



1. Rapper Kayne West to run for the post of US President

- International Rapper and Hip Hop artist, Kayne West announced that he will be running for the post of President of the United States through a tweet on July 4, 2020. Kayne West is married to reality TV star Kim Kardashian.
- The 43-year-old musician tweeted saying that we must now realize the promise of America by trusting God, unifying our vision and building our future. He then announced his candidacy for US Presidential Elections 2020 with the hashtag 2020 Vision.



Foot Notes: About US:

Capital: Washington, D.C.
President: Donald Trump
Currency: United States dollar

2. Jean Castex replaces Édouard Philippe as French Prime Minister

- French President Emmanuel Macron has named Jean Castex, who coordinated France's reopening strategy after the coronavirus lockdown, as the country's new prime minister.
- The relatively low-profile Castex replaced Edouard Philippe resigned earlier.





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• Macron is reshuffling the government to focus on restarting the economy after months of lockdown.

• Castex, 55, is a career public servant who has worked with multiple governments.

Foot Notes: About France:

Prime Minister: Jean Castex

Capital: Paris

President: Emmanuel Macron

3. India's Vice President launches First Indian Social Media Super App "Elyments"

- With more than 500 million social media users in the country and the numbers are only increasing, under the inspiration of Spiritual Leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar (Founder of the Art of Living), more than 1000 IT professionals came together to develop the first Made in India social media super application.
- The application is called 'Elyments'.
- The application has already been downloaded around 2 lakh times and been crowd tested for several months.
- The application is developed by Sumeru Software Solutions Private Limited.



- Himachal Pradesh is to implement of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) with an aim to improve the living standard in the State. The main objective of Jal Jeevan Mission is universal coverage and emphasis is on the principle of equity and inclusiveness, that is, every family in the village should get tap water connection in their household and none is left behind.
- Himachal Pradesh state has planned to provide 100% coverage by August 2022, ahead of national goal by 2024.



Foot Notes:

About Himachal Pradesh:

Capital: Shimla

Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya **Chief Minister**: Jai Ram Thakur

5. ISRO's MOM captured image of Phobos, the biggest moon of Mars

- The Mars Colour Camera (MCC) onboard ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) has captured the image of Phobos, the closest and biggest moon of Mars. The image was taken on 1st July when MOM was about 7,200 km from Mars and 4,200 km from Phobos.
- The image is a composite image generated from 6 MCC frames with a Spatial resolution of the image is 210 m. The colour if the image has been corrected. In the image, 4 craters namely Stickney, Shklovsky, Roche & Grildrig are seen. Stickney is the largest crater on Phobos.



• Mars Orbiter Mission is also known as Mangalyaan. Initially, it was meant to last for six months. But then it had enough fuel to last for many years.





Foot Notes: About ISRO:

Headquarters: Bengaluru **Founder**: Vikram Sarabhai **Founded**: 15 August 1969 **Director**: Kailasayadiyoo Siyan

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6. India Becomes third largest e-waste generator in the world

- India is the third largest electronic waste generator in the world after China and the USA.
- These three countries together contributed 38% of total 53.6 million tonnes (Mt) of e-waste, generated worldwide in 2019.
- Releasing these data, the UN's Global E-waste Monitor 2020 presented a worrying scenario where only 17.4% (9.3 Mt) of the total e-waste was collected and recycled globally.



- It means gold, platinum and other high-value recoverable critical raw materials (cobalt, palladium, indium, germanium, bismuth, and antimony), worth US \$57 billion, dumped or burned in e-waste last year.
- Europe ranked first worldwide in terms of e-waste generation per capita with 16.2 kg per capita.

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About China: Capital: Beijing President: Xi Jinping

7. Nagaland bans import, trade and sale of dog meat



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- The Nagaland government banned the import, trading, and sale of dog meat in the north-eastern state.
- Earlier, the Mizoram government had taken a similar decision in March.
- It said that dog meat consumption is prohibited in India through the Food Safety and Standard (Food Products Standard and Additives) Regulation, 2011.
- However, this is poorly enforced in the states of Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh.
- Thousands of dogs each year are illegally captured from the streets or stolen from homes, and cruelly transported from neighbouring states in gunny bags to be brutally slaughtered for consumption by being beaten to death.

Foot Notes: About Nagaland: Capital: Kohima Governor: R.N. Ravi Chief Minister: Neiphiu Rio

8. ADB becomes observer of Network for Greening The Financial System

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has joined the central banks and supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) as an observer.
- NGFS, launched at the Paris One Planet Summit on December 12, 2017, is a group of central banks and supervisors willing to share best practices and contribute to the development of environment and climate risk management in the financial sector.
- ADB joins the ranks of the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, the International Monetary Fund, and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development as NGFS observers.

Foot Notes: About ADB:

Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines

President: Masatsugu Asakawa **Founded**: 19 December 1966

9. NHAI chairman Sukhbir Singh Sandhu gets six months extension

- Senior bureaucrat Sukhbir Singh Sandhu was given six months extension, till mid January next year, as the chairman of National Highways Authority of India.
- Sandhu, a 1988 batch IAS officer of Uttarakhand cadre, took charge of the post in October last year.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension beyond July 21, 2020 i.e. up to January 21, 2021.
- Meanwhile, last week's cyberattack on the mail server of the National



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Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been found to be a ransomware attack that resulted in loss of all data in the server, in addition to breaches in hardware where data is stored.

Foot Notes: About NHAI: Founded: 1988

Headquarters: New Delhi **Chairman**: Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

10. Chinese badminton superstar Lin Dan announces retirement

- China's two-time Olympic champion Lin Dan has announced his retirement.
- It means that Lin, who won gold at the Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Games, will not compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, which have been pushed back to next summer because of coronavirus.
- The end of Lin's glorious career comes just over a year after the retirement of his great rival and friend, the Malaysian star Lee Chong Wei.



