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NATIONAL NEWS

1. UP govt to hold grand annual Deepotsav celebrations in Ayodhya on Diwali

- Uttar Pradesh government will celebrate the annual Deepotsav in Ayodhya on Diwali in a grand manner and this time it is planning to break its own last year record by lighting around 6 lakh diyas, earthen lamps on the ghats of Saryu. The celebration will not be scaled down due to the coronavirus pandemic, even though there will be minimal public participation.
- The deepotsav will be celebrated from 11 to 13 november and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will also take part in it. Around 10 thousand volunteers of Ram Manohar Lohiya Swasth University will be involved in the attempt of another world record of lighting 6 lakh earthen lamps. These diyaas will be lit on 24 Ghats of holy river Saryu.
- The order of such a large number of earthen lamps has Potter Families in Shishya are also happy with numbers since a large part of the earthen lamps are purchased from them under national livelihood mission. This is also the first Deepotsav after the start of Ram temple construction in Ayodhya.

2. PM announces change of name of Shipping Ministry to Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

- The Prime Minister said, Government is changing the name of the Ministry of Shipping and it will be known as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Mr.Modi has said that to reduce the expenditure on logistics, India is fast developing multimodal connectivity.
- He said that we are trying to interconnect the infrastructure related to road, rail, air and shipping and removing the silos in this process. He said that we are still spending more money on transportation in comparison to the other nation. We can reduce the cost of logistics through water transport.

3. Nagaland decides to celebrate Hornbill Festival 2020 virtually

- Nagaland Tourism Department has informed that the state government decided to celebrate the Hornbill Festival 2020 in a complete virtual mode.
- Dubbed as the “ Festival of Festivals” , the Hornbill Festival is celebrated every year from December 1 to 10, showcasing the rich cultural heritage and tradition of the Nagas in one platform at Naga Heritage Village Kisama under Kohima District.
- The first festival was held in 2000
- The festival is named after the Indian hornbill, the large and colourful forest bird which is displayed in the folklore of most of the state's tribes.

4. Telemedicine service ‘ eSanjeevani’ completes 7 lakh consultations

- eSanjeevani, the national telemedicine service set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has completed 7 lakh consultations today. The last one lakh consultations have come up in 11 days. This novel digital modality to deliver OPD services virtually has been gaining popularity. With over 10 thousand consultations being recorded on eSanjeevani per day, it is shaping into the largest OPD services set up in the country.
- An innovative intervention to deliver health services, eSanjeevani has started making impact in smaller towns and rural areas. While telemedicine is beneficial for the patients, it also is favourable for the doctors practicing telemedicine as it limits the contact with patients who are present virtually.
- eSanjeevani has removed the requirement of doctor to be at a specific location to provide services. Patients desirous of seeking medical consultations are placed in a virtual queue and upon their turn can see a doctor who is available virtually but present in another city. Each online OPD consultation generates an ePreion which can be used to buy medicines or go for diagnostic investigations.

5. Saffron bowl of India extends to the Northeast

- The saffron bowl, which was so far confined to Kashmir, may soon expand to the North East of India.
- Plants from seeds transported from Kashmir to Sikkim and acclimatized there are now flowering in Yangyang in the Southern part of the North-East state.
- Saffron production has long been restricted to a limited geographical area in the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Pampore region, in India, commonly known as Saffron bowl of Kashmir, it is the main contributor to saffron production, followed by Budgam, Srinagar, and Kishtwar districts.
- Saffron has traditionally been associated with the famous Kashmiri cuisine. It's its medicinal values were considered as part of the rich cultural heritage of Kashmir.

6. Indias15th Finance Commission submits its report to President Ram Nath Kovind

- The Fifteenth Finance Commission (XVFC), led by Chairman NK Singh submitted its report for the fiscal period 2021-22 to 2025-26 to President Ram Nath Kovind on November 9, 2020. The commission was mandated to submit its recommendations for the fiscal period by October 30, 2020.
- The Commission had submitted its report comprising recommendations for fiscal year 2020-21 last year. The recommendations were accepted by the centre and later tabled in the Parliament on January 30, 2020.
- The Finance Commission had been asked to give its recommendations on many unique and wide-ranging issues in its terms of reference including performance incentives for states in areas such as power, adoption of direct benefit transfer system and solid waste management.

7. India's first solar-based water supply project launched in Arunachal Pradesh

- India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) was dedicated to the people of Arunachal Pradesh by Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- The solar-based lift water supply project for 39 villages in Lower Dibang Valley district in northeastern Arunachal Pradesh was commissioned at a cost of Rs 28.50 crore.
- The project is designed to provide drinking water to 17,480 people and has been conceived as an integrated project with an element of drinking water, green energy and tourism component



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8. FASTags mandatory for all four wheelers from Jan 1, 2021

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has issued a notification that FASTags will become mandatory for all four-wheelers, including old vehicles, from January 1, 2021.
- For this government has made an amendment in FORM 51 (certificate of Insurance), wherein the details of FASTag ID shall be captured. This shall be applicable w.e.f. April 1, 2021.
- Government has amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to make FASTag mandatory for registration of new four-wheeled vehicles, including for those sold before December 1, 2017.

9. Delhi to adopt Dungarpur' s model of rainwater harvesting

- The Delhi government will adopt the cost-effective model of rainwater harvesting currently being implemented in the tribal-dominated Dungarpur district of Rajasthan.
- A seven-member delegation was on an official visit to witness the rainwater-harvesting system that costs just Rs 16,000 as compared to the

conventional one, which costs between Rs 50,000 and Rs one lakh per household.

- Dungarpur model was an innovative idea that was centred on routing the rainwater to a bore well, instead of a regular rainwater-harvesting pit.
- rainwater collected on the rooftop is being routed to the casing of already existing bore wells in households. They have created sand filters in the conduit pipe itself and included a way of backwash too.

10. Indian Army Gifts 10 Mine Detection Dogs & 20 Trained Military Horses to Bangladesh

- The Indian army gifted 20 horses and 10 dogs to the Bangladesh army. These equines and canines were trained by the Remount and Veterinary Corps of Indian Army.
- The fully trained military horses and mine detecting dogs were gifted to Bangladesh in order to further strengthen the bilateral relations between the two countries.
- The Indian Army has also trained Bangladesh Army personnel for training and handling these specialist dogs and horses.

11. Hardeep S. Puri inaugurates 13th Urban Mobility India Conference 2020

- The 13th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- It was inaugurated by Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of State (IC) Housing and Urban Affairs.
- The theme of the conference is “ Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility” .
- The conference focused on innovative measures taken at the national and international level to address the challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic to provide accessible and convenient transport to the people.

12. India to regulate online news and social media sites

- Digital/Online media has been brought under the purview of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Currently, there is no law or autonomous body governing digital content.
- The 2nd Schedule of the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules 1961 has been amended to include following entries viz. Films and Audio-Visual programmes, News and current affairs content.
- This means that digital content providers such as Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, and Hotstar will now be regulated by the Union ministry headed by Prakash Javadekar.
- The I&B ministry will also regulate online audio-visual programmes and current affairs content, according to the amendment order signed by President Ram Nath Kovind. The decision has been taken in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (3) of Article 77 of the Constitution, by

amending the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 and it will come into effect immediately.

13. Finance Minister announces Economic Stimulus Package 4.0

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said that a few indicators were showing a distinct recovery in the economy. She went on to announce a new set of stimulus packages under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0' a few days ahead of Diwali.
- To boost employment, the government launched the Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana to incentivise the creation of new employment opportunities. The new announcements aim to benefit companies and individuals who lost their jobs due to Covid-19 induced lockdown.
- Under the scheme, if EPFO-registered companies bring in new employees or hire those who lost their jobs between March 1 and September 30 this year will be entitled to benefits under the new announcement.
- In addition, the government announced relaxations in income-tax rules to push sale of primary residential units of up to Rs 2 crore value below circle rates. Till now, only 10 per cent difference between the circle rate and the agreement value was allowed. To boost residential real estate sector, Sitharaman said the differential had now been increased to 20 per cent till June 30, 2021, for only primary sale of residential units of value up to Rs 2 crore.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS & FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. Joe Biden elected as the 46th President of the United States

- Democratic candidate Joseph Robinette Biden Jr., was elected the 46th President of the United States on November 7, beating incumbent U.S. President Donald Trump, by securing more than the required 270 of 538 Electoral College votes needed to win the White House.
- Mr. Biden's running mate, Kamala Devi Harris, a U.S. Senator from California, will become the first woman and first Indian- and African-American Vice-President of the country. Mr. Biden will inherit, from President Trump, a deeply divided country, battered by the coronavirus pandemic, facing high levels of unemployment and fraying race relations.

2. World famous Tourism spot Pangong Tso route gets 4G services at Tangtse

- World famous Tourism spot Pangong Tso route now gets 4G services at Tangtse. This first-ever Jio mobile tower in the entire Changthang region, connects Tangtse sub division with the rest of the world digitally.
- Mr. Tashi congratulated the people of Tangtse area for having a Jio mobile tower facility for the first time which was one of the pending demands of the

area. Pangong Tso or Pangong Lake is an endorheic lake spanning eastern Ladakh and West Tibet.

3. Lockdown named as the word of the year by Collins Dictionary

- Lockdown, the noun that has come to define so many lives across the world in 2020, has been named word of the year by Collins Dictionary.
- Lockdown is defined by Collins as “ the imposition of stringent restrictions on travel, social interaction, and access to public spaces” , and its usage has boomed over the last year.
- The 4.5bn-word Collins Corpus, which contains written material from websites, books and newspapers, as well as spoken material from radio, television and conversations, registered a 6,000% increase in its usage. In 2019, there were 4,000 recorded instances of lockdown being used. In 2020, this had soared to more than a quarter of a million.


4. China sends 'world's first 6G' test satellite into orbit

- China has successfully launched what has been described as "the world's first 6G satellite" into space to test the technology.
- It went into orbit along with 12 other satellites from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the Shanxi Province.
- The telecoms industry is still several years away from agreeing on 6G's specifications, so it is not yet certain the tech being trialled will make it into the final standard. It involves use of high-frequency terahertz waves to achieve data-transmission speeds many times faster than 5G is likely to be capable of. The satellite also carries technology which will be used for crop disaster monitoring and forest fire prevention.

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New Appointments and Person in News

1. Manipurs Gyanendro Ningombam becomes new president of Hockey India

- Manipur's Gyanendro Ningombam was elected unopposed as the President of Hockey India.
- Earlier, Gyanendro Ningombam has been serving as the Officiating President of Hockey India since July 2020.

- Gyanendro becomes the first President from northeast India to spearhead Hockey India. He will serve as Head of the national federation for two years.
- Gyanendro has been associated with the discipline of Hockey in Manipur for the last 40 years, and has impressed with his work at the grassroots level.

2. NDDB Chairman Dilip Rath elected to International Dairy Federation board

- National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Chairman Dilip Rath has been unanimously elected to the board of global dairy body International Dairy Federation (IDF).
- The announcement came during the the General Assembly of the IDF held on Monday.
- IDF is an international non-governmental, non-profit association having members from national committees constituted by dairy organisations in each country.
- “ It is a privilege for me to represent the world’ s largest milk-producing nation and contribute to promoting sustainable goals of dairying and also meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals. I keenly look forward to furthering IDF Board’ s mandate,” Rath stated in a statement.
- Rath has been associated with IDF for the last 10 years as Member Secretary of Indian National Committee and as a member of the Standing Committee on Dairy Policy and Economics.

3. Indian diplomat Vidisha Maitra elected to key United Nations committee

- India’ s Vidisha Maitra was elected to the UN body - Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) with strong support of the member states.
- India's permanent representative to the UN, Ambassador T. S. Tirumurti expressed gratitude to the member states in reposing faith in India's candidate.
- He added that India has a stellar record of bringing its professional auditing experience to the UN. He affirmed that India takes the responsibility very seriously.

4. West Indies Great Michael Holding Appointed MCC Foundation Patron

- West Indies pace legend Michael Holding has been appointed patron of the MCC Foundation. The MCC Foundation is the charitable arm of the Marylebone Cricket Club, custodians of the game's laws, and was created with the aim of enhancing lives through cricket.
- The 66-year-old Holding is a passionate advocate for equality in cricket and the wider community.
- Throughout a professional career that spanned 15 years, Holding, nicknamed Whispering Death, carved out a reputation as one of the best fast bowlers of all time.

5. Azim Premji Tops EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020, Shiv Nadar & Mukesh Ambani Follow

- Hurun India and EdelGive released the seventh edition of EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020. Azim Premji & family, the Founder-Chairman of Wipro topped the 2020 list, while Shiv Nadar, Founder-Chairman of HCL Technologies,

ranked second; followed by richest Indian Mukesh Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Industries at the third spot.

- The fourth spot was earned by Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman, Aditya Birla Group followed by Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Group at the 5th spot.

BANKING

1. SEBI increases Overseas Investment limits for Mutual Funds

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has enhanced the investment limits for Mutual Fund companies for overseas investments.
- Mutual Funds can make overseas investments subject to a maximum of US \$ 600 million per Mutual Fund, within the overall industry limit of US \$ 7 billion. Earlier it was USD 300 million.
- Mutual Funds can make investments in overseas Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) subject to a maximum of US \$ 200 million per Mutual Fund, within the overall industry limit of US \$ 1 billion. Earlier it was Rs 50 million.

2. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attends 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today participated in the 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting under the Russian Chairmanship to discuss the BRICS Economic and Financial Cooperation agenda for 2020.
- Finance Ministry said, Ms. Sitharaman talked about outcomes and initiatives of G-20 Saudi Arabia in 2020 on the Finance Track and highlighted role of BRICS members in reflecting Emerging Market Economies concerns in these initiatives.
- During the meeting, the Finance Minister also presented India's views on discussions related to infrastructure investments and New Development Bank membership expansion.

3. Introduces Payout Links for businesses, enables money transfer sans collecting bank details

- Fintech major Paytm launched 'Payout Links' for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors without collecting their bank details.
- Payout Links offer seamless payment integration for businesses to quickly send incentives and refunds to customers through a simple payout link, a statement said.
- The sender can create Paytm Payout Links and share with the receiver. The receiver needs to open the link and is then provided a list of saved accounts such as Paytm Wallet, Paytm UPI and connected bank accounts that can be chosen to receive money instantly.

4. IFSCA approves Draft Banking Regulations for International Financial Services Centres

- IFSCA Approves Draft Banking Regulations for International Financial Services Centres. The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on Wednesday approved draft banking regulations for banking operations at IFSCs.

- Banking constitutes one of the major focus areas of IFSCs (International Financial Services Centres) and is expected to drive and facilitate the other constituent operations in IFSCs in due course, IFSCA said in a statement.
- "A self-contained regulation laying down the major principles of banking operations at IFSCs is thus an important step in the IFSC reaching its desired potential," it said. The authority approved the draft banking regulations at its meeting held on Wednesday, as per the statement



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Books and Awards

1. Ex-SPG officer Sasindran Kallinkeel pens novel on transgenders

- Ex-SPG officer, Sasindran Kallinkeel' s has penned a novel named " Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender" .
- The main character in the novel, published by Book Mitra, is a transgender named Rasaathi born in a well-to-do family in South India.
- Rasaathi, meaning princess, is in the late 40s who wants people to treat transgenders like human beings by showering love, affection, sympathy and recognise their pathetic and horrible life.

2. Nepal President Bidhya Devi Bhandari releases special anthology on Mahatma Gandhi

- Nepal President Bidhya Devi Bhandari has released a special anthology on Mahatma Gandhi- 'My understanding about Gandhi' - during a ceremony at Kathmandu in the presence of Indian Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra.
- The book has been brought out by the Embassy of India along with the BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation to cherish the values of the Mahatma's universal teachings with Nepali friends.
- Indian Embassy said that the publication hopes to bring the youth of Nepal closer to Mahatma Gandhi, whose life and ideals remain timeless, universal and relevant for today's world.

3. Malayalam author S Hareesh wins the JCB Prize for Literature 2020

- Malayalam author, S Hareesh has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2020 for his novel Moustache.
- It has been translated into English by Jayasree Kalathil & published by HarperCollins India.
- The JCB Prize for Literature is regarded as the richest literary prize in India.

- As per the norm, the Malayalam author will receive a Rs 25 lakh cash prize and the translator will receive an additional Rs 10 lakh.

4. Anupam Kher's new book titled Your Best Day Is Today!

- Actor Anupam Kher's latest book is titled "Your Best Day Is Today!". Through this book, Kher will recount his experiences during the lockdown, several ups and downs, including the time when his mother Dulari and brother Raju Kher had contracted the virus.
- His previous books are his biography Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly & The Best Thing About You is You

SPORTS

1. Novak Djokovic equals Pete Sampras' year-end World No. 1 record

- Tennis star Novak Djokovic yet again clinched year-end world number one ranking, his record sixth time after the Sofia Open draw was published on November 6, 2020.
- With this, the 33-year-old player has equaled the record of American Tennis great Pete Sampras, who ended with world number one ranking for six straight years between 1993 and 1998.
- Pete Sampras was somebody Djokovic looked up to when he was growing up and so to match his record is a dream come true for the Serbian player. Djokovic was the year-end world no.1 champion previously in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2018.

2. Russian Daniil Medvedev wins Paris Master 2020

- Russian, Daniil Medvedev has won Paris Master 2020 title in tennis when he beat Alexander Zverev 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 in Paris. He became the fourth Russian to capture the Rolex Paris Masters title.
- The World No. 5 earned his first service break at 4-4 in the second set and charged to the title from that point by winning eight of the final nine games.
- Medvedev joins countrymen Marat Safin, Nikolay Davydenko and Karen Khachanov on the Paris honour roll.

3. Mumbai Indians clinch 5th IPL title by beating Delhi Capitals

- Mumbai Indians beat Delhi Capitals by five wickets in the final of Indian Premier League 2020.
- With this win, Mumbai added a fifth IPL title to their kitty, more than any other team in the 13-year history of the league.

SCIENCE TECH & DEFENCE

1. AAI Signs MoU With NTPC Subsidiary, NVVN to set up solar power plants in Airports

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with an NTPC subsidiary on Thursday to promote usage of electric vehicles and

set up solar power plants at its airports. NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN), a subsidiary of NTPC, will be provided adequate land and rooftop space free of cost at identified AAI airports to set up solar power plants.

- The AAI owns and manages more than 100 airports across India. The airports in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mangaluru and Lucknow are managed by private companies and not by the AAI.

2. India' s special forces carry out a ' Bull Strike' triservice exercise in Andaman Nicobar Islands

- A military exercise involving special forces was carried out in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands between November 3 and 5 as the Army, Navy and Air Force got together for the war games amid the India-China standoff to test synergy in joint operations.
- Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) conducted a joint services exercise code-named ' Bull Strike' , involving the three Services components of Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- Elements of Indian Army's Parachute Brigade, marine commandos or MARCOS and Special Forces carried on the exercise at the remotely located Teresa Island, in the strategically important Nicobar Group of Islands.
- " The exercise was carried out to validate and rehearse operational plans and contingencies in a realistic tactical setting under the overall command and control of Andaman and Nicobar Command, the only joint services operational command of the defence forces of India," a statement from the Army said.

3. Two-Day Joint Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' Begins in Odisha

- A two-day joint coastal security exercise, " Sagar Kavach" was launched at Paradip Coast, Odisha. The exercise is being carried out by a joint effort of the state of Odisha and West Bengal governments.
- The main purpose of the exercise is to carry out the exercise on the coast of Paradip this year, just like every year after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. The exercise is being carried out to prevent a repeat of the Mumbai attacks by sea.
- More than 10 such departments, including the Indian Navy, the Indian Coast Guard, the Odisha Police, the local fishermen, the forest department, and the port marine department, have joined the joint exercise. It will run for two days, with red and green forces being formed to infiltrate and prevent attacks. This year for coastal security the exercise was named " Sagar Kavach" .

4. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveils A-SAT missile model at DRDO Bhawan

- A model of Anti-Satellite Missile installed inside the DRDO Bhawan premises was unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- ' Mission Shakti' was the country's first ever Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) Missile Test successfully conducted on 27th March 2019 from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha, where a fast-moving Indian orbiting target satellite in Low Earth Orbit was neutralised with pinpoint accuracy.
- This was a highly complex mission, conducted at extremely high speed with remarkable precision.
- The successful conduct of Mission Shakti made India the fourth nation in the world with the capability to defend its assets in outer space.

5. Indian Navy's fifth Scorpene class submarine Vagir launched

- Indian Navy's fifth Scorpene class submarine Vagir, having superior stealth features like the advanced acoustic absorption technique, was launched on Thursday at the Mazagon Dock in south Mumbai.
- Vijaya, wife of Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik, launched the submarine through video conferencing. The minister was the chief guest at the event and attended it via video link from Goa.
- Vagir is part of the six Kalvari-class submarines being built in India. The submarines, designed by French naval defence and energy company DCNS, are being built as part of Indian Navy's Project-75.

OBITUARIES

1. Alex Trebek, host of Jeopardy, dies at 80

- Popular American game show host Alex Trebek passed away on November 8, 2020. He was 80. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last year. Trebek's popular show 'Jeopardy!' announced the news of his death through a Twitter post, which read that he passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family and friends. Alex Trebek had hosted the show for almost four decades.
- He had first announced that he had been diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer when he was on air in March 2019 and he had continued to shoot for the episodes while undergoing cancer treatment. He had also returned to host the show's 36th season during summer last year, despite his health condition.

2. Veteran author & Gujarati columnist Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ passes away

- Veteran author and Gujarati columnist of Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ, popularly known as Father Valles passed away. A Jesuit priest born in Spain, he was a Mathematics teacher in Gujarat.
- He wrote extensively in Gujarati, English and Spanish.
- He translated many mathematical concepts into Gujarati and coined terms for them.

3. Bahrain's long-serving PM Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa dies

- Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, passed Away.
- He died at the age of 84. After his demise, Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa named crown prince Salman al-Khalifa as the new Prime Minister of the Kingdom.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Legal Services Day observed on 9 November

- Legal Services Day is observed on 9 November in India to raise awareness among the people where Legal Literacy is lacking. On this day, in 1995, the Legal Services Authorities Act was enforced.

- The main aim of this observance is to spread legal awareness among people.
- It also aims as a means to provide free legal aid and advice to the poor and weaker sections of the society, so as to ensure justice for all.

2. World Science Day for Peace and Development observed on 10 November

- World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed every year on 10 November. The day highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.
- It was proclaimed by UNESCO in 2001 and was first celebrated worldwide on 10 November 2002.
- 2020 Theme: “ Science for and with Society in dealing with the global pandemic.”

3. Uttarakhand celebrates its 20th foundation day on 09 November

- Uttarakhand celebrated its 20th foundation day on 09 November. Governor Baby Rani Maurya, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat and Assembly Speaker Prem Chand Agrawal have greeted the people on the occasion.
- The demand for the creation of Uttarakhand as a separate state of Uttarakhand arose in the year 1897.
- The demand for a separate state turned into a full fledged mass movement in 1994. The movement led to the formation of the Uttarakhand state in 2000.
- The state was earlier named as ‘ Uttaranchal’ when it was formed. But in 2007, state was renamed to Uttarakhand.

4. Public Service Broadcasting Day is celebrated every year on November 12

- Public Service Broadcasting Day is celebrated every year on November 12 as the remembrance of the first and only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947.
- During his visit to the All-India Radio station, Gandhi addressed people who were displaced after partition of Haryana and were temporarily settled in Kurukshetra.
- Every year, a special event is organized to observe the Public Service Broadcasting Day in the premises of All India Radio, New Delhi.

