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National News

1. Pakistan declares national emergency to battle locusts.

- ✚ Pakistan, which is facing its worst locust attack in decades, has declared a national emergency to tackle the insects destroying crops on a large scale in Punjab province, the country's main region for agricultural production.
- ✚ The decision was taken at a meeting convened by Prime Minister Imran Khan. The meeting, attended by federal ministers and senior officials of the four provinces, also approved a National Action Plan (NAP) that requires a sum of ₹7.3 billion to overcome the crisis.
- ✚ The prime minister directed the authorities concerned to make immediate measures on the basis of damage of ripened crops.

Foot Notes:

About Pakistan

Prime minister: Imran Khan

Capital: Islamabad

Currency: Pakistani rupee

2. Andhra govt launches doorstep pension distribution scheme under "YSR Pension Kanuka".

- ✚ The Andhra Pradesh Government has initiated a doorstep pension delivery scheme across the state, under which, various welfare pensions are being delivered at the doorstep of the pensioners.
- ✚ The "YSR Pension Kanuka" initiative to end the struggles of old people who find it difficult to go to the pension office.
- ✚ Also, the age for old age pensioners (OAP) has been reduced from 65 to 60 years. With the increase in the pensioners, the list of beneficiaries has gone up to 54.64 lakh this year.

Foot Notes:

About Andhra Pradesh

Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan

Chief minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

3. AMU Faculty becomes First Indian to receive a Fellowship from IADR.

- ✚ Dr. Saima Yunus Khan, Chairperson, Department of Pediatrics and Preventive Dentistry, Dr. Z A Dental College (ZADC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) achieved a model accomplishment as she turned into the main Indian to consult with the esteemed IADR Fellowship in the field of dental research, an announcement from the university.
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- ✚ The International Association of Dental Research (IADR) John Clarkson Fellowship granted to get preparing and involvement with general dental well being at the Children's Hospital Research Institute of the University of Manitoba, Canada, for a time of five months.

4. Ban on Online lottery scheme by Punjab govt to check illegal sales.

- ✚ Punjab has banned the sale of all types of online lottery schemes under section 5 of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act 1998 in order to check for illegal sales. The act will not only check illegal lottery business but will also boost Punjab's tax and non tax revenue.
- ✚ The Punjab cabinet gave its approval to prohibition of sale of computerised & online lotteries.

Foot Notes:**About Punjab****Capital:** Chandigarh.**Governor:** Vijayender Pal Singh Badnore.**Chief Minister:** Amarinder Singh.**5. Task force is constituted by Government of India to restrict Novel Coronavirus.**

- A task force has been constituted by the Government of India to restrict the Novel Coronavirus outspread in India.
- Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy and Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri are the members of the task force.

Foot Notes:**Health Minister:** Dr. Harsh Vardhan**6. Frequency of Maitree and Bandhan Express connecting Bangladesh and India increased.**

- The frequency of the Maitree Express and Bandhan Express trains connecting Bangladesh and India has been increased.
- In a press release issued the High Commission of India in Bangladesh said that Maitree Express running between Dhaka and Kolkata will now run 5 days a week. Earlier it was running 4 days a week.
- Bandhan Express running between Kolkata and Khulna will now be running twice a week. Earlier it was running once a week.

7. Brihadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur gets ready for Kumbabishekam.

- In Tamil Nadu, the rare Kumbhabhishekam of the heritage Brihadeeswara Temple in Thanjavur will be held in a short while from now.
- The 'Kumbhabhishekam' of the 1,000-year old Brihadeeswara temple in Thanjavur is being held with traditional rites and rituals within a few hours from now.
- The kumbhabhishekam, which relates to the rejuvenation of the temple, was last performed in 1997. Lakhs of pilgrims have flocked to the temple town of Thanjavur, on the banks of the river Cauvery, to witness the rare spectacle.

Foot Notes:**About Tamil Nadu****Chief minister:** Edappadi K. Palaniswami**Capital:** Chennai**8. President Kovind inaugurated annual Udyanotsav at Rashtrapati Bhavan.**

- President Ram Nath Kovind opened the annual Udyanotsav of Rashtrapati Bhavan. The Mughal Gardens at Rashtrapati Bhavan will be opened for the general public from 05 February.
- The main attraction of this year's Udyanotsav, beside Tulips and Exotic flowers, are bulbous flowers. Around 10 thousand Tulips are specially cultivated in Mughal Gardens and they are in vivid colours of red, white, orange and yellow.
- Flower Carpets in magnificent designs will also be on display in the Central Lawns revealing the skill and craft of the gardeners of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

9. Union govt sets target of 30km of highways a day in current fiscal.

- The Union Government has set the target for construction of highways about 30 kilometres per day in the current fiscal.
- In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said, the average construction of Highways is 25.23 kilometres per day till December in 2019-20 whereas it was 24.37 kilometres per day during the corresponding period in 2018-19.

- A total of two thousand one hundred 55 kilometres length of roads have been built in the first three months of the current financial year as compared to two thousand three hundred 51 kilometres in the corresponding period last year.

Foot Notes:

Road Transport and Highways Minister: Nitin Gadkari

10. Bhutan ended free entry for Indian Tourists.

- The Government of Bhutan, Thimphu decided to implement a daily fee of Rs.1200 (\$17) for “regional tourists” from India, the Maldives, Bangladesh from July 2020. The fee is called SDF “Sustainable Development Fees” in order to regulate a new tourism policy (tourism facilities, better infrastructure).
- The decision was passed by the National Assembly(lower house of Bhutan) as a “Tourism Levy & Exemption Bill of Bhutan 2020”. Children under the age of 5 from India, Maldives, Bangladesh will not have to pay the tax and between 6 to 12 years will be required to pay Rs.600.
- The SDF fees is lower than foreign tourists (\$65), also charged a compulsory flat cover charge of (\$250) per day, Dorji Dhradul, Bhutan’s Tourism Council Director, mentioned SDF was to provide better facilities for regional tourists. SDF cancels the free entry of Indian tourists to Bhutan.

Foot Notes:

About Bhutan

Capital: Thimphu

Prime Minister (PM): Lotay Tshering.

Currency: Ngultrum.

11. Cabinet approved 2020 IIIT Laws Amendment Bill.

- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved the Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020. The Bill will approve the formalization of IIITs at Agartala, Bhagalpur, Bhopal, Raichur, and Surat. The institutions will now be covered under the IIIT (PPP) Act, 2017.
- The Bill aims to promote higher education and research in the field of Information Technology. The Bill declares the remaining 5 IIITs-PPP (IIITs at Agartala, Bhagalpur, Bhopal, Raichur, and Surat) as Institutions of National Importance along with the other 15 IIITs established under the scheme in PPP mode.
- The Bill empowers the institutes to award degrees. It will entitle the Institutes to use the nomenclature of Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) or Master of Technology (M.Tech) or Ph.D. degree as issued by an Institution/University of National Importance.

12. Jaipur received UNESCO World Heritage City certificate.

- Director-General of UNESCO Audrey Azoulay presented the 'World Heritage City' certificate to the Pink City – Jaipur on February 05, 2020. Minister of Urban Development Shanti Dhariwal received this award in a ceremony held at Albert Hall.
- The UNESCO team visited the Diwan-i-Aam, Diwan-i-Khas, Sheesh Mahal, Mansingh Mahal, and the Amer Fort. UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay has described Amer Fort as a mesmerizing reminder of the past.

Foot Notes:

About UNESCO

Headquarters: Paris, France

Head: Audrey Azoulay

Founded: 16 November 1945, London, United Kingdom

Formation: 4 November 1946

13. Karnataka launches Janasevaka scheme for home delivery of govt services.

- ✚ State Government of Karnataka launched Janasevaka scheme. The Government aims to provide doorstep government services under the scheme. Also, it intends to digitize several services and make these services easily available to the citizens through the scheme.
- ✚ Under the scheme, the government has launched an exclusive mobile number (080-44554455), a website (janasevaka.karnataka.gov.in) and mobile application. People can check around 53 services in the site.
- ✚ The scheme offers to provide health card, ration card, marriage registration certificate, identity card, etc. at the door steps under the scheme. A Jan Sevak is appointed to deliver the services under the scheme

Foot Notes:**About Karnataka****Chief minister:** B. S. Yediyurappa**Capital:** Bengaluru**14. Cabinet approves to set up Vardhavan port in Maharashtra.**

- ✚ Union Cabinet approved to set up the Vardhavan port in Maharashtra. The port is to be developed in “Landlord Model”. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust will act as the lead partner in developing the port.
- ✚ With the development of Vardhavan port, India will enter into the category of countries with top 10 container ports in the world. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP) is the biggest container port in India and 28th in the world. The port handles more than 5.1 million TEUS (Twenty-foot Equivalent units).

Foot Notes:**About Maharashtra****Governor:** Bhagat Singh Koshyari**Capital:** Mumbai**BANKING ALL EXAMS Video Course**

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**15. India becomes second largest steel producer of Crude Steel.**

- ✚ As per World Steel Association data, India became the second largest steel producer of crude steel after China in 2018 and 2019, by replacing Japan. India's crude steel production in 2018 was at 109.3 MT, an increase of 7.7 per cent from 101.5 MT in 2017.
- ✚ China remains number one with 920 million tonnes of production in 2018 and 996.3 million tonnes in 2019.
- ✚ The United States and South Korea rank fourth and fifth respectively.

Foot Notes:**Minister of Steel:** Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**16. New academic year in schools to start from April instead of June Gujarat.**

- ✚ Gujarat Government has announced to start a new academic year in schools from 20th April 2020 instead of June first week. The students will need to go to school for 13 days after annual examinations, followed by summer vacation. At present, the schools observe the summer vacation immediately after the annual examinations.

- ✚ The new academic year is in line with CBSE schools. According to the new academic year, the annual examinations and results will be completed by 20th April.
- ✚ The new academic year will start from 20th April and Schools will remain open till 3rd May. As per the new schedule, the summer vacation will be from 4th May to 7th June.

Foot Notes:**About Gujarat****Capital:** Gandhinagar**Governor:** Acharya Devvrat**Chief minister:** Vijay Rupani**17. Flipkart shuts down fashion portal Jabong, to focus fully on Myntra.**

- ✚ E-commerce marketplace Flipkart is downing shutters on Jabong and the portal is now redirecting the users to the Myntra website.
- ✚ Walmart-owned Flipkart had acquired Jabong for \$70 million in 2016. Earlier in July 2019, Flipkart had said that it had started to cut a significant chunk of its marketing expenditure in Jabong and redirecting its users towards Myntra by providing discounts.
- ✚ Flipkart had acquired fashion e-commerce platform Myntra in May 2014. Soon after the Walmart acquisition in November 2018, Flipkart merged both Myntra and Jabong.

Foot Notes:**About Flipkart****CEO:** Kalyan Krishnamurthy**Founded:** October 2007**18. Financial closure of Arun-III hydropower project inked b/w India and Nepal.**

- ✚ The Arun-3 hydropower project, the largest Indian-backed project in Nepal, secured NPR (Nepalese rupee) 100 Billion for the 900 MW (mega watt) hydropower project being built on the Arun River in Nepal's Sankhuwasabha District.
- ✚ India's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Arun-III Power Development Company, the developer of the Arun-III hydropower project has signed the financial closure of the project with 7 banks in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Foot Notes:**About Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN)****Headquarters:** Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**Chairman and Managing Director:** Nand Lal Sharma**About Nepal****Capital:** Kathmandu.**Currency:** Nepalese rupee.**President:** Bidhya Devi Bhandari.**Prime Minister:** Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli.**19. Railway Line between India and Bangladesh project to End by 2021.**

- ✚ The 15.6km long railway line between Agartala, India (Tripura)-Akhaura in Bangladesh will be completed by September 2021, these railway routes will improve connectivity between Indian Railways and Bangladesh Railways and will boost trade between the two countries. The project started in January 2010 during the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina's visits to India.
- ✚ The railway link connects Gangasagar in Bangladesh to Nischintapur in India and from Nischintapur to Agartala railway station in Tripura, India. The Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) is bearing the cost for laying the track on the 5.46km Indian side and the cost of laying the 10.6 km-long track on the Bangladesh side is being Funded by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Foot Notes:

About Indian Railway Construction Company Limited (IRCON International Limited)

Headquarters: New Delhi, India

Founded: 1976

Managing Director (M.D) & Chairman: S.K. Chaudhary

Parent Organization: Ministry of Railways.

About Bangladesh

Capital: Dhaka (Largest city in Bangladesh)

Currency: Bangladeshi Taka

Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina Wazed.

Founder: Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

20. Uttarakhand's iconic Lakshman Jhula to be replaced by India's first Glass floor bridge.

- ✚ Uttarakhand government has cleared the design of a glass floor suspension bridge, the first of its kind in the country, to be built across Ganga River in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand as a replacement to iconic Lakshman Jhula which was closed in 2019 due to safety reasons. It has been in place for 94 years. The glass floor suspension bridge design is prepared by Public Works Department (PWD).
- ✚ The floor of the bridge is to be made of 3.5 inches thick toughened transparent glass, which is capable of bearing a load of more than 750 kg per squaremetre at a stretch. The bridge will be built parallel to Lakshman Jhula with a total width of eight metres.

Foot Notes:

About Uttarakhand

Capital: Dehradun

Chief Minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat

21. Jammu & Kashmir admin renames PHE & IFC department as 'Jal Shakti Dept'

- ✚ The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) administration renamed Public Health Engineering and Irrigation and Flood Control Department (PHE & IFC) as the 'Jal Shakti Department'.
- ✚ The Administrative Council meeting was met under the Chairmanship of Girish Chandra Murmu, Lieutenant Governor of J&K, sanctioned the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to achieve 100% coverage of piped water supply by December 2021.

Foot Notes:

About Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)

Capital: Jammu (winter capital), Srinagar (summer capital).

Districts: 20.

National Park (NP): Dachigam NP, Kazinag NP, Kishtwar NP, Salim Ali NP.

International News & Foreign Affairs

1. New Natural Gas Reserves discovered in UAE.

- ✚ On February 2, 2020, the United Arab Emirates discovered shallow natural gas reserves of about 80 trillion cubic feet. The reserve was discovered between the Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai.
- ✚ In November 2019, UAE announced the discovery of 7 billion barrels of oil. This raised the crude reserves of the country to 105 billion barrels making it the sixth-largest in the world.
- ✚ It had also announced the discovery of 58 trillion cubic feet of gas.

Foot Notes:

About UAE

Capital: Abu Dhabi

Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham

President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

2. India ranked 40th in Intellectual Property Index.

- ✚ Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC) of the US Chamber of Commerce released the International IP (Intellectual Property) Index. According the ranking, India was at position 40 of the 53 economies.
- ✚ The report released by GIPC says that India remains to be the most challenging but still promising market for IP-intensive industries. The hurdles mainly remain in patent eligibility and enforcement.
- ✚ This year India scored 16.22 in Intellectual Property Index. India's score has shown improvement by 7% as compared to the previous year reporting of GIPC. However, based on relative performance, India was pushed four ranks backwards. In 2019, India was at 36th rank improving from 44th position in 2018. It was the highest gain for any country in 2019.

Foot Notes:

With a score of 42.66 US ranked first followed by UK, Sweden, France, Germany and Ireland.

3. Donald Trump acquitted of all impeachment charges.

- ✚ US President Donald Trump was acquitted of the two impeachment charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress in the Republican-majority Senate. This culminates the historic impeachment trial.
- ✚ The Republican-majority Senate voted to acquit Trump in both the impeachment charges- by 52-48 to acquit him of abuse of power and by 53-47 to acquit him of obstruction of Congress. The Democrats needed two-thirds of votes to impeach Trump in the Senate but they failed in their attempt as they did not have the required majority.
- ✚ The ruling Republican party has 53 seats in the 100-member Senate, while the Democrats have 47 seats. The opposition will now have to wait for nine months to challenge Donald Trump, as US Elections 2020 are due in November.

Foot Notes:

About US

Capital: Washington, D.C.

President: Donald Trump

4. WHO calls for USD 675mn in donations to fight novel coronavirus.

- ✚ The World Health Organization has called for 675 million US dollar in donations for a plan to fight the novel coronavirus, mainly through investment in countries considered particularly "at risk".
- ✚ WHO chief "Tedros Adhanom" said at a news conference in Geneva that they are launching a strategic preparedness and response plan and requesting 675 million dollar to fund the plan for the next three months. Mr Tedros said 60 million US dollar of the funds would be for WHO operations while the remainder would go to countries requiring assistance to guard against the deadly virus.
- ✚ WHO was sending 500,000 masks and 40,000 respirators to 24 countries from its warehouses in Dubai and Accra. Tedros also hailed a 100 million dollar donation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced earlier for virus testing, treatment and vaccine research.

Foot Notes:

About WHO

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Head: Tedros Adhanom

Founded: 7 April 1948

5. International Seafood Show in Kochi will be held from 7-9 February 2020.

- ✚ The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), under Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, in association with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI),

is organizing the 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020 in Kochi from 7-9 February 2020.

- ✚ The theme of this year's seafood show is "Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition". Over 200 exhibitors, 350 stalls and more than 5000 delegates, including foreign delegates, are expected to attend the three-day event at Kochi.
- ✚ The delegates include seafood processors, buyers and stakeholders, from other related sectors, representing firms in India and abroad. IISS 2020 will highlight the technological advances and sustainable practices followed in the seafood processing sector in India.

6. Romania's pro-EU government falls after 3 months.

- ✚ Romania's pro-European government collapsed in a parliamentary no-confidence vote after only 3 months in office. A total of 261 of 465 MPs voted in favour of a motion against the minority government led by Ludovic Orban.

Foot Notes:

About Romania

President of Romania: Klaus Iohannis.

Currency of Romania: Romanian leu

Capital of Romania: Bucharest.

7. U.S. announces launch of International Religious Freedom Alliance.

- ✚ United States (US) launched the 27-nation International Religious Freedom Alliance, which will try to adopt a collective approach in protecting and preserving religious freedom across the world. It was announced by US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo.
- ✚ More than eight in ten people in the world today live in a place where they cannot practice their faith freely. So in order to provide them religious freedom, this alliance has been launched.

Foot Notes:

About US

Capital: Washington, D.C.

Currency: United States Dollar

President: Donald Trump

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New Appointments and Person in News

1. Ajay Bisaria appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Canada.

- ✚ India's High Commissioner to Pakistan, Ajay Bisaria has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Canada.
- ✚ An IFS officer of the 1987 batch, Bisaria is expected to take up the assignment shortly.
- ✚ From February 2017 to November 2019, Vikas Swarup served as India's High Commissioner to Canada.
- ✚ Swaroop is now secretary (West) at the Ministry of external affairs.

Foot Notes:**About Canada****Capital:** Ottawa**Currency:** Canadian dollar**Prime minister:** Justin Trudeau**2. Govt appoints M Ajit Kumar as chairman of CBIC.**

- ✚ The Government of India appointed M Ajit Kumar IRS as chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- ✚ The appointment came just two days before the Union Budget 2020 presentation. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment.
- ✚ The new Chairman's immediate responsibilities will include accelerating the Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues and to deal with the changes introduced in customs duties in the Union Budget for 2020.

Foot Notes:**Chairperson:** Pranab Kumar Das**3. Lt Gen Y K Joshi takes over as GOC-in-C Northern Command.**

- ✚ Lieutenant General YK Joshi took over as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Northern Command at Udhampur.
- ✚ Before assuming the charge, he visited "Dhruva War Memorial". He paid tribute to martyrs who have sacrificed their lives under the Northern Command since 1972.
- ✚ Gen Joshi commanded 13 JAK RIF in Operation VIJAY and PARAKRAM. Nicknamed 'Joe', he also displayed outstanding leadership during the Kargil war.

4. Sandeep Mathrani Appointed as CEO of WeWork.

- ✚ Sandeep Mathrani an Indian-American now charged with the tough work of relaunched WeWork, which had been one of America's most commended new businesses that put a mammoth impression in the business land of significant urban communities around the world.
- ✚ Its breakdown prompted Neumann's flight and cost the primary investor, wealthy Japanese person Masayoshi Son, billions of dollars.

Foot Notes:**About WeWork****Founded:** 2010**Headquarters location:** New York**Founders:** Adam Neumann, Miguel McKelvey, Rebekah Neumann, Sandeep Mathrani an Indian-American now charge**5. BCCI inducted Madan Lal, R.P. Singh & Sulakshana in Cricket Advisory Committee.**

- ✚ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced the appointment of its 3-member Cricket Advisory Committee(CAC). The committee comprises Madan Lal, Rudra Pratap Singh and Sulakshana Naik and the term of appointment is 1 year.
- ✚ **Madan Lal:** He represented India in 39 tests and 67 One Day Internationals(ODI). He represented India during the 1983 World Cup where India won against West Indies. He also served as national selector and coach of Indian team.
- ✚ **R.P Singh:** He played for India in 14 Tests, 58 ODIs, 10 T20I (Twenty Twenty International) and was part of the Indian team which won the World T20 against Pakistan. It was hosted in South Africa in 2007.
- ✚ **Sulakshana:** She had played two Tests, 46 ODIs and 31 T20Is for India in a career spanning 11 years.

Foot Notes:**About Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI)**

Founded: 1928.

Chief Executive Officer(CEO): Rahul Johri

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Presidents: Sourav Ganguly.

6. ShaktiKanta Das named as best central banker in Asia Pacific.

- ✚ The Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das has been named the central Banker of the Year 2020' for the Asia-Pacific region by financial intelligence magazine "The Banker".

Foot Notes:

Headquarters of RBI: Mumbai

Founded on: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

7. Albin Kurti named as Kosovo's prime minister

- ✚ Albin Kurti has been named as Kosovo's prime minister.
- ✚ Once dubbed 'Kosovo's Che Guevara' for his radical antics, the 44-year-old was named PM after his left-wing Vetevendosje party forged a coalition with the centre-right Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK).
- ✚ Mixing a left-wing agenda with fervent nationalism, Kurti has long been an insurgent force in Kosovo politics.

Foot Notes:

About as Kosovo

Capital: Prishtina

Currency: Euro

8. Deepa Malik Elected as President of Paralympic Committee of India.

- ✚ Indian Paralympic medal-winner Deepa Malik has been elected president of the Paralympic Committee of India.
- ✚ Malik, who won silver in shot putt F-53 at Rio 2016, was elected unopposed.
- ✚ She was also awarded Padma Shri award, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

9. LinkedIn CEO Jeff Weiner stepped down after 11 years.

- ✚ LinkedIn CEO Jeff Weiner is stepping down after 11 years at the helm of the popular professional social networking company owned by Microsoft.
- ✚ He will be replaced in June by Ryan Roslansky, a senior vice president in charge of product who has been at LinkedIn since before the Microsoft acquisition.
- ✚ During Weiner's tenure, LinkedIn's revenue increased to more than \$7.5 billion in the trailing 12 months from \$78 million. Microsoft acquired LinkedIn for \$26 billion in 2016.

10. Jagmohan Dalmiya's son Avishek becomes youngest CAB president.

- ✚ Former BCCI president late Jagmohan Dalmiya's son Avishek became the youngest president of Cricket Association Bengal after being elected unopposed.
- ✚ Avishek Dalmiya, 38, was holding the post of joint secretary before his elevation. BCCI president Sourav Ganguly's elder brother Snehasish Ganguly, a former Bengal left-hander, is the new joint secretary.
- ✚ Avishek has become the 18th president of CAB. The CAB president's post was lying vacant after former India captain Sourav Ganguly took over the reins of the BCCI.

11. Diplomat Philip Barton Appointed as Britain's New High Commissioner to India.

- ✚ The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) of Great Britain announced that it has appointed Philip Robert Barton KCMG OBE (Knight Commander order of British Empire) as its new high

commissioner of Great Britain to India, He will Replace Sir Dominic Anthony Gerard Asquith KCMG and will take charge on Spring Season.

- ✚ Currently Barton serving as Director-General, consular and Security at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
- ✚ He also served as British High Commissioner for Pakistan between 2014 to 2016, he also served as the acting Chairman of the Joint Intelligence committee from 2016-2017.

Foot Notes:

About Kingdom of Great Britain

Queen: Queen Elizabeth-II

Currency: Pound Sterling

Countries: England, Wales, Scotland.

12. Tidjane Thiam resigns as Credit Suisse CEO after spying scandal.

- ✚ Tidjane Thiam (57), a French-Ivorian banker has resigned chief executive officer (CEO) of Swiss bank Credit Suisse Group AG following a spying scandal.
- ✚ The board of directors (BOD) of the bank unanimously accepted Thiam's resignation & also appoints Thomas Gottstein as the new CEO.

Foot Notes:

About Credit Suisse

Founded: 1856

Founder: Alfred Escher & Allgemeine Deutsche Credit-Anstalt

Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland



1. Insurance cover on bank deposits increased from Rs one lakh to five lakh.

- ✚ Insurance cover on bank deposits has been increased to five lakh rupees from one lakh rupees. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a statement that the cover is provided by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the RBI.
- ✚ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had made the announcement regarding increasing insurance cover to five lakh rupees in her Budget Speech. The move will help boost the confidence of people in the banking system.
- ✚ As the insurance cover stands increased, the banks will pay a premium of 12 paise against 10 paise per 100 rupees deposited.

Foot Notes:

About RBI

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Four deputy governors B. P. Kanungo, N. S. Vishwanathan, Mahesh Kumar Jain, and Michael Patra.

2. Govt data: \$118.3 billion received in remittances since 2018-19.

- ✚ Indian govt. has released data of remittances received in the country since April 2018- September 2019. As per the report around 13.62 million Indian nationals are staying abroad & around \$118.3 billion has been received as remittance.
- ✚ The foreign countries in which a large number of Indians were living include Nepal, the Middle East region, the UK(United Kingdom), the US(United States), Malaysia and Germany.

- ✚ As per data of the Reserve Bank of India(RBI), \$76.4 billion was received as remittances during 2018-19 while \$41.9 billion was received during 2019-20. Indians involved in financial irregularities with the banks & those under criminal investigation since 2015 are 72.
- ✚ Indians caught in Pakistan: An estimated no. of 275 Indians including fishermen are estimated to be in Pakistan's custody as prisoners. There is also issue of 83 missing Indian defence personnel, including prisoners of war.

Foot Notes:**About Reserve Bank of India (RBI):****Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra.**Formation:** 1 April 1935.**Act:** Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.**Deputy Governors:** 4 (BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan, Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra).

Science Tech & Defence

1. The government in its budget 2020 has announced a National Mission on Quantum Technologies & Applications (NM-QTA).

- ✚ The government in its budget 2020 has announced a National Mission on Quantum Technologies & Applications (NM-QTA) with a total budget outlay of Rs 8000 Cr for a period of five years to be implemented by the Department of Science & Technology (DST).
- ✚ Quantum technologies are rapidly developing globally with a huge disruptive potential.
- ✚ Their applications which will receive boost include those in aero-space engineering, numerical weather prediction, simulations, securing the communications & financial transactions, cyber security, advanced manufacturing, health, agriculture, education and other important sectors.

2. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced that it is preparing low-cost satellite launch vehicles.

- ✚ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced that it is preparing low-cost satellite launch vehicles costing around 30-35 crores rupees each, which can put into orbit satellites weighing 500 kgs.
- ✚ The first such launch is expected to take place in the next four months from the country.
- ✚ This capability will give ISRO a big commercial boost as it will be able to cater to micro, mini and medium segments of the market.

Foot Notes:**About ISRO****Founder:** Vikram Sarabhai**Headquarters:** Bengaluru**Director:** Kailasavadivoo Sivan

3. Navy conducts coastal security exercise 'Matla Abhiyaan'

- ✚ The Indian Navy carried out a five-day coastal security exercise, 'Matla Abhiyaan', with personnel of two naval boats.
- ✚ The exercise, named after Matla River, aimed to interact with coastal communities to spread awareness on coastal security and understand the navigational complexities in the Sunderban delta waters. During the exercise, the two boats undertook patrol in the Sunderban delta, and along the Indo-Bangladesh protocol route.
- ✚ The personnel of the naval boats interacted with the crew of fishing boats, tankers and launches operating in the Matla and Hooghly rivers and the narrow creeks of Sunderbans.

Foot Notes:

Vice Chief of the Naval Staff: Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar

Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh

4. IIT-H finds molecule to cure rare ALS neurodegenerative disease.

- ✚ Researchers from IIT-H, Telangana (Indian Institute of Technology- Hyderabad) had found a molecule called "AIM-4" that can help in the treatment of rare neurodegenerative disease called "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (ALS) known as "Lou Gehrig's disease".
- ✚ ALS is a neurodegenerative disorder that severely affects voluntary movement of muscles & leads to paralysis and death. ALS occurs due to changes in specific genes & caused by factors such as smoking, exposure to toxins, metals and pesticides.

Foot Notes:

About IIT-H (Indian Institute of Technology- Hyderabad)

Founded: 2008.

Motto: Inventions and Innovations.

Director: Budaraju Srinivasa Murthy.

Chairman: B.V.R Mohan Reddy.

Important Days

1. World Cancer Day observed every year on February 4th.

- ✚ World Cancer Day is being observed every year on February 4 by the Union for International Cancer Control. The day is being set apart from 2008. The day is observed by the United Nations also.
- ✚ Theme: I am I will. This subject is being followed for the long stretches of 2019-2021.
- ✚ As indicated by WHO, consistently, 8.8 million individuals die due to cancer in low-and center salary nations. World Cancer Day observed to lessen illness and demise brought about by cancer and to spread awareness about the same.

Foot Notes:

About WHO

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Head: Tedros Adhanom

Founded: 7 April 1948

2. International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation observed on 6 February.

- ✚ International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is observed on 6 February. The day is observed to end the practice of FGM. It creates awareness about FGM which is a violation of the human rights of girls and women.
- ✚ On this day, a campaign titled 'A Piece of Me' is organized by the UNFPA to celebrate three survivors of female genital mutilation (FGM) to raise awareness to end FGM.
- ✚ The theme for the International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM for the year 2020 is "Unleashing Youth Power: One decade of accelerating actions for zero female genital mutilation". The theme focuses on mobilizing youth around the eliminations of harmful practices including FGM.

Sports

1. Novak Djokovic wins his record 8th Men's singles title in Australian open.

- ✚ In tennis, Serbia's Novak Djokovic won his record 8th Men's singles title in Australian Open at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne.
- ✚ He beat first-time Australian Open finalist Dominic Thiem of Austria.
- ✚ The men's doubles title was clinched by Joe Salisbury of the UK and American Rajeev Ram who beat Australia's Luke Saville and Max Purcell.

2. Sambo Lapung sets national record Weightlifting Championship.

- ✚ Service lifter Sambo Lapung set a new national record of 188 kg here in Khudiram Anusilan Kendra on without a mistake on his way to the gold medal in the men's 89 kg at the National Weightlifting Championships.
- ✚ Lapung, who won the 81 kg silver medal last year, increased to 145 kg and took a lead of 1 kg over R.V. Rahul in snatch. He later broke the 187 kg record on his last attempt to add 333 kg.
- ✚ Lapung, from Arunachal Pradesh, a former national champion weighing 69 kg, won a national title after four years.

3. Rohit Rajpal to continue as India's Davis Cup captain 2020.

- ✚ All India Tennis Association (AITA) announced Rohit Rajpal will continue as India's non-playing Davis Cup captain 2020, in the selection committee meeting held at New Delhi, India.
- ✚ India will travel to Croatia for their next tie on 6th and 7th of March, 2020. Zeeshan Ali will be the coach of the team.

Foot Notes:

About Davis Cup

- The Davis Cup is the premier international team event in men's tennis. It is run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) & Kosmos Holding, contested between teams from competing countries in a knock-out format.
- The present champions are Spain, who defeated Canada and won the Davis cup for the 6th time in 2019.

Founded: 1900.

Founder: Dwight Filley Davis.



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Books and Authors

1. Pop singer Lord J launches his Autobiography Book “Lord J: Lord of Anonymity”.

- ✚ Lord J is the 1st and only Anonymous singer in the world. Lord J was born in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Lord J is a Self-Taught singer and Lyric writer in an Anonymous way, and he is a world-famous celebrity without revealing his identity to the world. The Name Lord J was given to him by an LA(Los-Angeles)-based fan.
- ✚ **Albums:** Lord J has done Lip Locks, Love Me for Me, Roger That and Beside Me.

Foot Notes:

About the book Lord of Anonymity

- The book is an autobiography penned by Lord J himself about his initial days of understanding the value of music, lyrics, concepts of videography and making music videos, and it also speaks about hardships that he faced on the transition of global pop singer, from dream to achieve it.
- The reason behind making the book is, it will motivate anyone who wants to chase their goals in life and willing to take risk to achieve it.

Awards

1. Waheeda Rehman to be conferred MP govt's Kishore Kumar Samman.

- ✚ Noted actor Waheeda Rehman will be conferred the Madhya Pradesh government's National Kishore Kumar Samman. The award, for the year 2018, will be given to Rehman at her Bandra residence in Mumbai by Madhya Pradesh Culture Minister Vijaylaxmi Sadho.
- ✚ Rehman, one of Hindi film industry's most successful leading ladies with a string of box office hits and several awards. The award, which carries a Rs 2 lakh cash prize and citation, could not be given to Rehman during a function held in October last year as the actor was unwell.
- ✚ The function was held on October 13 coinciding with the death anniversary of singing legend Kishore Kumar.

2. Amulya Mica chosen as Most Promising Brand 2019 at 7th MSME Excellence Award in New Delhi

- ✚ Amulya Mica (Purbanchal Laminates Pvt Ltd), spear-headed by its Managing Director Rakesh Agarwal, was chosen as the Most Promising Brand of the Year Award 2019, Gold Category during the 7th edition of the MSME Excellence Award. The award & summit was organised by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in New Delhi.
- ✚ The award was given by MSME minister Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari to Ankur Maheshwari, Channel Partner Delhi and Sunil Thakore, General Manager of Export at Amulya Mica.
- ✚ The ASSOCHAM MSMEs Excellence Awards has been given to acknowledge outstanding contributions made by MSMEs (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises) to various sectors of economy.

Foot Notes:

Managing Director: Rakesh Agarwal

3. Indian boxers bag six gold at Golden Girl Championship in Sweden

- ✚ In Boxing, India's junior youth dominated the ring at the Golden Girl Championship in Borås, Sweden, claiming 14 medals, including six golds, the overall championship trophy and the 'Best Boxer' award.
- ✚ While the junior women's team clinched five golds, three silvers and one bronze medal, the youth team secured a single gold and four bronze medals. Haryana's Prachi Dhankar (50 kilogram), playing in the junior category, won the 'Best Boxer' award.

- Besides Prachi, Ethoibi Chanu Wangjam (54 kilogram), Lashu Yadav (66 kilogram) and Mahi Raghav (80 kilogram) also won gold medals.

Foot Notes:**About Sweden****Capital:** Stockholm**Currency:** Swedish krona**4. Rakhi Halder bags gold at Senior Women's National Weightlifting Championships.**

- In Senior Women's National Weightlifting Championships, Rakhi Halder of Bengal has bagged gold in the 64kg category of the 35th edition of the event in Kolkata.
- Though way short of her personal best, Halder lifted 93 kg in snatch and 117 kg in clean and jerk to clinch the gold medal. She was 10kg ahead of her nearest rival Harjinder Kaur of Chandigarh.
- Ranked 19th in the Olympic qualifiers list, Halder had produced a personal best of 218 kg at the Qatar International Cup last year to win the bronze medal. At the Commonwealth Championship in June 2019, Halder who is also an Indian Railways employee had clinched the gold with a total lift of 214-kg.

5. Vinod Shukla bags first Mathrubhumi Book of the Year award.

- Noted Hindi poet-novelist and Sahitya Akademi honouree Vinod Kumar Shukla has bagged the inaugural Mathrubhumi Book of the Year award for his translated book "Blue Is Like Blue".
- The stories in "Blue Is Like Blue", translated into English by Arvind Krishna Mehrotra and Sara Rai.
- The award, given to the best fictional work released in the previous year, carries a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, a plaque designed by Riyas Komu and a certificate.
- The award was presented at the Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters 2020.

**1. Famous Punjabi writer Jaswant Singh passed away at 101.**

- Jaswant-Singh-Kanwal(101) , The Eminent Punjabi Writer, Novelist and Sahitya Academy Awardee, passed away in his native village Dhudike, Moga district in Punjab, due to age related illness issues.
- In 1996 Jaswant bestowed with Sahitya Academy Fellowship Award for his Book "Pakhi" (Hand Fan) and in 1998 for his Novel "Taushali Di Hanso" (Laughter of Taushali) he received the Sahitya Academy Award. Later in 2007 he was honored with Sahitya Shiromani Award of the Punjab Government, on the next year Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar conferred with the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) for his contribution to Punjabi Literature.

Foot Notes:**About Punjab****Capital:** Chandigarh.**Governor:** Vijayender Pal Singh Badnore.**Chief Minister:** Amarinder Singh.**2. Kenya's longest serving President Daniel Arap Moi dies at 95.**

- Former Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, who ruled the country for 24 years, has died.
- Moi was born September 2, 1924, in Baringo County.
- He became Kenya's second president after independence and went on to rule from 1978 to 2002.

Foot Notes:**About Kenya**

Capital: Nairobi

Currency: Kenyan shilling

3. “Spartacus” actor Kirk Douglas passes away.

- ✚ The legendary Hollywood actor, Kirk Douglas passed away at his family home in Beverly Hills. He was 103.
- ✚ Kirk Douglas was the father of Oscar-winning actor and filmmaker Michael Douglas and one of the last surviving superstars of Hollywood cinema’s golden age. He has acted in iconic films like the Spartacus, Paths of Glory and Champion.



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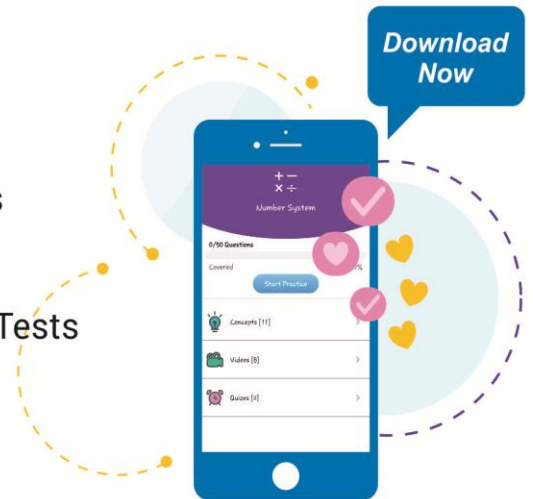
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