



1. World Mental Health Day observed on 10 October

- October 10 is the second Saturday October, 2020 and is celebrated as the World Mental Health Day. The objective of this day is to spread awareness about mental health issues and taking efforts in supporting those.
- It also emphasizes what more needs to be done to make sure that talking about mental health does not remain a taboo in society. This day is organised by the World Federation for Mental Health.
- It is also supported by WHO, the International Association for Suicide Prevention, and United for Global Mental Health.



Foot Notes:

About WHO:

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Founded: 7 April 1948

Heads: Tedros Adhanom, Soumya Swaminathan, Jane Ellison

2. World Famous Jog Falls In Karnataka Get A Face Lift

- The world famous Jog falls in Karnataka will get a face lift at a cost of Rs. 120 crore. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa was given details of the project during a Tourism department review meeting today in Bengaluru.
- Additional Chief Secretary of the Tourism department P Ravikumar informed that the project cost will be finalised by this month end.
- Jog Falls is a waterfall on the Sharavati river located in the Western Ghats in Uttara Kannada District.



Foot Notes:

About Karnataka:

Capital: Bengaluru

Governor: Vajubhai Vala

Chief Minister: B. S. Yediyurappa

3. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Reddy launches India's first of Its kind scheme Jagananna Vidya Kanuka

- In yet another first in the entire country, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the 'Jagananna Vidya Kanuka' scheme, which provides preparatory educational kits to school students in the state.
- The novel scheme, seen in awe by many across the country, is the brainchild of YS Jagan to achieve the larger objective of enhancing student interest towards schooling and reduce the dropout rate in government schools.
- The AP CM formally inaugurated the one of its kind scheme at an event organized at the ZP High School of Punadipadu of Kankipadu mandal in Krishna district. To set this unique programme rolling, he gave away school kits to students of various grades between 1st and 10th standard and blessed them to do well in their studies.



Foot Notes:

About Andhra Pradesh:

Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan

Chief Minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

4. King of Jordan Abdullah II names his policy adviser Bishr al-Khasawneh country's new Prime Minister

- Jordan's King Abdullah II designated his chief policy adviser to form a new government amid criticism of the previous government's handling of the virus pandemic.
- King of Jordan, Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein has appointed Bishr al-Khasawneh, policy advisor to the king, as new Prime Minister of the country.
- His appointment comes after King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Omar al Razzaz.



Foot Notes:

About Jordan:

Capital: Amman.

Currency: Jordanian dinar

5. Train services on Pamban bridge suspended for maintenance work

- Railway service across the historic Pamban bridge, connecting Pamban Island with Rameswaram on mainland Tamil Nadu has been suspended till further notice.
- The Madurai railway division has informed that rail traffic on the two-kilometer long bridge has been suspended for conducting maintenance work.
- The bridge, with a unique bascule section that can be drawn up to allow passage of ships, has been in service since 1915. Following damage to the bascule section, service on the bridge had been stopped for a period in 2018 - 19. In the meantime, work on a new bridge at Pampan had been inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2018.



Foot Notes:

About Tamil Nadu:

Governor: Banwarilal Purohit

Capital: Chennai

Chief Minister: Edappadi K. Palaniswami



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6. Union Education Minister virtually inaugurates Gyan Circle Ventures

- Union Minister for Education Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank virtually inaugurated the Gyan Circle Ventures, a MeitY funded Technology Business Incubator of Indian Institute of Information Technology, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh through Video Conference.
- He said innovation and entrepreneurship needs to be fostered to ensure self-sustainability and remain a global leader. The Minister said that centers like 'Gyan Circle ventures' instill entrepreneurship in young minds and steward them to become successful innovators.
- These, 'Gyan Circle ventures' have the potential to infuse entrepreneurship in young minds.
- It would also encourage them to become successful innovators.



7. Nilesh Shah re-elected as Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India

- Nilesh Shah has been re-elected as the Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), at the recently concluded Board Meeting of AMFI.
- Besides, he would continue as the ex-officio chairman of Amfi Financial Literacy Committee, being the chairman of the industry body. Besides, Saurabh Nanavati, who is the chief executive officer of



Invesco Asset Management (India) Pvt Ltd, has been re-elected as the vice-chairman of AMFI.

Foot Notes:

About AMFI(Association of Mutual Funds in India):

CEO: C. V. R. Rajendran

Founded: 1995

8. Poet Nityananda Nayak to receive Sarala Puraskar

- Odia poet Nityanand Nayak will be conferred the prestigious Sarala Puraskar for his poetry work 'Setebelaku Nathiba', published in 2017. The poet will be felicitated with a cash award of `5 lakh and a citation.
- Sarala Puraskar is recognised as the foremost literary award of Odisha.
- Two other eminent personalities from the State - Ranjit Kumar Nag and Shyamsundar Pattanaik - will be felicitated for their contribution to fields of music and art respectively.
- While Nag will be awarded the Ila Panda Sangeet Samman, Pattanaik would be felicitated with Ila Panda Chitrakala Samman. The awards comprise a cash award of `1,50,000 and a citation.



9. Amazon India ties up with IRCTC to start online train ticket bookings

- Amazon India has partnered with 'Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation' (IRCTC), to provide its customers with the facility to book reserved train tickets on Amazon.
- With this launch, the e-commerce company's digital payments arm Amazon Pay adds another travel category, thereby offering its customers a one-stop-shop for booking flights, bus and train tickets.
- With this new offering, users will be able to check seat and quota availability across all train classes on the Amazon app. They can pre-load money into their Amazon Pay Balance wallet to make this experience even smoother and pay in a single click.



Foot Notes:

About Amazon:

Founder: Jeff Bezos.

Founded: 5 July 1994.

Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, United States

10. CSIR-KPIT demonstrates Hydrogen Fuel Cell fitted car

- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and KPIT successfully ran trials of India's first Hydrogen Fuel Cell (HFC) prototype car running on an indigenously developed fuel cell stack at CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune. The fuel cell is a low temperature PEM (Proton Exchange Membrane) type Fuel Cell that operates at 65-75 degree centigrade, which is suitable for vehicular applications.
- CSIR and KPIT have successfully developed a 10 kW automotive grade LT-PEMFC fuel cell stack based on CSIR's know-how. The heart of the PEM fuel cell technology includes the membrane electrode assembly, which is wholly a CSIR knowhow. KPIT brought in their expertise in stack engineering which included light-weight metal bipolar plate and gasket design, development of the balance of plant (BoP), system integration, control software and electric powertrain that enabled running the fuel cell vehicle. The fuel cell stack uses extremely thin metal bipolar plates, thus reducing the stack weight by about two-thirds.



Foot Notes:

About CSIR(Council of Scientific and Industrial Research):

Head: Shekhar C. Mande

Founded: 26 September 1942

Headquarter: New Delhi

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