



1. Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju chairs 1st General Council meeting of Khelo India Scheme

- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju chaired the 1st General Council meeting of the Khelo India Scheme. Mr Rijiju urged the states to organise State-level Khelo India Games annually with an effort to identify a larger number of grassroot-level talents.
- The annual competitions being organized at the national level under the Khelo India Scheme, like the Khelo India Youth Games and University Games, have helped to identify sporting talent from all states.
- Mr Rijiju has asked the states to organise competitions at the district, block and panchayat-level to identify young talent.



Foot Notes:

About Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports:

Officeholder: Kiren Rijiju (MOS independent charge)

Founded: 27 May 2000

Headquarters: New Delhi

2. Hyderabad ranked 16 among top 20 cities globally in CCTV Surveillance, topped in India

- Hyderabad has been ranked 16th among the "Top 20 Most Surveilled Cities globally" according to a report published by a UK-based firm. Hyderabad with its 3 lakh CCTV cameras being used to keep tab on a city that has a population of a little over 1 crore, figured 16th in the most surveilled cities.
- Taiyuan in China was ranked first with 4,65,255 CCTV cameras. Hyderabad was ranked first in India.



About Telangana:

Capital: Hyderabad

Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan

Chief Minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao

About China:

Currency: Renminbi

Capital: Beijing

President: Xi Jinping

3. India withdraws from women's world team squash championship in Kuala Lumpur

- India has withdrawn from the women's world team Squash championship scheduled in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 15th to 20th December.
- Indian team cited lack of preparation, time and match-readiness of its players.
- The coronavirus case count continues to rise in the country with Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai — all major squash centres — badly hit by the virus, making resumption of training difficult.
- The Asian Junior Individual Championship 2020 has also been cancelled by the Asian Squash Federation due to the pandemic.
- The event was scheduled to be held at Qingdao, China in June but was postponed to December before being finally cancelled.



Foot Notes:

About Malaysia:

Capital: Kuala Lumpur
Currency: Malaysian ringgit
Official language: Malay
Prime Minister: Muhyiddin Yassin

4. Ladakh and J&K celebrated first anniversary of becoming UT

- On August 5, 2020, the Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir celebrated their first anniversary of formation.
- On August 5, 2019, the Government of India revoked the special status to Jammu and Kashmir by modifying Article 370 of the Constitution. After the abrogation of the article, two union territories Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir were carved out under Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019.



Foot Notes:

About Ladakh

Capitals: Leh, Kargil
Governor: R. K. Mathur

About J&K:

Capital: Srinagar (summer), Jammu (winter)
Governor: Girish Chandra Murmu

5. HRD Minister lays foundation stone of IIM at Dhaula Kuan in Sirmour district

- In Himachal Pradesh, Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank laid the foundation stone of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Dhaula Kuan in Sirmour district through video conferencing.
- The first phase of this Institute would be completed by spending an amount of 392.51 crore rupees.
- Union Government would provide all possible help to ensure that the institute emerges as the best institute of the region.
- In 2014 Union Government had taken decision to establish seven new IIMs including IIM Sirmaur.



Foot Notes:

About Himachal Pradesh:

Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya

Capitals: Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)

Chief Minister: Jai Ram Thakur

6. In landmark move, Prime Minister Imran Khan unveils 'new political map' of Pakistan

- Pakistan recently released a new political map claiming the entire territory of Jammu & Kashmir, and part of Gujarat including the erstwhile state of Junagadh as part of its territory.
- In recent times in the wake of the global pandemic when the whole world is fighting against the deadly virus in unison, our neighbours are in a race to occupy our territory. When India is all set to celebrate, the first anniversary of its decision to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir on 5th August then our neighbour Pakistan a day before the anniversary has made a controversial change in their political map inviting arguments and disputes.
- This is the second such map revising territorial claims in the South Asian region. Before this, our neighbour in the north “Nepal” printed a political map showing the Kalapani region of Pithoragarh district as part of its sovereign territory.



Foot Notes:

About Pakistan:

Capital: Islamabad

Currency: Pakistani rupee

Prime minister: Imran Khan

About Nepal:

Capital: Kathmandu

Prime minister: K. P. Sharma Oli

Currency: Nepalese rupee

7. Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan tests positive for COVID-19

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has tested positive for Covid-19 and has been admitted to a hospital.
- In a tweet, Mr Pradhan said, after seeing symptoms of



COVID-19, he got tested and the report has come positive.

- On the advice of doctors, he has been admitted to hospital. Mr Pradhan is the second Union Minister in the Cabinet to test positive for Covid-19. Earlier, Home Minister Amit Shah had tested positive and was admitted to hospital.

Foot Notes:

About Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas:

Officeholder: Dharmendra Pradhan (MOS independent charge)

Headquarters: Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

8. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar released a book - "Siyasat Mein Sadasyata".

- Written by Bihar Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary. The book published by Bihar Assembly Secretariat is a compilation of Choudhary's views, three dozen articles on different important issues and his life journey.
- It also mentions various developmental works in different sectors and welfare measures taken by Nitish Kumar government in Bihar.
- The book "Siyasat Mein Sadasyata" has also talked about various other important activities of assembly, successful completion of 6th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region, Prohibition law, debate on climate change, reforms in the procedure and business advisory rules of the assembly.



Foot Notes:

About Bihar:

Governor: Phagu Chauhan

Capital: Patna

9. DNHDD launches E-Gyan Mitra mobile app for online education

- Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu bordering Gujarat has launched E-Gyan Mitra mobile app for online education. The E-Gyan Mitra app launched by the Education Department of Daman Administration is becoming popular among the students and parents.
- DNHDD was created through the merger of the former union territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.



- Plans for the proposed merger were announced by the Government of India in July 2019 and came into effect on 26 January 2020.

Foot Notes:

About Dadra and Nagar Haveli:

Capital: Silvassa

Lt. Governor: Shri Praful Patel

About Daman and Diu:

Capital: Daman

Lt. Governor: Shri Praful Patel

10. Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Shivajirao Patil Nilangeka passes away at 88

- Maharashtra former Chief Minister and Senior Congressman Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar passed away. The doctor announced kidney failure as the reason for his death. The 88-year-old minister who had been suffering from several co-morbidities including diabetes and high blood pressure, and had been tested positive for the novel coronavirus in Pune was admitted at a private hospital.
- The former CM is survived by wife, three sons, a daughter and grandchildren. His last rites are to be performed in Nilanga his birthplace in Latur district.



Foot Notes:

About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister: Uddhav Thackeray

Capital: Mumbai

Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari

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