

## GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

### MONTH OF NOVEMBER-2020

#### List of Important Days

- November 01 - World Vegan Day.
- November 02 - International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists. (Theme - "Protect Journalists, Protect the Truth")
- November 05 - World Tsunami Awareness Day.
- November 06 - International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict.
- November 07 - National Cancer Awareness Day.
- November 08 - World Urbanism Day also known as "World Town Planning Day".
- November 08 - International Day of Radiology. (Motto - 'Radiologists and radiographers supporting patients during COVID-19')
- November 09 - National Legal Services Day.
- November 10 - World Science Day for Peace and Development. (Theme - "Science for and with Society")
- November 11 - National Education Day.
- November 12 - Public Service Broadcasting Day.
- November 12 - World Pneumonia Day.
- November 13 - National Ayurveda Day.
- November 13 - World Kindness Day. (Theme - "The World We Make - Inspire Kindness")
- November 14 - Children's Day.
- November 14 - World Diabetes Day. (Theme - "The Nurse and Diabetes.")
- November 15 (Third Sunday of November) - World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.
- November 15-21 - National Newborn Week.
- November 16 - International Day for Tolerance.
- November 16 - National Press Day.
- November 16-22 - 59th National Pharmacy Week (NPW). (Theme - "Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals")
- November 17 - National Epilepsy Day.
- November 18-24 - WHO to celebrate World Antimicrobial Awareness Week. (Theme - "United to Preserve antimicrobials")
- November 18 - 3rd Naturopathy Day.
- November 18 - World COPD Day. (Theme - "Living Well with COPD-Everybody, Everywhere")
- November 20 - World Children's Day.
- November 21 - World Fisheries Day. (Theme - "Social Responsibility in the fisheries value chain")
- November 21 - World Television Day.
- November 23-27 - AAI observes Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020.

- November 25 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. (Theme - "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!")
- November 26 - Constitution Day. (Samvidhan Divas or National Law Day)
- November 26 - National Milk Day.
- Month of November - National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

### Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed **monetary penalty** on **DCB Bank** and **Jio Payments Bank** for various rule violations.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** will evaluate the impact of multi-media public awareness campaign '**RBI Kehta Hai**', which was launched in **14 languages** to educate the public about safe banking and financial practices.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a **penalty of Rs 1 crore** on **Punjab National Bank** for violating the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- The Reserve Bank of India has created a **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)**.
  - The aim of Innovation Hub is to promote innovation across the financial sector by leveraging on technology and creating an environment which would facilitate and foster innovation.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has banned the **Manta Urban Cooperative Bank** in Jalna district of **Maharashtra** for six months for payment of money and loan transactions.

### Other Banks

- Private lender **ICICI Bank** has launched a comprehensive banking programme for its millennial customers, (in the age bracket of 18 years to 35 years), called '**ICICI Bank Mine**'.
- **HDFC Bank** has announced the launch of "**SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0**" for Small and mid-size enterprises.
- **HDFC Bank & IndusInd Bank** have been put in the '**red flag**' list, a system used for monitoring foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits.

### Insurance

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of General Insurance Business of Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Limited (**Bharti AXA**) by ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited (**ICICI Lombard**) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India** has launched a digital application for agents for onboarding to get a life insurance policy.
  - The Digital Application is called "**ANANDA**", which is an acronym for Atma Nirbhar Agents NewBusiness Digital Application.

### Central Government

- Union Cabinet has approved the **merger** of capital-starved **Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)** with **DBS Bank India**.

### States

- In **West Bengal**, Kolkata will soon feature India's first "**Tyre Park**", where artworks made from scrap and defective parts will be on display.
- India's first of its kind **solar energy-driven miniature train** was inaugurated at the Veli Tourist Village, **Kerala** by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

- The government of **Kerala** has launched a pioneering eco-sustainable programme called '**Parivarthanam**', to improve the livelihood of the fishing community.
- **Punjab** had revoked/withdrawn the general consent to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
  - From now, CBI will have to take permission from the state government to investigate any case.
  - This comes within a week after Jharkhand and Kerala decided to withdraw the general consent to CBI.
- **Madhya Pradesh** Chief Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched a roadmap to "**Aatma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh 2023**" through a virtual event.
- **Haryana** Chief Minister (CM), Manohar Lal Khattar has virtually unveiled '**Project Air Care**' to combat rising Air Pollution in Gurgaon.
  - 65 Wing Augmentation Air Purifying Units (WAYU) would be set up at areas with high Air Quality Indices (AQI) in Gurgaon to improve the air quality.
- The **Madhya Pradesh** Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that the State Government is to constitute '**Cow Cabinet**' to conserve and promote cow cattle in the state.
  - The first meeting of the cabinet is to be held on November 22, 2020. The meeting is to be held at Gau Sanctuary Salaria Agar Malwa.
- **Maharashtra** Chief Minister Uddav Thackeray launched "**Maha Awas Yojana**".
  - The project aims to build 8.82 lakhs of rural houses in 100 days.
- The **Uttarakhand** forest department has dedicated the newly-built **Moss Garden** to the people, claiming that it is the country's first such garden, spread over 10 hectares in Kumaon's Nainital district.
- A **cow shelter** in **Assam's** Dibrugarh inaugurated Northeast's first-ever **cow hospital**, on the occasion of Gopashtami.

#### Place in the News

- **India's** first **Sandalwood Museum** is being established in Aranya Bhavan in Ashokapuram, Mysuru, Karnataka.
  - The museum is set up by the Regional Forest Department to educate farmers about the significance of cultivation of sandalwood.

#### Defence and National Security

- The **ICGS C-452**, designed and built by L&T is to be commissioned in the **Indian Navy**. The ship was indigenously built in India under the Make in India initiative.
  - Earlier, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh had commissioned the **ICGS Sachet** and two other interceptor boats namely **C-451 and C-450** in **Goa**.
- The Indian Naval Ship **Airavat** entered **Port Sudan** as part of **Mission Sagar Phase II**.
  - Under Mission Sagar, India is currently providing assistance to its friendly foreign countries to help them overcome COVID-19 pandemic and natural calamities.
- The navies of the **United States** and **Bangladesh** have jointly launched on November 4, 2020, the '**Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Bangladesh 2020**' in order to broaden relationships and expand maritime awareness between the two nations.
- The enhanced version of **PINAKA** rocket system was successfully flight tested by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of **Odisha**.
  - This enhanced version of the Pinaka rocket would replace the existing **Pinaka Mk-I rockets**.
- **India** receives the **second** batch of **three Rafale Aircraft**, bringing total Rafale Jets with IAF to eight. The second batch of three Rafale jets landed in **Jamnagar, Gujarat** on 4th November 2020, after flying non-stop from France.

- A two-day joint coastal security exercise, “**Sagar Kavach**” was launched at Paradip Coast, **Odisha**.
  - The exercise is being carried out by a joint effort of the state of Odisha and West Bengal governments.
- The **Indian Navy** has launched the **fifth** Scorpene submarine “**Vagir**” at Mazagon Dock of south Mumbai.
- The 30th **Indo-Thai CORPAT** is being held between Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy from November 18, 2020 to November 20, 2020.
  - INS Karmuk, HTMS Kraburi along with the Dornier maritime aircraft are to participate in the CORPAT.
- The 2nd edition of India, **Singapore** and **Thailand** Trilateral Maritime Exercise **SITMEX-20** was conducted from in the Andaman Sea.
  - Indian Navy (IN) Ships including indigenously built ASW corvette Kamorta and missile corvette Karmuk participated in the exercise.
- The Defence Research Development Organization recently flagged off the first **Varunastra**, the heavy weight torpedo.
  - The torpedo was designed and developed by the BDL, Vishakhapatnam Unit of Indian Navy.
- **Indian Army** successfully test-fired a land-attack version of the **BrahMos** supersonic cruise missile from the **Andaman and Nicobar** Islands territory.

### Schemes/Initiatives

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the country’s first **seaplane service** between the **Statue of Unity** near Kevadiya in **Gujarat’s** Narmada district and Sabarmati Riverfront in **Ahmedabad**.
- The Chief Minister of **Assam**, Sarbananda Sonowal along with Ambassador of **Israel** to India, **Ron Malka** on November 2, 2020, laid the foundation stone of the **Indo-Israel Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation** at Khetri, **Assam**.
- The Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism and Culture **Shri Prahlad Singh Patel** inaugurated the “**Tourist Facilitation Centre**” at Guruvayur, **Kerala**.
  - The centre was constructed under the PRASAD Scheme of Ministry of Tourism.
- Union Minister of Jal Shakti, **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** launched the country’s first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (**IMVWSP**) in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
  - Pema Khandu also launched the “**Arunachal Jal Sankalp**” programme in this event. This is a state-government programme to supplement Jal Jeevan Mission.
- **India’s** longest single-lane motorable suspension bridge has been inaugurated in **Tehri-Garhwal** district of **Uttarakhand**.
  - The Dobra-Chanti Jhula (suspension) bridge, was inaugurated by the Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat to mark the 20th foundation day of the state on 9th November 2020.
- **Australia-India Water Centre** (AIWC) has been inaugurated in a virtual event to promote water-related research, teaching, and training between the two countries.
  - This Water Centre is led by **IIT Guwahati** from the Indian side and the University of Western Sydney from the Australian side.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched ‘**Secha Samadhan**’, a bilingual mobile application, to address the **irrigation problems** faced by **farmers** without them having to visit the offices concerned.
- The Union Ministry of **Textiles** has launched a campaign for **Diwali- “Local4Diwali”**.
  - The campaign has been launched to promote the **Indian handicraft** which is the cultural heritage of the country and also a source of livelihood for many.

- The Health Minister of Delhi, **Satyendar Jain** on November 12, 2020, launched the **Jeevan Seva App** for the safe and timely transportation of Corona patients to the healthcare facilities and hospitals.
  - It has been launched in collaboration with **EVERA Cab services**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled "**Statue of Peace**".
  - The statue is being unveiled to mark the 151st birth anniversary of Jain Acharya Shree **Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj**.
- Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, **Ravi Shankar Prasad** has launched the **UMANG mobile app** International version in coordination with Ministry of External Affairs for select countries that include USA, UK, Canada, Australia, UAE, Netherlands, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the '**Har Ghar Nal Yojana**' (Tap Water to Every Household) for the residents of **Uttar Pradesh's** Sonbhadra and Mirzapur district.
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- **Himachal Pradesh** government has launched '**Him Suraksha Abhiyan**' to sensitize the people regarding Covid-19 pandemic and also to collect information regarding symptoms of diseases like TB, Leprosy, sugar and blood pressure by the door-to-door campaign throughout the State.

#### Summit/Conference

- PM Modi is to launch **Ro-Pax ferry service** between **Ghogha** and **Hazira** in **Gujarat** through video conferencing.
  - The Ro-Pax ferry vessel called the "**Voyage Symphony**" is a three-deck vessel.
- The Bilateral Summit between **India** and **Italy** was held virtually on 6th November 2020.
  - The Summit was attended by the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Italy Prof. Giuseppe Conte.
- The External Affairs Minister **Dr S. Jaishankar** has represented India at the 15th **East Asia Summit** (EAS) on behalf of PM Modi.
  - The Summit was chaired by the Prime Minister of **Vietnam** Nguyen Xuan Phuc because Vietnam is ASEAN Chair in 2020 (ASEAN holds the central role and leadership in the forum).
- PM Narendra **Modi** and Bhutanese PM **Lotay Tshering** jointly launched **RuPay card Phase II** that will allow Bhutan citizens to access RuPay network in India.
- **India** and **Luxembourg** held the first standalone summit in two decades. The countries appreciated the launch of four Luxembourg satellites by Indian Space Research Organization in 2019.
  - India welcomed Luxembourg's decision of joining International Solar Alliance.
- Union Minister of Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Law and Justice, **Ravi Shankar Prasad** has released a "**My Stamp on Chhath Puja**".
- At the invitation of His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will be attending the 15th **G20 Summit** chaired by the Kingdom of **Saudi Arabia**.
- The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation was recently hosted by **Malaysia**. Several leaders of the cooperation joined the summit.

- The Summit was attended by the US President Donald Trump as well. The next APEC meeting is to be hosted by **New Zealand**.

### Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **Punjab** Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **The Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME)** to support MSMEs.
- The **IISc** and the **Indian Oil Corporation Research and Development** Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop biomass gasification-based **Hydrogen Generation Technology** to produce Fuel Cell Grade Hydrogen at an affordable price.
- Tech giant **IBM** stated it has collaborated with **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)** to transform the latter's customer experience using **digital tools**.
- The **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited** and the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** signed a Memorandum of Understanding to set key targets for the year 2020-21.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding signed between **India** and **Israel** in the field of **Health and Medicine**.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved the MoU signed between **India** and **UK** in the field of **medical product regulation**.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding signed between **India** and **UK**.
  - The MoU was signed in the field of **Information Communication Technologies and Telecommunications**.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding signed between **India** and **Spain**.
  - The MoU will **facilitate scientific and technical collaborations** between the countries in the field of **Astronomy**.
- The Airports Authority of India (**AAI**) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a subsidiary of NTPC Ltd, **NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN)**, to promote usage of electric vehicles and set up solar power plants at the airports managed and operated by AAI.
- **WhatsApp** has partnered with **five** Indian banks to process its payment services.
  - These are State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and Jio Payments Bank.
- **India** and the **Maldives** have signed **four** agreements, during the visit of Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla to the Maldives. Shringla is on a two-day visit to the Indian Ocean archipelago.
- **SBM Bank India**, the wholly-owned subsidiary of **State Bank of Mauritius** has partnered with **Fintech PayNearby** to launch a neo banking platform.
  - Both firms signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to build an "open banking" network towards delivering basic banking solutions as well as advanced financial services, to their customers.
- **Japan** and **Australia** signed the "Reciprocal Access Agreement" to counter the growing influence of China in the South China sea and in the Pacific Island Nations.
- Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (**DIPAM**) has signed an agreement with the **World Bank**, to provide advisory services to DIPAM for asset monetization.

### Meet/Visit

- India and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) **Troika** held an annual Political Dialogue. **India** was represented by the External Affairs Minister **S Jai Shankar** at the dialogue.
- **India** and **UAE** held the High-Level **Joint Task Force on Investments**.
  - This will help India achieve its target of 5 billion USD of defence exports in five years.

- The **India-Indonesia** fifth joint working group on **coal** was held. The meeting of the working group was held through video conference.
- The 40th Meeting of the **SAARCFINANCE Governors' Group** was held virtually, under the Chairmanship of **Shri Shaktikanta Das**, Governor, RBI.
  - The meeting was attended by the Governors from SAARC central banks.
- The 4th High-Level Meeting of the **OPEC-India Dialogue** was hosted by the **OPEC Secretariat**.
  - The Meeting was co-chaired by **HE Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo**, Secretary-General of OPEC and **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, India's Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Steel.
- The 4th **India- Philippines** Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation was held virtually on November 6.
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (**IFSCA**) conducted a meeting on November 11 in **New Delhi**.
  - The IFSC Authority approved the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020 in the meeting.
- The 8th **BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting** was held through a virtual platform for Science and Technology cooperation among the member countries, which are Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
  - The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the **Russian Federation**. (Russia is the Chair for 12th BRICS Summit).
- **India and European Union** held Counter Terrorism Dialogue.

#### Bills

- The **Haryana** Government passed a bill on November 6 which provides a right to **recall** an elected member of **Panchayati Raj Institutions** if they fail to perform their duties well.
  - The state government also provided 50% reservation to women in these bodies.

#### Fund

- The Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) has approved USD **132.8 million** loan to **Meghalaya**, to improve and upgrade the power distribution network in the state.
- India contributes **1 million** USD to Covid-19 **ASEAN Response Fund**.
  - Prime Minister Narendra Modi cochaired **India-ASEAN summit** along with the **Vietnamese** Prime Minister Ngyuyen Xuan Phuc.
- **India and World Bank** signed **120 million** USD to modernise transport sector in the state of **Meghalaya**.
- The Government of **India** and the New Development Bank (**NDB**) have signed a loan agreement for lending USD **500 million** for the 'Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System Project'.
- The Union Cabinet approved **Rs 6,000 crores** of capital infusion into the **National Infrastructure Investment Fund**.
  - This is a part of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. The move will leverage to create financial pipeline of Rs 1 lakh crore.

#### Economy

- The Finance Minister of India, Smt **Nirmala Sitaraman** has announced the '**Aatmanirbhar**' Package 3.0.
  - According to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman, PMI rose to 58.9 in October 2020 indicating strong recovery of the economy from COVID-19 crisis.

## Companies/Industry

- Perfectly timed for the upcoming festive season, **Freecharge** announced the launch of **digital gold** offering for its customers.
  - The service is launched in collaboration with **SafeGold**.
- The Airports Authority of India (**AAI**) has handed over the **Lucknow airport** to the **Adani group** on lease for a period of 50 years.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**) has finally allowed Facebook-owned messaging platform "**WhatsApp**" to roll out its **payments service** in the country in a "graded" manner.
  - The announcement by NPCI came after the organisation made a crucial change to its regulations concerning the use of the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**.
- **Paytm** has launched "**Payout Links**" for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors, without collecting their bank details.
- **Mastercard** and United States Agency for International Development launched "**Project Kirana**".
  - The programme will enable women entrepreneurs to grow, launch and thrive.
  - Under Project Kirana, a two-year programme is to be rolled out in selected cities such as Kanpur, Lucknow and Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh.

## Taxation/Trade

- The State Government of **Tamil Nadu** recently notified that it will grant **100% motor vehicle tax** exemption for **Electric Vehicles**.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has enhanced the investment limits for **Mutual Fund companies** for overseas investments.
  - Mutual Funds can make overseas investments subject to a maximum of **US \$ 600 million** per Mutual Fund, within the overall industry limit of **US \$ 7 billion**. Earlier it was **USD 300 million**.

## Space

- **China** launched **13 satellites** in a single rocket successfully.
  - Of these 13 satellites, 10 were from **Argentina**. This is the biggest launch of foreign satellites by the country.
  - The satellites were launched on the **Long March 6** carrier rocket. This was the 351st satellite launch of the Long March series.
- **China** has sent into space the world's first **6G experiment satellite**.
- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched the 51st mission of **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)**.
  - This is the first mission by ISRO in 2020. The carrier vehicle PSLV C49 will deliver 10 satellites in all with **EOS-01** as the primary one.
  - It is the 51st mission of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). The carrier was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- On November 16, 2020, **SpaceX** launched **four** astronauts into the space under Mission **Crew 1**.
  - The Crew Dragon capsule becomes the first spacecraft to be certified by NASA after 40 years.
- The US space agency **NASA** and the European Space Agency (**ESA**) successfully launched 'Copernicus **Sentinel-6** Michael Freilich satellite', to monitor the rising global sea level.
  - The joint US-European satellite lifted off on a SpaceX **Falcon 9** rocket from Space Launch Complex 4E at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

### Health/Diseases/Drugs

- The **World Health Organization** announced that it is to set up a **traditional medicine centre** in **India**.
  - These institutions were inaugurated in Jamnagar and Jaipur.

### Energy/Gas/Oil

- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved the **Rs 1810 crore** investment proposal of 210 MW of **Luhri Stage I Hydro Power Project**.
  - The hydro power project is to be constructed on **River Sutlej**.

### Transport/Cars/Scooters

- The Government of India is planning to approve national standard specifications and rules for **Metro Neo** targeted at tier 2 & tier 3 cities.
  - Metro Neo is a no-frills, low-cost urban rail transit system.
- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will be starting '**Bharat Darshan-Dakshin Bharat Yatra**' from December 12.
  - The Bharat Darshan Yatra will start from **Hyderabad** and **Secunderabad** from December 12 to 18. The theme of this yatra will be 'Show India to Indians'.

### Films and Film Festival

- **Marathi** film, **Karkhanisanchi Waari** (Ashes on a Road Trip), the 149-minute film tells the story of the Karkhanis, the last joint family of **Pune**.
  - The movie was directed by Mangesh Joshi. The movie will have its world premiere at the 33rd **Tokyo International Film Festival**. It is the only Indian entry at the festival.

### Festival

- **Nagaland** govt decides to celebrate **Hornbill Festival** virtually this year, amid the surge in COVID-19 cases in the country. This festival is also called the **Festival of Festivals**.

### Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- **Ms Harpreet Singh**, Executive Director, Air India, will hold the CEO's charge in the Alliance Air Aviation Limited till further orders.
- Maharashtra cadre 1988 batch Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer **Rajiv Jalota** has been appointed as the chairman of **Mumbai Port Trust** (MbPT) under the Union ministry of shipping.
- The Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI) announced appointment of **PVG Menon** as its chief executive officer.
- **Tummala Srinivasa Kumar** took charge as the new **Indian National Centre for Ocean Information System** (INCOIS) Director.
- The Government of India is set to appoint former Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer and Information Commissioner **Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha** as the new **Chief Information Commissioner**.
- **Tamil Nadu** Governor Banwarilal Purohit allotted the **Agriculture** portfolio, held by the late R Doraikannu in the K Palaniswami-led state cabinet, to Higher Education Minister **KP Anbalagan**.
- **Priyanca Radhakrishnan** became **New Zealand's** first-ever Indian-origin **minister** after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern inducted five new ministers into her executive.
- **Duarte Pacheco** was elected as the new **President** of **Inter Parliamentary Union**.
- **Vodafone Idea** has appointed **Jagbir Singh** as chief technology officer following **Vishant Vora's** departure.
  - In another top-level appointment, the **telco** has named **Manish Sansi** as the new chief legal officer.

- **AK Gupta**, the new Managing Director and CEO of **ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)** took charge.
- The incumbent President of **Ivory Coast**, **Alassane Ouattara**, has won a third 5-year term in a landslide victory, gaining more than 94 per cent of the votes polled.
- National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Chairman, **Dilip Rath** has been unanimously elected to the board of global dairy body **International Dairy Federation (IDF)**.
- Fast Moving Electrical Goods (FMEG) company **Syska Group**, has roped in actor **Rajkummar Rao** as the new face of the brand.
- The iconic Indian superhero, **Chacha Chaudhary**, whose brain works faster than a computer has now come forward to join hands with the **NamamiGangeProgramme**.
  - **Diamond Toons** will conceptualize and publish this new 'Talking Comics' with Chacha Chaudhary spreading awareness on the cultural and spiritual significance of River Ganga and deploy best available knowledge across the masses for Ganga rejuvenation.
- The President of **Tanzania**, **John Pombe Magufuli** has been sworn for a **second** five-year term.
- **Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.** has defeated **Donald Trump** to become the 46th **U.S. president**.
  - Biden will become the oldest president-elect in U.S. history and the first to oust a sitting commander-in-chief after one term since Bill Clinton defeated George H.W. Bush in 1992.
  - Biden's running mate, California Senator **Kamala Harris**, becomes the first Black and Indian-American woman to serve as vice president.
- **Manipur's Gyanendro Ningombam** was elected unopposed as the President of **Hockey India**, while former President **Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad** is back in the Hockey India Executive Board after being Elected Unopposed for the Senior Vice President post.
- In a significant victory for India at the United Nations, Indian diplomat **Vidisha Maitra** was elected to the **UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)**, a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly.
- Former **West Indies** fast bowler, **Michael Holding** has been appointed as a new patron of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Foundation.
- Former Chief Secretary of Delhi, **M.M. Kutty** was appointed as the chairperson of Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas.
- Indian-American **Kash Patel** has been named as the **Chief of Staff** to the Acting US Defence Secretary Chris Miller.
  - The new appointment comes a day after Donald Trump fired Defence Secretary Mark Esper and designated Chris Miller, as the Acting Secretary.
- **Myanmar's** ruling party led by Nobel laureate **Aung San Suu Kyi** claimed a resounding victory.
- **Nitish Kumar** has been sworn in as the **Bihar Chief Minister** for a **fourth** straight term at a ceremony in Patna.
  - The oath was administered by Governor **Phagu Chauhan**.
  - BJP leaders **Tarkishore Prasad** and **Renu Devi** were sworn in as the **Deputy Chief Ministers of Bihar**.
- **HDFC Mutual Fund** has appointed **Navneet Munot** as its Managing Director and CEO, it said in a notification to the stock exchanges.
  - He will succeed the present Managing Director **Milind Barve**, whose extended term ends in January next year.
- **Kris Gopalakrishnan**, the former co-chairman and co-founder of **Infosys** was appointed as the first Chairperson of **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub**.
  - The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub aims to promote innovation across financial sector.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** has launched a women-centred product 'Eva'.

- The Bank has roped in Indian Woman cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** as the brand ambassador for its newly launched product 'EVA'.
- Eva is unique savings account for women to address the well-being of Indian women in every aspect such as health, wealth and prosperity.

### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- Australian all-rounder, **Shane Watson** has announced his **retirement** from all forms of cricket.

### Deaths

- Tamil Nadu Agriculture Minister **R Doraikkannu**, who had tested positive for the coronavirus, died at a private hospital in Chennai.
- Veteran Politician and former prime minister of **Turkey**, **Mesut Yilmaz** has passed away.
- 6th & shortest served CM of Bihar **Satish Prasad Singh** passed away.
- Noted violin maestro and Padma awardee, **Tripunithura Narayanaiyer Krishnan** passed away.
- Noted actor, filmmaker and voiceover artiste, **Ashish Kakkad**, has passed away. He was one of the most prominent artists from the Gujarati film industry.
- Bollywood actor **Faraaz Khan** passed away.
- Bollywood filmmaker **Sudarshan Rattan** passed away due to COVID-19.
- **Bahrain's** Prime Minister **Sheikh Khalifa**, world's longest-serving Prime Minister, has passed away.
- American television editor, writer and producer **Ken Spears**, who co-created the beloved animated series "Scooby-Doo" passed away.
- Author & Gujarati columnist, Father **Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ** passed away.
- Former Sikkim chief minister **Sanchaman Limboo** passed away.
- Bollywood actor **Asif Basra**, who was known for his role in the recent thriller series Paatal Lok, has passed away.
- **Soumitra Chatterjee**, the legendary film actor of Bengal passed away on November 15, 2020, in Kolkata at the age of 85.
- Noted journalist and writer **Ravi Belagere** passed away. He was from Karnataka. He was famous for writings on the crime world and his column 'Paapigala Lokadalli' was very popular.
- Physicist **Masatoshi Koshiha**, who shared 2002 Nobel prize for the detection of cosmic neutrinos, passed away.
- Former Lt Governor of Pondicherry, **Chandrawati** passed away.
- **Rajasthan** Social Justice and Empowerment Minister **Bhanwarlal Meghwal** passed away.
- Noted Telugu poet, journalist, scriptwriter, and Kendra Sahitya Academy award winner **Shaik Khaja Hussain**, popularly known as Devi Priya, passed away.
- Former Chief Minister of **Assam** Minister **Tarun Gogoi** passed away on November 23, 2020.
- Argentina soccer legend **Diego Maradona** passed away on 25th November.

### Awards/Honours

- UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme included **Panna** in India and **Fuvahmulah** and **Addu Atoll** in the Maldives, to UNESCO's **World Network of Biosphere Reserves**.
- Noted **Malayalam** writer, **Paul Zacharia** has been selected for this year's **Ezhuthachan Puraskaram**, the Kerala government's highest literary honour.

- The Chief of Army Staff General, **MM Naravane** was conferred the **honorary rank** of General of the **Nepali Army** by President **Bidya Devi Bhandari**.
  - He was honoured at a special ceremony at the President's official residence 'Shital Niwas' in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Noted filmmaker **Hariharan** has been selected for the **JC Daniel Award**, the state government's highest honour for lifetime contributions to **Malayalam** cinema.
- The Vice President **Venkaiah Naidu** announced the second **National Water Awards**.
  - **Tamil Nadu** won the first place followed by Maharashtra and Rajasthan at second and third places respectively.
  - **Tamil Nadu** also topped in all India level micro irrigation awards under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.
  - The state was followed by Karnataka and Gujarat in second and third places respectively.
- The Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**) has announced that **Assam's Tezpur Litchi** has been given the geographical indication (**GI**) tag, though the litchis name in the GI tag list is there since 2015.
- **Malayalam** author, **S Hareesh** has won the **JCB Prize for Literature 2020** for his novel **Moustache**.
  - It has been translated into English by **Jayasree Kalathil** & published by HarperCollins India.
  - The JCB Prize for Literature is regarded as the richest literary prize in India.
- **Ruskin Bond**, one of India's most cherished authors was conferred **Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award** for 2020.
- **Indian** astronomers have collaborated with the 2020 **Physics Nobel** Laureate Prof. **Andrea Ghez** for the design of back-end instruments and possible science prospects of the Thirty Meter Telescope (**TMT**) project.
  - The Thirty Meter Telescope (**TMT**) is a proposed extremely large telescope (**ELT**) which is planned to be installed at Maunakea on the island of **Hawaii**.
- **Bangladeshi** teen **Sadat Rahman** has been awarded the **International Children's Peace Prize** for his work to stop **cyber bullying** of teens.
  - The award was given away by the Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai during a ceremony in the **Netherlands**.
- **Dr Susanta Kar**, Senior Scientist, Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- Central Drug Research Institute (**CSIR-CDRI**) was honoured with "**Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award 2020**" by Society of Biological Chemists (India), Bengaluru.
- The **Booker Prize** of the year 2020 was won by **Douglas Stuart** for his debut novel "**Shuggie Bain**".
  - The shortlist of Booker Prize consisted of five more titles such as **Burnt Sugar**.
  - The Burnt Sugar was published in India as "**Girl in White Cotton**".
- Union Education Minister, **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** will be conferred with the **Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award**.
  - This award will be conferred to the Minister for writing, poetry and other literary works.
- Veteran actor **Naseeruddin Shah** has been honoured with the 2020 Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar at annual Sangit Kala Kendra Awards.
  - "Theatre" is the central theme, for this year's awards.
- **Karnataka** Governor Vajubhai Vala presented **Doctor of Science** honorary doctorate upon ISRO Chairman **K Sivan**.
- The Netflix show, **Delhi Crime** has won the **Best Drama Series** award at the 48th International Emmy Awards 2020.

- The show is written and directed by Richie Mehta and features actress Shefali Shah as the main character.

### Sports/Game

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced **Jio** as the **Title Sponsor** of the 2020 edition of the **Women's T20 Challenge**.
- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the **Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020** at Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari race track, **Italy**.
- **Russian, Daniil Medvedev** has won **Paris Master 2020** title in badminton, when he beat Alexander Zverev in **Paris**.
- **Mumbai Indians** won the **IPL 2020** Trophy for the fifth time.
- The world number one **Chen Meng** beat Chinese compatriot Sun Yingsha to win her maiden International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) **Women's World Cup** table tennis title in held in Weihai, **China**.
- Serbian tennis star **Novak Djokovic** has given the **ATP Tour No. 1** trophy on 15 November 2020, for finishing 2020 as the year-end No. 1 (world number one).
  - With this, he has become the only second player in tennis history, after **Pete Sampras**, to receive the trophy sixth time.
- **FIFA** (Federation Internationale de Football Association) **cancelled** the **Women Under-17 world cup** due to COVID-19 pandemic.
  - It has been postponed to 2021. The 2020 FIFA Women Under-17 World Cup was to be held in India.
- In Tennis, **Daniil Medvedev** (Russia) beat Dominic Thiem (Austria) to win the 2020 **ATP Tour Finals**, held in **London**.
- The **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve** and the **Uttar Pradesh Forest Department** bagged the first international award **TX2**.

### Report

- **India** dropped to **142** out of 180 countries in **World Press Freedom Index, 2020**.
  - **Norway** ranked **first**. South Asia in all was poorly featured.
  - **Pakistan** dropped three places to 145 and **China** was at 177.
- **India** is placed at **77th** position in the **TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix 2020**.
  - It was a better performance than neighbouring nations such as Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and China.
  - But **Bhutan** scored better than India and got **48th** place in the list.
- According to the Department of Science and Technology (DST), **Indian** supercomputer, **Param Siddhi** has achieved **63rd** rank in the list of 500 most powerful supercomputers in the world.
- The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released its biannual 'Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL)' report of the **World's Most Expensive Cities** in 2020, based on their cost of living.
  - **Hong Kong** (China), **Paris** (France) and **Zurich** (Switzerland) share the top spot as the most expensive cities in the list, which comprises of 133 cities.

### General - National

- **Two resolutions** were adopted by **United Nations** namely "Convention on Prohibition of the use of **Nuclear Weapons**" and "**Reducing Nuclear Danger**".
  - The resolutions were sponsored by **India**.

- The Government of India announced that over **11 lakh MSMEs** have registered on the new online system of **Udyam Registration**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has **renamed** the **Ministry of Shipping** to **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** on November 8, 2020.
  - PM Modi announced the renaming of the ministry at the inaugural virtual event of **Ro-Pax terminal** at **Surat's Hazira**.
- The Union Cabinet Approved Production-Linked Incentive (**PLI**) scheme worth nearly **₹1.46 lakh crore** over a period of 5 years for **10 sectors**.
- The **Keetham lake**, also known as Sur Sarovar, in **Agra** of Uttar Pradesh has been added to the list of Ramsar sites.
- **Lonar crater lake** in **Buldhana** district, 500 kilometres (km) from Mumbai, has been declared Maharashtra's **second Ramsar site**.
  - Ramsar sites are **wetlands** of international importance under the Ramsar Convention (held for the first time in **Ramsar, Iran**, in 1971), which aims to halt the worldwide loss of wetlands.
- The chairman of Jai Bhawani Women cooperative textile mill announced that the **mill** will soon operate on **solar power**.
  - With this, the mill will become the first Solar Power enabled textile mill in **Asia**. The mill is located in Parbhani district of **Maharashtra**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the **3rd Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum** through video-conferencing.
  - The forum witnessed discussions on refueling the economy and charting a course for the future, as the world economy is grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (**IRNSS**) has been recognized by the International Maritime Organization (**IMO**) as a part of the World-Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS) for operation in the Indian Ocean Region.

### General - International

- The **United States** has officially **withdrawn** from the **Paris climate** accord on 04 November 2020.
  - With this, the US has now become the only country to formally pull out of the deal since it was adopted in 2015.

### Books and Authors

- **Tamal Bandyopadhyay** has authored a book titled "**Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy**" and will be released on November 09, 2020.
- A new book titled "**Till We Win**" by AIIMS Director **Randeep Guleria** and two other doctors will give a definitive account of India's fight against Covid-19 and how to deal with the pandemic in the days to come.
- Ex-SPG officer, **Sasindran Kallinkeel's** has penned a novel named "**Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender**".
- Actor **Anupam Kher's** latest book is titled "**Your Best Day Is Today!**".
- Vice President of India, **Venkaiah Naidu** has launched the book titled "**Thavaasmi: Life and Skills through the lens of Ramayana**".
  - The book was authored by **Rallabandi Srirama Chakradhar** and co-author by **Amara Sarada Deep**.
- **Maharashtra** Governor, Bhagat Singh Koshyari has released the book '**Majhi Bhint**' (My Wall) authored by former Maharashtra Minister of Education **Rajendra Darda** at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai.
- '**Boskiyana**', a new Hindi book on Gulzar, veteran Indian poet-lyricist has been published by **Radhakrishna Prakashan**.
- An actor, producer and humanitarian, **Sonu Sood** is set to pen his autobiography titled "**I Am No Messiah**". The book will be co-authored by **Meena Iyer**.

## TO THE POINTS: NOVEMBER-2020

- International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists was observed on **November 2**.
- **Shane Watson** has recently announced retirement from all forms of cricket.
- RBI has temporarily postponed its circular on current accounts till **December 15, 2020** to allow banks to comply with its guidelines that no bank can open a current account for a customer who has availed cash credit or overdraft facility from others in the banking system.
- **Jitendra Singh** has inaugurated the Mansar Lake Project in Jammu to attract 20 lakh tourists every year once completed.
- **Telangana** government will launch the Rythu Vedika scheme to address farmers' issues and bring farmers under one platform and help them attain higher returns.
- The Schools of **Maharashtra** are all set to celebrate November 8 to 14 as Children's week.
- The Chief Minister of **Chhattisgarh** has launched a scheme for distribution of fortified rice.
- RBI has extended the trading hours for various debt as well as the current market by **90 minutes** starting November 9.
- **Randeep Guleria** will release a new book titled 'Till We Win': Book on Covid19.
- **TransUnion CIBIL** in partnership with the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched MSME Credit Health Index.
- Students from **IIT Madras** have created an online game to spread Coronavirus awareness.
- **Tamal Bandyopadhyay** has authored the book Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy.
- **STPI** is going to launch a VC fund to support startups.
- **24th** edition of the Malabar naval exercise was scheduled to be held in two phases in November 2020.
- **Priyanca Radhakrishnan** has created history by becoming the first-ever KiwiIndian Minister in the New Zealand government.
- **Andrey Rublev** has won the Erste Bank open, lifting his fifth title of the season.
- **2,200 crores** released by the Central Government as the first installment to 15 states for improvement of air quality.
- From Waste to Art, a unique art installation park has come up in **West Bengal** recently.
- **Federation of Indian Publishers** has recently organized the virtual version of Delhi Book Fair this year.
- **TN Krishnan** who passed away at 92 was a legendary **Violinist**.
- The First indigenous Petcoke-based high energy supercapacitor has recently been developed by **ARCI** and would benefit the Electric Vehicles (EVs) industry.
- **Ganga Utsav** has recently begun virtually with COVID-19 precautions and will continue till November 4th.
- Noted writer **Paul Zacharia** has been selected for this year's Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, the Kerala government's highest literary honour.
- **Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha** is going to be appointed as the next Chief Information Commissioner.
- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency** has recently signed an MoU with MNRE for setting key targets for year 2020-21.
- **IIT Bombay** is all set to launch a website for students' emotional needs.

- **Lewis Hamilton** has won the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, earning Mercedes the Constructors' Championship.
- **Duarte Pacheco** has been elected as the new President of the Inter Parliamentary Union.
- Rare metallic asteroid Psyche may be worth \$10,000 quadrillion has been detected by **Hubble** space telescopes.
- **L&T** has bagged the construction order of a bullet train project.
- **ICICI Lombard** has received the CCI nod to acquire Bharti AXA's non-life insurance business.
- **30** Indian cities will be facing increasing 'water risks' by 2050 according to a recently released report by WWF.
- **AK Gupta** has taken over as the MD and CEO of ONGC Videsh.
- According to the CMIE, India's Unemployment rose to **6.98** per cent in October, 2020.
- AAI has handed over **Lucknow** airport to Adani group on lease for 50 years.
- Satish Prasad Singh who passed away recently was the former chief minister of **Bihar** for only five days.
- Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde, along with Justice D.Y. Chandrachud of the Supreme Court, inaugurated the first ever e-resource centre and virtual court for traffic and transport to enable speedy justice for litigants, called 'Nyay Kaushal' in **Nagpur**.
- India's first solar-powered miniature train has recently been launched in **Kerala**.
- **Axis** bank has revised its stake acquisition agreement with Max Financial.
- **Alassane Ouattara** has won his 3rd term as the President of Ivory Coast.
- **Hariharan** has bagged the JC Daniel award for lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema.
- **IIT Roorkee** has developed a biosensor to detect harmful detergent pollutants.
- Indian Naval Ship **Airavat** has reached Port Sudan as part of 'Mission Sagar-II'.
- The fishermen of **Tamil Nadu** have started India's first radio channel exclusively for fisherfolk.
- Indian Coast Guard Ship C-452 will be commissioned through a video conference in **Maharashtra**.
- typhoon **Goni** is the world's most powerful storm in four years and has smashed into the Philippines recently.
- Indian boxers Amit Panghal, Sanjeet and Ashish Kumar recently won gold at the Alexis Vastine International. The tournament was held in **France**.
- **Australia** will join the Malabar naval exercise involving India, US and Japan.
- **Anand Selva** has been named as the global head of consumer banking by Citigroup.
- **Dehradun** Municipal Corporation has launched the Plastic Lao MASK LE JAO initiative.
- **Twitter** has launched ArtHouse to support brands to create engaging content.
- The Centre has extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme till November 30. The amount sanctioned under the scheme was **3** lakh crore.
- **8th** edition of India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments was recently held in virtual format.
- **Dilip Rath** has been unanimously elected to head the board of global dairy body International Dairy Federation.
- **Narendra Modi** will chair the Virtual Global Investor Roundtable on 5th November.

- The government of **Maharashtra** has inked MoU worth Rs 35,000-crore with 15 companies.
- The Chief Minister of **Assam** has laid the foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation.
- **Rajkumar Rao** has been named as the new brand ambassador of Syska Group.
- **ADB** has approved USD132.8 million loan to improve power distribution network in Meghalaya.
- **6,000 crore** has been released by the Finance Ministry to 16 States and 3 Union Territories under the special window to states for meeting the GST compensation cess.
- USAID will provide **3 million** to COVIDActionCollab to mitigate the effects of Covid-19 in India.
- **Ritu Phogat** has won her third straight MMA title in Singapore.
- World Vegan Day 2020 was celebrated annually on **November 1** by vegans across the globe.
- Sean Connery, the scottish actor who passed away at the age of 90, is known for his leading role in **James Bond** movie.
- **206** session of the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held on 1st to 4th November.
- RBI has imposed monetary penalty on **DCB Bank and Jio Payments Bank** for various rule violations.
- The Government is set to divest **10** per cent stake in the country's largest non-life insurance company New India Assurance through an offer for sale to the public.
- **NITI Aayog** and QCI have Launched the National Program and Project Management Policy Framework Initiative to Transform the Infrastructure Sector in India.
- The AYUSH Ministry and **Invest India** have decided to jointly set up a "Strategic Policy & Facilitation Bureau" for the planned and systematic growth of the Ayush sector.
- **HDFC ERGO** has implemented an AI enabled solution to automate motor claim settlements.
- ICICI Lombard has partnered with **FreePaycard** to offer bite-sized, convenient health insurance solutions.
- **IBM** has collaborated with the Indian Oil Corporation for providing digital services.
- The Walmart Vriddhi supplier development to digitally enhance the learning process to train MSMEs was started in **2019**.
- **8,000-megawatt** renewable park will come up in border areas with Pakistan in Rajasthan as the state government will soon ink an MoU with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Solar Energy Corporation of India.
- To develop the sports infrastructure a MoU has been signed between SAI and the government of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- India along with **Mexico** has held a Joint Commission Meeting to review Bilateral Cooperation.
- **IISC Bengaluru** has signed an MoU with IOCL for hydrogen-generation technology.
- **Harpreet Singh** has become the first woman to head an Indian air carrier.
- **Aditya Puri** is all set to join private equity firm Carlyle as senior advisor.
- **Chhattisgarh** has recently celebrated its foundation day.
- **PVG Menon** has been appointed as the CEO of Electronics Sector Skill Council of India.
- R. Duraiannu who passed away at 72 was the agriculture minister of **Tamil Nadu**.
- ISRO launched Indian earth observation satellite EOS-01 along with **9** international customer spacecraft on November 7.

- **Kerala** has been named as the best governed state in the country by a report of the Public Affairs Centre.
- BCCI announces **Jio** as title sponsor of Women's T20 Challenge 2020.
- **Rajiv Jalota** has been appointed as the chairman of Mumbai Port Trust.
- India has recently tested the air launched version of **Brahmos** missile.
- Army Aviation Corps Day was observed on **November 1**.
- **Paytm** has tied up with SBI Card to launch co-branded credit cards.
- International Stress Awareness Week was observed from **November 2 to 6** to raise awareness about stress prevention.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has made its way among the Top 5 states in MSME employment generators amid Covid-19.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has planned to set up electric vehicle infrastructure by setting up 400 charging stations across the State in the first phase.
- **AU Bank** has entered into an agreement with Care Health Insurance Company for health insurance products as Corporate Agent.
- National Stress Awareness Day was marked on **November 4** and aims to identify and reduce stress factors in our lives.
- Visa has announced its first successful live deployment of a PCI certified Tap to Phone card acceptance solution, in partnership with DigitSecure and **HDFC**.
- Faraaz Khan who passed away at the age of 50 was an **Actor**.
- **John Magufuli** has won the second term in the Tanzania presidential election.
- **Chinmay Tumble** has authored the book titled Age Of Pandemics (1817- 1920): How they shaped India and the World'.
- **Bank of Baroda** has launched an employee-assistance programme aimed at helping employees deal with personal and professional issues.
- Advanced version of **Pinaka** has been test fired from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- **Telangana** has ranked as the top performing state with maximum functional drinking water tap connections.
- Marlon Samuels who announced his retirement from all forms of cricket played for **West Indies**.
- **Tamil Nadu** has ranked on top in terms of Indian states in new investments in H1FY21.
- **S. Jaishankar** has led the Indian delegation at the GCC Troika in virtual mode.
- **Jagbir Singh** has been appointed as the CTO of Vodafone Idea.
- UNGA has adopted **2** India sponsored resolutions on Nuclear disarmament which aim to reduce risk of nuclear accidents and call for a prohibition on the use of nuclear weapons.
- Bangladesh along with **US** has launched a joint naval exercise 'CARAT Bangladesh 2020'.
- Prasar Bharati has signed MoU to launch **51** education TV channels which will be available as DD co-branded channels.
- The Education Department of **Assam** has launched a toll-free tele-education helpline number for government school students.
- **Amazon** has launched the first all-women virtual customer service in Bengaluru.

- Tamil Nadu and **HCL** have decided to set up a disaster management analytics centre.
- **6** women led startups have won the COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge organized by MyGov in Collaboration with UN Women.
- **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched the 'Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge' focusing on shaping cities for young children and their families.
- **ICICI** has launched a banking stack for millennial customers.
- COVID-19 testing laboratory has been inaugurated at **Rajiv Gandhi International airport**.
- **79** percent of Indians would adopt a 'robot nanny' to help care for children while Working from home according to a report titled 'Generation AI 2020: Health, Wellness, and Technology in a Post-COVID World.'
- Stanford University study has named **L V Prasad Eye Institute** the top Indian researchers in a database of 100,000 scientists worldwide.
- **Shashi S Vempati** will head the committee set up by the I&B Ministry to review norms on TV ratings.
- **Ramesh Lakshminarayanan** has been appointed as Group Head - IT of HDFC Bank.
- National Cancer Awareness Day was observed on **November 7** to educate people about the serious threat that is cancer.
- Military exercise **Bull Strike** conducted by India's special forces in Andaman Nicobar Islands.
- Airports Authority of India has signed an MoU with **NTPC** to Set Up Solar Power Plants at Airports.
- **Kerala** has launched the "Parivarthanam" scheme for better livelihood of fisherfolk.
- International Day of Radiology was observed on **November 8** to promote the role of medical imaging in healthcare.
- World's largest Elephant Rehabilitation Centre come up in **Thiruvananthapuram**.
- Joe Biden is all set to become the **46th** President of the US with Kamala Harris becoming the Vice President.
- India's first solar-based water supply project will be launched in **Arunachal Pradesh** at a cost of Rs 28.50 crore.
- Whatsapp has partnered with **5** Banks for its UPI Payment service.
- SEBI has increased the overseas investment limits for mutual funds from existing USD 300 million to USD **600** million.
- **Chacha Chaudhary** has become the Brand Ambassador for the Namami Gange Project.
- Atal Innovation Mission along with **Sirius, Russia** is all set to Launch 'AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0'.
- OPEC recently held its **4th** High-Level Meeting of the OPEC-India Dialogue via video conference.
- **Gyanendro Ningombam** has become the 1st president of Hockey India from Northeast.
- **Narendra Modi** will chair the Virtual Global Investor Roundtable 2020.
- The Public investment fund of **Saudi Arabia** has invested Rs.9,555 crore in RIL's retail arm.
- ISRO has successfully launched EOS01 along with **9** customer satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- PM Narendra Modi has recently announced the change of name of **Ministry of Shipping**.

- Two-day joint coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' was launched at Paradip coast. It is located in **Odisha**.
- Fitch Solutions has revised India's Fiscal Deficit Forecast to **7.8** per cent from 8.2% Earlier for FY21.
- **Axis Bank** is set to acquire shares in CSC e-Governance for Rs 36 crores.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has made FASTags mandatory for all four wheelers from **1st January, 2021**.
- Railways has tied with **Indian School of Business, Hyderabad** in order to implement artificial intelligence, data analytics for better operational efficiency.
- **Vidisha Maitra** has been elected to the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
- **Karnataka Bank** has launched the National Common Mobility Debit card.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has tied up with the Bharti AXA General for car insurance.
- **Venkaiah Naidu** has launched the 'International Satavadhanam' event, a unique literary feat.
- **Dinesh Katre** has won the 2020 Emmett Leahy Award for his outstanding contributions Accomplishments that Have a Major Impact on the digital information and records management.
- **Narendra Modi** has virtually inaugurated several developmental projects in Varanasi.
- Indian Overseas Bank has sought capital support of about **1000** crore from the government to create a buffer from any exigency.
- Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ who passed away recently was a veteran **Author**.
- IFFCO Bazar has partnered with YONO Krishi App of **SBI** to boost accessibility of quality agri-products.
- **HIL** has signed an MOU with the Department of Chemicals & PetroChemicals to achieve a revenue target of 451 Crore rupees.
- **Daniil Medvedev** has defeated Alexander Zverev in the Paris Masters final to clinch his 8th ATP title.
- World Tsunami Awareness Day was observed on **November 5**.
- Reserve Bank will soon evaluate the impact of 'RBI Kehta Hai' campaign. It was launched in **14** languages to educate the public about safe banking and financial practices.
- **Prahlad Singh Patel** has virtually inaugurated the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" facility at Guruvayur, Kerala under PRASHAD Scheme.
- The World's Biggest Pink Diamond Mine i.e the Argyle mine has stopped production. It is located in **Australia**.
- International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict was observed on **November 6**.
- India has signed 15 agreements with **Italy** in various sectors to reaffirm commitment to strengthen cooperation against common global challenges.
- RBI has announced a co-lending scheme for banks and NBFCs. As per the guidelines, NBFCs need to retain a minimum of **20** percent of share of the loan on their books.
- **Karnataka** government has signed an agreement with Tata Technologies to upgrade 150 Govt ITIs.
- CCEA has approved a Rs.1,810-crore investment for 210 MW Luhri Stage-I hydel project. It is located in **Himachal Pradesh**.

- WhatsApp's has recently received NPCI nod to roll out payments service in the country. The change has put a limit on single third parties where they can handle only **30** per cent of overall UPI transaction.
- Bongaigaon District Administration has initiated **Sampoorna** Mission in order to improve health of malnourished children.
- **Narendra Modi** will flag off the Ro-Pax ferry service between Hazira-Ghogha in Gujarat.
- Rupsi Airport at Kokrajhar is all set to start commercial operation by January 2021. It is located in **Assam**.
- **Bangladesh** has signed an MoU with Indian Company for collecting 3 crore COVID 19 vaccine doses.
- Pidilite Industries has completed acquisition of Huntsman Group's Indian subsidiary for **2,100 crores**.
- Cabinet Approves Signing of MoU Between India and **Spain** for Scientific and Technical Collaborations in Astronomy.
- **Chhattisgarh** government has constituted a State Task Force Committee for COVID-19 vaccination.
- Cabinet has approved the signing of MoU between India and **UK** for cooperation in telecom & ICT.
- **MM Kuttu** will be appointed as the chairperson of the Air Quality Commission.
- **England** has ranked on top of the ICC Cricket Rankings 2020.
- Cabinet has approved MoU between India and **Israel** on Cooperation in Field of Health and Medicine.
- Army Chief General MM Naravane has been conferred honorary rank of General of Army of **Nepal**.
- **2nd** edition of the National Water Awards 2019 Distribution Ceremony will be held on 11-12 November.
- The Ministry of Water Resources will award a villager from **Maharashtra** for his contribution to the revitalization of the Agrani River.
- **Rachna Bisht Rawat** has written 'Insomnia: Army Stories' which captures the emotions of men who guard the nation.
- **Narendra Modi** leads the Indian delegation to 20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of States on November 10.
- India will host the **5th** Joint Working Group on Coal between India and Indonesia through video conference.
- **IIT Kharagpur** has decided to set up Centre of Excellence for Indian knowledge system.
- India got **3** rank from the bottom in case of body mass Index among girls according to a Lancet Study published recently.
- World Urbanism Day was observed on **November 8** to promote the role of planning in creating livable communities.
- **Manipur** has introduced an award for civil servants to promote good governance.
- SEBI has introduced a Flexi-Cap Fund category for MFs. Under the scheme, a minimum investment of **65** per cent of total assets in equity and equity-related instruments.
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month was observed during the entire month of **November** to raise awareness of the need for more research and better community awareness of this disease.

- NTPC has shut down **4** units in its Bihar plant as a preventive measure, after some problems in the system caused water mixed with ash to spread in nearby farmland.
- National Legal Services Day was celebrated on **November 9**.
- The German state-owned development bank KfW has extended two loans totaling over EUR **545** million to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for infrastructure projects.
- NPCI has imposed a **30** percent cap on transaction volumes of UPI payment apps.
- **Vidya Balan**'s film titled Natkhat has become Eligible for Oscar Nomination.
- **Anupam Kher** has recently unveiled a cover of his new book "Your Best Day Is Today!".
- **Venkaiah Naidu** has launched the book titled "Thavaasmi: Life and Skills through the lens of Ramayana".
- **Prakash Javadekar** has chaired the 'India CEO Forum on Climate Change'.
- The President of **Kosovo** has resigned to face war crimes charges in The Hague.
- **Dell** along with the American India Foundation and NSDC have collaborated to Launch 'Project Future Ready'.
- The Government has approved **21** projects under Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition.
- **Tata Steel** has signed an MoU with Hindustan Zinc ink pact to secure zinc.
- The Hornbill Festival is all set to be celebrated virtually amid pandemic. It is celebrated in **Nagaland**.
- Joe Biden has announced a **12-member** task force to deal with COVID-19.
- **S Hareesh** has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2020.
- **Interpol** has created two secure and flexible services to facilitate cybercrime related communication among law enforcement agencies.
- **Nirmala Sitharman** has attended the 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting.
- **Akshay Kumar Singh** has been appointed head of Petronet LNG.
- The Nehru Group of Institutions Technology Business Incubator (NGI-TBI) has joined hands with **KPIT, Pune** to motivate young innovators to design and develop indigenous solutions for KPIT Sparkle 2021.
- **MobiKwik** has partnered with Amex for Blue American Express Card'.
- TCS will acquire 100 per cent stake in Postbank Systems AG (PBS) from Deutsche Bank AG.
- **Karkhanisanchi Waari** film is the only Indian entry at the Tokyo International Film Festival.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has scaled up PM-KUSUM scheme goal to **30.8** GW of solar capacity by 2022.
- **Aloke Singh** has taken charge as the new CEO of Air India Express.
- **Amit Shah** will inaugurate the "Sarhad Vistar Vikasotsav 2020 "in Gujarat.
- **8000-megawatt** renewable park will soon light up the India-Pak border areas in Rajasthan.
- **Kash Patel** has been Named Chief of Staff to Acting US Defence Secretary.
- IRDAI has set up a **9-member** panel to revisit retail business of engineering tariff.
- Public Service Broadcasting Day was observed on **November 12**.

- According to a recent Survey, the Wildlife Institute of India has found that Ganga supports **49** percent of high biodiversity.
- Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa who passed away recently was the prime minister of **Bahrain**.
- Cabinet has approved a Production-Linked Incentive Scheme for **10** key sectors to boost manufacturing & exports.
- **Maharashtra** government will observe National Unity Week from November 19 to 25.
- CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan will release a roadmap **2023** of Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh.
- International bird festival is all set to be organized in **Gorakhpur**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has launched a unique initiative- local4Diwali hashtag.
- **Muthoot Finance** is all set to be added to MSCI India domestic index.
- **Maharashtra** has been adjudged second best in water management as per National water awards 2019.
- **Satish Mishra** has won the “Dr Tulsi Das Chugh Award-2020.
- The UK minister for Investment has launched the **6th** annual Report on Doing Business in India.
- **ISB** organized the 3rd edition of Deccan Dialogue on November 16.
- National Education Day was observed on **November 11**.
- Satyajit Ghosh who passed away from heart attack was a renowned **Football player**.
- India has signed 4 pacts including a \$100M grant for a key connectivity project with **Maldives**.
- **R Chandrasekaran** will head the IRDAI panel to revisit retail business of engineering tariff.
- Jacinda Ardern’s biography “Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy” will be released in 2021. She is the prime minister of **New Zealand**.
- **Mumbai Indians** has won the Dream 11 IPL 2020.
- **Ruskin Bond** has written the book ‘How to Be a Writer’.
- Indian astronomers have collaborated with **Prof. Andrea Ghez**, Nobel laureate on the Thirty Meter Telescope Project.
- **IIT Guwahati** has launched the Australia-India Water Centre along with University of Western Sydney.
- **DRDO** has developed a fire detection and suppression system for passenger buses.
- After Jammu And Kashmir **Saffron** Cultivation is Likely to Be Expanded to Northeast India.
- **Trailblazers** team has beaten Supernovas by 16 runs to win the Women’s T20 Challenge title.
- The Governor of **Maharashtra** has released former Minister Rajendra Darda’s book ‘Majhi Bhint’.
- Ken Spears who passed away at 82 was the co-creator of **Scooby-Doo**.
- World Science Day for Peace and Development was observed on **November 10** to raise the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives.
- Marg ERP has collaborated with **Paytm** to resolve MSMEs payment issue digitally.
- **Wildlife Rescue** app launched by Chandigarh UT administrator VP Singh Badnore to rescue wild animals in the city.
- Sanchaman Limboo who passed away at 73 was the former chief minister of **Sikkim**.
- **Pakke Tiger Reserve** has become the first in the Northeast to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for its Green Soldiers.

- Tezpur Litchi of **Assam** has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- **Bharti AXA** has launched the cancer awareness drive on social media.
- The Chief minister of **Uttarakhand** has inaugurated the Dobra-Chanthi Suspension Bridge in Tehri-Garhwal.
- **Nayanjot Lahiri** has written the book 'Archaeology and the Public Purpose: Writings on and by M N Deshpande'.
- **Hardeep Singh Puri** has inaugurated the 13th Urban Mobility India Conference on "Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility".
- **China** has successfully sent the world's first 6G communications test satellite into orbit from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center.
- **Azim Premji** has topped the list on the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will co-chair the **17th** edition of the ASEANIndia Summit.
- Virgin Hyperloop has completed its first-ever human trial in a hyperloop pod in the US. **Maharashtra** government has deemed hyperloop as a public infrastructure project.
- The government has set up a **21** Inter-Ministerial Committee to strengthen the capital goods sector.
- **Rajnath Singh** has unveiled a model of Anti-Satellite Missile at DRDO Bhawan.
- **Guadalajara** has been named as the World Book Capital 2022.
- **NSE** is all set to launch the first agricultural commodity futures contract in December.
- Early Data from **Pfizer** has shown that the coronavirus vaccine is More Than 90% Effective.
- The President of **Nepal** has released a special anthology on Mahatma Gandhi.
- Digital news and OTT have been added under I&B Ministry by exercising powers conferred by **77** article of the constitution.
- The 15th Finance Commission has submitted its Report for 2021-22 to 2025-26 to President Ram Nath Kovind. **NK Singh** is the current chairman of the 15th Finance Commission.
- **Paytm** has introduced Payout Links for businesses enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors, without collecting their bank details.
- **Flipkart** has offered a customised group health insurance cover issued by Bajaj Allianz.
- Skyscraper **Lakhta Center** has won the Emporis Skyscraper Award 2019.
- The Chief minister of **Odisha** has launched the Secha Samadhan and online service for farmers.
- **Kerala** has been most successful in integrating migrant workers, while crucial migrant receiving states.
- **Edelweiss Tokio** has announced the launch of Covid Shield+ to secure people's dreams and aspirations from the financial impact of a Covid19 diagnosis.
- **Karnataka** is all set to sign MoUs with global innovation alliance countries.
- **Turkey** has banned smoking in public places across the country to curb the spread of COVID-19.
- **Haryana** has unveiled Project Air Care due to rising levels of air pollution.
- **Sonu Sood** autobiography titled as 'I Am No Messiah' will release in December.
- **Younis Khan** will continue as the men's batting coach of Pakistan until the ICC Twenty20 World Cup in 2022.
- **SBM Bank** is focusing on technology to reach out to customers and is set to launch a neo banking platform.

- HDFC ERGO Health Insurance merged with **HDFC ERGO General Insurance**.
- **Indian Post Payments Bank** have successfully launched the initiative of doorstep service for submission of Digital Life Certificate through Postman.
- World Pneumonia Day was observed on **November 12**.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled a statue of Swami Vivekananda in **New Delhi**.
- **Odisha** government introduced fish and fish-based products in Supplementary Nutrition Programme.
- **HDFC Bank** announced the launch of India's first comprehensive banking and payment solution for merchants – SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0.
- SEBI has set up an expert group to review the framework of share-based employee benefit and issue of sweat equity. The seven-member expert group would be chaired by **Sandip Bhagat**.
- **Telangana** unveiled two mobile apps aimed at improving the functioning and supervision of Panchayat Raj Department.
- **Abu Dhabi's Sovereign Wealth Fund** has become the first foreign SWF that has been notified and granted 100% income-tax exemption for the long-term investments in India.
- **Tata AIA Life Insurance** announced that it has partnered with PayBima, as a Broker to distribute its industry-leading life insurance solutions.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu virtually presented the Second National Water Awards, **Tamil Nadu** bagged the Best State Award.
- **Chen Meng** won the ITTF Women's World Cup title 2020.
- Constitution Day was celebrated across the country on **November 26**.
- **Narendra Modi** has chaired the 33rd PRAGATI interaction.
- The Cabinet has approved infusion of **6000** crore rupees in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund.
- The Communications ministry has stated that all fixed to mobile calls to be dialed with prefix **0** from January 15.
- NITI Aayog has formed a Panel to Study Feasibility of Hyperloop Tech in India. It will be headed by **VK Saraswat**.
- National Milk Day was observed on **November 26** to mark the birthday of Dr Verghese Kurien.
- Cabinet minister Narendra Singh Tomar has virtually inaugurated the Phagwara mega food park in **Punjab**.
- **IPPB** has ties-up with PNB MetLife to extend Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) Insurance.
- HDFC Life has partnered with **HDFC Ergo** to provide complete cover against Covid -19.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has passed an ordinance to ban unlawful religious conversions for marriage.
- **Bowring and Lady Curzon Medical College and Research Institute** from Bengaluru has been named after Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- **Ayodhya** airport will be renamed as Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport.
- Diego Maradona Who Died due to a heart attack was an eminent **Football** player.
- The UN has released **25** million for women-led projects fighting gender-based violence.

- The Sports Council of **J&K** has inked an MOU with Cricketer Suresh Raina's Cricket Academy to develop budding Cricketers.
- **Vijay Kumar Sinha** has been elected as Bihar Assembly Speaker.
- **Greg Barclay** has been elected as new chairman of the International Cricket Council.
- **N. Chandrashekar** has been appointed as chairman of Tata Chemicals.
- Ahmed Patel who died at 71 after Battling Covid was veteran leader belonging to **Congress**.
- **Quarantine** word has been named as Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2020.
- **HDFC** has joined hands with ICCI to support SMEs and start-ups.
- **Narendra Modi** will release the Book On Life And Ideals Of Guru Nanak Dev.
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has granted the annual recognition to Archery Association of India as a National Sports Federation (NSF) after **8** years.
- Kalbe Sadiq who died at 83 was an eminent **Scholar**.
- Guru Nanak Jayanti was celebrated with traditional fervour across India. This year marks the **551st** birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.
- International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People was observed on **November 29**.
- **Piyush Goyal** has inaugurated the newly electrified Dhigawara-Bandikui section of NW Railway.
- National Organ Donation Day was observed on **November 27**.
- The Central Government has announced the **900-crore** package for COVID-19 Vaccine Development Mission.
- EPFO has extended the deadline for submission of Jeevan Pramaan Patra to **February 28, 2021**.
- The **4th** NSA-level meeting has recently been held between India, Sri Lanka and Maldives.
- IRDAI has recently approved the proposed transfer of Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance shares to **Max Financial Services**.
- **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate a six-lane widening project of VaranasiPrayagraj section of NH-19.
- Union Minister Prakash Javadekar stated that the Foreign Direct Investment into India surged by a healthy 15 percent to **30** billion dollars in April - October this year.
- **ICICI Lombard** has received IRDAI's 'in-principle approval' to acquire Bharti AXA General Insurance.
- **SEBI** has launched the SMARTs program to strengthen the investor education framework.
- **Haveri** railway stations has been renamed as the Mahadevappa Mailara Railway station.
- PM Modi has recently launched the 'Har Ghar Nal Yojna' in order to benefit over **3000** villages in Uttar Pradesh.
- **Manoj Sinha** has released the Panchayat Newsletter "Parivartan" first ever publication in five official languages of J&K.
- **Assam** has proposed the 6th national park in militancy ravaged reserve forest.
- The Trifed of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs along with **Goa** is all set to implement the 'Goatribal plan'.
- India's first IoT enabled Smart Trolleys have found their way at **Hyderabad Airport**.
- FICCI, FLO has inked a pact with IESC and **IIM Shillong** to help empower women and transform them to become job creators.

- **Roch Marc Christian Kabore** has been re-elected as the President of Burkina Faso.
- **Rajnish K Jenaw** has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSFDC).
- **SM Vaidya** will take charge as the VP of the World LPG Association.
- **Benjamin Netanyahu** has been nominated for Nobel Peace Prize 2021.
- Aly Zaker who passed away recently was a legendary **Actor**.
- India got **8th** rank in the Global Terrorism Index 2020.
- Researchers from **IISc** have developed a wastewater treatment and recycling system.
- India is all set to launch a deep-sea exploration exercise. The International Seabed Authority earlier approved **10,000** sq. km for India with a 15-year PMS exploration plan along the Central Indian Ridge (CIR) and Southwest Indian Ridge (SWIR) region of the Indian Ocean.
- **India** will host the SCO Council of Heads of Government Meeting.
- Mission Olympic Cell has approved a one-month training camp in the U.S.A for **Bajrang Punia** wrestler.
- Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur was observed across the country. He was the **9th** Guru of the Sikhs.
- Theme of the National Pharmacy Week 2020 - **Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals**.
- The Home Ministry has set **March 31, 2021** as the deadline for the NGOs registered to open an account at the specified branch of SBI.
- The AAI is observing Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020 from **November 23**.
- **Narendra Modi** inaugurates the RE-INVEST 2020 on November 26.
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was observed on **25 November**.
- The Agriculture Minister has unveiled **Sahakar Pragya** to impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas.
- The Government has approved **7** proposals of Food Processing Projects worth over Rs 234 crores.
- **10th** edition of the National Science Film Festival has recently been kicked off in virtual mode.
- **K Vijay Raghavan** headed the Expert panel to recommend 5 technologies for drinking water, sanitation.
- ESIC has extended the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana scheme to **June 30, 2021**.
- NSDL Payments Bank has joined hands with **HDFC Ergo** to offer Customized Insurance Solutions to Customers.
- **Himachal Pradesh** government has launched the 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' to sensitize people about Covid-19 pandemic.
- India has announced the launch of Phase-IV of High Impact Community Development Projects in **Afghanistan**.
- The chief minister of **Goa** has launched a WhatsApp helpline for women in distress.
- First cow hospital in the Northeast has been inaugurated in **Assam**.
- The Central government has blocked access to **43** mobile apps based on the inputs regarding these apps for engaging in activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity.
- **Sunil Mittal** has been appointed Executive Chairman of OneWeb.
- **Pilibhit** Tiger Reserve has received the global award for doubling tiger population.

- Abhayam' app for the safety of women passengers has been launched in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Elon Musk** has overtaken Bill Gates to Grab World's Second-Richest Ranking.
- **Shashi Tharoor** recently released the book "The Battle of Belonging".
- Ashish Roy who passed away due to kidney failure was an eminent **Actor**.
- **23** Medicinal Plants Of Karnataka have recently been added to the IUCN's Endangered List.
- Research team from **IIT Guwahati** have Developed a Space Optical Communication Using Light Beams.
- A Deep Depression over SouthWest Bay of Bengal has intensified into a cyclonic storm named **Nivar**.
- **Prakash Javadekar** has launched the India Climate Change Knowledge Portal.
- Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot has e-Launched the 'National Portal for Transgender Persons' and E-Inaugurates Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons in **Gujarat**.
- Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated Highway projects worth over Rs **7477** Crores in Uttar Pradesh.
- **VK Yadav** has launched a completely digitized online Human Resource Management System.
- **Indian Oil** has successfully tested 'zero-emission e-mobility' at one of its fuel stations in Bengaluru.
- APEDA is looking to continue its endeavor to promote export of agricultural products through the virtual medium held Virtual Buyer Seller Meet with **Germany**.
- **UNDP** along with Invest India has launched a SDGs Investor Map for India.
- **Ladakh** is all set to get the largest solar project at its Indian Airforce station.
- Mercedes-Benz has joined hands with **SBI** to target HNI customers.
- The **Honey** FPO of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd was recently inaugurated by the Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.
- India has emerged as the **4th** largest producer of renewable energy in the world.
- Finance Ministry has stated that CBDT will validate UDIN generated from ICAI portal at the time of upload of Tax Audit Reports. CBDT - **Unique Document Identification Number**.
- **SpiceJet** airline have recently launched dedicated freighter services to Leh in Ladakh.
- Flipkart and GiveIndia Foundation have recently provided 50,000 PPE kits to **UP**.
- The wildlife board of **Uttarakhand** has cleared a proposal to de-notify elephant reserve.
- **West Bengal** has accepted an expert panel's recommendation to reduce syllabus for classes 10th and 12th for 2020-21.
- India has signed an MoU with **Finland** in the field of Environment protection and biodiversity conservation.
- Cabinet has approved an MoU between **BRICS** nations on sports and physical culture.
- **UP** Government has approved an Ambitious Ganga Expressway Project Worth Rs. 36,402 Crore.
- The Chief minister of **Tamil Nadu** has launched the 'Thee' app.
- **Lt Gen Harpal Singh** has been appointed the new Engineer-in-Chief of Indian Army.
- James Wolfensoh who passed away recently was the former president of **World Bank**.
- A School Girl from **Tamil Nadu** has won the Award for Designing Solar Powered Ironing Cart.
- CCI has Approved Acquisition by Reliance Retail Ventures of Retail of **Future**.
- **India** has topped in terms of bribery rate in Asia.
- Indian Navy has inducted **2** American Predator drones on lease for carrying out surveillance in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Kiren Rijju recently launched the **2nd** edition of 'Fit India School Week' program.
- FC Kohl who passed away at 96 was the founder of **TCS**.

## MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What is the theme of World Pneumonia Day 2020?
  - (1) Let's increase access to medical oxygen
  - (2) Stop Pneumonia: Invest in Child Health
  - (3) Every Breath Counts
  - (4) Healthy lungs for all
  - (5) None of these
  
2. When is Public Service Broadcasting Day observed?
  - (1) November 15
  - (2) November 12
  - (3) November 11
  - (4) November 13
  - (5) None of these
  
3. What is the theme of World Fisheries Day 2020?
  - (1) Dams, Rivers & Fisheries in India
  - (2) Partnership and Innovation for Climate Resilient Fisheries
  - (3) Human trafficking and forced labour within the fishing sector
  - (4) Social Responsibility in the fisheries value chain
  - (5) None of these
  
4. What is World Television Day observed?
  - (1) November 19
  - (2) November 21
  - (3) November 16
  - (4) November 18
  - (5) None of these
  
5. What is the theme of World Children's Day 2020?
  - (1) Investing in our future means investing in our children
  - (2) Children are taking over and turning the world blue
  - (3) All Rights, All Children
  - (4) Stop violence against children
  - (5) None of these
  
6. When was National Newborn Care Week 2020 celebrated?
  - (1) 17 to 23 November
  - (2) 14 to 20 November
  - (3) 15 to 21 November
  - (4) 16 to 22 November
  - (5) None of these
  
7. When did Airports Authority of India (AAI) commenced Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020?
  - (1) November 21 to November 25
  - (2) November 22 to November 26
  - (3) November 23 to November 27
  - (4) November 24 to November 28
  - (5) None of these
  
8. What is the theme of National pharmacy week 2020?
  - (1) Knowledge is the Best Medicine
  - (2) Educate Before You Medicate
  - (3) Talk With Your Pharmacist
  - (4) Pharmacist: Frontline Health Professionals
  - (5) None of these
  
9. What is the theme of World Heritage Week 2020?
  - (1) Rural Landscapes
  - (2) Shared Cultures, Thread Heritage, Shared Responsibility
  - (3) Cultural Heritage & Sustainable Tourism
  - (4) The Heritage of Sport
  - (5) None of these

10. What is the theme of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2020?  
 (1) Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!  
 (2) Orange the World: #HearMeToo  
 (3) Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape  
 (4) Orange the World: Female genital mutilation and stop child marriage  
 (5) None of these
11. Which bank launched instant payouts for fintech firms by partnering with payments giant Visa?  
 (1) DCB Bank (2) Kotak Mahindra Bank (3) RBL Bank  
 (4) Laxmi Vilas Bank (5) None of these
12. The 'RuPay Festive Carnival' launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) unveiled discounts up to how much per cent on purchase of various branded items using RuPay card?  
 (1) 65% (2) 75% (3) 70% (4) 60% (5) None of these
13. Which bank introduced Employee Assistance Program, a new employee Central initiative to help employees to deal with personal and professional issues in psychological consulting and counselling?  
 (1) Punjab National bank (2) Bank of India (3) Bank of Baroda  
 (4) Bank of Maharashtra (5) None of these
14. Which bank launched the National Common Mobility Debit Card through which users can make payments without inserting the card at Point of Sale terminals?  
 (1) South Indian Bank (2) Kotak Mahindra Bank (3) Karnataka Bank  
 (4) Karur Vysya Bank (5) None of these
15. Which foreign bank's Indian branch is going to set up a neo banking platform to reach out to customers?  
 (1) SBM Bank (2) HSBC bank (3) Barclays Bank  
 (4) Standard Chartered Bank (5) None of these
16. HDFC Bank along with which bank has been put in the 'red flag' list, a system used for monitoring foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits?  
 (1) Kotak Mahindra Bank (2) IndusInd Bank (3) RBL Bank  
 (4) IDFC First Bank (5) None of these
17. Which bank has launched "Mooh Band Rakho," a campaign to increase awareness on cyber frauds and preventing them?  
 (1) Axis Bank (2) Kotak Mahindra Bank (3) HDFC Bank  
 (4) IndusInd Bank (5) None of these
18. Canara Bank, Axis Bank, Indian Bank and which other bank have acquired 6.67% stake each in financial technology firm, IBBIC, at Rs 10 per equity share for a cash consideration of Rs 5 lakh each?  
 (1) Kotak Mahindra Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) Federal Bank  
 (4) South Indian Bank (5) None of these
19. Government is set to offer how much percent shares in the country's largest non-life insurance company New India Assurance through an offer for sale to the public?  
 (1) 16% (2) 10% (3) 12% (4) 15% (5) None of these
20. Which insurance company launched 'Life + 36 critical illness Insurance' on Flipkart at the starting premium of just Rs. 153 for a life cover of Rs 1 lakh plus Critical Illness cover of Rs.10,000?  
 (1) Aegon Life Insurance (2) Max Life Insurance (3) Exide Life Insurance  
 (4) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance (5) None of these

21. Which insurance company launched #CancerSendsNoNotifications campaign - a special initiative to increase awareness and spread knowledge on detecting the disease early among people in India?  
(1) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company  
(2) Bharti AXA General Insurance  
(3) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company  
(4) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance  
(5) None of these
22. Which Tiger Reserve in the country has become the first in the eight-State northeast to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for "green soldiers"?  
(1) Kamlang Tiger Reserve (2) Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (3) Orang Tiger Reserve  
(4) Pakke Tiger Reserve (5) None of these
23. Which Insurance company launched India's first individual Covid-19 life insurance product, 'Covid Shield+' to secure people's dreams and aspirations from the financial impact of a Covid-19 diagnosis?  
(1) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance (2) Aegon Life Insurance  
(3) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (4) Max Life Insurance (5) None of these
24. How much amount has been provided by the central government to Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) considering their importance in agriculture finance during these difficult times?  
(1) Rs 670 crore (2) Rs 710 crore (3) Rs 590 crore  
(4) Rs 780 crore (5) None of these
25. Government announced extending the time window for businesses to seek sovereign-guaranteed loans under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by one month to which date or "or till such time that an amount of Rs 3 trillion is sanctioned under the Scheme, whichever is earlier?  
(1) November 30 (2) December 30 (3) November 15  
(4) December 15 (5) None of these
26. In which state did PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a Children Nutrition Park, dubbed as the world's first such technology-driven theme park developed over 35,000 square meters?  
(1) Gujarat (2) Uttarakhand (3) Bihar (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
27. Which state has planned to make a law on wearing face mask mandatory to prevent the spread of coronavirus in the state?  
(1) Haryana (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Rajasthan (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
28. Which state government launched a scheme for distribution of fortified rice through Public distribution System (PDS)?  
(1) Bihar (2) Punjab (3) Chhattisgarh (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
29. In which did the Municipal Corporation launched an initiative named Plastic Lao MASK LE JAO to fight against the menace of plastic waste and contain the spread of Covid-19?  
(1) Ranchi (2) Lucknow (3) Shimla (4) Dehradun (5) None of these
30. According to Care Ratings, which state topped the list of states in attracting investments during the first half of FY21?  
(1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Punjab  
(4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these

31. Where was the India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) launched in November 2020?  
 (1) Arunachal Pradesh (2) Telangana (3) Assam  
 (4) Odisha (5) None of these
32. Which state became the first in the country to provide free internet to all government colleges and universities?  
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Kerala (3) Tripura  
 (4) Uttarakhand (5) None of these
33. Which state government launched a pioneering environmental program called 'Parivartanam' to improve the livelihood of the fishing community?  
 (1) Andhra (2) Kerala (3) West Bengal (4) Odisha (5) None of these
34. Which state's high court became the first high court in the country to live-stream its court proceedings on Youtube in order to enhance access to courts, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic?  
 (1) Punjab and Haryana (2) Gujarat (3) Rajasthan  
 (4) Jharkhand (5) None of these
35. Which state/UT unveiled 'Project Air Care' to combat rising air pollution in the NCR and surrounding region?  
 (1) Haryana (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Delhi (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
36. Which state government launched Mukhya Mantri Rural Street Vendor Scheme on the line of Pradhanmantri street vendor scheme, thereby launching a roadmap to Aatma Nirbhar state?  
 (1) Odisha (2) Goa (3) MP (4) Jharkhand (5) None of these
37. Vijayanagara has become the 31st district of which state?  
 (1) Andhra (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Odisha (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
38. Which state/UT government has rolled out a free breakfast scheme for school students named after the late DMK President M Karunanidhi, for government and government aided school students?  
 (1) Puducherry (2) Kerala (3) Tamil Nadu (4) Chandigarh (5) None of these
39. Which state government has decided to set up a Gau Cabinet for the protection and promotion of cows in the state?  
 (1) Jharkhand (2) Kerala (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
40. Which city has become the first city in India to design a plan for development of designated spaces for women's needs?  
 (1) Bengaluru (2) Chennai (3) Mumbai (4) Hyderabad (5) None of these
41. Which state's cabinet approved Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojna to empower persons with disabilities?  
 (1) UP (2) Jharkhand (3) Bihar (4) Punjab (5) None of these
42. In which of the following UTs, a project namely 'Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW' has been completed making it the largest solar power project setup under the Centre's 'Make In India' initiative?  
 (1) Chandigarh (2) Puducherry (3) Lakshadweep (4) Ladakh (5) None of these

43. Where will "India's first" 'Tyre Park', where artworks made from scrap and defective parts will be on display, come up?  
 (1) Rajasthan (2) Haryana (3) West Bengal (4) Jharkhand (5) None of these
44. Elephant Rehabilitation Centre situated where is set to become the largest care and cure centre for elephants in the world?  
 (1) Thiruvananthapuram (2) Coimbatore (3) Kollam  
 (4) Visakhapatnam (5) None of these
45. Which city is likely to get country's very first sandalwood museum?  
 (1) Coimbatore (2) Ahmedabad (3) Mysuru (4) Kochi (5) None of these
46. Where is the India's first moss garden being developed?  
 (1) Kedartal (2) Roop Kund (3) Assan Barrage (4) Khurpatal (5) None of these
47. Which state government launched 'Thee', a mobile phone-based application for the benefit of the general public to reach out to the state's Fire and Rescue Services when in need?  
 (1) Goa (2) Gujarat (3) Tamil Nadu (4) Jharkhand (5) None of these
48. Where did the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change approved the construction of the Song Dam Drinking Water Project worth Rs 1100 crore?  
 (1) Chandigarh (2) Dehradun (3) Ranchi (4) Faridabad (5) None of these
49. Which of the following developed a simple messaging application named the Secure Application for Internet (SAI)?  
 (1) Indian Navy (2) Indian Coast Guard (3) Indian Armed Forces  
 (4) Indian Army (5) None of these
50. As a part of Mission Sagar-II, where did the Indian Naval Ship reached in November carrying a consignment of 100 Tonnes of food aid for the country?  
 (1) Sudan (2) Eritrea (3) Somalia (4) Chad (5) None of these
51. Where did the 4-day Malabar naval exercise among India, the US, Japan and Australia held?  
 (1) Indian Ocean (2) Pacific Ocean (3) Arabian Sea  
 (4) Bay of Bengal (5) None of these
52. Bangladesh's navy along with which country's navy launched the 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Bangladesh 2020' to expand relationships and broaden maritime awareness between the two countries?  
 (1) Italy (2) USA (3) UK (4) Denmark (5) None of these
53. Where did the armed forces conduct a joint tri-service exercise 'Bull Strike'?  
 (1) Andaman and Nicobar Islands (2) Puducherry (3) Daman and Diu  
 (4) Chandigarh (5) None of these
54. Where did the second phase of Malabar Exercise 2020 held by the Indian, US, Japanese and Australian Navies?  
 (1) Arabian Sea (2) Bay of Bengal (3) Pacific Ocean  
 (4) Indian Ocean (5) None of these
55. 30th edition of CORPAT that took place from November 18-20 was held between the navies of India and which country?  
 (1) Australia (2) France (3) Bhutan (4) Thailand (5) None of these

56. Who will head the committee constituted by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to review guidelines on Television Rating agencies in India?  
 (1) Shashi Shekhar Vempati (2) Dakshita Das (3) RV Verma  
 (4) Sriram Kalyanaraman (5) None of these
57. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi launch India's first seaplane service?  
 (1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) Uttarakhand (4) Jharkhand (5) None of these
58. In which city did Chief Justice of India, Sharad Arvind Bobde inaugurate India's first-ever E-resource centre Nyay Kaushal?  
 (1) Bhubaneswar (2) Hyderabad (3) Nagpur  
 (4) Goa (5) None of these
59. Where did Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurate the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" in November 2020?  
 (1) Delhi (2) Gujarat (3) Maharashtra (4) Kerala (5) None of these
60. Which state's chief minister laid the foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation in the state, in presence of Israeli Ambassador Dr. Ron Malka?  
 (1) Telangana (2) Odisha (3) Assam (4) Sikkim (5) None of these
61. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Ro-pax ferry services between \_\_\_\_\_ near Surat and Ghogha in Bhavnagar district in November 2020?  
 (1) Patan (2) Dahod (3) Bhuj (4) Hazira (5) None of these
62. Where was the longest motorable single lane suspension bridge in India inaugurated?  
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Punjab (3) Himachal Pradesh  
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
63. Which state launched 'Secha Samadhan' app to help resolve the issues of farmers immediately and provide services in a transparent manner?  
 (1) Jharkhand (2) Odisha (3) Goa (4) Andhra (5) None of these
64. Which state launched mobile apps - Palle Pragati PS App and Monitoring App - to monitor and improve Palle Pragati works?  
 (1) Andhra (2) Odisha (3) Telangana (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
65. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the "Statue of Peace" via video-conferencing to mark the 151st birth anniversary celebrations of Jain monk Acharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj?  
 (1) UP (2) Jharkhand (3) Rajasthan (4) Bihar (5) None of these
66. Where is the world's first library for children on a tram launched on Children's Day this year?  
 (1) Bhopal (2) Kolkata (3) Pune (4) Bhubaneswar (5) None of these
67. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveil a statue of Swami Vivekananda through video conferencing?  
 (1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) New Delhi (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
68. Which state government has decided to give Rs 6,000 to women becoming mothers for the second time under a new government scheme?  
 (1) Rajasthan (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Kerala (4) Odisha (5) None of these

69. Which country hosted the 15th East Asia Summit virtually?  
(1) Cambodia (2) Singapore (3) Vietnam (4) Malaysia (5) None of these
70. Which company chaired the 15th G-20 Leaders Summit virtually?  
(1) Cambodia (2) Saudi Arabia (3) Japan (4) Argentina (5) None of these
71. What is the theme of the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020 held digitally this year?  
(1) Green financing and Investment (2) Innovation & Impact (3) Next is Now  
(4) Ideate, Innovate, Invent (5) None of these
72. With which institute did the Indian Railways tied up to go big with artificial intelligence and data analytics to improve its operational efficiency?  
(1) Indian School of Business  
(2) Indian Institute of Management Lucknow  
(3) NMIMS Mumbai  
(4) NarseeMonjee College of Commerce and Economics  
(5) None of these
73. Visa recently announced the first successful live deployment of a PCI certified Tap to Phone card acceptance solution, in partnership with DigitSecure and which bank?  
(1) Axis Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) IndusInd Bank  
(4) Federal Bank (5) None of these
74. Which of the following in partnership with American India Foundation, Dell Technologies and University of Mumbai has launched "Project Future Ready" to equip students with career skills?  
(1) NTPC Limited  
(2) National Skill Development Corporation  
(3) IBM  
(4) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
(5) None of these
75. Airtel Payments Bank partnered with which insurance company to offer Smart Drive Private Car Insurance, a comprehensive car insurance to the payments bank's customers?  
(1) HDFC Life Insurance (2) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance  
(3) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (4) Bharti AXA General Insurance (5) None of these
76. In November 2020, India and the Maldives signed four agreements, in which one was a connectivity project with how much grant?  
(1) \$200-million (2) \$100-million (3) \$500-million (4) \$400-million (5) None of these
77. Which state government signed a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with United Nation's World Food Programme (WFP) for proposed participation to achieve food and nutritional security goals?  
(1) UP (2) Bihar (3) Rajasthan (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
78. Indian FinTech unicorn Razorpay announced the launch of RazorpayX Corporate Cards, in collaboration with which of the following?  
(1) Maestro Card (2) American Express (3) Visa  
(4) MasterCard (5) None of these
79. With which country was a Joint Commission Meeting held through Video-Conference which discussed to further work on strengthening their 'Privileged Partnership'?  
(1) Mexico (2) Egypt (3) Ireland (4) Cambodia (5) None of these

80. Which country hosted the 8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial meeting virtually?  
 (1) Brazil (2) Russia (3) India (4) South Africa (5) None of these
81. How much growth fund has been announced by Procter & Gamble (P&G) India to give a hand to the government's vision of a self-reliant country?  
 (1) Rs 400 cr (2) Rs 600 cr (3) Rs 200 cr (4) Rs 500 cr (5) None of these
82. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) signed a contract worth Rs 400 crore with which country for implementation of enterprise resource planning (ERP) to support its project Parivartan?  
 (1) HCL (2) TCS (3) Cognizant (4) Tech Mahindra (5) None of these
83. How much amount has been approved by the cabinet to improve the safety and performance of select dams across India?  
 (1) Rs 10,376 crore (2) Rs 10,697 crore (3) Rs 10,211 crore  
 (4) Rs 10,198 crore (5) None of these
84. How much loan amount has been sanctioned by the NABARD under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to Goa for various Social Infrastructure Projects in the state?  
 (1) Rs 8658.10 lakh (2) Rs 8504.30 lakh (3) Rs 8097.70 lakh  
 (4) Rs 8266.50 lakh (5) None of these
85. How much amount has been handed over by India to the Nepal government as reimbursement of Nepal Housing Reconstruction Project?  
 (1) NPR 5 billion (2) NPR 1 billion (3) NPR 2 billion  
 (4) NPR 4 billion (5) None of these
86. In November 2020, the Asian Development Bank approved how much loan to improve and upgrade the power distribution network in Meghalaya?  
 (1) USD 145.8 million (2) USD 186.8 million (3) USD 132.8 million  
 (4) USD 106.8 million (5) None of these
87. How much amount has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, as investment proposal of 210 Mega Watt Luhri Stage-I Hydro Power Project on river Satluj in Himachal Pradesh?  
 (1) Rs 1450 Cr (2) Rs 1630 Cr (3) Rs 1810 Cr (4) Rs 1780 Cr (5) None of these
88. How much aid has been provided by India to ASEAN Covid-19 Response Fund as announced by PM Modi at the 17th ASEAN-India Summit which was held virtually?  
 (1) \$1 million (2) \$4 million (3) \$3 million (4) \$2 million (5) None of these
89. How much amount was released by NABARD to the District Cooperative Banks in Karnataka under Special Liquidity Facility for the farmers in distress due to the pandemic?  
 (1) Rs 1700 cr (2) Rs 1200 cr (3) Rs 1000 cr (4) Rs 1500 cr (5) None of these
90. What is the total outlay for the revamped viability gap funding (VGF) scheme for encouraging investment in social as well as economic infrastructure projects?  
 (1) Rs 9,900 crore (2) Rs 9,200 crore (3) Rs 8,100 crore  
 (4) Rs 8,700 crore (5) None of these
91. How much amount has been allocated by the finance ministry under the incentive scheme MEIS for exports during 2019-20?  
 (1) Rs 39,097 crore (2) Rs 34,365 crore (3) Rs 35,069 crore  
 (4) Rs 38,187 crore (5) None of these

92. How much loan amount has been approved by the Asian Development Bank to improve operational efficiencies and resource planning and management in West Bengal?  
(1) \$40 million (2) \$50 million (3) \$20 million (4) \$60 million (5) None of these
93. Government of India sanctioned how much loan amount for micro irrigation projects in the state of Tamil Nadu?  
(1) Rs 3971 cr (2) Rs 3387 cr (3) Rs 3092 cr (4) Rs 3548 cr (5) None of these
94. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned over Rs 74 crore for the construction of 6 new roads and improvement of 24 existing roads in which state?  
(1) Nagaland (2) Manipur (3) Meghalaya (4) Arunachal Pradesh (5) None of these
95. The United Nations humanitarian chief released how much amount from its emergency fund to support women-led organization that prevent and respond to gender-based violence?  
(1) \$15 million (2) \$20 million (3) \$25 million (4) \$10 million (5) None of these
96. According to the Reserve Bank of India, India's GDP is likely to contract by how much percent in the July-September period?  
(1) 7.9% (2) 8.6% (3) 8.3% (4) 7.6% (5) None of these
97. According to data released by the Union ministry of statistics and programme implementation (Mosp), India's gross domestic product or GDP contracted to what percent in the quarter ending September in comparison to the same period last year?  
(1) 7.5% (2) 8.2% (3) 7.1% (4) 8.9% (5) None of these
98. Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Limited (Bharti AXA) by which company?  
(1) Future Generali India Insurance Company  
(2) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited  
(3) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company  
(4) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance  
(5) None of these
99. In November 2020, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) allowed which platform to start its payments service in the country in a "graded" manner?  
(1) Skype (2) Instagram (3) WhatsApp (4) Telegram (5) None of these
100. Which fintech company became the first non-bank to issue cards in India in association with American Express (Amex)?  
(1) Paytm (2) PhonePe (3) Freecharge (4) MobiKwik (5) None of these
101. Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved how much percent stake to be picked up by Google in Mukesh Ambani-led Jio Platforms for Rs.33,737 crore?  
(1) 7.98% (2) 7.73% (3) 7.34% (4) 7.09% (5) None of these
102. Which company has launched ESG Opportunities Fund which will be managed by Harsha Upadhyaya?  
(1) IDBI Asset Management Company  
(2) HDFC Asset Management Company  
(3) Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company  
(4) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company  
(5) None of these

103. SpaceX along with NASA and which space agency launched Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich mission from its Falcon 9 rocket?  
 (1) European Space Agency (2) Roscosmos (3) ISRO  
 (4) Italian Space Agency (5) None of these
104. Union Ministry of Family Welfare launched SAANS, a three-month marketing campaign to reduce childhood deaths from which disease?  
 (1) Bronchiolitis (2) Measles (3) Rubella (4) Pneumonia (5) None of these
105. World Health Organization (WHO) has launched the global strategy to fast track the eradication of cervical cancer and reduce deaths due to it by which year?  
 (1) 2030 (2) 2040 (3) 2050 (4) 2045 (5) None of these
106. 23 rare medicinal plants of which state have been listed as 'endangered' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) list?  
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Karnataka  
 (4) Chhattisgarh (5) None of these
107. Which dictionary has named 'quarantine' as the Word of the Year 2020?  
 (1) Webster's Dictionary (2) Cambridge Dictionary (3) Collins Dictionary  
 (4) Oxford Dictionary (5) None of these
108. As per the new notification by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, what is the deadline for all the four-wheel vehicles to have mandatory FASTags?  
 (1) 1st January 2021 (2) 1st April 2021 (3) 31st January 2021  
 (4) 1st February 2021 (5) None of these
109. From December 12 to 18, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will organize 'Bharat Darshan-Dakshin Bharat Yatra' from Hyderabad to which city?  
 (1) Visakhapatnam (2) Bilaspur (3) Vijayawada  
 (4) Secunderabad (5) None of these
110. Which state topped the list of states for providing employment under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during Corona pandemic?  
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Karnataka (3) Tamil Nadu  
 (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
111. Which city will host the International bird festival in February 2021?  
 (1) Udaipur (2) Gorakhpur (3) Ranchi (4) Bhopal (5) None of these
112. Fixed line users will have to add a "0" before dialing any mobile number in the country from which date?  
 (1) January 15 2021 (2) January 1 2021 (3) March 15 2021  
 (4) April 1 2021 (5) None of these
113. Achyuta Samanta has been elected as the president of which organization?  
 (1) Volleyball Federation of India (2) Badminton Association of India  
 (3) All India Tennis Association (4) Judo Federation of India (5) None of these
114. Who has been appointed as the next Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army?  
 (1) SK Shrivastava (2) Harpal Singh (3) June Nagpal  
 (4) Siddhartha Chatterjee (5) None of these
115. Roch Marc Christian Kabore has been reelected as the president of which country?  
 (1) Burkina Faso (2) Burundi (3) Albania  
 (4) Sierra Leone (5) None of these

116. Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa who passed away was the longest-serving PM of which country?  
 (1) Oman (2) Kuwait (3) Saudi Arabia (4) Bahrain (5) None of these
117. M L Dhar who passed away was a former \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 (1) IAS officer (2) IIS officer (3) IES officer (4) IFS officer (5) None of these
118. John Thomas Goslin Pereira who passed away was related to which of the following organization?  
 (1) Indian Navy (2) Indian Air Force (3) Indian Army  
 (4) Indian Coast Guard (5) None of these
119. Ashiesh Roy who passed away was related to which profession?  
 (1) Writer (2) Politician (3) Actor (4) Mathematician (5) None of these
120. Vishwa Mohan Badola who passed away was related to which profession?  
 (1) Actor (2) Journalist (3) Author (4) Dramatist (5) None of these
121. Football legend Diego Maradona who passed away hailed from which country?  
 (1) Portugal (2) Germany (3) Brazil (4) Argentina (5) None of these
122. Ahmed Patel who passed away was related to which profession?  
 (1) Actor (2) Writer (3) Politician (4) Singer (5) None of these
123. Faqir Chand Kohli who passed away was related to which profession?  
 (1) Author (2) Politician (3) Businessman (4) Journalist (5) None of these
124. James Wolfensohn, former president of the World Bank, who passed away hailed from which country?  
 (1) Canada (2) Russia (3) Australia (4) New Zealand (5) None of these
125. Which city is named as the World Book Capital for the year 2022?  
 (1) Kuala Lumpur (2) Tbilisi (3) Athens  
 (4) Guadalajara (5) None of these
126. 2020 Physics Nobel Laureate Prof. Andrea Ghez who worked closely with Indian astronomers on the design of backend instruments and possible science prospects of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project hails from which country?  
 (1) Australia (2) France (3) USA (4) Germany (5) None of these
127. Which police station has been awarded an ISO certification which is first of its kind in the state?  
 (1) West police Station Agartala (2) North Police Station Kohima  
 (3) South police Station Agartala (4) East Police Station Kohima (5) None of these
128. Who of the following has been conferred with the Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award?  
 (1) Nitin Gadkari (2) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'  
 (3) Ravi Shankar Prasad (4) Prakash Javadekar (5) None of these
129. Which university has presented the Doctor of Science honorary doctorate upon ISRO Chairman K Sivan?  
 (1) JSS Science and Technology University  
 (2) Kuvempu University  
 (3) Visvesvaraya Technological University  
 (4) Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University  
 (5) None of these

130. Which actor has been conferred with the Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar?  
 (1) Anupam Kher (2) Naseeruddin Shah (3) Nana Patekar  
 (4) Paresh Rawal (5) None of these
131. Amit Panghal, Sanjeet (91kg) and which other player struck gold at the Alexis Vastine International Boxing Tournament in Nantes, France?  
 (1) Satish Kumar (2) Sumit Sangwan (3) Shiva Thapa  
 (4) Ashish Kumar (5) None of these
132. According to the Public Affairs Index-2020 released by the Public Affairs Centre, which state was adjudged the best governed state in the country?  
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Goa (3) Kerala  
 (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
133. According to the Annual State of Education Report (ASER) 2020, which state occupied the top position in the decline of dropout rate among school students during 2018-2020?  
 (1) Assam (2) West Bengal (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Kerala (5) None of these
134. According to the data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate in October rose to how much percent from 6.67% in September?  
 (1) 6.87% (2) 7.45% (3) 6.98% (4) 7.23% (5) None of these
135. Which of the following has been voted 'Most Outstanding Company - Financial Sector' in India, in a poll conducted by the well-known publication Asiamoney?  
 (1) IOCL (2) HDFC Bank (3) TCS (4) Reliance (5) None of these
136. Which district topped the rankings of aspirational districts by government think-tank Niti Aayog for September?  
 (1) Sonbhadra (2) Bokaro (3) Chandauli (4) PurbiSinghbhum (5) None of these
137. Which state has been adjudged as a 'top-performing' state in the country for providing a high number of functional tap water connections?  
 (1) Telangana (2) Bihar (3) Goa (4) Kerala (5) None of these
138. According to the report released by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, which state recorded the best sex ratio in India?  
 (1) Manipur (2) Karnataka (3) Kerala (4) Arunachal Pradesh (5) None of these
139. According to Vancouver-based Resonance Consultancy Ltd., which city topped the "World's Best Cities for 2021" list in the real estate sector?  
 (1) Vienna (2) Singapore (3) London (4) New York (5) None of these
140. India ranked at which position in the global list of trade bribery risks of 2020?  
 (1) 65th (2) 62nd (3) 71st (4) 77th (5) None of these
141. India is on which position in case of the highest number of infants who had not received the vaccine against measles?  
 (1) 4th (2) 5th (3) 6th (4) 3rd (5) None of these
142. What is the rank of India in the international rankings released by FIFA for November 2020?  
 (1) 103 (2) 104 (3) 106 (4) 105 (5) None of these

143. The Union Ministry of Shipping is being renamed as what?  
 (1) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Inland Waterways  
 (2) Ministry of Seaports, Shipping and Waterways  
 (3) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways  
 (4) Ministry of Seaports, Shipping and Inland Waterways  
 (5) None of these
144. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked banks to ensure all accounts are Aadhaar-seeded and linked with Permanent Account Number (PAN) by which date?  
 (1) January 31, 2021 (2) April 1, 2021 (3) March 1, 2021  
 (4) March 31, 2021 (5) None of these
145. Fehmarnbelt Tunnel, world's longest immersed tunnel will link Denmark with which country?  
 (1) Switzerland (2) Italy (3) Spain (4) Germany (5) None of these
146. Which country formally left the Paris Agreement, a global pact forged five years ago to avert the threat of catastrophic climate change?  
 (1) USA (2) China (3) UAE (4) Singapore (5) None of these
147. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Sirius company of which country launched 'AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme' for the school children of both countries?  
 (1) Germany (2) Italy (3) Russia (4) USA (5) None of these
148. Which country has announced to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in 2030, before banning new hybrid sales in 2035?  
 (1) UK (2) France (3) Germany (4) Singapore (5) None of these
149. The book titled "Boskiyana", is based on the life of whom?  
 (1) Gulzar (2) Jagjit Singh (3) Javed Akhtar (4) Rahat Indori (5) None of these

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