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All the best!

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



101. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Reliance General Insurance has partnered with SatSure for Satellite-based Crop Monitoring and Predictive Analytics support to better risk management and improve efficiency of its crop insurance business operations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance General Insurance + SatSure = partnership for 'Satellite-based Crop Monitoring and Predictive Analytics'
- HQs of Reliance General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Rakesh Jain

102. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 12th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Summit will be held on November 17 under the Presidency of Russia to discuss partnership among its members for global stability, shared security and innovative growth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 12th BRICS Summit will be held on November 17 | Presidency – Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Chairmanship of BRICS – Russia in 2020 & Indian in 2021

103. Science & Technology

The constellation of Maritime Surveillance Satellites for the Indian Ocean Region, will be jointly launched by India and France. It will be able to trace illegal spillage of oil by ships. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The constellation of Maritime Surveillance Satellites for IOR – to be jointly launched by India + France
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex

104. Banking & Economic Affairs

Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra has launched the Application Programming Interface (API), integration between the "PM SVANidhi Portal" and the State Bank of India's "e-Mudra Portal" to ease processing of loan applications. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Durga Shanker Mishra launched – API integration between "PM SVANidhi Portal" & SBI's "e-Mudra Portal"



- MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri
- Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary – Durga Shanker Mishra
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Arjit Basu | Ashwani Bhatia
- CFO of SBI – Charanjit Singh Attra | MD & CEO of SBI General Ins. – Prakash Chandra Kandpal
- MD & CEO of SBI Card – Ashwini Kumar tewari | MD & CEO of SBI Mutual Funds – Vinay M. Tonse

105. International Affairs

The Sri Lankan government has recently approved the proposal to ban cattle slaughter in the island nation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sri Lanka – approved the proposal to ban ‘Cattle Slaughter’
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

106. Obituaries

Najeeb Tarakai, the Afghanistan top-order right-handed batsman has passed away at the age of 29. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Najeeb Tarakai (Afghanistan) – a Cricketer – passed away
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani | President – Ashraf Ghani

107. Current GK

The Indian Army has built a memorial for its 20 personnel who were killed while valiantly fighting Chinese troops in Galwan Valley in Eastern Ladakh on June 15. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Galwan Valley – located in Eastern Ladakh
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

108. National & States Affairs

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched a mega anti-air pollution campaign named “Yudh Pradushan ke Virudh” in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Delhi launched – “Yudh Pradushan ke Virudh” a mega anti-air pollution campaign
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

109. Defence Affairs

Russia has successfully tested "Tsirkon" (Zircon) a new hypersonic anti-ship cruise missile in a move hailed by President Vladimir Putin as a "great event" for the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – tested "Tsirkon" (Zircon) - a new hypersonic anti-ship cruise missile
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

110. Appointments & Resignations

The country's largest two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp has appointed Air Chief Marshal (Retd) B S Dhanoa as a Non-Executive and Independent Director on the company's board with immediate effect. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- B S Dhanoa – appointed as Non-Executive and Independent Director – Hero MotoCorp
- HQs of Hero MotoCorp – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Pawan Kant Munjal

111. National & States Affairs

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) will provide “grant assistance” to 2 first-of-its-kind Organic Spices Seed Park for saunf (fennel seed) in Patan and Banaskantha districts of Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st ever Organic Spices Seed Park – to be set up in Patan & Banaskantha districts of Gujarat
- Financial Assistance from – NABARD
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu

112. Appointments & Resignations

Indian batsman Ajinkya Rahane has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador and Advisor of Hudle, a Delhi-based sports tech & events startup. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajinkya Rahane – appointed as the Brand Ambassador and Advisor of ‘Hudle’



113. International Affairs

A majority of voters in New Caledonia, an archipelago in the South Pacific, have chosen to remain part of France instead of backing independence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Majority of voters in New Caledonia – chose to remain part of France
- New Caledonia – Noumea – CFP Franc
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex

114. Sports & Games

FC Bayern Munich striker 'Robert Lewandowski' has won the UEFA men's Player of the Year award. Pernille Harder, who played for Wolfsburg last season and is now with Chelsea, won the Women's Player of the Year award for the second time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Robert Lewandowski (Poland – Footballer) – won "UEFA men's Player of the Year award"
- Pernille Harder (Denmark – Footballer) – won "UEFA women's Player of the Year award"
- Poland – Warsaw – Polish Zloty | President – Andrzej Sebastian Duda

115. Amount & Agreements

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will invest \$15 million in Avaada Energy Private Limited (AEPL) to help the company to scale up photovoltaic solar energy generation capacity in India. The investment is ADB's second in AEPL after a first round of \$50 million made in April 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – to invest \$15 million in – Avaada Energy Private Ltd
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68
- HQs of Avaada Energy – Mumbai, Maharashtra

116. Important Days & Dates

The National Mission for Clean Ganga, the Wildlife Institute of India and the Forest Department have launched 'My Ganga My Dolphin' campaign on the occasion of "Ganga River Dolphin Day" that was observed on October 5. A Dolphin-based ecotourism programme was launched at various sites along the Ganga River. It was started in 6 sites across the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- October 5 – “Ganga River Dolphin Day”
- NMCG + WII + Forest Dept = launched ‘My Ganga My Dolphin’ campaign
- Dolphin-based ecotourism programme – started at 6 sites of UP, Bihar & West Bengal
- HQs of WII – Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Director – Shri Damodar Sharma

117. International Affairs

The ‘Follow the Mahatma’ campaign has been launched by schools in the Netherlands to promote non-violence among children on Gandhi Jayanti 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Netherlands launched – ‘Follow the Mahatma’ campaign
- Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro

118. National & States Affairs

India will soon have its first-ever 5 ‘Animal Overpasses’ or ‘Animal Bridges’ at the under-construction Delhi-Mumbai Greenfield Expressway. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 5 ‘Animal Overpasses’ or ‘Animal Bridges’ – will be constructed at Delhi-Mumbai Greenfield Expressway
- Ranthambhore & Mukundra (Darrah) Wildlife Sanctuaries – located in Rajasthan

119. National & States Affairs

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal has inaugurated the renaming of ‘Naugarh railway station’ to ‘Siddharthnagar railway station’ situated at Siddharthnagar district in Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal inaugurated – renaming of ‘Naugarh railway station’ to ‘Siddharthnagar railway station’ – in UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

120. Sports & Games

India's Visnu Shivaraj Pandian has won the 10m air rifle event at the 5th edition of “International Online Shooting Championship”. The second place was won by world no. 27 Etienne Germond of France. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Visnu Shivaraj Pandian (Shooter) – won 10m air rifle event at 5th edition of “International Online Shooting Championship”

121. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) has presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to business icon ‘Ratan Tata’ as part of its recent global leadership awards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ratan Tata – awarded with “Indo-American Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award”

122. Books & Authors

Actor-producer Priyanka Chopra Jonas' long-awaited book/memoir debut, “Unfinished”, will be launched on January 19, 2021, announced by publisher Penguin Random House India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Unfinished” memoir of – Priyanka Chopra Jonas

123. Science & Technology

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) will commission India’s largest HPC-AI supercomputer, “PARAM Siddhi – AI”. The supercomputer will have 210 AI Petaflops (6.5 Petaflops Peak DP) and will be based on the NVIDIA DGX SuperPOD reference architecture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- C-DAC will commission – “PARAM Siddhi – AI” - India’s largest HPC-AI supercomputer
- HQs of C-DAC – Pune, Maharashtra | Senior Director – Mahesh Kulkarni
- HQs of NVIDIA – California, USA | CEO – Jensen Huang

124. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Dr Harsh Vardhan has chaired the 5th Special Session of Bureau of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) as Chairman. The resolution WHA 73.1 titled “COVID-19 response” was co-sponsored by more than 130 countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – chaired the 5th Special Session of Bureau of the Executive Board of WHO
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194



125. Appointments & Resignations

The appointments committee of the cabinet has approved the extension in the term of appointment of Madhabi Puri Buch as whole-time member (WTM) of SEBI for a further period of one year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhabi Puri Buch – tenure extended for 1 year as whole-time member (WTM) of – SEBI
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

126. Defence Affairs

In a major fillip for Government's push for indigenous defence manufacturing, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has roped in private sector players Alpha Design Technologies Limited (ADTL) to upgrade the Soviet Era “Pechora” Surface to Air Missile Systems. ADTL will be upgrading and digitising 16 of the Pechora missile and radar systems which are presently in operation under a contract worth Rs 591 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alpha Design Tech Ltd – to upgrade 16 “Pechora” surface to air Missile Systems (contract worth Rs 591 Cr)
- HQs of ADTL – Bengaluru , Karnataka
- Defence Minister – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

127. National & States Affairs

A month-long cyber safety awareness campaign targeting youngsters has been launched in Assam. The 'CyberSafety' campaign will be jointly conducted by the Assam Police and cyber-security think tank Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'CyberSafety' campaign – launched in Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

128. International Affairs

The South African government has declared the Phoenix Settlement in Durban as a National Heritage Site on the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Africa – declared the ‘Phoenix Settlement’ in Durban as a National Heritage Site
- South Africa – Cape Town – South African Rand | President – Cyril Ramaphosa



129. Obituaries

Uttar Pradesh Congress leader and two-term member of the U. P. Legislative Council, Naseeb Pathan, has died of COVID-19 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Naseeb Pathan – a Politician – passed away (Congress – Uttar Pradesh)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

130. Defence Affairs

The last in the series of seven offshore patrol vessel of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), 'Vigraha' was formally unveiled at Kattupalli Port, Chennai recently to enhance coastal security. The vessel was built by Larsen and Toubro. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICG Vigraha – formally unveiled at Kattupalli Port, Chennai (built by – L & T)
- HQs L&T – Mumbai | CMD – SN Subrahmanyam

131. Science & Technology

With the COVID-19 pandemic still raging, IIT Kharagpur has launched a telemedicine software named "iMediX" which facilitates critical health care support to patients at their doorsteps through remote consultation by a physician. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kharagpur launched – a telemedicine software named "iMediX"

132. National & States Affairs

Giving a further boost to e-learning in higher education for the current academic year 2020-21, the Goa government has launched a YouTube channel 'DISHTAVO', wherein the students will be able to view recorded lectures. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa – launched 'DISHTAVO' YouTube channel for e-learning in higher education
- DISHTAVO – Digital Integrated System for Holistic Teaching And Virtual Orientations
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

133. Current GK

India and Myanmar have agreed to work towards operationalization of 'Sittwe Port' in the Rakhine State in the first quarter of 2021. The discussion was held during Indian Army Chief Gen MM Naravane and Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla two days visit to Myanmar. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India & Myanmar – agreed to work towards operationalization of ‘Sittwe Port’ – located in Myanmar
- Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat | President – Win Myint

134. Appointments & Resignations

A 1999-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Devyani Uttam Khobragade has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Cambodia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Devyani Uttam Khobragade – appointed as India's next Ambassador to – Cambodia
- Cambodia – Phnom Penh – Riel

135. National & States Affairs

Films Division, under Ministry of Information Broadcasting has organized ‘Gandhi Filmotsav’. The online film festival was streamed on its website and YouTube Channel from 26th September to 2nd October, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Films Division – organized ‘Gandhi Filmotsav’
- HQs of Films Division – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Films Division functions under – Ministry of Information Broadcasting

136. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has partnered Swiggy to take Street Vendors & Small Businesses online. Under the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme, the move will give street vendors online access to thousands of consumers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA + Swiggy = partnership to take Street Vendors & Small Businesses online – under “PM SVANidhi” Scheme
- MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri
- HQs of Swiggy – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Sriharsha Majety



137. National & States Affairs

Puducherry airport has become the Airports Authority of India's (AAI) 1st entirely solar-powered airport in the country with the commissioning of 500KWp ground-mounted solar power plant at a cost of Rs 2.8 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Puducherry airport – became the Airports Authority of India's (AAI) 1st entirely solar-powered airport in India
- Power Capacity – 500KWp | Cost – Rs 2.8 Crore

138. National & States Affairs

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath have digitally inaugurated the Super-Speciality Block of Motilal Nehru Medical College in Allahabad (Prayagraj). Dr Harsh Vardhan has also inaugurated the first high throughput 'COBAS 6800' machine in Uttar Pradesh, installed by the ICMR to pursue its regionally balanced coronavirus testing strategy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Super-Speciality Block of Motilal Nehru Medical College – inaugurated in Allahabad (Prayagraj), Uttar Pradesh
- Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the 1st high throughput 'COBAS 6800' machine – in UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

139. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Iqbal Singh Chahal has been conferred the top "Covid Crusader Award-2020" by the Indo American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) in the Indian Bureaucrats Category. He has become the 1st Indian bureaucrat to be recognised and receive this global acknowledgment for his contribution in controlling the novel coronavirus. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iqbal Singh Chahal – awarded with "Covid Crusader Award-2020" – by Indo-American Chamber of Commerce

140. National & States Affairs

Maharashtra state Higher and Technical Education Minister Uday Samant has announced to start Maharashtra's first government music college in Mumbai. The college will be named after Lata Mangeshkar's father and renowned musician Deenanath Mangeshkar on the occasion of singer Lata Mangeshkar's 91st birthday. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra's 1st government Music College – to start in Mumbai



- The college to be named after – Deenanath Mangeshkar (a renowned Musician)
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

141. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

ICICI Bank has launched a debit card facility for those customers availing the Loan Against Securities (LAS). The card is available on the Visa platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank + Visa – launched a debit card facility for those customers availing the Loan Against Securities (LAS)
- ICICI Bank: HQs – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly

142. National & States Affairs

The Gujarat government has decided to start ‘Digital Seva Setu’ programme in all the 14,000 gram panchayats in the state to ensure optimum utilisation of technology for public welfare in rural areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – decided to start ‘Digital Seva Setu’ programme
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

143. Appointments & Resignations

Jordan's King Abdullah has accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Omar al Razzaz. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Omar al Razzaz – has resigned from the post of Prime Minister of – Jordan
- Jordan – Amman – Dinar

144. Science & Technology

Paytm has launched its “Android Mini App Store” to support Indian developers. This move will further intensify the tussle between the fintech major and Google. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm – launched “Android Mini App Store” to support Indian developers
- Paytm HQs – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Paytm CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma
- Paytm Payment Bank CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta | Paytm General Ins. CEO – Vineet Arora



145. Amount & Agreements

India has proposed to construct a Petroleum Refinery in Thanlyin region near Yangon in Myanmar and is planning to invest USD 6 billion for this purpose. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to construct a Petroleum Refinery in Myanmar | Worth – USD 6 billion
- Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat | President – Win Myint

146. National & States Affairs

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has come out with the exposure draft on color coding of individual products of health insurance business. And three colors will be used in the process. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – came out with the Exposure draft on color coding of individual products of Health Insurance
- Total 3 colors – to be used in the process
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash C. Khuntia

147. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Home Affairs has announced new guideline for Unlock 5 and has decreed that cinemas, theatres, multiplexes will be permitted to open with up to 50% of their seating capacity from October 15. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to MHA – ‘Cinema halls’ will be permitted to open with up to 50% of their seating capacity
- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

148. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Three scientists have won “Nobel Prize for 2020” in physics for advancing our understanding of black holes. Briton Roger Penrose has received half of this year’s prize “for the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity.” German Reinhard Genzel and American Andrea Ghez have received the second half of the prize “for the discovery of a supermassive compact object at the center of our galaxy.” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Nobel Prize for 2020” in physics – given to 3 Scientist
- Roger Penrose (UK), Reinhard Genzel (Germany) & Andrea Ghez (USA)



149. Important Days & Dates

Union Minister of Textiles and Women & Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani, has launched the 1st ever Brand & Logo for Indian Cotton on 2nd World Cotton Day on 7th October, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 7 – 2nd edition of “World Cotton Day”
- Smriti Zubin Irani – launched the 1st ever Brand & Logo for Indian Cotton

150. Defence Affairs

India is in advanced talks with Russia to acquire "Sprut SDM1 light tanks" that could be useful in high altitude areas like the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to acquire "Sprut SDM1 light tanks" – from Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

151. Schemes & Initiatives

Two more States, Tamil Nadu and Arunachal Pradesh have been integrated under "One Nation One Ration Card" Scheme with existing national portability cluster of 26 States and UTs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu & Arunachal Pradesh – integrated under "One Nation One Ration Card" Scheme
- Total 28 States/UTs are now connected – under “One Nation One Ration Card” scheme
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra

152. Important Days & Dates

“World Animal Day 2020” is observed every year on October 4th to raise awareness about improving the welfare standards of the animals across the globe. This day is also known as “Animal Lovers Day”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 4 – “World Animal Day” or “Animal Lovers Day”



153. Important Days & Dates

October 5 is celebrated as “World Teachers’ Day” by the UNESCO since 1994. The day is celebrated by the UNESCO along with UNICEF, ILO and Education International. The theme for this year is “Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 5 – “World Teachers’ Day” – by UNESCO since 1994
- Theme – “Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future”

154. Books & Authors

DoNER minister Dr Jitendra Singh has released a coffee table book titled “Discovering the Heritage of Assam”. The book, authored by Padmapani Bora and published by Penguin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Discovering the Heritage of Assam” book – authored by ‘Padmapani Bora’
- The book released by – Dr Jitendra Singh | Published by – Penguin

155. Science & Technology

The government has announced the launch of an ambitious information technology project ‘Sunidhi’ to digitise all provident fund and pension related activities of the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation (CMPFO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government launched – project ‘Sunidhi’ to digitise the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation (CMPFO)
- HQs of CMPFO – Dhanbad, Jharkhand | Commissioner – Animesh Bharti

156. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Shri Arjun Munda has e-launched “Tribal Entrepreneurship Development Programme” of Ministry of Tribal Affairs in partnership with ASSOCHAM under its centre for excellence initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs + ASSOCHAM = launched “Tribal Entrepreneurship Development Programme”
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)
- HQs of Assocham – New Delhi | President – Niranjan Hiranandani



157. Important Days & Dates

The United Nations has decided to observe the first Monday of October as 'World Habitat Day'. This year, it was celebrated on October 5. The theme of this year is "Housing for all: A better urban future." World Habitat Day was first celebrated in 1986. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 5 – World Habitat Day – by UN – since 1986
- Theme – "Housing for all: A better urban future"

158. National & States Affairs

The first of the two, "B-777" VVIP aircraft Air India One for President, Vice President and Prime Minister has arrived in New Delhi, India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "B-777" VVIP aircraft Air India One for President, Vice President & PM arrived – in New Delhi

159. Science & Technology

India has successfully test fired its indigenously developed Nuclear Capable Hypersonic Missile "Shourya" with a strike range of around 1,000 km from a test range in Odisha. The Surface-to-Surface tactical missile was blasted off the APJ Abdul Kalam Island located in Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India test fired – indigenously developed Nuclear Capable Hypersonic Missile "Shourya" – in Odisha
- Type – Surface to Surface tactical missile
- Strike range – around 1,000 km | 'Dr. Abdul Kalam Island' or 'Wheeler Island' – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

160. National & States Affairs

E-commerce major Amazon India has launched a new "Fulfilment Centre" in Tamil Nadu as part of strengthening its network in the state. It would lead to economic growth and create new jobs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon India – launched a new "Fulfilment Centre" – in Tamil Nadu
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle, USA | Founder & CEO – Jeff Bezos
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit



161. Appointments & Resignations

S Aparna, a 1988-batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre, has assumed charge as secretary in the Department of Pharmaceuticals. She has replaced P D Vaghela, who superannuated on September 30, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S Aparna – assumed charge as secretary in the Department of Pharmaceuticals (by replacing - P D Vaghela)

162. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Indian Navy has partnered with Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) for undertaking Aerial Seeding at Visakhapatnam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy + Greater Visakhapatnam MC – to undertake ‘Aerial Seeding’
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

163. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

In a first of its kind of study titled ‘Economic valuation of ecosystem services of National Zoological Park, New Delhi’ by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), the total annual economic value of ecosystem services provided by the Delhi Zoo for 2019-20 was estimated to be over Rs 55,500 crore. The report was launched by Union Minister Prakash Javadekar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar launched – ‘Economic valuation of ecosystem services of National Zoological Park, New Delhi’
- The report prepared by – CZA + TERI (The Energy and Resources Industries)
- HQs of TERI – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Ajay Mathur

164. International Affairs

After a record of having the world’s tallest building-Burj Khalifa, Dubai is set to make another record in the Guinness book of World Records. The city has been developing the world’s largest fountain known as “Palm Fountain”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dubai – to make a new Guinness book of World Records – by developing world’s largest “Palm Fountain”
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan



165. National & States Affairs

Gujarat Police has launched 'Prison Radio' initiative - a radio channel dedicated to over 3,000 inmates of Sabarmati Central Jail on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat Police launched 'Prison Radio' initiative – dedicated to over 3,000 inmates of 'Sabarmati Central Jail'
- Sabarmati Central Jail – located in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

166. Science & Technology

Origin Space, the Beijing-based company, will be sending out the world's first mining robot named 'Asteroid Mining Robot' into space by November 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Origin Space (China) – to send the world's first mining robot 'Asteroid Mining Robot' – in space by November, 2020
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



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167. National & States Affairs

After launching Kisan Rail services last month and seeing the stupendous response, Indian Railways has decided that a 4th Train will be added to the service which will run between Nagpur & New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways decided to run 4th Kisan Rail – between Nagpur & New Delhi
- Chairman of Indian Railways – Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs – New Delhi

168. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

IIT-Madras and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have partnered to develop productive usage of agricultural and industrial by-products such as biomass ash that remain underutilised due to their complex physio-chemical characteristics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT-Madras + MIT (USA) = partnership to develop productive usage of agricultural and industrial by-products



169. National & States Affairs

Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated Kerala's first Mega Food Park in Palakkad district that will help generate 5,000 direct and indirect employment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – inaugurated Kerala's first Mega Food Park – in Palakkad district
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

170. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Union Ministry of Home Affairs has introduced “Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020” by amending the provisions of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 (FCRA). It has come into force with effect from September 29, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Home Affairs introduced – “Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020”
- It came into force with effect from – September 29, 2020
- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

171. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

“Right Livelihood Award – 2020”, sometimes referred to as the “Alternative Nobel” was given to 4 winners in Stockholm, Sweden by Right Livelihood Award Foundation. Ales Bialiatski (Belarus), Nasrin Sotoudeh (Iran), Bryan Stevenson (USA) & Lottie Cunningham Wren (Nicaragua) were the winners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Right Livelihood Award – 2020” or “Alternative Nobel” given to 4 winners – in Stockholm, Sweden
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona

172. Defence Affairs

The 2nd edition of the bilateral naval exercise “Bongosagar” between India and Bangladesh was held in Northern Bay of Bengal. Bongosagar will be followed by the 3rd edition of India Bangladesh Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) on 4-5 October. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2nd edition of “Bongosagar” bilateral Naval Exercise held between India & Bangladesh
- 3rd edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) – also held between India & Bangladesh
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid



173. National & States Affairs

In a bid to promote sustainable and healthy lifestyle in rural areas, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has announced a 'Special Refinance Facility' to support the government's Water, Sanitisation and Hygiene (WASH) programme. An amount of Rs 800 crore has been earmarked for this purpose. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – announced a 'Special Refinance Facility' to support government's "WASH" programme
- WASH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | Amount allocated – Rs 800 Cr
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu

174. Obituaries

K C Sivasankar, the artist who brought Chandamama cartoons to life, has passed away recently. He was illustrator of famous Vikram and Vetala series. He was 97. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K C Sivasankar – an Artist – passed away (An illustrator of famous 'Vikram aur Betaal' series)

175. Banking & Economic Affairs

Punjab National Bank has launched a financial inclusion and literacy initiative 'Gram Sampark Abhiyan' to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The nationwide campaign was launched by Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PNB launched – financial inclusion and literacy initiative "Gram Sampark Abhiyan"
- It was launched by – Narendra Singh Tomar
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

176. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The "Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology - 2020" was awarded jointly to Harvey J Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice. They have bagged the Nobel medicine prize for the discovery of "Hepatitis C virus". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology - 2020" given to – Harvey J Alter, Michael Houghton & Charles M. Rice
- For the discovery of – "Hepatitis C virus"



177. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Google India has partnered with Zoho and Instamojo to help small and medium businesses build digital presence. It has launched a nation-wide campaign 'Make Small Strong'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google + Zoho + Instamojo = to help small and medium businesses
- Google also launched – 'Make Small Strong' campaign
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

178. National & States Affairs

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has digitally launched the construction of 750 rural stadiums and playgrounds at a cost of Rs 105 crore in rural areas under the state government's "Rural Transformation Strategy" and "Tandarust Punjab Mission". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab launched = the construction of 750 Rural Stadiums and Playgrounds
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

179. Appointments & Resignations

State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the appointment of Charanjit Singh Attra as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Charanjit Singh Attra – appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of – SBI
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Arjit Basu | Ashwani Bhatia
- CFO of SBI – Charanjit Singh Attra | MD & CEO of SBI General Ins. – Prakash Chandra Kandpal
- MD & CEO of SBI Card – Ashwini Kumar tewari | MD & CEO of SBI Mutual Funds – Vinay M. Tonse

180. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has addressed an international webinar on 'Textile Traditions' organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Uttar Pradesh Institute of Design (UPID). "Weaving Relations: Textile Traditions" was the theme of the webinar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi addressed an international webinar on 'Textile Traditions' – organized by ICCR + UPID
- Theme of the webinar – "Weaving Relations: Textile Traditions"
- HQs of ICCR – New Delhi | DG – Dineshk Patnaik



181. Acquisitions & Mergers

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) will buy 1.2% in Reliance Retail Ventures (RRVL) for Rs 5,512.5 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADIA – to acquire 1.2% stake (Rs 5,512.5 crore) – in Reliance Retail Ventures
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

182. National & States Affairs

ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) has redefined the ideal or reference Indian adult man and woman with regard to age to 19-39 years instead of 20-39 years. The body weight has been put at 65 kg for males and 55 kg for females while earlier, it was 60 kg and 50 kg respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- National Institute of Nutrition – redefined the ideal weight for Indian adult man and woman
- 65 kg for males & 55 kg for females (from 60 kg & 40 kg respectively)
- HQs of NIN – Secunderabad, Telangana | Director – Dr. R. Hemalatha

183. Science & Technology

Scientists from India, Germany, United Kingdom and Switzerland have discovered a new family of 'Bony Fish' from the Western Ghats, and named it Aenigmachannidae. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new family of 'Bony Fish' namely Aenigmachannidae – discovered in 'Western Ghats'

184. Current GK

After 195 days, cricket and cricketers have come back to historic "Eden Gardens Stadium" at Kolkata. Players of Bengal started practicing under strict covid-19 protocol as reported by Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Eden Gardens Stadium – located at Kolkata, West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



185. Important Days & Dates

This year the 66th Wildlife Week was celebrated between October 2-8, 2020 with the theme "Roar (Roar and Revive) - Exploring Human-Animal Relationships". It aims at providing a platform to celebrate the special place of wild plants and animals in their many varied and beautiful forms. India contributes about 8% of the known global biodiversity. Central Zoo Authority has instituted the "Prani Mitra awards" to encourage the zoo officers and staff working towards captive animal management. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 2-8 – 66th Wildlife Week | Theme – "Roar (Roar and Revive) - Exploring Human-Animal Relationships"
- Indian Board of Wildlife – constituted in 1952
- CZA – instituted the "Prani Mitra awards"

186. Obituaries

M Gopalakrishnan has passed away recently due to age-related ailments. He was former CMD of Indian Bank and stepped down in 1996. He was 86. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M Gopalakrishnan – former CMD of Indian Bank – passed away
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chunduru

187. National & States Affairs

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda has virtually launched India's largest handicraft and organic products marketplace, "Tribes India E-Marketplace" on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arjun Munda launched – "Tribes India E-Marketplace" India's largest handicraft & organic products marketplace
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

188. Obituaries

Jharkhand's Minority Welfare Minister Haji Hussain Ansari has died of a cardiac arrest recently in October. He was elected from the Madhupur constituency in the 2019 Assembly elections on a Jharkhand Mukti Morcha ticket. He was 73. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haji Hussain Ansari – a Politician – passed away (Minority Welfare Minister - from Jharkhand)
- Political Party – Jharkhand Mukti Morcha
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu



189. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Common Services Centre (CSC), a special purpose vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, has partnered with HelpAge India to provide digital literacy to citizens above the age of 55 years through a pilot project in selected states. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSC + HelpAge India = partnership to provide digital literacy to citizens above the age of 55 years
- HQs of CSC – New Delhi | CEO – Dinesh Tyagi
- CSC works under – Ministry of Electronics and IT
- HQs of HelpAge India – New Delhi | CEO – Rohit Prasad

190. Important Days & Dates

“World Space Week (WSW) 2020” was celebrated from October 4 to 10, under the theme “Satellites Improve Life.” On December 6, 1999, the United Nations General Assembly declared World Space Week as an annual event celebration to be commemorated from October 4-10. And the theme for WSW-2021 will be “Women in Space”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Space Week (WSW) 2020” celebrated from October 4 to 10 – since 1999
- Theme for 2020 – “Satellites Improve Life” | Theme for 2021 – “Women in Space”
- The 1st human-made Earth satellite "Sputnik 1" - launched on 4th October 1957

191. National & States Affairs

On the occasion of World Postcard Day, Odisha has released a picture postcard named "Jau Kandhei" on the theme of 'Traditional Toys of India'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha released – a picture postcard named “Jau Kandhei”
- Theme – 'Traditional Toys of India'
- October 1 – “World Postcard Day”
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



192. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Union Government has launched 3 missions under Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shouchalaya, Samudayik Shouchalaya Abhiyan and Gandagi Mukth Bharat. Under the Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shouchalaya category Gujarat bagged the first position at state level. Under the Samudayik Shouchalaya Abhiyan, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh were awarded as the best performing states. Under the Gandagi Mukth Bharat Mission, Haryana and Telangana were awarded the top slot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shouchalaya” – topped by Gujarat | in Districts – Tirunelveli
- “Samudayik Shouchalaya Abhiyan” – topped by Gujarat & Uttar Pradesh | in Districts – Prayagraj & Bareilly
- “Gandagi Mukth Bharat Mission” – topped by Haryana & Telangana

193. International Affairs

France has announced a gradual ban on using wild animals in travelling circuses, on keeping dolphins and killer whales in captivity in marine parks and on raising mink on fur farms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- France – announced a gradual ban on using wild animals in Circuses
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex

194. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

BOB Financial Solutions Ltd (BFSL) has partnered with Mastercard to launch 4 new credit cards catering to its customers across segments. Two other credit cards are launched with eminent professional institutions of the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BFSL + Mastercard = to launch 4 new Credit Cards
- HQs of of BFSL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Manish Banerjea
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga (From Jan 2021 - Michael Miebach)

195. Appointments & Resignations

Hyderabad’s industrialist, Purnachandra Rao Surapaneni is elected as National President of Indo American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), the apex bi-lateral body synergizing India-US business relations. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Purnachandra Rao Surapaneni – elected as National President of ‘Indo American Chamber of Commerce’
- He is from – Hyderabad, Telangana

196. National & States Affairs

Union AYUSH minister Shripad Yesso Naik has inaugurated a 20-bed tribal unit of the ‘National Institute of Naturopathy’ in Pune. It will provide free clinical services to the tribal population in the area. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated – ‘National Institute of Naturopathy’ – in Pune, Maharashtra
- MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa

197. Obituaries

Pradeep Maharathy, a Biju Janata Dal legislator and an MLA from Odisha has passed away after he tested positive for Covid-19. He was 65. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pradeep Maharathy – a Politician – passed away (MLA from Odisha - Biju Janata Dal)
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

198. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Sofia Vergara is the highest-paid female actor in the world, according to Forbes’ latest list. She made \$43 million in a one-year period, which is the equivalent of Rs 315 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sofia Vergara (American-Colombian) – topped the list of “Forbes List of Highest Paid Actresses 2020”
- Her earnings – \$43 million / year (Rs 315 Cr)

199. Science & Technology

The DRDO has successfully tested Anti-submarine weapon system known as “Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo – SMART” from the Wheeler island in Odisha. Dr. Abdul Kalam Island, formerly known as Wheeler Island, is an island off the coast of Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – tested “SMART” anti-submarine weapon system – at Wheeler Island, Odisha
- SMART – Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo
- ‘Wheeler Island’ or ‘Dr. Abdul Kalam Island’ – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



200. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 'Atal Tunnel' in Manali, Himachal Pradesh. It is world's longest highway tunnel of 9.02 kilometres long and is named "Atal Rohtang tunnel". It connects Manali in Himachal Pradesh to Lahaul-Spiti. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi inaugurated – world's longest "Atal Rohtang tunnel" in Manali, Himachal Pradesh (9.02 km long)
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya





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