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**Today's Important News**

India, Japan 3-day naval exercise  
JIMEX to begin from today in  
Arabian sea.



## 1. Bihar Election Dates 2020 Announced

- The Assembly elections in Bihar will be held in three phases starting from 28th of next month. The counting will take place on 10th November.
- The Model Code of Conduct, MCC has come into effect with the declaration of elections. The number of phases for 243-member Bihar assembly polls has been reduced keeping in mind security arrangements and festive season.
- The voting time has been extended by one hour till 6 PM and COVID-19 patients will vote in the last hour of the day.



### Foot Notes:

#### About Bihar:

**Governor:** Phagu Chauhan

**Chief Minister:** Nitish Kumar

**Capital:** Patna

## 2. India, Japan 3-day naval exercise JIMEX to begin from today in Arabian sea

- Indian and Japanese navies to begin their three-day-long maritime military exercise beginning from Saturday (September 26). The naval exercise will take place in the North Arabian Sea. This is the fourth edition of Japan Maritime bilateral exercise (JIMEX).
- The naval exercise will continue till September 28 and it is being conducted in a 'non-contact at-sea-only format', in view of COVID-19 restrictions.
- The exercise is taking place in the backdrop of growing concerns over China's military activity in the Indian Ocean Region as well as in the Indo-Pacific.



#### Foot Notes:

#### About Japan:

**Capital:** Tokyo

**Currency:** Japanese yen

**Prime minister:** Yoshihide Suga

#### About Indian Navy:

**Chief of the Naval Staff:** Admiral Karambir Singh

### 3. International Day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons observed on September 26 by UN

- In 2013, The United Nations (UN) passed resolution 68/32 which established the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons to take place annually, every September 26th.
- The goal for the day is to provide an opportunity for the global community to reaffirm its dedication to the urgency for global nuclear disarmament and to mobilize new-found international efforts towards achieving a nuclear free world.
- This year, the UN General Assembly will hold a high-level plenary meeting during the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly on Friday, October 2nd, from 10:00am – 6:00pm (EDT), in order to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. The intent of the meeting is to increase public awareness about the threat posed by nuclear weapons to all of humanity and how their total elimination is necessary, and to mobilize international endeavors toward the common goal of a world free of nuclear weapons.



**Foot Notes:**

**About UN:**

**Secretary General:** António Guterres

**Headquarters:** New York, United States

**Founded:** 24 October 1945

**4. 15 Elephants enjoy week-long rejuvenation camp at Bandhavgarh, Madhya Pradesh**

- In Madhya Pradesh, fifteen elephants deployed for various tasks in the state's Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve are on a unique week-long picnic these days.
- This picnic is organized every year as an annual Elephant Festival. The rejuvenation camp for elephants began, giving them a break from their routine work.
- The elephants are being given their favourite food and massages by Neem and other oils during the rejuvenation week. Public participation has been limited this year in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Field director Vincent Rahim informed that a new scheme to adopt elephants is also being launched.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Madhya Pradesh:**

**Capital:** Bhopal

**Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**Governor:** Anandiben Patel

**5. Somali parliament approves Mohamed Hussein Roble as Prime Minister**

- The Somali parliament approved the appointment of Mohamed Hussein Roble as Prime Minister, less than a week after his nomination.
- Roble, who was appointed by President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmaajo last week, replaces Hassan Ali Khaire, who was removed from office after a no-confidence vote. The appointment was approved by 215 lawmakers, with no objections.
- Roble, a Swedish-Somali who has been working for the International Labour Organization in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, takes office at a time when the



country is in a transition period, with elections set for early 2021. Addressing parliament, Roble promised to form a cabinet that would steer the country through the transition.

**Foot Notes:**

**About Somali:**

**Capital:** Mogadishu

**President:** Mohamed Abdullahi Farmaajo

**Currencies:** United States Dollar, Somali shilling



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### 6. EESL Appoints Rajat Sud as its new Managing Director

- EESL has announced the appointment of Rajat Sud as its new Managing Director, taking over from S. Gopal.
- Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, has announced the appointment of Rajat Sud as its new Managing Director. Sud takes over from S. Gopal Director (Commercial), who had taken on the additional charge of interim MD.



- EESL in its press statement stated that Sud is an energy sector veteran, with 29 years of industry experience. His repertoire encompasses energy sector restructuring, business strategy, performance improvement and acquisitions.

**Foot Notes:**

**About EESL:**

**Headquarters:** New Delhi, India

**Chairman:** Rajeev Sharma

### **7. Acer India signs Sonu Sood as its brand ambassador**

- PC brand Acer India has announced Bollywood actor Sonu Sood as its brand ambassador. This association will help Acer India drive awareness of leading India's next-generation digital evolution through its cutting-edge innovation and products that are strong and dependable just like what Sood has represented during the pandemic crisis.
- The actor will be seen endorsing the brand's innovative range of products across media platforms to talk about Acer's commitment to improving people's lives through technology.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Acer:**

**President & Managing Director:** Harish Kohli

**Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka

### **8. 51st edition of IFFI postponed to January 2021**

- Amid rising cases of Covid-19, the 51st edition of the International Film Festival of India (Iffi) scheduled to be held from November 20 to 28 has been postponed to January 16 to 24, 2021.
- The decision to postpone the film festival was taken after information and broadcasting minister Prakash Javadekar discussed the modalities of hosting the event with Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.
- The festival will be conducted in a Virtual and Physical format.



### **9. UP govt launches unified portal 'U-Rise' to guide students in learning, career counselling, employment**



- The Uttar Pradesh government has launched a unified portal called 'U-Rise' to guide students in learning, career counselling, and getting employment in the state.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the portal in Lucknow yesterday. He termed it historic and said it is the biggest reform programme in the education sector after the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020. He said that the programme would connect students with practical and technical knowledge. He added that Uttar Pradesh was the first state to launch a unified portal along with the implementation of NEP.
- About 20 lakh students, getting vocational and technical education, and technical experts will benefit from this portal. The e-content, e-library, and online courses available on this portal will be accessible by students even in the most interior areas of the state.



### Foot Notes:

#### About UP:

**Governor:** Anandiben Patel

**Capital:** Lucknow

**Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath

### 10. 'Saubhagya' scheme completes three years since its inception

- Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - "Saubhagya" has completed three years since its inception. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched this scheme on the 25th of September, 2017 to ensure electrification of all willing households in the country in rural as well as urban areas.
- The scheme was launched with an aim to achieve universal household electrification by providing last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas across the country.
- The scheme was started with an outlay of 16,320 crore rupees. Out of the total amount, the outlay for the rural households is over 14 thousand crore rupees while for the urban households the outlay is 2,295 crore rupees. As many as over 2 crore 62 lakh households have been provided electricity connection so far under the Saubhagya scheme.



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