Territory of Ladakh, separate Ladakh Police has come into existence. Police in Leh and Kargil districts now will be called Ladakh police. The red and blue colored Ladakh police flag with 'Khidmat aur Himmat' reads service and courage is ready to fly high. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ladakh Police – got separate existence
- 'Khidmat aur Himmat' flag – Ladakh Police
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

## 603. National & States Affairs

The Tamil Nadu government has started preliminary works for implementing the unique Solar Fence Farmland Protection Programme, under the Central Agriculture Improvement Scheme. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – started “Unique Solar Fence Farmland Protection Programme”
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

## 604. Important Days & Dates

Ministry of Culture's National Gallery of Modern Art organised virtual tour titled “Ramkinkar Baij - Journey through silent transformation and expressions” to commemorate the 115th Birth Anniversary of Ramkinkar Baij on 26th May 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- May 26 – 115th Birth Anniversary of “Ramkinkar Baij”
- A virtual Tour – organized by – NGMA
- National Gallery of Modern Art comes under – Ministry of Culture (Pralhad Singh Patel)



## 605. Banking & Economic Affairs

The country's GDP is estimated to have grown at 1.2% in the last quarter of the previous fiscal as economic activity came to a standstill in the last week of March due to the nationwide lockdown to contain spread of COVID-19, according to the SBI's research report - Ecowrap. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- As per SBI's Ecowrap report – GDP is estimated to have grown at 1.2% in Q4 of 2019
- SBI Bank HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | SBI Bank Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- SBI Bank MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- SBI Bank Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar
- SBI Life CEO – Sanjeev Nautiyal

## 606. Important Days & Dates

The United Nations General Assembly observed the International Day of UN Peacekeepers on May 29 to pay tribute to the uniformed and civilian personnel's indispensable contribution. The theme of the year was "Women in Peacekeeping: A Key to Peace". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- May 29 – International Day of UN Peacekeepers – Observed by UN General Assembly
- Theme – "Women in Peacekeeping: A Key to Peace"

## 607. National & States Affairs

The Karnataka government would soon launch a project to maintain the health database of all its citizens by having a "State Health Register". This project will be implemented first in Chikkaballapur district on an experimental basis. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Karnataka – to maintain "State Health Register" of all its citizens
- Karnataka Capital – Bangalore | CM – B S Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

## 608. Science & Technology

Researchers at IIT Madras, the University of North Texas and the US Army Research Laboratory have developed an engineered magnesium alloy which can replace steel and aluminium alloys in the automobile industry making vehicles more fuel efficient. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IIT Madras + University of North Texas + US Army Research Lab = "A magnesium alloy"
- It can replace steel and aluminium alloys in – "Automobile industry"

## 609. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Major Suman Gawani, an Indian Army officer and woman peacekeeper who has served with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), has been selected for the prestigious “United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award (2019)”. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Major Suman Gawani – awarded with “United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award (2019)”

## 610. Schemes & Initiatives

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched “Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana” (Modified- 2020) Scheme with assured interest rate of 7.40% p.a. for FY 2020-21. This plan was made available for sale commencing from May 26 for three financial years – up to March 31, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- LIC – launched modified PMVVY
- Assured interest rate – 7.40% (for FY 2020-21)
- LIC HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – M R Kumar

## 611. Science & Technology

The new freshwater species, “Puntius sanctus”, grows to only 7 cm Velankanni in Tamil Nadu has thrown up a new species of small freshwater fish of the family Cyprinidae. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Puntius sanctus – a Fish – discovered in Tamil Nadu
- The research published in – "Bioscience Research" Journal

## 612. National & States Affairs

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has directed the health department and doctors to conduct a detailed analysis of each death caused by COVID-19 in the state so far. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – to conduct detailed analysis of each death caused by COVID-19
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

### 613. National & States Affairs

The right to a decent burial is recognized as a facet of the right to life and even in such a pandemic situation this right cannot be taken away from any person, as per the Bombay High Court Statement. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Bombay High Court – “Right to a decent burial” is recognized as a facet of the right to life
- Chief Justice of Bombay HC – Justice Dipankar Datta

### 614. Current GK

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Annual “Kheer Bhawani Mela” on 30th May this year in Tulmulla village of Ganderbal district has been cancelled by the Dharmarth Trust of Jammu and Kashmir because of outbreak of Coronavirus pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Kheer Bhawani Mela” – Jammu & Kashmir
- J & K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu

### 615. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

State-owned shadow banking firm REC (formerly known as Rural Electrification Corporation) has tied up with TajSATS to provide food to frontline health workers fighting the COVID-19 battle. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- REC + TajSATS = to provide food to frontline health workers
- HQs of REC – New Delhi | CMD – Ajeet Kumar Agarwal
- HQs of TajSATS – Mumbai | Chairman – Puneet Chhatwal

### 616. National & States Affairs

The Chhattisgarh government has decided to consider “lac cultivation” as an agriculture activity in the state and promote its farming as a livelihood option for farmers, particularly those living in remote and forest areas. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – decided to consider “lac cultivation” as an agriculture activity
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

## 617. International Affairs

The UNICEF-launched week-long campaign #RedDotChallenge for ensuring all girls manage their periods safely and with dignity has reached 3.2 million through social media. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- UNICEF – launched “#RedDotChallenge”
- UNICEF HQs – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

## 618. Science & Technology

National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched an artificial intelligence (AI)-based chatbot called 'PAI' to create awareness around its digital payment platforms like FASTag, RuPay and UPI. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- NPCI – developed an AI-based chatbot – named “PAI”
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe

## 619. Important Days & Dates

Every year on May 28, non-governmental organisations, government agencies, the private sectors come together to celebrate Menstrual Hygiene Day (MH Day) and highlight the importance of good menstrual hygiene management (MHM). World Menstrual Hygiene Day 2020 theme is 'Periods in Pandemic'. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- May 28 – Menstrual Hygiene Day (MH Day)
- Theme – “Periods in Pandemic”

## 620. Amount & Agreements

The Asian Development Bank and the Central government signed a USD 177 million loan agreement to upgrade 450 km of state highways and major district roads in the state of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- ADB + Maharashtra = USD 177 million loan agreement
- To upgrade 450 km of state highways & roads
- ADB: HQs – [Mandaluyong, Philippines](#) | President – [Masatsugu Asakawa](#) • Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari





## 621. Appointments & Resignations

Aiman Ezzat succeeded Paul Hermelin as French technology major Capgemini's new CEO. Aiman Ezzat, was earlier serving as the Chief Operating Officer. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Aiman Ezzat – appointed as the CEO of – Capgemini
- He will succeed – Paul Hermelin
- HQs of Capgemini – Paris, France | CEO – Aiman Ezzat

## 622. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) has joined hands with ICICI Bank to offer retail financing schemes to its customers. As part of the tie up, ICICI Bank is offering flexi EMI scheme which enables customers to pay low EMI initially. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Maruti Suzuki India + ICICI Bank = to offer retail financing schemes
- HQs of Maruti Suzuki India Ltd – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Kenichi Ayukawa
- ICICI Bank: HQs – Mumbai | MD & CEO – [Sandeep Bakhshi](#)
- Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

## 623. Sports & Games

Sri Lankan Cricket (SLC) suspended Shehan Madushanka from all forms of cricket, with immediate effect, after he was found guilty of carrying drugs. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Shehan Madushanka (Sri Lanka) – suspended by SLC – Cricket
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

## 624. Important Days & Dates

World Digestive Health Day, celebrated on May 29 every year, an expert explained how to take care of your digestive and immune systems amid lockdown. The theme for the World Digestive Health Day 2020 campaign was "Gut Microbiome: A Global Perspective." [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- May 29 – World Digestive Health Day
- Theme – "Gut Microbiome: A Global Perspective"

## 625. National & States Affairs

Karnataka has prohibited the entry of people coming from five high-risk states via roads and has requested Centre to reduce the number of flights arriving from these areas. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Karnataka – prohibited – entry of people coming from 5 high-risk states
- Karnataka Capital – Bangalore | CM – B S Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

## 626. National & States Affairs

In Gujarat, the clinical trial of Ayurvedic medicine for COVID-19 derived from panchgavya is to begin in Rajkot. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Clinical trial of Ayurvedic medicine for COVID-19 derived from ‘Panchgavya’ – in Rajkot, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

## 627. Current GK

Chhattisgarh forest department officials have sighted a rare black panther at Achanakmar Tiger Reserve in Bilaspur district. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- A rare Black Panther – at “Achanakmar Tiger Reserve” (Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh)
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

## 628. International Affairs

Russia has started constructing its first strategic stealth bomber, capable of delivering nuclear weapons, under the Perspective Aviation Complex for Long-Range Aviation (PAK DA) programme. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Russia – started constructing its 1st “Strategic Stealth Bomber”
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Military Exercise with Russia: (Indra, AVIA INDRA)

### 629. Banking & Economic Affairs

The government has decided to withdraw 7.75% Savings (Taxable) Bonds scheme from the close of banking business due to declining interest rates. The scheme is commonly known as RBI Bonds or GOI bonds. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Govt decided to withdraw – 7.75% Savings Bonds Scheme
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

### 630. National & States Affairs

A Webinar under Know Your Scheme-Lecture Series on “Van Dhan Yojana : Learning For Post Covid-19” was organized by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Rajasthan in association with Trifed, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rajasthan + Dept. of S & T + Trifed = Webinar on “Van Dhan Yojana : Learning For Post Covid-19”
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- Trifed comes under – Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Arjun Munda – Khunti, Jharkhand)

### 631. Current GK

Saharan cheetah, a subspecies listed as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List, was spotted in the Hoggar Mountains national park in the vast desert south of Algeria. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Saharan cheetah – spotted in “Hoggar Mountains national park” (Algeria)
- Algeria – Algiers – Algerian dinar

### 632. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman reviewed the state of the economy at the 22nd meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC), in view of disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 22nd meeting of the FSDC – reviewed by FM Minister (Nirmala Sitharaman – Karnataka)
- FSDC – Financial Stability and Development Council

### 633. National & States Affairs

VAMS Global, a Mumbai based start-up has come up with the world's first "Contactless Visitor Management Software" with temperature scanner and mask detection – VAMS SafeGuard which uses AI to allow entry of visitors only who are complying to all COVID protection measures. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- VAMS Global – World's 1st "Contactless Visitor Management Software"
- HQs of VAMS Global – Mumbai, Maharashtra

### 634. Science & Technology

NASA has renamed its Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST), a next-generation space telescope set to launch in 2025 after Nancy Grace Roman, the US space agency's first chief astronomer. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope" – of NASA
- Renamed after "Nancy Grace Roman"
- Set to launch in – 2025

### 635. Science & Technology

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has secured a patent for its method of producing highland lunar soil simulant or "moon soil". It is made using similar rock samples found at the Sittampundi Anorthosite Complex, located 67 km from Salem in Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ISRO – secured a patent for its method of producing "moon soil"
- HQs – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan

### 636. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Mastercard to build customised solutions for payments such as tap-and-pay NFC, credit facility and other neighbourhood banking services for farmers and SMEs. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank + Mastercard = tap-and-pay NFC & credit facility – for farmers and SMEs
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga

### 637. Acquisitions & Mergers

Indian consumer goods giant ITC Ltd entered into a Share Purchase Agreement to acquire 100% of the equity share capital of Sunrise Foods Private Limited, which has operated primarily in the spice business under the trademark "Sunrise". [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ITC Ltd – to acquire 100% stake in – Sunrise Foods (Kolkata, WB)
- HQs of ITC Ltd – Kolkata, West Bengal | CEO – Sanjiv Puri

### 638. Appointments & Resignations

Ministry of External Affairs also announced that Prem K Nair, at present Consul General of India to Hambantota, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Niger. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Prem K Nair – next Ambassador to – Niger
- Niger – Niamey – West African CFA franc

### 639. National & States Affairs

Private NBFC, Tata Capital has launched the voicebot "TIA" on WhatsApp. The voicebot offers a range of services to its customers like opting for a new loan or getting queries resolved etc. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- WhatsApp voicebot – "TIA" – launched by 'Tata Capital'
- HQs of Tata Capital – Mumbai | CEO – Rajiv Sabharwal

### 640. National & States Affairs

The principal bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has allowed Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS) to sell its entire 50% stake in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Co Ltd (GIFT City) to the state government. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- IL & FS – to sell its entire "50% stake" in GIFT City – to "Gujarat"
- GIFT City – Gandhinagar
- Approved by National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) | Chairman – Bansi Lal Bhat
- HQs of IL & FS – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Uday Kotak

### 641. Obituaries

Hyderabad-based Padmashree awardee and well known Urdu Satirist (Author) Mujtaba Hussain passed away after suffering from a cardiac arrest. He was 87. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mujtaba Hussain (Hyderabad) – passed away – Urdu Author
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad
- CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

### 642. Important Days & Dates

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to India's first Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru on his 56th death anniversary on May 27. He was the longest-serving prime minister and assumed office in 1947. There was, however more to Nehru as a writer than his autobiography "Toward Freedom". His other works are "Glimpses of World History" and "The Discovery of India". [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- May 27 – 56th death anniversary of – Jawahar Lal Nehru (First & longest-serving PM of India)
- His autobiography "Toward Freedom"
- His other books - "Glimpses of World History" & "The Discovery of India"

### 643. National & States Affairs

Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET) has been renamed as Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET), a premier national institution under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt. of India. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET)
- Renamed as – "Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology"
- It works under – the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- HQs of CIPET – Chennai, TN | Director- General – S. K. Nayak
- D. V. Sadananda Gowda – Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers | Constituency – Bangalore, Karnataka

#### 644. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic can push children living in poor households across low and middle-income countries by 86 million (15% increase) to reach 672 million by the end of 2020 according to a study titled “Children in monetary poor households and COVID-19: Technical Note” jointly conducted by UNICEF and Save the Children organisation. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- “Children in monetary poor households and COVID-19: Technical Note”
- Conducted by – “UNICEF” + “Save the Children organization”
- Children in poverty – increase of 15% (86 million) – Total: “672 million” by 2020
- UNICEF HQs – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

#### 645. Obituaries

M P Veerendra Kumar, the MD of leading Malayalam daily Mathrubhumi, a member of PTI’s Board of Directors, a Rajya Sabha MP from Kerala and a former union minister, passed away recently. He was 84. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- M P Veerendra Kumar – passed away – Politician (RS MP from Kerala)

#### 646. National & States Affairs

In Ladakh, Director of Animal, Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Dr Mohammad Raza inaugurated the 1st Solar Lift Irrigation Plant of Kargil with 5 KW Solar Plant and 3 HP Submersible Pump. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- Dr Mohammad Raza inaugurated – 1st Solar Lift Irrigation Plant of Kargil (Ladakh)
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

#### 647. Science & Technology

Researchers at Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST) Mohali have found a straightforward and unique route to fabricate precisely controlled nanostructures of desired geometry and location on 2D materials. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- INST – found a unique route to fabricate nanostructures of desired geometry and location on 2D materials
- HQs of INST – Mohali, Punjab | Director – Amitava Patra
- INST comes under – Dept. of Science & Technology



## 648. International Affairs

Western Australia is being battered by a major extratropical cyclone, a result of tropical cyclone “Mangga” favourably interacting with an upper trough and surface baroclinic zone. And now it has started evolving in the southern Indian Ocean. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Cyclone “Mangga” – started evolving in the “Southern Indian Ocean”
- The name given by – Indonesia
- Indonesia: Capital – Jakarta | President – Joko Widodo

## 649. Banking & Economic Affairs

As per S&P Global Ratings, the Indian economy will shrink by 5% in the current fiscal as it joined a chorus of international agencies that are forecasting a contraction in growth rate due to coronavirus lockdown halting economic activity. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- S&P Global Ratings – GDP will shrink by 5% (flexible news)
- HQs of S&P Global Ratings – New York, USA

## 650. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Tamil Nadu government signed 17 Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) involving an investment of Rs 15,128 crore having a potential to generate about 47,150 jobs. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – signed 17 MoUs – worth Rs. 15,128 – to generate about 47,150 jobs
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

## 651. International Affairs

HIL is now in the process of production and supply of 25 tonnes pesticide named ‘Malathion Technical’ for supply to locust control programme to Iran under Government to Government arrangement. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India – to provide 25 tonnes pesticide – to Iran
- Iran – Tehran – Rial



## 652. Appointments & Resignations

Marcos Prado Troyjo, former deputy economy minister of Brazil, will succeed KV Kamath as the new president of the Shanghai-based development bank created by BRICS nations. The board of governors also appointed Anil Kishora, of the State Bank of India (SBI), as the vice president of the NDB. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Marcos Prado Troyjo (Brazil) – appointed as the President of – NDB
- He will succeed – KV Kamath (India)
- Anil Kishora – appointed as the Vice-President of – NDB
- NDB HQs – Shanghai, China | President – Marcos Prado Troyjo (Brazil)
- NDB established by – BRICS Countries – In 2014
- BRICS Countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa

## 653. National & States Affairs

Three months after the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike decided to name Yelahanka flyover in Bengaluru after freedom fighter and Hindutva ideologue Veer Damodar Savarkar. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Yelahanka flyover” (Bangalore) – named after “Veer Damodar Savarkar”
- Karnataka Capital – Bangalore | CM – B S Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

## 654. National & States Affairs

The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh will develop 800 km roads as Herbal belt with medicinal and herbal trees along both sides of the road. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- UP – to develop “800-km” Herbal belt
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 655. Acquisitions & Mergers

Ola Electric Mobility (OEM) has acquired Amsterdam-based Etergo BV, a move that will help the Indian firm foray into the global premium electric two-wheeler market. It aims to launch its electric two-wheeler in India in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ola Electric Mobility – acquired – Etergo BV
- Aim – to launch its electric two-wheeler in India – in 2021
- HQs of Ola Electric – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairman – Bhavish Aggarwal
- HQs of Etergo BV – Amsterdam, Netherlands | CEO – Bart Jacobsz Rosier



## 656. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) aims to enhance fish production to 220 lakh metric tons by 2024-25. Under the Swath Sagar plan, activities envisaged with a view to modernizing the fisheries sector. India today has attained the status of the second largest aquaculture and 4th largest fish exporting nation in the world. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- PMMSY – fish production target – 220 lakh metric tons – by 2024-25
- “Swath Sagar Plan” – a part of PMMSY
- India – 4th largest fish exporting nation in the world
- India – 2nd largest aquaculture

## 657. Obituaries

Stanley Ho, a towering figure in Asia's gambling industry who played a key role in Macao's emergence as the world's foremost casino hub, has died. He was 98. He was famously known as the Casino kingpin of Gambling Capital Macau. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Stanley Ho (Hong Kong) – passed away – Businessman
- Famously known as – Casino kingpin
- Hong Kong – City of Victoria – Hong Kong dollar

## 658. Science & Technology

Indian researchers have identified a rice genome trait which has the potential to help in developing rice varieties with better yield and nutrition. Traits like the weight and number of grains per plant determine rice productivity. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Indian researchers have identified – “Rice” genome

## 659. National & States Affairs

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman formally launched the facility for instant allotment of PAN card using Aadhaar-based e-KYC. The facility is now available for all PAN applicants who possess a valid Aadhaar number and have a mobile number registered in the UIDAI database. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Instant allotment of “PAN card” using “Aadhaar-based e-KYC”
- Announced by Nirmala Sitharaman (FM Minister – Karnataka)
- A PAN card contains – 10 digits ( 5 alphabets + 4 numeric + 1 alphabet)
- An Aadhaar card contains – 12 digits



## 660. Current GK

The Melghat Tiger Reserve (MTR) is inquiring into several irregularities allegedly committed in the owl research project titled 'Ecological study of forest owl and other owls using radio telemetry'. However, Badratiya and Thakre alleged some owlets were also captured in Harisal range under Gugamal division (Gugamal National Park). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Melghat Tiger Reserve – Gugamal National Park – Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## 661. National & States Affairs

The Karnataka government said, the temples in the state could be reopened from June 1. The final decision, however, will be taken after the Centre releases its guidelines. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Karnataka – to reopen its temples from June 1
- Karnataka Capital – Bangalore | CM – B S Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

## 662. Sports & Games

36th National Games, scheduled for October-November in Goa, was postponed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 36th National Games – Goa – postponed
- HQs of IOA (Indian Olympic Association) – New Delhi
- President – Dr .Narinder Dhruv Batra | Secretary General – Rajeev Mehta

## 663. Schemes & Initiatives

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced the launch of the 'Rozgar Setu' scheme, saying it would help secure employment for skilled workers who have returned. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – 'Rozgar Setu' scheme
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor - Lalji Tandon

## 664. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Flipkart and Karnataka State Mango Department and Marketing Corporation signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU), enabling mango farmers sell their fresh produce online through the Flipkart platform. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Flipkart + Karnataka = signed MoU to sell “Mangoes” Online
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal
- Karnataka Capital – Bangalore | CM – B S Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

## 665. Sports & Games

Italy have emerged triumphant to be crowned the winners of UEFA eEURO 2020, beating Serbia in the final to clinch the inaugural eEuropean Championship. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “UEFA eEURO 2020” – won by Italy (defeated Serbia)
- Italy – Rome – Euro | Serbia – Belgrade – Serbian Dinar

## 666. Sports & Games

Former World Top 25 and US tennis star Jamie Hampton has announced her retirement from professional tennis. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Jamie Hampton (USA) – retirement – Tennis
- USA: Capital – Washington, D.C. | President – Donald Trump
- Military Exercises with USA: (Yudh Abhyas, Tiger Triumph, Vajra Prahar, Cope India, Indo-USCG)

## 667. Appointments & Resignations

Senior IAS officer Vishwas Mehta has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Kerala. Dr Mehta, who's now Additional Chief Secretary (Home), will assume office on June 1. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Vishwas Mehta – appointed as the new Chief Secretary – Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram
- CM – Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

## 668. Current GK

9th Rajputana Rifles and Arunachal Pradesh police had jointly launched operation in the forest area, based on a specific intelligence input regarding presence of armed NSCN (IM) militants in “Miao Bum Reserve Forest” area in Changlang district. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Miao Bum Reserve Forest” – Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra

## 669. Science & Technology

A Kochi-based startup, Devaditek Innovations has launched a multipurpose decontamination device called ‘Lumos’ that can sanitise items ranging from N95 masks to vegetables, thereby keeping a check on the spread of Covid-19. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Devaditek Innovations – developed a device named “Lumos” – to sanitise items
- Devaditek Innovations located at – Kochi, Kerala | Director – Sumith C Mohan

## 670. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Indian-American inventor Rajiv Joshi, an IBM scientist, has won the “2020 Inventor of the Year Award”, awarded by The New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Rajiv Joshi (IBM scientist) – won “2020 Inventor of the Year Award”
- Awarded by – The New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA)
- HQs of NYIPLA – Fort Lee, New Jersey, USA

## 671. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Institute of Integrative Medicine in Jammu has tied up with Reliance Industries Ltd to develop and scale-up a new Reverse Transcriptase-Loop Mediated Isothermal Amplification (RT-LAMP)-based COVID-19 diagnostic kit. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- CSIR-IIM (Jammu) + RIL = “RT-LAMP” based COVID-19 diagnostic kit
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

## 672. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India will raise Rs 80,000 crore by selling Cash Management Bills (CMBs) or shorter duration sovereign debt instruments as the government would be requiring money to meet immediate debt obligations amid coronavirus outbreak. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- The RBI – will raise “Rs 80,000 Cr” – by selling CMBs
- CMBs – Cash Management Bills
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

## 673. Books & Authors

Harry Potter author JK Rowling announced that she is going to publish her latest children's book, a fairytale named 'The Ickabog' in a serialized form online so children in Covid-19 lockdown can read it for free online. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- JK Rowling (UK) – released a Children’s Book – titled “The Ickabog”
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

## 674. Books & Authors

Siddhartha Mukherjee is a writer. His book The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer, aimed to demystify cancer, had won the Pulitzer in 2011. The book was also listed among Time magazine’s All-Time 100 Nonfiction books. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer” a book – by Siddhartha Mukherjee

## 675. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Power Finance Corporation (PFC) entered into an agreement with Narmada Basin Projects Company Ltd (NBPCL), a wholly-owned company of Government of Madhya Pradesh, to fund projects worth Rs 22,000 crore for 225 MW hydro-electric projects & multipurpose projects in the State. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- PFC + Narmada Basin Projects Company (MP) = to fund hydro-electric projects
- River Narmada originates from – Madhya Pradesh
- Worth – Rs 22,000 Cr | Capacity – 225 MW
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon



## 676. Appointments & Resignations

SN Rajeswari, General Manager, New India Assurance (NIA), has been selected by the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) as the Chairman and MD of the Delhi-based Oriental Insurance Company (OIC). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SN Rajeswari – appointed as the Chairman of – Oriental Insurance Company (HQs – New Delhi)
- Earlier She was GM of – New India Assurance (Mumbai)
- HQs of BBB – Mumbai | Chairperson – Bhanu Pratap Sharma

## 677. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Vakrangee Ltd announced Corporate Agency tie up with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to distribute Micro Insurance products through Nextgen Vakrangee Kendra network. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Vakrangee Ltd + LIC = to distribute Micro Insurance products
- HQs of Vakrangee Ltd – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Mr. Dinesh Nandwana
- LIC HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – M R Kumar

## 678. Important Days & Dates

“World Hunger Day” took place on 28 May with the aim of raising awareness of those who are going hungry around the world and to spur those with means to support them. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- May 28 – “World Hunger Day”

## 679. Current GK

An inter-state bridge on the Swan river being constructed at a cost Rs 61.29 crore will benefit many villages of Punjab, besides villages in Una and Kangra districts of Himachal Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- An inter-state bridge – on the “Swan river” – will benefit villages of “Punjab & Himachal Pradesh”

## 680. Sports & Games

Shillong, Meghalaya is continuing its efforts in preparing for the 39th edition of the National Games in 2022 despite the prevailing health scenario caused by COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 39th edition of the National Games – 2022 – will be hosted by Meghalaya
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – R N Ravi



### 681. National & States Affairs

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed a penalty of 7 lakh on the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for delay in disclosing financial results. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SEBI – imposed a penalty of 7 lakh – on “NHAI”
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

### 682. Obituaries

Hana Kimura, a professional Japanese wrestler who appeared in the latest series of Netflix's reality show Terrace House, has died at the age of 22. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Hana Kimura (Japan) – passed away – Wrestling
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe
- Military Exercise with Japan: (DHARMA Guardian, Shinyuu Maitree, Sahyog-Kaijin)

### 683. National & States Affairs

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has achieved a major milestone in the construction of a 440-m tunnel below the densely populated Chamba town on the Rishikesh-Dharasu road (NH 94) in Uttarakhand. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- BRO – constructed “440-metre tunnel” – in Chamba, Uttarakhand
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Lt. Gen. Harpal Singh
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

### 684. Defence Affairs

An ultraviolet (UV) sanitisation bay to decontaminate things like tools, masks and clothes was set up at the naval dockyard in Mumbai, which is a part of the Western Naval Command. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- An ultraviolet (UV) sanitisation bay – set up at Naval Dockyard-Mumbai – by Western Naval Command
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar



## 685. Important Days & Dates

Countries on the African continent are celebrated 57th Africa Day, 25 May 2020, with several activities prominent of which is pushing forward the Africa Day theme: “Silencing the Guns in the context of the COVID-19.” [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- May 25 – 57th Africa Day
- Theme – “Silencing the Guns in the context of the COVID-19”

## 686. Appointments & Resignations

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Narinder Batra whose tenure was recently extended as the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), has been appointed as a member of the Olympic Channel Commission. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Narinder Batra – appointed as a member of – the “Olympic Channel Commission”
- He is also President of – “IOA” & “FIH”
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra
- HQs of Int. Olympic Committee (IOC) – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach

## 687. National & States Affairs

Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh has secured the first position in the state in terms of providing employment to rural job card holders under MNREGA. 1.23 lakh people have been provided with employment. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Balaghat district” (MP) – 1st place – in providing employment to rural job card holders under MNREGA Scheme
- No. of beneficiaries – 1.23 lakh
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor - Lalji Tandon

## 688. Sports & Games

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has deposited Rs 30,000 each as out of pocket allowance in accounts of 2749 Khelo India athletes, adding up to Rs 8.25 crore in all. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SAI – deposited – Rs 30,000 in the bank a/c of 2749 Khelo India athletes (Total – Rs 8.25)
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | Director General – Sandip Pradhan

## 689. Appointments & Resignations

Veteran banker Kalpana Morparia, Chairman, South and South-East Asia at JP Morgan, plans to retire after nearly 12 years with the investment banking firm. She will be succeeded by Leo Puri. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Leo Puri – appointed as the Chairman of JP Morgan
- He will replace – Kalpana Morparia

## 690. National & States Affairs

Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura further strengthened advanced patient care services with the inauguration of Infectious diseases block (IDB). It is the first centre of its kind in north India which is equipped with superlative quality facilities. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SKIMS – inaugurated first of its kind Infectious Diseases Block (IDB)
- SKIMS – Soura, Srinagar, J & K
- J &K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu

## 691. Science & Technology

Social media giant Facebook had announced a new group-calling app called the “CatchUp”. The CatchUp would allow users to set up group calls with up to 8 people. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Facebook – to launch – “CatchUp” a new group-calling app
- Facebook: HQs – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg

## 692. Appointments & Resignations

Sandip Mukund Pradhan, the Director-General of Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been given an extension for a period of two years for his central deputation tenure. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Sandip Mukund Pradhan – Director-General of SAI – got extension for “2 years”
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | Director General – Sandip Pradhan

### 693. Banking & Economic Affairs

India is likely to suffer from its fourth recession in the last 69 years, as the country's GDP is likely to contract by 5% in FY21, according to credit rating agency CRISIL. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India's GDP – to contract by 5% - according to CRISIL (HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra)
- India – likely to suffer its “4th recession” in the last 69 years

### 694. National & States Affairs

The Bihar government is setting up India's first observatory for Dolphins in Bhagalpur district. Construction at the Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary (VGDS) in the state's Bhagalpur district is scheduled to be completed by early next year. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India's first Dolphin observatory – Bhagalpur, Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

### 695. Schemes & Initiatives

Uttarakhand chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated the “Mukhyamantri Swarozgar Yojana” to retain the migrants who have returned to the state during the lockdown. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – launched “Mukhyamantri Swarozgar Yojana” for migrants
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

### 696. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Indian Weight lifter Mirabai Chanu along with Ragala Venkat Rahul and Punam Yadav, has been nominated for the "Arjuna award" by the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Arjuna award" – given to 3 weightlifters – Mirabai Chanu, Ragala Venkat Rahul, Punam Yadav
- The award given by – Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) | HQs – New Delhi
- President – Birendra Prasad Baishya | General-Secretary – Balbir Singh

### 697. Appointments & Resignations

Wipro announced the appointment of Capgemini Group veteran “Thierry Delaporte” as its Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, effective July 6, 2020. Earlier, he was the COO of Capgemini. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Thierry Delaporte – appointed as the CEO & MD of – Wipro
- Earlier, he was the COO of – Capgemini Group
- HQs of Wipro – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Thierry Delaporte

### 698. International Affairs

Myanmar has received the loan of 700 million dollar from IMF under its Rapid Credit Facility (RCF) and Rapid Financing Instrument (RFI) which offers quick loan facility at concessional rates for Low Income Countries. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Myanmar – to receive 700 million dollar – from IMF
- Under – RCF & RFI facility
- Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat | President – Win Myint

### 699. Obituaries

Ajit Jogi, the first chief minister of Chhattisgarh, passed away recently. He served as Chhattisgarh's first Chief Minister in 2000 and he is the founder of the Janata Congress Chhattisgarh. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ajit Jogi – passed away – Politician – 1st CM of Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

### 700. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Infosys partnered with Avaloq, a wealth management software and digital technology provider headquartered in Switzerland, to provide end-to-end wealth management capabilities through digital platforms. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Infosys + Avaloq = to provide end-to-end wealth management capabilities
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Salil Parekh
- HQs of Avaloq – Freienbach, Switzerland | CEO – Jurg Hunziker



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