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National News

1. Aiming at clean and beautiful beaches, Environment Ministry launches Swachh Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan

- ✚ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched a mass cleanliness drive “Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan” to make beaches clean and create awareness amongst the citizens.
- ✚ The cleanliness drive will be undertaken at 50 identified beaches during November 11-17, 2019. The identified beaches are in 10 coastal States/Union Territories (UTs) namely Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. The beaches have been identified after the consultation with the States/UTs.

2. Maharashtra under President's rule for 3rd time in 59-year history

- ✚ President's rule was imposed in Maharashtra on November 12, 2019 upon the recommendation of Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyar.
- ✚ The Maharashtra Governor decided on sending the state under the direct rule of the centre after both the BJP and Shiv Sena failed to form the government within the given deadline.
- ✚ Shiv Sena has approached the apex court protesting against the Governor's move to reject its request demanding extra time to prove the majority.

3. Karnataka: Supreme Court upholds disqualification of 17 rebel MLAs, can contest bypolls:

- ✚ The Supreme Court has upheld former Karnataka Speaker's decision to disqualify the 17 rebel MLAs of the Congress and JD(S) in Karnataka.
- ✚ The court has, however, allowed them to contest elections.
- ✚ The MLAs were disqualified by the Legislative Assembly KR Ramesh Kumar ahead of the floor test of the HD Kumaraswamy government.

4. CJI under RTI Act: A rare case where Supreme Court ruled against itself

- ✚ The Supreme Court, in a historic ruling, directed that the office of Chief Justice will now come under the Right to Information Act.
- ✚ Earlier the CJI office was kept out of the purview of the RTI act.
- ✚ The Supreme Court stated that the CJI office was a public authority and that its secrecy will remain intact during RTI filing.

5. Children's Day: Now an App to Report Child Rights Abuse, Assam Govt. Launches Initiative

- ✚ Since the beginning of 2019, at least 125 complaints have been reported to the Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Right (ASCPCR) — including those concerning child marriage, child trafficking and child sexual abuse. Apart from these, there are many that go unreported.
- ✚ This Children's Day, November 14, as a remedy, the ASCPCR is launching Sishu Suraksha, a mobile application to lodge complaints on child rights violation, and address them in an appropriate and timely manner.
- ✚ To file a complaint earlier, one would require to write a formal letter to the ASCPCR head office in Guwahati. Available on iOS and Android platforms, the app can be used by anyone in the state to lodge complaints. The complaints, in turn, will be directly sent to the commission.

Foot Notes:

About Assam

1. **Capital:** Dispur

2. **Chief Minister:** Sarbananda Sonowal

6. Andhra CM launches 'Nadu-Nedu' program aims at transforming govt schools on Children's Day

- Turning a new leaf over education sector, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the 'Nadu-Nedu' programme which aims at transforming government schools into vibrant and competitive institutions.
- The Chief Minister said that his YSRCP-led state government will overcome all the challenges and clear every hurdle as the goal to meet the requirement of what the fast-changing technology in the world expects from youth, ten years from now.
- The scheme will be implemented in 15,715 schools in the first phase and will cover all schools in three years' time with a budget of Rs 12,000 crores. For the first year, Rs 3,500 crores will be spent for the development of the infrastructure.

Foot Notes:**About Andhra Pradesh**

1. **Capitals:** Hyderabad, Amaravati
2. **Governor:** Biswabhusan Harichandan
3. **Chief Minister:** Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

7. Supreme Court: CJI Ranjan Gogoi's last working day today, Bar Association to organise farewell ceremony

- ✚ Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi is set to formally retire from his post on November 17, but November 15 is his last working day at the Supreme Court, marking which the Supreme Court Bar Association will organise a farewell ceremony this evening.
- ✚ CJI Gogoi sat with Chief Justice designate Sharad Arvind Bobde in Court 1, according to tradition, and issued notices in all the 10 cases listed in the Court today for today. He also thanked all the lawyers who addressed him in his honour.
- ✚ Ranjan Gogoi was serving as the 46th Chief Justice of India, after succeeding 45th CJI Dipak Misra. On November 17, Gogoi will be succeeded by Judge Sharad Arvind Bobde.

8. National mission 'NISHTHA' launched in j&k

- ✚ National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) was launched in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with its formal inauguration by Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department, Sarita Chauhan.
- ✚ The event was attended by around 300 teachers, Key Resource Persons (KRPs) and Chief Education Officers, DIET Principals and Educational Administrators.
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Foot Notes:**About Jammu and Kashmir**

1. **Capitals:** Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer)

9. Union Minister Harsh Vardhan launches SAANS campaign to curb pneumonia deaths in kids

- ✚ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan launched 'SAANS', a campaign aimed at reducing child mortality due to pneumonia, which contributes to around 15 per cent of deaths annually of children under the age of five.
- ✚ SAANS, short for 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully' was launched by the Union Health Ministry to mobilise people to protect children from pneumonia, and train health personnel and other stakeholders to provide prioritised treatment to control the disease.
- ✚ The government aims to achieve a target of reducing pneumonia deaths among children to less than three per 1000 live births by 2025, a senior health department official said.

Foot Notes:

Health and Family Welfare Minister: Harsh Vardhan

10. Mumbai tops ranking for quality of tap water, Delhi lowest

- ✚ According to a Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) study, Mumbai ranks the highest in the quality of water among capital cities in states where samples of tap water were tested. In Mumbai, all 10 samples of tap water passed the BIS test.
- ✚ Second in the list is Hyderabad, where only one sample failed. However, at the bottom of the list is Delhi, where all 11 samples failed the BIS test — thereby reaffirming that the capital city has the poorest water quality, the BIS study put.

11. Pakistan becomes the first country to introduce WHO approved typhoid vaccine.

- ✚ Pakistan has become the first country in the world to introduce a new typhoid vaccine as the country grapples with an ongoing outbreak of a drug-resistant strain of the potentially fatal disease. The vaccine, approved by the World Health Organization (WHO), will be used during a two-week immunisation campaign in southern Sindh province.
- ✚ The new vaccines have been provided by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to the Pakistani government free of cost.
- ✚ In 2017, 63 per cent of the typhoid cases documented and 70 per cent of the fatalities were children, according to a joint press release from the Pakistani government, WHO and Gavi.

Foot Notes:**About Pakistan****Prime minister:** Imran Khan**Capital:** Islamabad**Currency:** Pakistani rupee**12. National Tribal Festival Aadi Mahotsav to begin in New Delhi**

- ✚ Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the National Tribal Festival “Aadi Mahotsav” in New Delhi.
- ✚ The theme of the 15-day Mahotsav is celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce. It will be held at Dilli Haat in INA, New Delhi.
- ✚ The tribal textiles manufactured by master tribal craftsmen from Jammu & Kashmir in the North to Tamil Nadu in the South and from Gujarat in the West to Nagaland/Sikkim in the East will be the main attractions.

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International News & Foreign Affairs

1. Iran has discovered an oil field with an estimated 53 billion barrels of crude

- ✚ Iran has claimed to have discovered a large oilfield. This oilfield, found in the southern province of Iran, is estimated to have about 53 million barrels of crude oil.

- ✚ Iran's oil reserves will increase by one-third after this discovery. Employees of Iran's oil industry have discovered this large oilfield.
- ✚ According to the reports, this 80-meter deep oilfield is spread over 200 kilometres from Iran's Khuzestan border with Iraq to the city of Omidia.

2. Socialists win election but no majority in Spain, as far right doubles seats

- ✚ The Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) won the country's election with 120 seats, but fell short of securing a working majority, as the far-right Vox party shot to third place by more than doubling its seats in parliament.
- ✚ This second election in Spain in just over six months - and the fourth in as many years -- has failed to clear a political impasse in Europe's fifth-largest economy.

3. Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates India Pavilion at ADIPEC in UAE

- ✚ Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the India Pavilion along with CEO of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) Sultan Al Jaber at the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC) here on Monday.
- ✚ The India Pavillion has been set up by the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI), Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

4. Israel hit by rockets from Gaza after airstrike kills Islamic Jihad leader

- ✚ Nearly 200 rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip into Israel on Tuesday hours after an Israeli airstrike targeted and killed a senior Islamic Jihad commander in Gaza in the most serious escalation of violence in months.
- ✚ The Israeli airstrike in northern Gaza killed Bahaa Abu el-Atta and his wife, as Islamic Jihad vowed further revenge. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement Tuesday that Abu el-Atta was the mastermind of many recent attacks against Israel and was a "ticking bomb."

5. Bolivia crisis: Evo Morales arrives in Mexico for political asylum

- ✚ Evo Morales has landed in Mexico where he has been offered asylum after resigning as president of Bolivia amid election fraud protests.
- ✚ In a tweet, he said it hurt to be leaving Bolivia but he would return with more "strength and energy".
- ✚ Meanwhile, Bolivia's military commander ordered troops to back up police who have clashed with Morales supporters.

6. Unilever appoints Nils Andersen as new Chairman

- ✚ British-Dutch consumer goods company Unilever named non-executive director Nils Andersen as its new chairman to utilise his deep experience across consumer goods and logistics industries.
- ✚ Andersen will replace Marijn Dekkers, who is standing down after more than three years as chairman, to focus on his responsibilities as founder and chairman of investment and advisory firm Novalis LifeSciences.

Foot Notes:

About Unilever

1. **CEO of Unilever:** Alan Jope
2. **Founded:** 2 September 1929.
3. **Headquarters:** London, United Kingdom(UK)

7. First ever international buyer-seller meet in Arunachal Pradesh

- ✚ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) held the first ever international buyer seller meet on agriculture and horticulture produce in Arunachal Pradesh.

- ✚ “Ten International buyers from seven countries of Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Indonesia, UAE, Sultanate of Oman and Greece participated in the meet and interacted with exporters,” commerce and industry ministry said.

Foot Notes:**About Arunachal Pradesh**

1. **Capital:** Itanagar
2. **Chief Minister:** Pema Khandu

New Appointments and Person in News

1. Newly discovered spider species named after Sachin Tendulkar

- ✚ Dhruv Prajapati, a PhD research scholar in spider taxonomy with the Gujarat Ecological Education & Research (GEER) Foundation, recently discovered two new species of spiders. He named one after Sachin Tendulkar and the other after Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara, who played an important role in creating awareness about education in Kerala.
- ✚ He named one spider Marengo sachintendulkar because Sachin happens to be his favourite cricketer and another name is inspired by Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara who was a crusader in creating awareness about education in Kerala.

2. Justice AP Sahi sworn-in as Chief Justice of Madras High Court

- ✚ Justice AP Sahi has recently sworn-in as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered the oath of office to the Chief Justice.
- ✚ Justice AP Sahi practised in Allahabad High Court to gather expertise in constitutional and civil matters.
- ✚ In 2004, he was elevated as an Additional Judge of the Allahabad Court. He became permanent Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court in 2005.

3. Piyush Goyal attends 9th BRICS trade ministers meet

- ✚ Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal attended the 9th BRICS trade ministers meet in Brasilia on Tuesday during which he deliberated on the global economic climate with his counterparts from other member nations.
- ✚ Taking to Twitter, Goyal said that he spoke about advancing Trade and Investment cooperation between BRICS nations, as well as on the growing trend of non-tariff barriers.

4. Prakash Javadekar gets charge of heavy industries ministry

- ✚ The President of India has assigned Union Minister Prakash Javadekar the heavy industries and public enterprises portfolio after Arvind Sawant, the minister in charge, resigned on Monday.
- ✚ Javadekar is already in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

5. Nita Ambani named to Board of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art

- ✚ Nita Ambani was recently named to the board of the New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art after years of supporting exhibitions at the biggest US art museum.
- ✚ Daniel Brodsky, president of the museum, said that her contribution to preserving and promoting the art and culture of India and “The Mate” is extraordinary.

- ✚ Nita Ambani, the wife of Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani, is the Chairman of Reliance Foundation.

6. Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth takes oath after election win:

- ✚ Mauritius's incumbent Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth was sworn in for a five-year term on Tuesday after elections in which his coalition consolidated its grip on Parliament.
- ✚ Jugnauth, 57, took over from his father in 2017 without going through a vote, and the decisive victory of his centre-right Morisian Alliance in the November 7 elections has strengthened his legitimacy.

7. Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro to be the chief guest at Republic Day 2020

- ✚ Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has accepted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation to be the Chief Guest at India's Republic Day celebrations in 2020. Prime Minister Modi met Bolsonaro on the sidelines of the 11th BRICS Summit, which is being held in Brasilia.
- ✚ Former French President François Hollande was the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations in 2016. In 2017, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of United Arab Emirates took part in the Republic Day celebrations as the chief guest.
- ✚ The year 2018 was historic as leaders of the 10 ASEAN nations attended the event as chief guests. In 2019, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa was in attendance as the chief guest. He was the second South African president, after Nelson Mandela, to attend the grand event as its chief guest.

Foot Notes:

About Brazil

1. **President:** Jair Bolsonaro
2. **Capital:** Brasilia
3. **Currency:** Brazilian real

8. Prakash Javadekar takes charge as Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

- ✚ Prakash Javadekar took charge as the Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises. This decision was taken after Shiv Sena leader Arvind Sawant resigned from the Union Cabinet.
- ✚ Javadekar also holds information & broadcasting, and environment, forest and climate change portfolios.

9. Nilam Sawhney becomes first woman chief secretary of Andhra Pradesh

- ✚ Senior IAS officer Nilam Sawhney has become the first woman chief secretary of Andhra Pradesh. An order was released by the General Administration Department appointing Sawhney, a 1984 batch IAS officer, to the post.
- ✚ She succeeds chief commissioner of Land Administration Neerabh Kumar Prasad, who has been holding the additional charge of the chief secretary since the state government sent out LV Subrahmanyam on November 4, 2019.

About Andhra Pradesh

1. **Capitals:** Hyderabad, Amaravati
2. **Governor:** Biswabhusan Harichandan
3. **Chief Minister:** Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

10. Justice Ravi Ranjan takes oath as new CJ for Jharkhand HC

- ✚ Justice Ravi Ranjan took oath as the new chief justice of the Jharkhand High Court. Governor Droupadi Murmu administered the oath to Ranjan at the Raj Bhavan here.
- ✚ The post of the chief justice of Jharkhand High Court was lying vacant after the elevation of former chief justice Aniruddha Bose to the Supreme Court earlier this year.

Foot Notes:

About Jharkhand

Capital: Ranchi

Chief Minister: Raghubar Das

Banking

1. European Investment Bank to stop funding oil and coal projects at the end of 2021.

- ✚ The European Investment Bank is to stop funding oil and coal projects at the end of 2021. Since 2013, the European Union through the bank has funded 13.4 billion Euros for fossil fuel projects. In 2018, it was around 2 billion Euros. The Union has been reducing its funding to fossil fuel projects and is stopping by 2021.
- ✚ The EIB's new policy demands that the energy projects applying for funding must prove that they can produce 1 Kilo watt hour of energy emitting less than 250 grams of carbon dioxide.
- ✚ The exemptions are made on gas projects as they are common in the EU member states. For the next 5 years, EU has over 200 billion USD worth projects planned.

Foot Notes:

About European Investment Bank

1. President: Werner Hoyer



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Science Tech & Defence

1. NASA renames solar system object previously known as 'ULTIMA THULE' to 'ARROKOTH' after NAZI controversy:

- ✚ NASA has recently renamed farthest cosmic body, Ultima Thule - Arrokoth or Sky. Earlier, NASA was criticized over the previous name's Nazi connotations.
- ✚ The new name reflects the wondering about the stars and looking at the sky. The name was given because of its natural position.
- ✚ Arrokoth also symbolizes 'icy-object' which was undisturbed since the solar system was formed about 4.5 billion years ago.

2. India-U.S. tri-services exercise Tiger Triumph begins in Visakhapatnam

- ✚ India-U.S. tri-services amphibious exercise Tiger Triumph got off to a gala. Tiger Triumph will continue for nine days off the Visakhapatnam and Kakinada coasts. The training events will enhance U.S.-India military-to-military relations and hone individual and small-unit skills in humanitarian assistance and disaster response.
- ✚ The exercise includes staff-planning events as well as field training that simulates moving a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief force from ship to shore.
- ✚ More than 500 U.S. Marines and sailors and about 1,200 Indian soldiers, sailors and airmen are participating in the exercise

Foot Notes:

About United States

1. President: Donald Trump

2. **Capital:** Washington, D.C.
3. **Currency:** United States Dollar

3. Navy selects Karabi Gogoi as assistant naval attache in India's Moscow Embassy

- ✦ The Navy has selected Lt. Commander Karabi Gogoi as assistant naval attache at the Moscow Embassy, sources said, making her the second woman defence personnel to be appointed for a diplomatic assignment.
- ✦ Currently posted as a naval engineer at the Karwar base of the Navy, the officer is also learning Russian and is expected to take up her new assignment in Moscow next month.
- ✦ Wing Commander Anjali Singh became India's first female military diplomat to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad. Singh, who is trained on MiG-29 fighter aircraft, is the Deputy Air Attache in the Indian mission in Moscow.

Foot Notes:

About Naval Staff

1. **Vice Chief of the Naval Staff:** Vice Admiral G. Ashok Kumar
2. **Chief of the Naval Staff:** Admiral Karambir Singh,
3. **Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff :** Vice Admiral M. S. Pawar
4. **Headquarters location:** New Delhi

4. India conducts first night trial of Agni-II missile

- ✦ India successfully conducted the first night trial of nuclear-capable intermediate range ballistic missile Agni-II from the Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. The Strategic Forces Command of the Indian Army test-fired the versatile surface-to-surface medium-range nuclear-capable missile from launching complex IV of the Integrated Test Range.
- ✦ Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the missile has already been inducted into the armed forces.
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Foot Notes:

About DRDO

Headquarters location: New Delhi

Motto: बलस्य मूलं विज्ञानम्; "Strength's Origin is in Science" (Sanskrit)

Founded: 1958

Directors: Dr G. Satheesh Reddy

About Indian Army

Chief of Army: Bipin Rawat.

Important Days

1. World Diabetes Day is celebrated on 14 November across the world every year.

- ✦ Theme for diabetes awareness month and World Diabetes Day 2019 is "Family and Diabetes". World Diabetes Day (WDD) was created in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes.
- ✦ World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations Day in 2006. It is marked every year on 14 November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.

2. Godrej Locks to Commemorate 3rd Home Safety Day on 15th November

- ✚ Godrej Locks, a brand synonymous with trust, quality, and safety, will be commemorating 3rd Home Safety Day observed every year on 15 November.
- ✚ Home Safety Day aims to encourage people to be protected against threats like robberies, burglaries, and thefts. The company is all set to observe this day with newer initiatives to be announced.
- ✚ In 2018, on Home Safety Day, Godrej Locks unveiled #HarGharSurakshit, India's biggest public awareness campaign to make citizens home safety conscious.

3. Rajnath Singh to attend Maitree Diwas celebrations in Arunachal Pradesh

- ✚ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited Arunachal Pradesh to attend the Maitree Diwas celebrations at Tawang.
- ✚ Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship) will be celebrated for two days at Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium Tawang.
- ✚ This will be the 11th edition of Maitree Diwas which celebrates civil-military bonhomie in the area. Rajnath Singh will also inaugurate Sisseri River Bridge and National Highway-52 in East Siang District.

Foot Notes:

- 1. About Arunachal Pradesh**
- 2. Capital:** Itanagar
- 3. Chief Minister:** Pema Khandu

4. National Press Day celebrated on November 16; marks the foundation of Press Council of India in 1966

- ✚ National Press Day – The 16th of November – is symbolic of a free and responsible press in India. This was the day on which the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that not only did the press maintain the high standards expected from this powerful medium but also that it was not fettered by the influence or threats of any extraneous factors.
- ✚ Though there are several Press or Media Councils world over, the Press Council of India is a unique entity in as-much-as this is the only body to exercise an authority even over the instruments of the state in its duty to safeguard the independence of the press.
- ✚ Recommending the establishment of Press Council in 1956 the First Press Commission had concluded that the best way of maintaining professional ethics in journalism would be to bring into existence a body with statutory authority, of people principally connected with industry whose duty it would be to arbitrate. To this end the Press Council of India was established and the body that was evolved since November 16, 1966 has not belied the objective.

5. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims observed on November 17

- ✚ The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDR) is commemorated on the third Sunday of November each year – to remember the many millions killed and injured on the world's roads, together with their families, friends and many others who are also affected. It is also a Day on which we thank the emergency services and reflect on the tremendous burden and cost of this daily continuing disaster to families, communities and countries, and on ways to halt it.
- ✚ From 1995, road victim organisations under the umbrella of the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) observed this Day together – first as European Day of Remembrance, but soon as World Day when NGOs from Africa, South America and Asia, who were associated members of FEVR, joined.
- ✚ Therefore FEVR is the creator and first owner of the World Day of Remembrance. Already from 2000, the Pope and other religious leaders remembered road victims worldwide on the 3rd Sunday of November, calling it 'World Day'.

6. International Day for Tolerance: 16 November

- ✦ The United Nations observes “International Day for Tolerance” on 16th November every year. The United Nations is committed to strengthening tolerance by fostering mutual understanding among cultures and peoples.
- ✦ In 1995, to mark the United Nations Year for Tolerance and the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, UNESCO created a prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence.
- ✦ The UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence rewards significant activities in the scientific, artistic, cultural or communication fields aimed at the promotion of a spirit of tolerance and non-violence. The prize is awarded every two years on the International Day for Tolerance, 16 November.



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Sports

1. India to host Men's Hockey World Cup in 2023

- ✦ International Hockey Federation (FIH), in Lausanne, has recently selected India to host the 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup.
- ✦ According to the FIH, the Men's Hockey World Cup will be played in India from January 13 to 29. The format of the 2023 World Cup will be the same as in the previous tournament.
- ✦ India will thus become the first country to host the Men's Hockey World Cup four times. Earlier in India, this tournament has been organized in 1982, 2010 and 2018.

2. India wins T20 series against Bangladesh

- ✦ India defeated Bangladesh by 30 runs in the third and final T20 International match played at Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur. India won the three-match T20 series by 2-1.
- ✦ Team India scored 174 runs in 20 overs and gave Bangladesh a target of 175 runs to win. In response, Bangladesh's team could only manage 144 runs for 10 wickets in 19.2 overs.
- ✦ Deepak Chahar made a unique record of taking six wickets for seven runs. He has become the best bowler in T20 Internationals.

3. Sri Lanka Becomes First South Asian Nation to Criminalise Match Fixing & Sports Betting

- ✦ The Sri Lankan parliament has passed a bill related to 'prevention of sports-related crimes'.
- ✦ Now, match-fixing in Sri Lanka will be considered as a criminal offence. This new law, related to match-fixing, will apply to every game.
- ✦ As per the bill, Sri Lankan cricketers now have to report corrupt approaches to the Sri Lankan Government.

4. Nicholas Pooran suspended for four matches for ball tampering

- ✦ ICC has banned West Indies cricketer Nicholas Pooran for four international matches. He had tampered the ball in the third ODI against Afghanistan.
- ✦ West Indies team player Nicholas Pooran has broken Level 3 of the ICC Code of Conduct.

- ✚ It was found in the video footage that Nicholas Pooran is scratching the ball by thumbnail. He will not be able to play the next three T20I and one test match.

5. FIFA ban three officials including former Peru Football Federation Manuel Burga for life over involvement in corruption

- ✚ FIFA banned three former top South American football officials for life in connection with a corruption scandal that has shaken world football since 2015.
- ✚ Former Peru Football Federation Manuel Burga and Argentinian officials Eduardo Deluca and Jose Luis Meiszner took secret payments while allocating marketing and media contracts for regional competitions.
- ✚ The bans are the latest sanctions linked to revelations in 2015 by US prosecutors of a web of corruption involving millions of dollars in bribes concerning marketing and TV rights for South American football tournaments

Foot Notes:

About FIFA

1. **President:** Gianni Infantino
2. **Headquarters:** Zürich, Switzerland
3. **Founded at:** Paris, France
4. **Senior Vice-President:** Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa

6. Indian sprinter Dutee Chand on TIME 100 Next list, says she is 'delighted'

- ✚ Indian athlete Dutee Chand has been included in the Time 100 Next list. This list has been launched under the expansion of the list of 100 most effective people in the world.
- ✚ It includes those who are ready to make future in business, recreation, sports, politics, health and science.
- ✚ Dutee has won two Silver medals in 100 meters and 200 meters events at the Jakarta Asian Games. She is the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal in the 100 meters in the World University Games.

7. Punjab to host 2019 circle Kabaddi World Cup in December

- ✚ The 2019 World Kabaddi Cup will take place from December 1 to 9 and will be organised by the Punjab government in Punjab.
- ✚ This year's tournament will be dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- ✚ Nine teams: India, USA, Australia, England, Sri Lanka, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan and Canada are expected to take part in the tournament.

Foot Notes:

About Punjab

1. **Punjab CM:** Amrinder Singh
2. **Governor:** VP Singh Badnore.

8. India's Harmeet Desai wins men's singles title at the ITTF Challenge Indonesia Open Table Tennis tournament

- ✚ Indian paddler Harmeet Desai staved off a strong challenge from compatriot Amalraj Anthony to win the ITTF Challenge Indonesia Open in Batam, Indonesia.
- ✚ In an all-Indian men's singles final, it was Harmeet who started on a positive note winning the opening game 11-9 but he lost the next game 9-11, allowing Amalraj to draw level.
- ✚ World no 104 Harmeet, however, took control of the proceedings and won the next two games by an identical margin of 11-9 to go 3-1 up in the match.

Foot Notes:

About Indonesia

Capital: Jakarta

Currency: Indonesian rupiah

Awards

1. Robert De Niro to be conferred with SAG Life Achievement award

- ✚ Hollywood veteran and double Oscar winner Robert De Niro will receive the SAG-AFTRA's highest tribute: the SAG Life Achievement Award for career achievement and humanitarian accomplishment, at the 26th edition of the ceremony 2019.
- ✚ The SAG Life Achievement Award is given annually to an actor who fosters the "finest ideals of the acting profession".

Obituaries

1. World-famous mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh passes away in Patna

- ✚ World famous mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh, who came to be known as India's Einstein, passed away in Patna. Born in Bihar, he was suffering from a prolonged illness from the last 35 years.
- ✚ Vashishtha Narayan passed away at the age of 74 today at Patna Medical College and Hospital. He was suffering from mental disorder Schizophrenia since he was 40.

About Vashishtha Narayan

1. **Born:** 2 April 1942, Bihar

2. **Died:** 14 November 2019

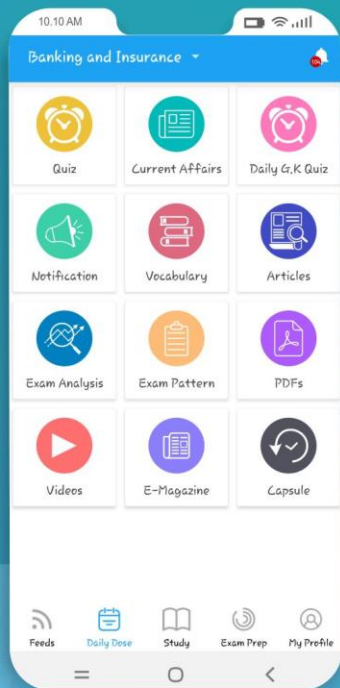
3. **Known for:** Reproducing kernel Hilbert space

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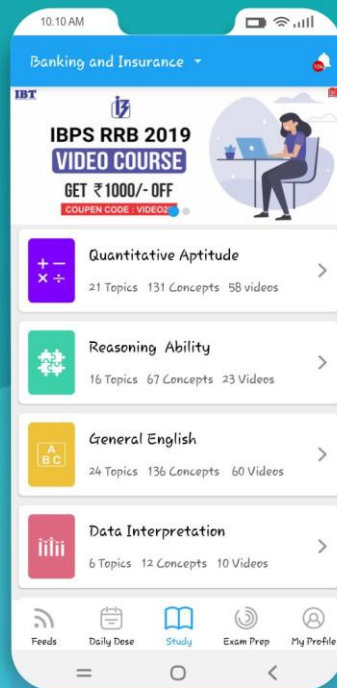
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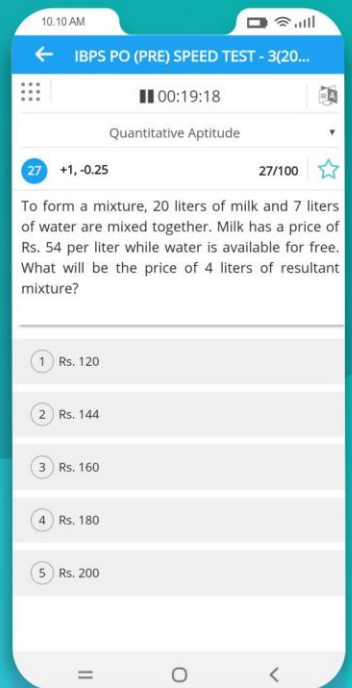
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