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National News

✚ 1. Bihar Government bans Tree-Felling.

- Under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, The State Government of Bihar recently issued an order banning felling of trees, citing increasing pollution and heatwave.
- The order came after the increasing pollution in the cities of Patna, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur, and others in the state.
- The heatwave claimed 90 people in Gaya, Aurangabad and Nawada districts. Now the permissions granted to cut trees for development works, have become null and void.

❖ Foot Notes:

- The current order against banning tree felling was passed under Forest Conservation Act (FCA), 1980. This new scheme is valid only for State Government.

➤ About Bihar

1. Governor: Lalji Tandon
2. Chief minister: Nitish Kumar
3. Capital: Patna

✚ 2. Man on a mission to turn Udhana railway station into India's first Green Railway Station

- Viral Sudhirbhai Desai, a young entrepreneur from surat launched an initiative to change Udhana railway station in Gujarat into India's first green and clean railway station like Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus.
- In order to achieve the mission of 'Clean India-Green India', Desai installed oxygen bomber and over 1700 air purifying plants at the station and also painting has been made by him for environmental protection on the wall of the station.
- About 23,000 trees and 38 tree guards distributed to the people for tree plantation and environment protection by Desai and his organization, 'Hearts at Work Foundation'.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Gujarat

1. Capital: Gandhinagar
2. Chief minister: Vijay Rupani
3. Governor: Om Prakash Kohli

✚ 3. June 25, 1975: An account of the day Indira Gandhi declared an Emergency in India

- In India, "the Emergency" refers to a 19-month period from 1975 to 1977 when Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had a state of emergency declared across the country.
- Officially issued by President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed under Article 352 of the Constitution because of the prevailing "internal disturbance", the Emergency was in effect from 26 June 1975 until its withdrawal on 21 March 1977.
- The order bestowed upon the Prime Minister the authority to rule by decree, allowing elections to be suspended and civil liberties to be curbed. For much of the Emergency, most of Gandhi's political opponents were imprisoned and the press was censored. Several other human rights violations were reported from the time, including a forced mass-sterilization campaign spearheaded by Sanjay Gandhi, the Prime Minister's son. The Emergency is one of the most controversial periods of independent India's history.

✚ 4. Kerala tops health rankings: NITI Aayog report

- Kerala has topped in NITI Aayog's Health Index followed by Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. Also, Haryana, Rajasthan and Jharkhand showed the maximum improvement of health outcomes from base to reference year.
- The health index has been developed by NITI Aayog, with technical assistance from the World Bank, in consultation with the ministry of health and family welfare.
- The report ranks the states and Union territories innovatively on their year-on-year incremental change in health outcomes, as well as, their overall performance with respect to each other.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About NITI Aayog**

1. NITI Aayog CEO: Amitabh Kant
2. Vice Chairman: Rajiv Kumar.

✚ **5. Telangana hosts International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) congress**

- Telangana hosts 32nd edition of the International Seed Testing Association congress. This is the first edition of ISTA congress to be held in Asia.
- Scientists, policy makers, researchers and members of public and private seed industry from over 80 countries are participating in the congress.
- The eight-day congress would have the main event for three days and technical committee meetings/sessions would be held over the next five days.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About International Seed Testing Association**

1. President of ISTA: Craig McGill
2. Headquarters: Switzerland.

✚ **6. Meeting of Expert Working Group of Paris Pact Initiative to be held in New Delhi**

- The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance is hosting a Meeting of Expert Working Group on Paris Pact Initiative in New Delhi.
- The meeting focuses on Illicit Financial Flows deriving from the trafficking of Opiates originating in Afghanistan.
- The Meeting is being organised with the support of United Nations Office on Drugs & Crimes. The Meeting will be attended by the representatives of the Member Countries of Paris Pact, Regional Representatives of UNODC and Senior Officers of the Indian agencies like DRI, ED and NCB.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About United Nations Office on Drugs & Crimes**

1. Headquarters: Vienna, Austria
2. Head: Yuri Fedotov

➤ **About Illicit Financial Flows**

Description

1. Illicit financial flows, in economics, are a form of illegal capital flight that occurs when money is illegally earned, transferred, or spent.

➤ **About Afghanistan.**

1. Capital: Kabul
2. Currency: Afghan afghani
3. President: Ashraf Ghani

✚ **7. The Rahimatpur Police station in Satara tops SMART survey**

- The Rahimatpur police station in Satara district in Maharashtra has emerged as the State topper in a survey based on the 'SMART' policing concept.

- ‘SMART’: Strict and sensitive, modern and mobile, alert and accountable, reliable and responsive, techno-savvy and trained.
- The survey was executed by the Quality Council of India.

8. Impressive’ tortoise discovered in Arunachal Pradesh

- A tortoise considered beautiful enough to be named ‘impressed’ has been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh.
- A team of herpetologists from the Forest Department and two NGOs — Help Earth and Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) — found the Impressed Tortoise (*Manouria impressa*) in Yazali area of the Lower Subansiri district a few days ago.
- This is the first record of the tortoise in India, taking the count to five and the non-marine chelonian count to 29. Chelonian is an order of reptile that includes turtles, terrapins and tortoises.
- “There are only two species of tortoises under the *Manouria* genus. India was known to be the home of only the Asian Forest Tortoise (*Manouria emys*) until the discovery of the Impressed Tortoise,” Guwahati-based Jayaditya Purkayastha of Help Earth.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Arunachal Pradesh**

1. Capital: Itanagar
2. Chief minister: Pema Khandu

9. Indian woman crowned Miss Universe Australia

- India born Priya Serrao has won the Miss Universe Australia title for 2019.
- India born Priya Serrao, whose family migrated to Australia from Middle East, has won the Miss Universe Australia title for 2019. Serrao edged past 26 other women from across the country in Melbourne on Thursday night to win the title. The 26-year-old will now represent Australia in the Miss Universe competition later this year.
- Western Australia’s Bella Kasimba and another Victorian Marijana Radmanovic rounded out 2019’s top three, placing second and third.
- Serrao said winning the title was a huge surprise for her as it was her first beauty pageant contest.

❖ **Foot Note**

➤ **About Australia**

1. Prime minister: Scott Morrison
2. Currency: Australian dollar
3. Capital: Canberra.

10. Mumbai in top 20 most expensive cities in Asia for expatriates

- Mercer has released 25th Annual Cost of Living Survey. The costliest city in the world for the second consecutive year is Hong Kong followed by Tokyo, Singapore and Seoul.
- Mumbai fell 12 spots and was ranked at the 67th position out of 209 cities surveyed.
- Eight out of the top ten of the world's most expensive cities for expatriates are Asian. The world's least expensive cities for expatriates are Tunis (209), Tashkent (208), and Karachi (207).

❖ **Foot Notes**

➤ **About Mumbai**

1. CM: Devendra Fadnavis
2. Governor: C. Vidyasagar Rao

✚ 11. Maharaja Ranjit Singh honoured on his 180th death anniversary

- A statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the legendary ruler of Punjab, was unveiled at the Lahore Fort on his 180th death anniversary.
- Around 500 people crossed the Wagah border to attend the unveiling event.
- The sculpture is the result of collaboration between Fakir Khana Museum and Sarkar Khalsa Foundation.

❖ Foot Notes**➤ About Maharaja Ranjit Singh**

1. Born: 19 November 1780, Gujranwala, Pakistan
2. Successor: Kharak Singh

✚ 12. Noida police to issue 'red cards' to men found harassing women

- The Noida Police will issue "red cards" to offenders found harassing women in public places as a warning before initiating criminal proceedings against them if they are caught indulging in the act.
- "The 'red cards' will be handed out to offenders as a warning and if a person who has been previously issued this card is found indulging in such activities again, criminal proceedings will be initiated against that person," a police spokesperson said.
- In order to check harassment of girls and women, the Noida Police also plans to reach out to students in schools and colleges and seek their feedback regarding the deployment of the anti-Romeo squads in public places.

International News & Foreign Affairs

✚ 1. Japan gifts Manipur a Peace Museum built on World War-II memories

- Japan gifted Manipur, one of India's north eastern state a Museum of Peace built on the memories of Battle of Imphal, one of the fiercest battles of 2nd World War (WWII). The inauguration of Imphal Peace Museum marked 75th anniversary of Battle of Imphal
- The Imphal Peace Museum was inaugurated at Red Hill which lies about 20 km southwest of Imphal (Manipur capital).
- The museum is funded by Nippon Foundation, a private, non-profit grant-making organization based in Japan.

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About Battle of Imphal 1944**

1. Battle of Imphal took place in region around city of Imphal (Manipur's capital) from March to July 1944. Japanese armies with an attempt to destroy Allied forces at Imphal invaded India, but were driven back into Burma (today's Myanmar) with heavy losses.

➤ About Manipur

1. Capital: Imphal
2. Chief minister: N. Biren Singh
3. Governor: Najma Heptulla

➤ About Japan

1. Currency: Japanese Yen
2. Capital: Tokyo

✚ 2. India's first iron ore mine discovered in Bangladesh

- Iron ore mine discovered at Isabpur village in Dinajpur.

- This announcement was made by the Geological Survey of Bangladesh. After the effect of extensive drilling over two months in the area. A 400-foot thick iron layer was found in Bangladesh after the result of the Geological Survey.
- Around 1,750 feet beneath the surface stretched over an area of 6-10 square kilometer. The percentage of iron in the mine around 65.
- It indicates the high quality of the ore. The other countries like Canada, China, Brazil, Sweden, and Australia have the percentage of iron ore is below the level of 50.
- Other minerals such as gold, copper, nickel, and chromium also found at various levels of the mining. The discovery of the iron mine opened up economic prospects for the country. The iron concentration in the magnetite ore is 65 percent.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Bangladesh**

1. Capital: Dhaka
2. Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina
3. Currency: Bangladeshi Taka

✚ **3. US-Iran crisis: Trump lashes out at 'ignorant and insulting' statement**

- US President Trump struck at Iran by issuing “hard-hitting” financial sanctions against Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and his associates. Iran's ambassador to the United Nations said actions by President Trump to impose new sanctions was "yet another indication of continued US hostility" against the country and its leaders.
- The tweets came after Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said the move proved the White House was "mentally retarded".
- The sanctions target a number of individuals, notably Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who Mr Trump said was "ultimately responsible for the hostile conduct of the regime".

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About USA**

1. Capital: Washington, D.C.
2. President: Donald Trump

➤ **About Iran**

1. President: Hassan Rouhani Trending
2. Capital: Tehran
3. Currency: Iranian rial

✚ **4. The International Olympic Committee has formally opened new headquarters in Switzerland exactly 125 years after the Olympic Games were revived.**

- The International Olympic Committee has formally opened its 145 million Swiss francs (\$145 million) new headquarters exactly 125 years after the Olympic Games was revived.
- The International Olympic Committee was founded by Pierre de Coubertin, who was a great visionary and brought together entire world together in one peaceful competition. The Olympic Games are a symbol of hope and peace for all humankind, to signify this rooftop of headquarters takes the shape of a dove which is another universal symbol of peace.
- The new headquarters costs 145 million US Dollars.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About IOC**

1. Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
2. President: Thomas Bach
3. Honorary President: Jacques Rogge
4. Director General: Christophe De Kepper
5. Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France

✚ 5. Council of Europe restores Russia's voting rights

- The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe has voted in favor of restoring Russia's voting rights, five years after they were revoked over its illegal annexation of the Crimean Peninsula.
- In a statement, the Council of Europe said the assembly affirmed its members' rights "to vote, to speak and to be represented in the assembly and its bodies."
- The assembly voted 118 in favor and 62 against, with 10 abstentions.

❖ Foot Notes**➤ About Council of Europe**

1. President of the Congress: Anders Knappe
2. President of the Committee of Ministers: Jean-Yves Le Drian
3. President of the Parliamentary Assembly: Liliane Maury Pasquier
4. Headquarters: Strasbourg, France

✚ 6. PM Modi to attend G-20 summit in Japan from June 27-29, says MEA

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the G-20 summit in Osaka in Japan from June 27 to 29, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.
- MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar announced that former Union minister Suresh Prabhu would be India's Sherpa at the meet.
- "This would be the sixth time that Prime Minister Modi would be participating in the summit. He would hold bilateral (discussions) and participate in plurilateral meetings which would be announced closer to the date," Mr. Kumar said.

❖ Foot Notes**➤ About G-20 summit(Group of Twenty)**

1. Members:20(Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the UK and the US).
2. Chairman:Japan Shinzō Abe (2019)

✚ 7. 7th India and Brunei Darussalam Foreign Office Consultations held in New Delhi.

- The 7th Foreign Office Consultations between India and Brunei Darussalam was held in New Delhi. The Indian side was led by Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary(East) and Brunei side was led by Hajah Siti Norishan Haji Abdul Ghafor, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brunei Government.
- They reviewed bilateral relations between the 2 countries, including political, trade and investment, defence, cultural & people to people contact and exchanged views on regional and multilateral issues.
- They agreed to explore cooperation in energy, health and pharmaceuticals, higher education and agricultural sectors.
- The next round of Consultations will be held in Brunei on mutually agreed dates.

❖ Foot Notes**➤ About Brunei Darussalam:**

1. Capital: Bandar Seri Begawan
2. Currency: Brunei dollar

✚ 8. Russia extends ban on EU Food Imports till December 31, 2020

- In 2014, Russia had imposed an official ban on a wide range of imports from the EU and other countries in retaliation for international sanctions over Moscow's role in the Ukraine crisis.
- This has affected Russian economy by pushing up food prices.

❖ Foot Notes

- **About Russia**
- 1. Capital: Moscow
- 2. Currency: Russian ruble

✚ **9. G-20 summit has begun in Osaka, Japan.**

- The theme of the summit is Human centred future society.
- 19 countries, the European Union and several special invitees are participating at the Osaka Summit.

Banking

✚ **1. RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya quits 6 months before his term ends**

- RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya, who was in-charge of the monetary policy department, has resigned six months before the scheduled end of his term.
- This is the second high profile resignation in the past six month at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- In December, governor Urjit Patel resigned nearly nine months before the end of his schedule term over differences with the government.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About RBI**

1. Governor: Shaktikanta
2. Bank rate: 5.75%
3. Interest on reserves: 4.00% (market determined)
4. Headquarters: Mumbai

✚ **2. UAE launches UN-developed anti money laundering platform 'goAML'**

- The UAE has become the first country in the Gulf to launch 'goAML', a new anti money laundering reporting platform developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to curb organised crimes.
- All financial entities and Designated Non Financial Businesses or Professions have to register on 'goAML'.
- The platform will help the Financial Intelligence Unit of UAE to prevent money laundering, financing of terrorism and other illicit financial activities.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About UAE**

1. President of UAE: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
2. Capital: Abu Dhabi.
3. Currency of UAE: United Arab Emirates Dirham.

✚ **3. Saudi Arabia became the first Arab country to get FATF membership**

- Saudi Arabia became the first Arab country to get membership of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).The number of permanent members of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is 39.
- The membership admitted into the global money laundering after the Annual General Meeting in Orlando, Florida.FATF celebrated their 30th anniversary of its first meeting.
- Saudi Arabia received an invitation from FATF in 2015 and they joined as an "observer member'.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About FATF**

1. Headquarters: Paris, France

2. Founded: 1989
3. President: Marshall Billingslea

4. Maruti Suzuki inks partnership with BOB for dealer financing

- Maruti Suzuki, an Automobile manufacturer in India signed 'Preferred Financier' MoU(Memorandum of understanding) with Indian multinational with Bank of Baroda(BOB) in order to improve credit for dealership inventory financing.
- The partnership with Bank of Baroda allows Maruti Suzuki to finance opportunities to dealers as well as customers. The financing will work in line with the Bank of Baroda's product program of Supply Chain Finance.
- The tight liquidity situation in the financial system of the IL&FS crisis and rising bad loans prompted the banks.Lenders introduced strict credit norms for automobile dealers due to the rising cases of bad loans in this segment of the automobile industry.The dealers were asked to provide collateral extended by banks.

Foot Notes:

About Maruti Suzuki

1. CEO: Kenichi Ayukawa
2. Headquarters: New Delhi

About BOB

1. Headquarters: Alkapuri, Vadodara
2. CEO: P. S. Jayakumar

5. Korean Ambassador to India Bong-kil Shin signed agreement with BMVSS and launched 'Jaipur Foot Korea'

- South Korean Ambassador to India Bong-kil Shin launched a collaborative initiative between South Korea and Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) named 'Jaipur Foot Korea'. An agreement was also signed by the Korean Ambassador with BMVSS to provide assistance in prosthetic limbs sector.
- Korea will grant financial and technical assistance for research and development collaboration in the med-tech sector in the area of prosthetic limbs, bionic arms, 3-D printing-based Flat foot solution and mobility solutions.It will provide opportunities to the Korean med-tech students to join the various prosthetic fitment camps in various countries and participate in certificate programmes offered by Jaipur Foot.
- It will provide overseas development assistance and grants from the Government of Korea and donations from private institutions and corporations from Korea to India.

Foot Notes:

About BMVSS

1. Headquarters: Jaipur, Rajasthan
2. Founded: 1975
3. Founder: D.R. Mehta

About South Korea

1. Currency: South Korean won
2. Capital: Seoul

6. RBI's Complaint Management System To Improve Customer Experience In Grievance Redressal Process

- The newly launched Complaint Management System (CMS), symbolizes Reserve Bank of India or RBI's commitment to improve customer experience in grievance redressal process by ensuring timely resolution of complaints received at the Reserve Bank, noted the RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

- Sustaining the confidence of consumers in banks and other Financial Service Providers (FSPs) through prompt and effective grievance redressal, together with empowering customers through education is pivotal for maintaining trust in the banking system.
- CMS envisages improved customer convenience by providing a single window on Reserve Bank's website for lodging complaints against any regulated entity

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About RBI**

1. Governor: Shaktikanta Das
2. Established: April 1, 1935
3. Bank rate: 6.00%
4. Interest on reserves: 4.00%
5. Headquarters: Mumbai

✚ **7. MobiKwik partnered with Max Bupa to launch 'shampoo-sachet' health plan**

- Max Bupa and MobiKwik launched a HospiCash plan which has an annual premium of Rs 135.
- It provides daily cash allowance of Rs 500 for up to 30 days during the hospital stay.
- There is an inbuilt accident insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh. The higher variants with annual premium of Rs 225 and Rs 400 will provide cash allowance of Rs 1,000 and Rs 2,000 per day respectively.

❖ **Foot Notes**

➤ **About Max Bupa:**

1. Parent Organization: Max India Limited
2. MD & CEO: Ashish Mehrotra

➤ **About MobiKwik:**

1. Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana
2. Founded: April 2009
3. CEO: Bipin Preet Singh

New Appointments & Person in News

✚ **1. Justice Raghvendra Singh Chauhan appointed as the second Chief Justice of Telangana High Court**

- Raghvendra Singh Chauhan appointed as the second Chief Justice of Telangana High Court in Hyderabad. He succeeded Chief Justice T.B. Radhakrishnan in April, 2019
- He belongs to Rajasthan and took oath before Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan.
- Chief Secretary S.K. Joshi initiated swearing-in ceremony. The Registrar General of Telangana High Court A. Venkateswar Reddy read out the warrant.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Telangana**

1. Capital - Hyderabad
2. Chief Minister - K. Chandrashekar Rao

✚ **2. Vinit Goenka pens new book titled "Data Sovereignty - The Pursuit of Supremacy"**

- The book, "Function of Data Sovereignty - The Pursuit of Supremacy. It is written by Vinit Goenka, Author, Secretary. He is a member of the Governing Council- CRIS (Centre for Railway Information Systems) and Ministry of Railways.
- The book focuses on steps and concrete actions required to build highly capable data centers to ensure data security.

- The book tells aspect of data generation and consumption. It encourages policymakers on data localization and creates awareness among the people on the potential of data and implications of data.

✚ 3. Yoga guru Baba Ramdev pens Autobiography.

- The book titled "My Life, My Mission" is the autobiography of Yoga guru Baba Ramdev and is co-authored with senior journalist Uday Mahurkar. The book, which is expected to hit stands in August 2019, addresses the major controversies, turning points and achievements of Ramdev's life.
- In the book, Baba Ramdev chronicles his journey from a small village in Haryana to the international stage, and writes about his passion for yoga and good health, his friends and foes, and the Swadeshi campaign he spearheaded.
- It also highlights the journey of Ramdev's venture, Patanjali Group of Institutions, with a turnover of about Rs 12,000 crores.

✚ 4. First-time TMC MPs Nusrat Jahan, Mimi Chakraborty take oath as Lok Sabha members

- The first-time parliamentarians, TMC MPs Nusrat Jahan Ruhi Jain and Mimi Chakraborty took oath as members of the 17th Lok Sabha on June 25, 2019. Both the actresses were not present on the day that the oath of the office was administered to all the Lok Sabha MPs, due to Nusrat Jahan's wedding.
- So, as soon as the Lok Sabha convened for the day, the two actresses took oath as first-time MPs in Bangla. Both of them ended their oath by saying "Jai Hind, Vande Mataram and Jai Bangla". The two later touched Lok Speaker Om Birla's feet before taking their seat.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Lok Sabha

1. Seats: 545 (543 Elected + 2 Nominated)
2. Speaker: Om Birla

➤ About Nusrat Jahan

1. Nusrat Jahan wins from Basirhat

➤ About Jadavpur

1. Mimi Chakraborty wins from Jadavpur

✚ 5. Qu Dongyu the first Chinese to head the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization.

- China's agricultural deputy minister, Qu Dongyu (55) elected as the new director general of the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at Rome, Italy for a period of 4 years w.e.f. August 2019. He will succeed Brazil's Jose Graziano da Silva.
- He won 108 votes, followed by Catherine Geslain-Laneelle of France (the first woman to run for the post, a former head of the European Food Safety Authority) with 71 votes and Georgia's Davit Kirvalidze (a former agriculture minister) with 12 votes in the first round of voting.
- The election held as the fight to eradicate world hunger is threatened by global warming and wars, as FAO has sounded the alarm over rising food insecurity and high levels of malnutrition.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization

1. Headquarters: Rome, Italy
2. Head: Qu Dongyu
3. Founded: 16 October 1945, Quebec City, Canada
4. Formation: 16 October 1945; 73 years ago

✚ 6. 'Binny Bansal sells Flipkart shares worth Rs 530 crore to Walmart'

- Binny Bansal, the co-founder of India's leading e-tailer Flipkart, sold around 54 lakh of his equity shares valued at \$76 million (₹531 crore) to world's retail giant Walmart's Luxembourg entity FIT Holdings SARL, business intelligence platform Paper.
- The current sale is estimated to have reduced Bansal's holdings.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Walmart**

1. CEO: Doug McMillon
2. Founder: Sam Walton

➤ **About Flipkart**

1. CEO: Kalyan Krishnamurthy
2. Founded: October 2007
3. Founders: Binny Bansal, Sachin Bansal

✚ **7. Narinder Batra elected as IOC member**

- Indian Olympic Association president Narinder Batra has been elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee. He secured 58 votes out of 62.
- Narinder Batra now has a rare distinction of becoming a member of the IOC, while heading a National Olympic Committee as well as an international federation.
- He is the first Indian to have this distinction.

❖ **Foot NOTES**

➤ **About Indian Olympic Association**

1. President: Narinder Dhruv Batra
2. Secretary General: Rajeev Mehta
3. Founders: Harry Buck, Arthur Noehren
4. Headquarters: New Delhi, India

✚ **8. Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya sworn in as Governor of Manipur.**

- Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya sworn in as Governor of Manipur.
- Nagaland Governor PB Acharya taking oath during the swearing-in ceremony as the Governor of Manipur at Raj Bhavan.
- He will serve as Governor of Manipur as an additional charge during the absence, on leave, of Dr Najma Heptulla, Governor of Manipur.

❖ **Foot Notes**

➤ **About Manipur**

1. Capital: Imphal
2. Chief minister: N. Biren Singh
3. Dance: Manipuri
4. Language: Meitei language

✚ **9. Nirmala Sitharaman among 100 most influential women in UK power list**

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is among the 100 most influential women driving the UK-India relationship forward alongside one of Britain's senior-most Cabinet ministers Penny Mordaunt.
- The '100 Most Influential in UK-India Relations: Celebrating Women' list was launched by UK Home Secretary Sajid Javid to mark India Day in the Houses of Parliament in London.
- It credited Sitharaman, also the Minister of Corporate Affairs, as one of India's most "powerful women" who plays a "pivotal" role in the bilateral relationship – as India's former defence minister and now finance minister.

❖ **Foot Notes**

➤ **About UK**

1. Chancellor: David Lidington
2. Capital: London

3. Currency: Pound sterling

Science Tech & Defence

1. Communication gadgets to fishing vessels

- The Indian Space Research Organisation has distributed 250 NavIC Messaging Receivers to fishermen of Kerala on a trial basis.
- The device will provide Emergency Warning Alerts like cyclone, high waves and Tsunami and also provides information on Potential Fishing Zone and International boundary crossing based on the position information from NavIC.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About ISRO**

1. ISRO Director: K Sivan
2. Headquarters: Bengaluru
3. Established in: 1969.

2. BSES Yamuna Power Ltd launches behavioural energy saving app 'Susthome'.

- BSES Yamuna Power Ltd launches behavioural energy saving app 'Susthome'. The app was launched as part of its Demand Side Management programme.
- BSES partners with energy resources institute TERI, Panasonic India and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water to launch the app.
- The other two initiatives are "Green Division concept and solar micro grids with battery storage". With the launch of the initiative, the discom aims to save around 72 million units (MUs) and help consumers save up to 10% in energy bills.

❖ **Foot Notes**

➤ **About BSES Yamuna Power Ltd**

1. CEO: Arvind Gujral

Important days

1. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 26 June.

- By resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, the General Assembly decided to observe 26 June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.
- Supported each year by individuals, communities and various organizations all over the world, this global observance aims to raise awareness of the major problem that illicit drugs represent to society.
- This year's theme highlights that justice and health are two sides of the same coin when it comes to addressing drug problems.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About General Assembly**

1. President: María Fernanda Espinosa
2. Headquarters: New York, United States
3. Founder: United Nations

Sports

✚ 1. Virat Kohli fined 25% of match fee for excessive appealing during India vs Afghanistan match

- Indian skipper Virat Kohli has been fined 25 per cent of his match fee for excessive appealing during India's fifth ICC World Cup 2019 tie, against Afghanistan in Southampton.
- Kohli has been found guilty of breaching Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct and has received one demerit point to his disciplinary record, for whom it was his second offence since the introduction of the revised Code in September 2016.
- "Kohli was found to have breached Article 2.1 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to excessive appealing during an International Match", an ICC release said.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About ICC**

1. Designated CEO: Manu Sawhney
2. CEO: Dave Richardson
3. Chairperson: Shashank Manohar
4. Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
5. Founded: 15 June 1909

✚ 2. IOC suspends Olympic status from AIBA

- International Olympic Committee (IOC) suspended the Olympic status from the International Boxing Association (AIBA) and took over the responsibilities of the qualifying and final tournaments for the 2020 Tokyo Games. In May 2019, IOC members had voted to support the executive board's recommendation to suspend AIBA's Olympic status.
- AIBA had created "very serious reputational, legal and financial risks" for the IOC and its American stakeholders.
- AIBA has debts of about \$17 million and it may be bankrupt in the near future. It is cut off from future income from Tokyo revenues.
- In 2018, IOC had started to investigate AIBA's governance, debts and integrity of Olympic bouts after the election of AIBA president Gafur Rakhimov, who is under United States federal sanctions for suspected links to eastern European organized crime.

❖ **Foot Notes**

➤ **About IOC:**

1. President: Thomas Bach
2. Founders: Pierre de Coubertin, Demetrius Vikelas
3. Founded: 23 June 1894; Paris, France
4. Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland

About AIBA:

1. Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
2. Founded: 1946

✚ 3. Chris Gayle of West Indies to retire from international cricket

- He is the second-highest run-getter in ODIs (One Day Internationals) for West Indies.
- He is the first batsman to hit 200 in a World Cup game and the only batsman to hit a triple century in Tests, a double-century in ODIs and centuries in T20 Internationals.

- Gayle has played in 103 Tests, accumulating 7215 runs at an average of 42.19. In 294 ODIs he scored 10345 runs and in 58 T20 Internationals he scored 1627 runs.

✚ 4. Virat Kohli becomes the fastest cricketer to score 20,000 international runs

- Virat Kohli becomes the fastest cricketer to score 20,000 international runs.
- He took just 417 innings to reach the milestone and bettered the time taken by legends such as Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara.
- The India captain reached the milestone when he reached the score of 37 in India's 6th match in World Cup tournament against West Indies.

Awards

✚ 1. Dr Gaurav Nigam conferred with the 'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019'

- A well-known educationist, pediatrician and author, Dr Gaurav Nigam was conferred with the 'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019' by Lyonpo Ugyen Dorji, Minister for Labour and Human Resources of Bhutan at the Asian Leadership Summit held at Thimphu, Bhutan.
- He was conferred this award for his excellence in school education on the basis of his excellent performance, splendid achievement and outstanding contribution towards the innovative development and research activities in the field of school education in South Asian Region. He is the author of the book titled 'Devil Inside My Mind'.
- The event was organized by Global Leaders Foundation.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Bhutan

1. Capital: Thimphu
2. PM: Lotay Tshering

✚ 2. Veyil Marangal (Trees Under the Sun) became the first Indian film to win 'Outstanding Artistic Achievement' award.

- Veyil Marangal (Trees Under the Sun) have become the first Indian film to win 'Outstanding Artistic Achievement' award at the Shanghai International Film Festival.
- The film is directed by Bijukumar Damodaran. This was the 22nd edition of the Shanghai International Film Festival.
- The film was the only Indian entry at the biggest film festival in China this year.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About China

1. Currency: Renminbi
2. Capital: Beijing
3. President: Xi Jinping

✚ 3. The Tribune's reporter wins the 'Journalist of the Year' RedInk Award

- The RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism are conferred to encourage good quality reporting and analysis, fair play and high ethical standards in Indian journalism.
- The following are the winners of awards in different categories :Rachna Khaira of The Tribune has bagged the prestigious RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year'. She won it for exposing the functioning of the UIDAI and its Aadhaar data cache.
- Two retired senior journalists Dinu Ranadive from the Maharashtra Times, and Sebastian D'Souza, from the Mumbai Mirror, have jointly received the Lifetime Achievement Award for this year.

Obituaries

+ 1. Goa freedom fighter Mohan Ranade passes away

- Veteran freedom fighter from Goa and Padma Shri winner Mohan Ranade passes away after a prolonged illness.
- Mohan Ranade was a member of the Azad Gomantak Dal, a group of revolutionaries who believed in the doctrine of armed attacks against the Portuguese colonial rule and participated in ambushes on several Portuguese installations in Goa.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About GOA

1. Chief minister: Pramod Sawant
2. Capital: Panaji

+ 2. Actor-director Vijaya Nirmala passes away

- Veteran actor-filmmaker Vijaya Nirmala passed away in Hyderabad.
- Vijaya Nirmala, born in Tamil Nadu, was one of the most accomplished women in the south Indian film industry.
- She acted in more than 200 films in Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam.

+ 3. Eminent Gandhian Jharna Dhara Chowdhury Passes Away

- Jharna Dhara Chowdhury, an Eminent Social Activist and secretary of the Gandhi Ashram Trust in Jayag, Noakhali, Bangladesh passes away in Dhaka.
- She devoted her whole life to promoting peace, communal harmony and social justice. In recognition of her work, she was honored with Padma Shri in 2013.
- She was awarded Jannalal Bajaj award in 1998.