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**Appointments**

**Joe Biden will be the New President of the United States of America, Kamla Harris will be the Vice-President of the United States of America.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Kamla Harris: First Woman, Nation's first Black and South Asian Vice-President
- USA Capital: Washington DC

**Tashi Gyaltsen unanimously elected CEC and Chairman of 6th LAHDC Leh.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Advocate Tashi Gyaltsen was unanimously elected as Chief Executive Councillor and Chairman of the 6th Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh.
- Ladakh Capital: Leh
- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor: RK Mathur

**Duarte Pacheco of Portugal elected as President of IPU.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Mr Duarte Pacheco of Portugal has been elected the new President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) for the period 2020-2023.
- The election process to elect the new IPU President took place through remote electronic secret ballot, with a 24-hour window for casting votes.

**Former CEO of HDFC bank, Aditya Puri appointed as Advisor of Global investment firm The Carlyle Group.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Mr Puri will advise the Carlyle team on investment opportunities across Asia.
- The Carlyle Group is an American multinational private equity, alternative asset management and financial services corporation.
- The Carlyle Group Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- The Carlyle Group CEO: Kewsong Lee (1 Jan 2018–), Glenn A. Youngkin (1 Jan 2018–)
- The Carlyle Group Founded: 1987

**Dileep Rath elected to the board of the International Dairy Federation.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Dileep Rath is the Chairman of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).
- International Dairy Federation Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium

**Jagbir Singh appointed as Chief Technical Officer of Vodafone Idea.**
Important Points to Remember:

- Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi) is an Indian telecom operator.
- Vi CEO: Ravinder Takkar
- Vi Founder: Kumar Mangalam Birla
- Vi Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra and Gandhinagar, Gujarat

U.S. Elections 2020: Niraj Antani becomes the first Indian-American to be elected to the Ohio Senate.

Important Points to Remember:

- Niraj Antani, currently the State Representative, defeated Mark Fogel of the Democratic Party on 4th November 2020 and was elected as the state Senator for the Ohio Senate’s 6th District.

U.S. Elections 2020: Indian-American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal has been re-elected for the US House of Representatives for the third consecutive term.

Important Points to Remember:

- Chennai-born Pramila Jayapal, 55, from the Democratic Party, defeated Republican Craig Keller in the Seventh Congressional District of Washington State.

U.S. Elections 2020: Indian-American lawyer, Jenifer Rajkumar becomes the first South Asian woman to be elected to the New York State Assembly.

Important Points to Remember:

- Jenifer Rajkumar, a Democrat, defeated her Republican rival, Giovanni Perna.

John Pombe Magufuli was sworn in as President of Tanzania. He was sworn in for the second term.

Important Points to Remember:

- Tanzania: Country in East Africa
- Tanzania Capital: Dodoma
- Tanzania Currency: Tanzanian shilling

Ramesh Lakshminarayanan appointed as Chief Information Officer of HDFC Bank.

Important Points to Remember:

- HDFC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai
- HDFC Bank CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

Portea Medical appoints Vaibhav Tewari as co-founder, board member.
Important Points to Remember:

- **Protea Medical: Healthcare Startup**

**Indian-origin millionaire Shri Thanedar elected to Michigan state legislature in the US.**

Important Points to Remember:

- He won from the 3rd District of Michigan with 93 percent of the total votes.

**Amit Mookim Takes Over as the New President of TiE Mumbai.**

Important Points to Remember:

- TiE: The Indus Entrepreneurs
- TiE Mumbai has played a significant role in promoting, mentoring, helping and funding startups in this region.

**Dayaghan Prahladrao Dharwadkar appointed as the chairman of the Kalaburagi Urban Development Authority (KUDA).**

Important Points to Remember:

- He earlier served as chairman of the Gulbarga Development Authority between 2008 and 2010 when B.S. Yediyurappa was serving as Chief Minister.
- He also served as BJP city unit president between 1996 and 1999 and was the BJP district general secretary for two terms — 2000 to 2003 and 2015 to 2018.

**Vismay Sharma appointed as chairman of L’Oreal’s global executive committee.**

Important Points to Remember:

- Vismay Sharma appointed as head of the newly-created SAP MENA (South Asia Pacific, Middle East, and North Africa) zone.
- He is the first Indian to be nominated to L’Oreal’s global executive committee and will chair the office in Singapore, with effect from January 1, 2021.
- He will report to the company’s global chairman and CEO Jean Paul-Agon and will leave his current role as CEO of L’Oréal UK & Ireland on November 16.

**India’s candidate Vidisha Maitra has been elected to UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).**

Important Points to Remember:

- ACABQ: The Advisory Committee is an expert Committee of sixteen Members elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years.
Joe Biden, and Kamla Harris New President-elect and Vice-President-elect of the United States of America.

Important Points to Remember:

- Kamla Harris is the First Woman, Nation’s first Black and South Asian Vice-President.
- USA Capital: Washington DC

Dr. Vivek Murthy was named one of the three co-chairs of the COVID-19 task-force that will guide President Joe Biden.

Important Points to Remember:

- Dr. Vivek Murthy: Indian-American physician
- Dr. Murthy along with two other co-chairs Dr. David Kessler and Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith would lead a team of leading public health experts who will advise Biden and Kamala Harris on the deadly virus.

Aloke Singh, CEO of Air India Express took charge.

Important Points to Remember:

- Aloke Singh took over as the new chief executive officer of Air India Express on 9 November 2020.

Salman-Al-Khalifa appointed as the new Prime Minister of Bahrain.

Important Points to Remember:

- Bahrain’s King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa named crown prince Salman al-Khalifa as the new prime minister after passing away of the Country’s longest-serving PM Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

ED chief Sanjay Kumar Mishra gets a one-year extension.

Important Points to Remember:

- ED: Enforcement Directorate
- ED Headquarters: New Delhi.

Nitish Kumar sworn-in as Chief Minister of Bihar for the seventh time.

Important Points to Remember:
• Bihar Governor Phagu Chauhan administered the oath of office.
• BJP legislature party leader Tarkishore Prasad and Deputy leader Renu Devi have been made the new Deputy Chief Ministers.

Sonu Sood appointed as State Icon of Punjab.

Important Points to Remember:
• Election Commission, Punjab has appointed Sonu Sood as its State Icon.
• He has helped several migrants amid the coronavirus lockdown by arranging foods and shelters for the people.

Senapathy Gopalakrishnan appointed as the first chairperson of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).

Important Points to Remember:
• Senapathy Gopalakrishnan: Former Infosys chairman and co-founder.
• RBI announced on 6 August 2020, that it would set up an Innovation Hub to promote innovation across the financial sector by leveraging on technology and creating an environment which would facilitate and foster innovation.
• The hub aims to promote innovation across the financial sector by leveraging technology.

Priyanka Chopra appointed BFC’s ambassador for positive change.

Important Points to Remember:
• BFC: British Fashion Council

DK Thakur appointed as Police Commissioner of Lucknow.

Important Points to Remember:
• ATS chief DK Thakur has been appointed as the new police commissioner of Lucknow. He will replace Sujit Pandey.
• Sujit Pandey will be ADG, Arms Training Centre, Sitapur. Mr Pandey was the first Police Commissioner of Lucknow after the launch of the commissionerate system in January 2020.

Former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi sworn in as pro-tem speaker of newly elected 17th Bihar Legislative Assembly.

Important Points to Remember:
• Former Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi sworn in as pro-tem speaker of the newly elected 17th Bihar Legislative Assembly.
• Bihar Governor Phagu Chauhan administered him the oath of office.

**Ashok Kumar will be the new DGP of Uttarakhand.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• Uttarakhand Chief Minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat
• Uttarakhand Governor: Baby Rani Maurya
• Uttarakhand Capital: Dehradun

**Indian-American Mala Adiga appointed as Jill Biden’s Policy Director.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• Mala Adiga has served as a senior advisor to Jill Biden and a senior policy advisor on the Biden-Kamala Harris campaign.
• Previously, Mala Adiga was director for Higher Education and Military Families at the Biden Foundation.
• Jill Biden is the wife of President-elect Joe Biden.

**Girish Chandra Murmu elected as External Auditor of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• He has been elected as External Auditor of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva for a period of three years.
• Mr. Duarte Pacheco of Portugal has been elected the new President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on 3rd November 2020 for the period 2020-2023.
• IPU Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
• IPU Founded: 1889.

**Director of Athletics Federation of India, Volker Herrmann resigned.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• He was appointed to the post in June 2019.
• In September, the sports ministry extended his contract till the end of the 2024 Olympics.
• Sports Minister: Kiren Rijiju

**Anthony Blinken elected as Joe Biden's secretary of state.**

**Important Points to Remember:**
Blinken, 58, a former deputy secretary of state under President Barack Obama and a guitar aficionado, began his career at the State Department during the Clinton administration.

**Harpal Singh appointed as the Indian Army’s Engineer-in-Chief.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- He is currently Director-General of Border Roads Organization (BRO).

**Akshay Kumar appointed as Brand Ambassador of PagarBook.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- PagarBook: Workforce Management Solution for Indian SMEs

**Greg Barclay appointed as Chairman of ICC.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- ICC is the governing body of Cricket in the World.
- Currently, Greg is the head of New Zealand Cricket.
- ICC: International Cricket Council
  - ICC Headquarters: Dubai

**Baba Ramdev appointed as Board of Directors of Ruchi Soya.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Baba Ramdev appointed as Director of Board of Ruchi Soya, Acharya Balkrishna re-designated as chairman of Ruchi Soya, and Shri Ram Bharat appointed as Managing Director of Ruchi Soya.
- Ruchi Soya was acquired by Patanjali in 2019.

**Awards and Honours**

**Writer Paul Zacharia has been selected for the 28th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, the highest literary honor of the Kerala government.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- He was chosen for the award for his contributions to Malayalam literature and thought for the past fifty years.
- The award comprises a cash prize of ₹5 lakhs, a citation, and a plaque.
- His well-known works are Bhaskara Pattelarum Ente Jeevithavum, Oridathu, Oru Nasrani Yuvavum Goulishashthravum, Salaam America, Praise the Lord, Urulikkunnathinte
O.V. Vijayan Memorial Literary Awards announced.

Important Points to Remember:

- Writers T. Padmanabhan, Subhash Chandran, and Amal Raj have won this year's O.V. Vijayan Memorial Literary Awards for best stories, best novel, and best youth story respectively.
- The awards instituted by the O.V. Vijayan Memorial Committee were announced here on 2 November 2020 in different categories.
- When T. Padmanabhan won the award for the best stories, Subhash Chandran won the award for the best novel, and Amal Raj bagged the award for the best youth story.

Dr. Susanta Kar, honored with “Prof.A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award-2020”.

- Society of Biological Chemists (India) has chosen Dr. Susanta Kar, Senior Scientist, Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow for this year's Prof.A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award.
- He was awarded to recognize the significant contributions towards defining the survival tactics of Leishmania Donovani.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan presented Gandhian Young Technological Awards 2020.

- Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan presented Students Innovations for Advancement of Research Explorations - Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (SITARE-GYTI) and Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technological Innovations-Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (SRISTI-GYTI) awards, at a virtual function in New Delhi on 5th November 2020.
- Fourteen awards and eleven appreciation awards under SITARE-GYTI, and Seven awards and 16 appreciation awards under SRISTI-GYTI were given.

Full Winners List PDF: Click Here

S Hareesh won JCB Prize for Literature.

Important Points to Remember:

- S Hareesh won the Rs 25-lakh JCB Prize for Literature on 7th November 2020 for his debut novel "Moustache".
- Translated from the Malayalam by Jayasree Kalathil.
- JCB Prize for Literature is an Indian literary award established in 2018.
- It is awarded annually with Rs 25 prize to a distinguished work of fiction by an Indian writer working in English or translated fiction by an Indian writer.
- The Literary Director is Mita Kapur.

MTV Europe Music Awards 2020 announced.
Important Points to Remember:

- The MTV EMA (MTV Europe Music Awards) 2020 was held on 8 November 2020.
- The MTV EMA (MTV Europe Music Awards) is yearly music awards that feature world-class performances from some of the biggest music acts on the planet.
- Lady Gaga won the Best Artist award, while POPSTAR by Justin Bieber won the Best Video award.

**MTV EMA 2020 Winners**

**Best Video:** DJ Khaled, “POPSTAR” ft Drake starring Justin Bieber

**Best Artist:** Lady Gaga

**Best Song:** BTS, “Dynamite”

**Best Collaboration:** Karol G, “Tusa” ft Nicki Minaj

**Best Pop:** Little Mix

**Best Group:** BTS

**Best New:** Doja Cat

**Biggest Fans:** BTS

**Best Latin:** Karol G

**Best Rock:** Coldplay

**Best Hip-Hop:** Cardi B

**Best Electronic:** David Guetta

**Best Alternative:** Hayley Williams

**Video for Good:** H.E.R., “I Can’t Breathe”

**Best Push:** Yungblud

**Best Virtual Live:** BTS – Bang Bang Con: The Live

Russia’s Lakhta Center wins the Emporis Skyscraper Award 2019.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Emporis Skyscraper Award, one of the world’s most renowned prizes for high-rise architecture, has been given to a 462-meter-high Lakhta Center in St Petersburg.
- Russia President: Vladimir Putin
- Russia Capital: Moscow

Bangladeshi teen, Sadat Rahman wins International Children’s Peace Prize.

Important Points to Remember:

- A Bangladeshi teen Sadat Rahman has been awarded the International Children’s Peace Prize for his work to stop cyberbullying of teens.
- The award was given away by the international children’s rights organization Kids Rights to a child.
The award was given away by the Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai during a ceremony in the Netherlands.

**Ramesh Pkhriyal Nishank launched Lilavati Award.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal, “Nishank” virtually launched Lilavati Award 2020.
- Lilavati Award: AICTE’s Innovative education program to empower women.

**NFDB confers four awards to Assam for success in the fishery sector.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- The National Fisheries Development Board has conferred four awards to Assam for the success in the fishery sector.
- Assam has got the best state award under the category of best hilly and North-Eastern state.
- Assam Apex Cooperative Fish Marketing and Processing Federation Limited (FISHFED) has been selected under the category of best hilly and North-Eastern government organization.
- On the other hand, Nagoa district has been selected under best hilly and North-Eastern district category while a Nalbari based farmer Amal Medhi is selected under hilly and North Eastern fish farmer category.
- The awards were given on 21st November.

**Douglas Stuart won the 2020 Booker Prize for his debut novel ‘Shuggie Bain’.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Booker Prize established in 1969.
- Booker Prize is a literary award.

**Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ conferred with Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ conferred with the Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award at a virtual ceremony on 21st November 2020.
- Shri Pokhriyal has earlier received several awards in the field of literature and administration including the Sahitya Bharati Award by the then Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Sahitya Gaurav Samman by Former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Bharat Gaurav Samman, Good Governance Award by Dubai Government, outstanding Achievement Award by Global Organization of Person of Indian Origin.
by Mauritius, awarded in Ukraine in the area of environmental protection, among others. Shri Nishank is also honored with "Himal Gaurav Samman" by Nepal.

**Uttar Pradesh was awarded the best-performing state in the inland fisheries sector, while Odisha got the award of the best marine state on the occasion of World Fisheries Day.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- World Fisheries Day, observed by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

**2020 American Music Awards Announced.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- The American Music Awards (AMAs) is an annual American music awards ceremony held in November-December each year.
- This Year The American Music Awards 2020 held on 23rd November 2020.
- The American Music Awards was created by Dick Clark in 1973.
- The American Music Awards was first awarded on 19 February 1974.
- Taylor Swift won the Artist of the Year Award, Doja Cat won the New Artist of the Year award, Justin Bieber won the Favourite Male Artist award in the Pop/Rock category, BTS won the Favourite Social Artist Award at the American Music Awards 2020.

**American Music Awards 2020 Complete Winners List: Click Here**


**Important Points to Remember:**

- Delhi Crime is an Indian crime drama Netflix web series.
- Delhi Crime is written and directed by Richie Mehta.
- Delhi Crime is a web series based on Nirbhaya gang-rape incident in 2012.
- The International Emmy Awards were held on 23 November 2020 in a virtual format.
- This was the 48th edition of the International Emmy Awards 2020.
- Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the awards were held virtually for the first time in the history of International Emmys.

**Katti Padma Rao has been chosen for the Sahitya Puraskaram of Loknayak Foundation.**

**Important Points to Remember:**
• Katti Padma Rao: Noted Dalit poet, scholar, and activist

**EPFO conferred with Platinum Partner Award.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Electronics and Information Technology, Communications and Law & Justice Minister, Ravi Shankar Prasad unveiled the newly instituted UMANG Awards on the occasion of completion of 3 years of UMANG App.
- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been conferred with Platinum Partner Award for registering more than 25 lakh transactions on UMANG App.

The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR) has bagged international award TX2 for doubling the number of tigers in the past four years.

**Important Points to Remember:**

- The number of tigers in the reserve area has gone up to 65 from 25 in the period of just four years.

**Banking**

**CCI approves the acquisition of Bharati AXA by ICICI Lombard.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves 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.
- ICICI Lombard is a general insurance company
- Bharti AXA is a general insurance company

**Paytm partners with SBI Card.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Paytm has partnered with credit card company SBI Card to launch Paytm-SBI Card co-branded credit cards.
- This is the second credit card from Paytm; the first one was launched in partnership with Citibank.

**IFFCO Bazar partnered with SBI YONO Krishi App to encourage digital sales.**

**Important Points to Remember:**
The hassle-free payment portal of SBI YONO and quality products of IFFCO is a combination that aims to encourage digital sales in this segment.

IFFCO Bazar is the e-commerce arm of IFFCO.

IFFCO: Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative

IFFCO MD: Dr. U.S Awasthi

SBI Chief: Dinesh Kumar Khara

**IFSC authority approved the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- IFSC approved the draft banking regulations, which paves the way for putting in place the rules for the various aspects of banking operations that would be permissible at the IFSC.
- The salient aspects of the Banking Regulations include:
  - Laying down the requirements for setting up IFSC Banking Units (IBUs)
  - Permitting persons resident outside India (having net worth not less than USD 1 Million) to open foreign currency accounts in any freely convertible currency at IFSC Banking Units (IBUs)
  - Permitting persons resident in India (having net worth not less than USD 1 Million) to open foreign currency accounts in any freely convertible currency at IFSC Banking Units (IBUs)
  - Laying down the permissible activities of IBUs including credit enhancement, credit insurance, and sale, purchase of portfolios, engage in factoring and forfeiting of export receivables, and undertake equipment leasing, including aircraft leasing.
  - Permitting the Authority to determine the business that a Banking Unit may be permitted to conduct in INR with persons resident in India and persons resident outside India, subject to settlement of the financial transaction in relation to such business in freely convertible foreign currency.

**Nirmala Sitharaman announced measures on AatmaNirbhar Bharat 3.0.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- The following are the 12 key announcements under AatmaNirbhar Bharat 3.0:

1) **Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana** *(Read All Government Schemes Here)*

- A new scheme to incentivize job creation during COVID-19 recovery has been launched. If EPFO-registered establishments take in new employees without EPFO registration or those who lost jobs earlier, the Yojana will benefit these employees.
Beneficiaries / New Employees under the scheme would be: any new employee joining employment in EPFO registered establishments on monthly wages less than Rs.15,000.

EPF members drawing monthly wages of less than Rs.15,000 who made exit from employment during COVID Pandemic from 01.03.2020 to 30.09.2020 and is employed on or after 01.10.2020. Central Govt. will provide subsidy for two years in respect of newly eligible employees engaged on or after 01.10.2020 at the following scale:

- Establishments employing up to 1000 employees: Employee’s contributions (12% of Wages) & Employer’s contributions (12% of wages) totaling 24% of wages
- Establishments employing more than 1000 employees: Only Employee’s EPF contributions (12% of EPF wages)

The scheme will be effective from October 1, 2020, and operational till 30th June 2021. Certain other eligibility criteria would have to be met, and the Central Government will provide subsidy for two years in respect of newly eligible employees.

2) Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs, businesses, MUDRA borrowers, and individuals (loans for business purposes), has been extended till March 31, 2021.

- A Credit guarantee support scheme ECLGS 2.0 is being launched for the Healthcare sector and 26 stressed sectors with credit outstanding of above Rs. 50 crore and up to ₹ 500 Crores on 29.2.2020 stressed due to COVID-19, among other criteria.
- Entities will get additional credit up to 20% of outstanding credit with a tenor of five years, including a 1-year moratorium on principal repayment.
- This scheme will be available till 31.3.2021.

3) Production Linked Incentive worth ₹ 1.46 Lakh Crore to 10 champion sectors.

- 10 more Champion Sectors will be covered under the Production Linked Incentives Scheme to help boost the competitiveness of domestic manufacturing.
- This will give a big boost to the economy, investment, exports, and job creation. A total amount of nearly 1.5 Lakh Crore has been earmarked across sectors, for the next five years.
- The ten sectors are - Advance Cell Chemistry Battery, Electronic/Technology Products, Automobiles & Auto Components, Pharmaceuticals Drugs, Telecom & Networking Products, Textile Products, Food Products, High-Efficiency Solar PV Modules, White Goods (ACs & LED), and Specialty Steel.

4) ₹ 18,000 Crore Additional outlay for PM Awaas Yojana - Urban

- A sum of Rs 18000 cr is being provided for PMAY- Urban over and above Rs. 8000 Crore already allocated this year.
This will help ground 12 Lakh houses and complete 18 Lakh houses, create additional 78 Lakh jobs and improve production and sale of steel and cement, resulting in a multiplier effect on the economy.

5) Support for Construction & Infrastructure – Relaxation of Earnest Deposit Money & Performance Security on Government Tenders

- To provide ease of doing business and relief to contractors whose money otherwise remains locked up, performance security on contracts has been reduced from 5-10% to 3%.
- It will also extend to ongoing contracts and Public Sector Enterprises. for tenders will be replaced by Bid Security Declaration.

6) Income Tax relief for Developers & Home Buyers

- The differential between circle rate and agreement value in real estate income tax under Section 43 CA of IT Act has been increased from 10% to 20%.
- This is for the primary sale of residential units up to ₹ 2 Crore (from date of announcement of this scheme, till June 30, 2021).
- Consequential Relief up to 20% shall also be allowed to buyers of these units under section 56(2)(x) of the IT Act for the said period. Income Tax relief provides incentives to the middle class to buy homes.

7) Platform for Infra Debt Financing

- The government will make ₹6,000 Crore equity investment in the debt platform of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), which will help NIIF provide a debt of ₹ 1.1 Lakh Crore for infrastructure projects by 2025.

8) Support for Agriculture: ₹65,000 Crore for subsidized fertilizers

- As fertilizer consumption is going up significantly, ₹65,000 Crore is being provided to ensure an increased supply of fertilizers to farmers to enable the timely availability of fertilizers in the upcoming crop season.

9) Boost for Rural Employment

- An additional outlay of ₹10,000 Crore is being provided for PM Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojana to provide rural employment. This will help accelerate the rural economy.

10) Boost for Project Exports

- ₹3,000 Crore boost is being provided to EXIM Bank for promoting project exports under Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS Scheme). 
This will help EXIM Bank facilitate Lines of Credit development assistance activities and promote exports from India.

11) Capital and Industrial Stimulus

- ₹10,200 Crore additional budget stimulus is being provided for capital and industrial expenditure on domestic defence equipment, industrial infrastructure, and green energy.

12) R&D grant for COVID Vaccine

- ₹900 Crore is being provided to the Department of Biotechnology for Research and Development of Indian COVID Vaccine.

India Post Payment Bank launched a doorstep service to submit a digital life certificate.

Important Points to Remember:

- IPPB has successfully launched the initiative of doorstep service for submission of Digital Life Certificate through Postman.
- The facility to submit life certificate online through Jeevan Pramaan Portal was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November 2014.

Reserve Bank of India placed Lakshmi Vilas Bank under moratorium.

- In view of its weak financials, the Reserve Bank of India placed the Lakshmi Vilas Bank under moratorium with immediate effect.
- RBI has capped all cash withdrawals from the bank to 25000 rupees.

RBI is the first central bank in the world to reach 1 million Twitter followers.

Important Points to Remember:

- With one million Twitter followers, the Reserve Bank of India has become the first central bank in the world to reach this milestone.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has beaten the US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank on Twitter by emerging as the most popular central bank.
- RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- RBI Headquarters: Mumbai

Union Cabinet on 25th November 2020 approved amalgamation of Lakshmi Vilas Bank and DBS Bank.
Important Points to Remember:

- Earlier Reserve Bank of India placed the Lakshmi Vilas Bank under a moratorium on 17th November 2020.
- RBI has capped all cash withdrawals from the bank to 25000 rupees but now after the amalgamation of both banks, now depositors can withdraw the amount without any limit.
- DBS Bank Headquarters: Singapore
- DBS Bank CEO: Piyush Gupta

Books and Authors

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu launched the book titled "Thavaasmi: Life and Skills through the lens of Ramayana".

Important Points to Remember:

- The book “Thavaasmi” is in 4 volumes and is prepared by a team of young professionals.
- The book presents the story of Ramayana as a dialogue between a father and daughter with a number of exercises making it an interesting learning experience.
- Author of the book: Shri Rallabandi Srirama Chakradhar
- Co-author of the book: Smt. Amara Sarada Deepthi

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari released the book titled ‘Majhi Bhint’ (My Wall).

Important Points to Remember:

- The book is authored by former Maharashtra Education Minister Rajendra Darda.

Rajnath Singh released two books written by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Important Points to Remember:

- The books 'The Republican Ethic' & 'Loktantra Ke Swar', contain speeches delivered by the President in 3rd year of his term.

The book titled The Commonwealth of Cricket: A Lifelong Love Affair With The Most Subtle and Sophisticated Game Known To Humankind released.

Important Points to Remember:

- Author of the Book is Ramchandra Guha

Prabha Khaitan Foundation launched the book titled "The Battle of Belonging".
Important Points to Remember:

The book is authored by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor

Cabinet Decisions

Union Cabinet approved the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Spain to develop scientific and technical collaborations in astronomy.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, and the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias (IAC) and the GRANTECAN, S.A. (GTC), Spain to develop scientific and technical collaborations in the astronomy field.
- The activities to be carried out under this MoU will lead to (i) new scientific results; (ii) new technologies; (iii) Capacity building through increased scientific interaction and training; (iv) joint scientific projects etc.

Union Cabinet approved the Memorandum of Understanding between India and the United Kingdom on cooperation in the field of Telecommunication/ICTs.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Communications of the Republic of India and the Department of Digital, Culture, Media, and Sports (DCMS) of the United Kingdom Government on cooperation in the field of Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).
- The MoU will contribute to strengthening bilateral cooperation and mutual understanding in the field of Telecommunications/ICTs. Post-Brexit, the MoU is also aiming for the enhanced scope of cooperation and opportunities for India. The Parties have identified the following areas of common interest for cooperation in:-

1. Telecommunications/ICT policy and regulation.
3. Telecommunication connectivity including mobile roaming.
4. Telecommunications/ICT technical standardizations and testing & certification.
5. Wireless Communications.
7. Security of Telecommunication Infrastructure, Security in the provision and use of telecommunication services.
8. Building capacity in high technology areas and exchange of expertise wherever possible.
9. Collaboration and Sharing of information on Research & Development on emerging technologies and innovation where appropriate.
10. Exploring opportunities for joint work in signatory countries and third countries on Telecommunications/ICT.
11. Facilitating Trade, investment and technology activities through Telecommunication/ICT industry delegations and visits, events, exhibitions etc. as mutually agreed.
12. Other forms of cooperation in Telecommunications/ICT as mutually agreed upon by the Parties, falling with the scope of MoU.

Union Cabinet approved the Memorandum of Understanding between India and the United Kingdom on cooperation in the field of Medical Products Regulation.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), India and the United Kingdom Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (UKMHRA) on cooperation in the field of medical Product Regulation.
- The MoU will help in establishing a framework for fruitful cooperation and exchange of information between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) and the United Kingdom Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (UKMHRA) of the United Kingdom in matters relating to Medical products regulation in line with their international responsibilities. The main areas of cooperation between the two Regulatory Authorities include the following:

  1. Exchange of safety information, including Pharmacovigilance where there is a particular safety concern related to the other party. This includes safety concerns relating to medicines and medical devices.
  2. Participation in scientific and practical conferences, symposia, seminars, and fora organized by India and the United Kingdom.
  3. Exchange of information and cooperation on Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), Good Clinical Practices (GCP), Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Good Distribution Practices (GDP), and Good Pharmacovigilance Practices (GPvP).
  4. Capacity building in mutually agreed areas.
  5. Promote an understanding between the Parties of each other's regulatory framework, requirements, and processes; and to facilitate future regulatory strengthening initiatives for both Parties.
  6. Exchange of information on laws and regulations regarding medicines and medical devices.
  7. Information exchange to support efforts to control unlicensed exports and imports.
  8. Coordination at the international fora.

Union Cabinet approved the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Israel on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Israel on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine.
- The MoU covers the following areas of cooperation:
1. Exchange and training of medical doctors and other health professionals;
2. Assistance in the development of human resources and setting up of health care facilities;
3. Exchange of information regarding the regulation of pharmaceutical, medical devices, and cosmetics;
4. Sharing expertise for vulnerability assessment for the health of citizens against climate risk and public health actions targeted towards mitigation and adaptation;
5. Sharing of expertise for facilitating climate-resilient infrastructure as well as providing support for the development of ‘Green Healthcare’ (climate-resilient hospitals);
6. Promote mutual research in various relevant areas; and
7. Any other area of cooperation as may be mutually decided upon.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved ₹1,810 crore investment for 210 MW hydropower project in Himachal Pradesh.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister approved the investment of Rs.1810.56 crore for 210 MW Luhri Stage-I Hydro Electric Project located on river Satluj which is situated in Shimla & Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh.
- This project will generate 758.20 million units of electricity annually.
- This project is being implemented by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVNL) on Build-Own-Operate-Maintain (BOOM) basis with active support from the Government of India and the State Government.
- The MoU of this project was signed with the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh during Rising Himachal, Global Investor Meet, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 7th November 2019.

Union Cabinet approved PLI Scheme.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Union Cabinet approved the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme in the following 10 key sectors for Enhancing India’s Manufacturing Capabilities and Enhancing Exports.
- The PLI scheme across these 10 key specific sectors will make Indian manufacturers globally competitive, attract investment in the areas of core competency and cutting-edge technology; ensure efficiencies; create economies of scale; enhance exports and make India an integral part of the global supply chain.

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### Union Cabinet approved Continuation and Revamping of the Scheme for Financial Support to Public-Private Partnerships.

**Important Points to Remember:**

- The Union Cabinet approved Continuation and Revamping of the Scheme for Financial Support to Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Infrastructure Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme till 2024-25 with a total outlay of Rs. 8,100 cr.
- The revamped Scheme is mainly related to the introduction of the following two sub-schemes for mainstreaming private participation in social infrastructure:

#### Sub scheme -1

- This would cater to Social Sectors such as Waste Water Treatment, Water Supply, Solid Waste Management, Health, and Education sectors, etc.
- These projects face bankability issues and poor revenue streams to cater fully to capital costs.
The projects eligible under this category should have at least 100% Operational Cost recovery.

The Central Government will provide a maximum of 30% of Total Project Cost (TPC) of the project as VGF and State Government/Sponsoring Central Ministry/Statutory Entity may provide additional support up to 30% of TPC.

Sub scheme -2

This Sub scheme will support demonstration/pilot social sector projects.

The projects may be from the Health and Education sectors where there is at least 50% Operational Cost recovery.

In such projects, the Central Government and the State Governments together will provide up to 80% of capital expenditure and up to 50% of Operation & Maintenance (O&M) costs for the first five years.

The Central Government will provide a maximum of 40% of the TPC of the Project. In addition, it may provide a maximum of 25% of the Operational Costs of the project in the first five years of commercial operations.

Since the inception of the scheme, 64 projects have been accorded 'final approval' with a Total Project Cost of Rs. 34,228 crore and VGF of Rs. 5,639 crore.

Till the end of Financial Year 2019-20, VGF of Rs. 4,375 crore has been disbursed.

Benefits:

The aim of the scheme is to promote PPPs in social and Economic Infrastructure leading to efficient creation of assets and ensuring their proper Operation and Maintenance and make the economically/socially essential projects commercially viable.

The scheme would be beneficial to the public at large as it would help in the creation of the Infrastructure for the country.

Union Cabinet on 25th November 2020 approved amalgamation of Lakshmi Vilas Bank and DBS Bank.

Important Points to Remember:

Earlier Reserve Bank of India placed the Lakshmi Vilas Bank under a moratorium on 17th November 2020.

RBI has capped all cash withdrawals from the bank to 25000 rupees but now after the amalgamation of both banks, now depositors can withdraw the amount without any limit.

Union Cabinet approved the MoU between the ICAI and the VRC, the Netherlands.

Important Points to Remember:
The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Vereniging van Registercontrollers (VRC), the Netherlands.

The MoU would help in strengthening and developing the Accounting, Financial, and Audit Knowledge Base between the Netherlands and India.

The engagement between the premier Institutes of both countries would help to generate greater employment opportunities for Indian Chartered Accountants and also greater remittances back to India.

Implementation strategy and Targets:

- ICAI and VRC will work together to hold and conduct Technical Events, Seminars, Conferences in the Netherlands.
- To establish possible co-operation in respect of Member Management, Professional Ethics, Technical Research, Continuing Professional Education; Professional Accountancy Training, Education and Examinations, as well as the institutional capacity Building of the Accountancy profession.
- To offer short term professional courses in the domain of Accounting, Finance, Information Technology, and Audit in the Netherlands.
- To discuss potential emerging developments in form of Students and Faculty Exchange programs.
- Share available unrestricted information concerning the accountancy profession in India and the Netherlands and internationally when required.

Benefits:

- Union Cabinet approved FDI of Rs. 2480.92 crore in ATC Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited by ATC Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the FDI proposal no. 4930 for the acquisition of 12.32% of the equity share capital (on a fully diluted basis) of ATC Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited by ATC Asia Pacific PTE Limited as a result of the exercise of a put option by Tata Tele Services Limited (TTSL) and Tata Sons Private Limited (TSPL).
- This would lead to a foreign direct investment inflow of Rs. 2480.92 crore.
- With this approval, the cumulative FDI of ATC Asia Pacific PTE Limited (ATC Singapore) into ATC Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited (ATC India) will be Rs. 5417.2 crore in financial years 2018-19 to 2020-21.
- ATC Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited is engaged in the business of providing telecom infrastructure services to telecom operators.
- The company has existing FDI approval of up to 86.36% and with this approval, it will rise to 98.68% (on a fully diluted basis).
Defence News

General Robert Kibochi, Chief of Defence Forces of Kenya’s Visit in India.

Important Points to Remember:

- India is the first country that the CDF Kenya is visiting outside of Africa after he assumed Command in May earlier this year.
- During his week-long visit, he is scheduled to meet the Raksha Mantri, the National Security Adviser, the Service Chiefs and senior officials from the Ministry of External Affairs at New Delhi.
- The General Officer will also be visiting Agra, Mhow and Bengaluru during his visit.
- Incidentally, this is not the first time the CDF is visiting India as he did his Signal Officers Degree Telecommunications Engineering Course in India at the Military College of Telecommunications Engineering Mhow from 1984-1987, as a young officer.

Indian Naval Ship Airavat reached Port Sudan as part of ‘Mission Sagar-II’.

Important Points to Remember:

- As part of ‘Mission Sagar-II’, Indian Naval Ship Airavat reached Port Sudan on 02 November 2020.
- The Government of India is providing assistance to Friendly Foreign Countries to overcome natural calamities and COVID-19 pandemic.
- INS Airavat is carrying a consignment of 100 Tonnes of food aid for the people of Sudan.
- Mission Sagar-II, follows the first ‘Mission Sagar’ undertaken in May-June 2020, wherein India reached out to Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros, and provided food aid and medicines.
- As part of Mission Sagar-II, Indian Naval Ship Airavat will deliver food aid to Sudan, South Sudan, Djibouti and Eritrea.

Indian Coast Guard ship C-452 commissioned on 3rd November 2020 in Maharashtra.

Important Points to Remember:

- Rajan Bargotra, Additional Director General (Western Seaboard), commissioned the Indian Coast Guard’s (ICG) ship C-452 in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra virtually.
- The ship was indigenously designed and built by Larsen & Toubro.
- Indian Coast Guard Director-General: Krishnaswamy Natarajan
- Indian Coast Guard: 18 August 1978

The first phase of the Malabar Exercise 2020 started on 3rd November 2020.

Important Points to Remember:
The first phase of the three-day quadrilateral naval exercise Malabar begins on the 3rd of November 2020.
India, the United States, Japan, and Australia will conduct the exercise in the Bay of Bengal. The exercise will demonstrate the high-levels of synergy and coordination between the navies of these four countries.

An enhanced version of the PINAKA Rocket System has been successfully flight tested from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha today on 04 November 2020.

Important Points to Remember:
- PINAKA Rocket System is developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- Enhanced version Pinaka system was developed to achieve longer range performance compared to an earlier design with a reduced length.
- The design and development have been carried out by Pune based DRDO laboratories, namely Armament Research and Development Establishment, ARDE, and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory, HEMRL.

The second batch of IAF Rafale aircraft arrived in India at 8:14 pm on 04 Nov 20 after flying non-stop from France.

Important Points to Remember:
- Indian Air Force Chief: Admiral Karambir Singh
- France President: Emmanuel Macron
- France Capital: Paris

General Manoj Mukund Naravane conferred with the honorary rank of ‘General of the Nepal Army’ by Nepal President.

Important Points to Remember:
- Indian Army Chief: General Manoj Mukund Naravane
- Indian Army Headquarters: New Delhi
- Nepal President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- Nepal Prime Minister: KP Sharma Oli
- Nepal Capital: Kathmandu

Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) conducted a joint services exercise 'Bull Strike'.

Important Points to Remember:
- It involves the three Services components of ANC, elements of Indian Army’s Parachute Brigade, MARCOS & Special Forces from 3rd to 5th Nov at the remotely located Teressa Island.

ITBP gets 17 'Osama Hunter' pups in the canine squad.
Important Points to Remember:

- The combat canines squad of border guarding force ITBP has been bolstered by the birth of 17 'Belgian Malinois' pups, and the force plans to train them in infantry patrol and anti-terrorist duties.
- This is one of the highest numbers of homegrown pups of this breed that the force has received.
- Since their introduction in India about a decade ago, 'Belgian Malinois' dogs have been extensively used by central security forces and police units in anti-Naxal operations and counter-terrorist tasks.
- ITBP Chief: SS Deswal

**Indian Army handed over 20 fully trained military horses and 10 mine detection dogs to Bangladesh Army.**

Important Points to Remember:

- Indian Army Chief: Manoj Mukund Naravane
- Bangladesh Prime Minister: Shiekh Haseena
- Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka

**Australian Navy Ship Ballarat visited Goa.**

Important Points to Remember:

- Australian Navy Ship Ballarat, a frigate, made a port call at Mormugao Port, Goa on 10 Nov 20. The ship was received by officers from Headquarters Goa Naval Area and the Defence Advisor at the Australian High Commission in India.
- After completing Phase I of quadrilateral Naval Exercise Malabar at the Bay of Bengal, Ballarat is proceeding to participate in Phase II of the exercise in the Arabian Sea. The ship would be leaving Goa on 13 Nov 20.

**5th Scorpene submarine of Project-75 - 'Vagir' launched at Mazagon Dock.**

Important Points to Remember:

- 5th Scorpene submarine of Project-75 named 'Vagir' has been launched at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai by Smt Vijaya Shripad Naik through video conferencing.
- Vagir, ex-Russia, named after the Sand Fish, a deadly deep-sea predator of the Indian Ocean, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on December 3, 1973, and was decommissioned on June 7, 2001.

**DRDO successfully second flight-tested of QRSAM.**

Important Points to Remember:
In the second flight test, the Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) System tracked the target accurately and successfully hit the airborne target.

First, successfully flight tested was done on 13th November 2020.

DRDO Chief: G. Sateesh Reddy
DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi

The second phase of Malabar Exercise begins in the Northern Arabian Sea.

Important Points to Remember:

- The first phase of the three-day quadrilateral naval exercise Malabar began on the 3rd of November 2020. India, the United States, Japan, and Australia conducted the exercise in the Bay of Bengal.

Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT).

Important Points to Remember:

- The 30th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy is being conducted from 18 – 20 November 2020.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette and Thailand ship (HTMS) Kraburi, a Chao Phraya Class Frigate along with Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both the navies participated in the CORPAT.

SITMEX 2020 concluded.

Important Points to Remember:

- SITMEX is a trilateral naval exercise of India, Singapore and Thailand.
- This was the 2nd edition of SITMEX.
- First edition of SITMEX was conducted in September 2019.

Maiden IN-MDL Cup for YAI Senior Nationals 2020 begins on 22 November 2020.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre (INWTC), Mumbai organized the commencement of sailing activities in Mumbai harbour with the Maiden IN-MDL Cup, National Yachting Championship.
- The Yachting Association of India (YAI) is organizing the maiden IN-MDL cup 2020 for all Senior Olympic classes as the YAI Senior National 2020.
- The regatta will be a ranking event and will be conducted from 22-27 Nov 2020 near the Sunk Rock lighthouse.
SIMBEX 2020 begins in the Andaman Sea.

Important Points to Remember:

- SIMBEX exercise commenced from 23rd November 2020 in the Andaman Sea.
- SIMBEX is a Bilateral Maritime Exercise between India and Singapore.
- This was the 27th edition of SIMBEX.

India successfully test-fires land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.

Important Points to Remember:

- India test-fired land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile on 24 November 2020 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands territory.
- The strike range of BrahMos missile has now been enhanced to over 400 km.
- BrahMos: Fastest Supersonic Cruise Missile in the World
- BrahMos is designed and developed by DRDO.
- DRDO Chief: G. Sateesh Reddy

Important Days

World Vegan Day is observed every year on 1st November.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Vegan Society was established in 1944, where the idea of observing World Vegan Day was first proposed.
- The official observance of World Vegan Day began only in 1979.
- Since then, every year, November 1, is observed as World Vegan Day.

Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, and Rajasthan foundation day on 1 November.

All Souls’ Day is observed every year on the 2nd of November.

Important Points to Remember:

- All Souls’ Day celebrates and honors the dead.
- In Western Christianity, it is held on the 2nd of November.

International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is observed every year on the 2nd of November.

Important Points to Remember:
• International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists seeks to condemn attacks and violence against journalists and media workers.
• This day aims to end impunity, which is an exemption from punishment.
• International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists was established in 2013 by the U.N General Assembly.
• It is observed annually on the 2nd of November.

**World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on the 5th of November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- World Tsunami Awareness Day seeks to raise awareness about the effects of Tsunamis.
- World Tsunami Awareness Day was established in 2015 by the U.N General Assembly.
- World Tsunami Awareness Day 2020 theme is the "Sendai Seven Campaign".

**International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict History is observed every year on 6th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict seeks to raise awareness about the damage inflicted upon the environment during war or conflict.
- International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict was established in 2001 by the U.N General Assembly.

**World Urbanism Day is observed every year on 8th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- It is also known as World Town Planning Day.
- It is founded in 1949 by the late Professor Carlos Maria Della Paolera.
- Objective: To recognise and promote the role of planning in creating livable communities.

**Uttarakhand Foundation Day: 9 November**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- On 24 September 1998, the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly and Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council passed the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Bill, which began the process of forming a new state.
- Two years later the Parliament of India passed the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000, and thus, on 9 November 2000, Uttarakhand became the 27th state of the Republic of India.

**World Keratoconus Day is observed every year on 10th November.**
Important Points to Remember:

• This day is sponsored by the National Keratoconus Foundation, an educational program of the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute, UC Irvine.
• The day is dedicated to raising awareness about keratoconus (KC).

**World Science Day for Peace and Development History is observed every year on 10th November.**

Important Points to Remember:

• Objective: To raise awareness about the relevance of science and its impact on our daily lives.
• Science Day for Peace and Development was proclaimed by UNESCO in 2001. The day was first celebrated on November 10, 2002.

**National Education Day is observed every year on 11th November.**

Important Points to Remember:

• National Education Day is celebrated across the country, every year on November 11, to commemorate the birth anniversary of India’s First Education Minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

**World Quality Day 2020 is observed on 12 November 2020.**

Important Points to Remember:

• World Quality Day (WQD) is celebrated annually on the second Thursday in November.
• WQD is designed to recognize the contributions of quality professionals across the globe.

**World Pneumonia Day is observed globally on 12th November.**

Important Points to Remember:

• The day is celebrated to increase awareness among the people about the deadly infectious disease.

**World Kindness Day is observed every year on 13th November.**

Important Points to Remember:
It was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations’ kindness NGOs.

**Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed on 12th November.**

Important Points to Remember:

- Public Service Broadcasting Day is being observed on 12th November.
- The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947.

**Birth Anniversary of 'Birdman of India' Salim Ali on 12th November.**

Important Points to Remember:

- Born in Mumbai on 12th November in 1896, Salim Moizuddin Abdul Ali was not only a bird lover but also a naturalist. He is often referred to as the 'Birdman of India'. He was the first Indian to conduct systematic bird surveys across India and wrote several books.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1958 and the Padma Vibhushan in 1976, India’s third and second highest civilian honors.
- Salim Ali received the Gold Medal of the British Ornithologists’ Union in 1967. He was the first non-British citizen to receive the honor.

**World Diabetes Day is observed every year on 14th November.**

Important Points to Remember:

- It aims to raise awareness around the crucial role that nurses play in supporting people living with diabetes.
- The theme for World Diabetes Day 2020 is The Nurse and Diabetes.

**National Ayurveda Day is celebrated on 13th November 2020.**

Important Points to Remember:

- The National Ayurveda Day is celebrated every year on the occasion of Dhanvantari Jayanti (Dhanteras).
- This year Ayurveda Day is being observed on 13th November 2020.

**World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims History is observed every year on 15th November.**

Important Points to Remember:
• World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims seeks to honor those who have died in road traffic incidents.

**International Tolerance Day is observed every year on 16th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• It aims to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance.
• International Tolerance Day 2020 theme is “Tolerance is respect, acceptance, and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world’s cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human.”

**National Press Day is observed on 16th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• National Press Day is symbolic of a free and responsible press in India.
• The Press Council of India was established on 16th November 1966.

**Jharkhand Statehood Day is observed on 15th November.** [Important Formation Dates]

**Important Points to Remember:**

• Jharkhand became a new state on the birth anniversary of 19th-century freedom fighter and tribal leader Bhagwan Birsa Munda on November 15, 2000.
• Jharkhand Governor: Draupadi Murmu
• Jharkhand Chief Minister: Hemant Soren
• Jharkhand Capital: Ranchi

**World Prematurity Day is observed every year on 17th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• It aims to raise awareness of preterm birth and the concerns of preterm babies and their families worldwide.

**Martyrs’ Day is observed every year on 17th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• Odisha observes 17th November as Martyrs’ Day, the death anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai (1865–1928), the "Lion of Punjab", a Freedom Fighter.
• In India, there are six days declared as Martyrs’ Day.
• 30 January is the date observed at the national level. Other Martyrs' Days are 23 March (Death Anniversary of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru), 19 May (Bengali Language Movement of Barak Valley in the state of Assam), 21 October (Police Martyrs' Day or Police Commemoration Day), 17 November (Death Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai), 19 November (Birth Anniversary of Rani Lakshmibai).

**International Students' Day is observed every year on 17th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- International Students' Day is an international observance of the student community.

**World Toilet Day is observed every year on 19th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) in the Ministry of Jal Shakti will be celebrating 'World Toilet Day' under 'Swachh Bharat Mission - Grameen (SBMG)'.
- The day is observed to raise awareness about sanitation crisis and encourage people to use toilets.
- Jal Shakti Minister: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- World Toilet Day was designated by the United Nations in July 2013.

**Women's Entrepreneurship Day is observed every year on 19th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- It aims to highlight businesses run by women across the world.

**International Men's Day is observed every year on 19th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

- International Men's Day seeks to raise awareness about the issues men and boys face.
- This day aims to acknowledge the achievements of men and celebrate their contributions to their communities.
- International Men's Day was started in 1991 by professor Thomas Oaster.

**Martyrs' Day (The birthday of Rani Lakshmibai) is observed every year on 19th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**
In India, there are six days declared as Martyrs’ Day. 30 January is the date observed at the national level. Other Martyrs’ Days are 23 March (Death Anniversary of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru), 19 May (Bengali Language Movement of Barak Valley in the state of Assam), 21 October (Police Martyrs’ Day or Police Commemoration Day), 17 November (Death Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai), 19 November (Birth Anniversary of Rani Lakshmibai).

World Philosophy Day is observed every year on the third Thursday of November. This year World Philosophy Day falls on 19th November 2020.

Important Points to Remember:

- World Philosophy Day was proclaimed by UNESCO in 2005.

World Children's Day is observed every year on 20th November.

Important Points to Remember:

- World Children’s Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children’s Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children’s welfare.

The 3rd Naturopathy Day was observed on 18th November 2020.

Important Points to Remember:

- Nisargopchar ashram in Urli Kanchan in collaboration with the National Institute of Naturopathy in Pune organized a three-day-long program on the occasion of Naturopathy Day.
- 3rd Naturopathy Day theme was “Nurturing Vitality Through Naturopathy”.

World Television Day is observed every year on 21st November.

Important Points to Remember:

- First World Television Forum was held in 1996.

NCC celebrated its 72nd raising day on 22nd November 2020.

Important Points to Remember:

- National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organization in the world, celebrating its 72nd Raising Day on 22 Nov 2020.
World Fisheries Day is observed on 21st November 2020.

Important Points to Remember:

- World Fisheries Day is celebrated on 21 November every year throughout the world by the fisherfolk communities.

Evolution Day is observed every year on 24 November 2020.

Important Points to Remember:

- Evolution Day is a celebration to commemorate the anniversary of the initial publication of On the Origin of Species by Charles Darwin on 24 November 1859.

Airports Authority of India is observing Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020 (23rd November to 27th November 2020).

Important Points to Remember:

- The week-long celebration is being observed at all airports and ANS locations managed by AAI across India.

Guru Tegh Bahadur's Martyrdom Day is observed every year on 24th November.

Important Points to Remember:

- His martyrdom is remembered as the Shaheedi Divas of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed every year on 25th November.

- The United Nations General Assembly has designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.
- It aims to raise awareness of violence against women.

Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas or National Law Day) is celebrated in India on 26 November every year.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution of India on 26 November 1949, and it came into effect on 26 January 1950.
• BR Ambedkar: Drafter of Indian Constitution

**National Milk Day in India is observed on 26 November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• National Milk Day in India is observed to honoring Dr. Verghese Kurien, who is considered to be the father of India’s White Revolution.

**International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is observed on 29th November.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is observed every year on 29th November to mark the anniversary of resolution 181 which advocated for the partition of Palestine into two states: one Arab and one Jewish.

**International News**

**NASA and SpaceX launched the first commercial crew mission.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• NASA and SpaceX launched the first operational commercial crew mission with four astronauts on board to International Space Station from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

**High Commission of India launched Special Edition Watches in Dhaka.**

**Important Points to Remember:**

• A limited series of special edition wristwatches was released in Dhaka on 17th November 2020 for the Mujib Centenary year ‘Mujib Borsho’.
• The special edition watches designed and commissioned by the High Commission of India.
• Bangladesh Minister of Road Transport and Bridges Obaidul Quader and the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami released the special edition of wristwatches.

**Japan and Australia signed a landmark defence deal.**

**Important Points to Remember:**
Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison signed a landmark defence deal. This deal was done to counter China’s growing influence in the South China Sea and over the Pacific island nations.

Sri Lanka Air Force commissions two female pilots for the first time.

Important Points to Remember:

- ADPL Gunaratne and RT Weerawardana became the first Lady Officers to be awarded the prestigious Flying Brevet and be the pioneering female military aviators of Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh signs deal with India for 30 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Important Points to Remember:

- Bangladesh signed a deal with the Serum Institute of India on Thursday to buy 30 million doses of a potential coronavirus vaccine being developed by British drugmaker AstraZeneca NSE 0.22%.
- AstraZeneca’s experimental COVID-19 vaccine is seen as one of the most advanced candidates in the race against the novel coronavirus.

China successfully sends the world’s first 6G communications test satellite into orbit from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center.

Important Points to Remember:

- China has reportedly become the world’s first country to have successfully sent the 6G communications test satellite into orbit from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the Shanxi Province.
- The technology is expected to be over 100 times faster than 5G.

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Japan signed a pact with the Maldives, announces $7.6 million in support for security infrastructure.

Important Points to Remember:

- Japan and the Maldives on 22 November 2020 signed the Exchange of Notes under the Economic and Social Development Programme of the Government of Japan, for grant aid of 800 million Japanese Yen (USD 7.6m).

Four Indian-Americans are among the cohort of 32 students chosen from the US as Rhodes Scholars virtually.

Important Points to Remember:

- The four Indian-American students include Swathi R Srinivasan, Vijayasundaram Ramasamy, Garima P Desai, and Savarni Sanka.

China successfully launched its first spacecraft to the moon.

Important Points to Remember:
• China has successfully launched the Chang’e-5 lunar probe from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site.
• China President: Xi Jinping
• China Capital: Beijing
• China Currency: Renminbi

MoUs and Agreements

Airports Authority of India signed an MoU with NTPC to set up solar power plants at airports.

Important Points to Remember:

• The Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with an NTPC subsidiary to promote the usage of electric vehicles and set up solar power plants at its airports.
• NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN), a subsidiary of NTPC, will be provided adequate land and rooftop space free of cost at identified AAI airports to set up solar power plants.
• The AAI owns and manages more than 100 airports across India. The airports in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mangaluru, and Lucknow are managed by private companies and not by the AAI.

Prasar Bharati signed an MoU with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics.

Important Points to Remember:

• India’s public broadcaster Prasar Bharati signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
• Under the ambit of this MoU, 51 DTH education TV channels comprising of Swaymprabha (22 channels) (M/o Education), e-Vidya for classes 1 to 12 (12 channels) of NCERT, Vande Gujarat (Govt. of Gujarat) (16 channels) and DigiShala under M/o Electronics and IT (1 channel) shall be available as DD co-branded channels to all DD FreeDish viewers.

TVS Motors partners Pilipinas Petroleum to offer Shell loyalty cards.

Important Points to Remember:

• TVS Motors has partnered with Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation in the Philippines for providing its customers access to Shell loyalty cards.
• Under the partnership, TVS customers will receive Php 700 worth of Shell cards, which can be availed of in over 1,000 Shell outlets and select Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation retail stores.

Tata Steel signed an MoU with Hindustan Zinc for procuring zinc and other metals.

Important Points to Remember:
Under this MoU, Hindustan Zinc will cater to both Tata Steel and Tata Steel BSL.
This MoU is a joint step by Tata Steel and Hindustan Zinc towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
The MoU is for the highest quantity to be ever signed by Hindustan Zinc and accounts for a quantity of around 45,000 tonnes of zinc and other value-added metals.

NCRTC and NDB sign USD 500m for Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Rapid Transit System Project.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, National Capital Region Transport Corporation Limited, and the New Development Bank today signed a loan agreement for lending 500 million dollars for the ‘Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System Project’.
- The Rapid Transit System will provide a fast, reliable, safe, and comfortable public transport system in the National Capital Region.

World Bank and Meghalaya Government signed a 120 million dollars to improve the transport sector of Meghalaya.

Important Points to Remember:

- The World Bank and The Meghalaya Government signed a 120 million dollar project to improve and modernize the transport sector of Meghalaya.

Green Climate Fund approves USD 256 million for Bangladesh.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Green Climate Fund has approved dollar 256 million for Bangladesh in grants and loans to meet its Green House Gas (GHG) emission reduction targets under the Paris agreement.

National News

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a water aerodrome and seaplane service in Kevadia, Gujarat.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Prime Minister inaugurated Water Aerodrome at Kevadia and the Sea-plane Service connecting Statue of Unity in Kevadia with Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad.
- Seaplanes have the ability to land and take-off from water thus offering access to areas that do not have landing strips or runways.
Chief Justice of India Sharad Arvind Bobde inaugurated India's first-ever E-resource centre Nyay Kaushal in Nagpur.

Important Points to Remember:

- The centre was inaugurated at Judicial Officers Training Institute in Maharashtra’s Nagpur.
- Nyay Kaushal will facilitate e-filling of cases in the Supreme Court, any High Court and district courts across the country.

The Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP) has organized the Delhi Book Fair virtually.

Important Points to Remember:

- Due to Covid-19, Delhi Book Fair was organized virtually.
- This year New Delhi World Book Fair is arranged by the Federation of Indian Publishers.

Ayush Ministry and Invest India will jointly set up the “Strategic Policy & Facilitation Bureau” for the planned and systematic growth of the Ayush sector.

Important Points to Remember:

- This is among the various steps which the Ministry has initiated to chart future directions along which the stake-holding groups of the Ayush Sector can move.
- As a partner in the project, M/S Invest India would collaborate extensively with the Ministry to frame the work plan of the Bureau and define its short-and long-term targets. Invest India would deploy highly trained and expert resources to implement and execute the plans of the Ministry of AYUSH.

The Panna Tiger Reserve has now been declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve.

Important Points to Remember:

- There are currently 714 biosphere reserves in 129 countries, including 21 transboundary sites, that belong to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.
- Panna Tiger Reserve is in Pann, Madhya Pradesh.

Flipkart acquires gaming startup Mech Mocha.

Important Points to Remember:

- Walmart-owned Flipkart, India’s leading eCommerce company, has announced the acquisition of Mech Mocha, a mobile gaming startup.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan releases the NCAER Report on "Estimating the economic benefits of Investment in Monsoon Mission and High-Performance Computing Facilities."
Important Points to Remember:

- The report was released by the Union Minister of Science and Technology, Health and Family Welfare and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- The NCAER report refers to economic benefits as direct monetary gains to crop farmers, livestock rearers, and fishermen in the country.
- According to the report, India’s investment of nearly 1,000 Crores in the National Monsoon Mission and High-Performance Computing (HPC) facilities would provide benefits worth rupees 50 thousand Crores to nearly 1.07 Crore below poverty line (BPL) agricultural households and 53 Lakh BPL fisher-folk households in the country.

Union Minister of State Hardeep Singh Puri launched three initiatives.

Important Points to Remember:

- Keycap digit one nurturing Neighborhoods Challenge.
- Keycap digit two data Maturity Assessment Framework (DMAF) - cycle-2.
- Keycap digit three online training program for City Data Officers of 100 Smart Cities.

Vice President launches ‘International Satavadhanam’ event, a unique literary feat.

Important Points to Remember:

- The ‘International ‘Satavadhanam’ program, launched virtually by the Vice President, was organized by Dr. Medasani Mohan under the auspices of Sri Krishnadevaraya Satsang in Tirupati.

PM Modi addressed the Virtual Global Investor Roundtable.

Important Points to Remember:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired Virtual Global Investor Roundtable on 5th November 2020.
- He said through this year, as India bravely fought the global pandemic, the world saw India’s national character and India’s true strengths.
- He said the pandemic has successfully brought out traits like a sense of responsibility, a spirit of compassion, national unity, and the spark of innovation, for which Indians are known for.

India hosted the 5th Joint Working Group on Coal between India and Indonesia.

Important Points to Remember:

- The JWG was co-chaired from the Indian side by Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India, and by Jonson Pakpahan, Director for Mineral and Coal, Non-Tax State Revenue of Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Republic of Indonesia, from the Indonesian side.
Mr. Tiwari highlighted India’s initiatives for self-sufficiency in coal under Atmanirbhar Bharat and imperatives for businesses in the coal sector in both countries.

India-Italy Virtual Summit 2020

Important Points to Remember:

- A Virtual Bilateral Summit between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Italy Prof. Giuseppe Conte was held on 6 November 2020.
- 15 MoUs in various sectors such as energy, fisheries, shipbuilding, design, etc. were signed in the Summit.

HIL signed MOU with the Department of Chemicals & Petro Chemicals.

Important Points to Remember:

- HIL (India) Limited, a PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals recently to achieve the revenue target of Rs 451 crore in the current financial year (2020-21).
- The MoU was signed by the HIL (India) Limited’s Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) Shri SP Mohanty and the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals’ Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi.

FASTags to be mandatory for all four-wheelers from 1st January 2021.

Important Points to Remember:

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a notification making FASTags mandatory for all four-wheel vehicles from 1st January 2021.
- This will apply to old vehicles as well as M and N category of motor vehicles sold before 1st December 2017.

ISRO launches PSLV-C49 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

Important Points to Remember:

- India’s workhorse rocket PSLV-C49 has successfully launched India’s latest Earth Observation Satellite EOS-01 and placed into its intended orbit.
- ISRO Chief: K Sivan
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru

Name of Ministry of Shipping changed to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Important Points to Remember:
To reduce the expenditure on logistics, the Government changed the name of the Ministry of Shipping to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Shipping Minister: Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State (Independent Charge)

Narendra Modi inaugurated Ropax ferry services between Surat and Saurashtra in Gujarat.

Important Points to Remember:

- Ropax ferry service will reduce the distance between Bhavnagar and Surat from 375 km (by road) to just 90 kilometers (by sea route).
- The three-deck Ro-Pax Ferry Vessel 'Voyage Symphony' connecting Hazira in Surat district of south Gujarat and Ghogha in Saurashtra's Bhavnagar has a load capacity of 30 trucks, 100 passenger cars, and 500 passengers plus 34 crew and staff.
- The Ro-Pax terminal is 100 meters long and 40 meter wide costing approximately Rs 25 crore.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed at the 20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State, via video-conferencing.

Important Points to Remember:

- 20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State was held on November 10, 2020 (in Video Conference Format).
- The Meeting was chaired by the President of the Russian Federation Mr. Vladimir Putin, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- This was the first SCO Summit held in Virtual Format and the third meeting that India participated in after becoming a full member in 2017.

Ayodhya lights record number of diyas, retains Guinness World Record for the second year.

Important Points to Remember:

- Ayodhya kept its Guinness World Record for a second year by lighting 6,06,569 oil lamps (diyas) and keeping them burning for at least 45 minutes as part of Deepavali celebrations.

India has added two more Ramsar sites.

Important Points to Remember:

- Lonar lake in Maharashtra, the only crater lake in the Country.
- Sur Sarovar, also known as Keetham lake, in Agra.
- Wetlands are the world’s natural water filters & one of the most productive eco-system on the planet.
Narendra Modi unveiled the ‘Statue of Peace’.

Important Points to Remember:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 16th November unveiled the ‘Statue of Peace’ in Pali district of Rajasthan through video conference on the 151st birth anniversary of Surishwar Ji Maharaj.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot
- Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur

Shubham Yadav became the first non-Muslim in the country to top in the Central University Common Entrance Test in Islamic Studies.

India’s AI supercomputer Param Siddhi 63rd among top 500 most powerful non-distributed computer systems in the world.

Important Points to Remember:

- India’s Artificial Intelligence supercomputer Param Siddhi has achieved 63rd rank among top 500 most powerful non-distributed computer systems in the world.
- The AI system will strengthen the application development of packages in areas such as advanced materials, computational chemistry, and astrophysics.

14,34,000 loans sanctioned under PM SVANidhi scheme.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Centre has said that over 27 lakh 33 thousand applications have been received under Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor’s Atma-Nirbhar Nidhi- PM- SVANidhi Scheme.
- Out of the total applications received, over 14 lakh and 34 thousand have been sanctioned and about 7.88 lakh loans disbursed.

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri launched Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge.

Important Points to Remember:

- On the occasion of World Toilet Day, Union Housing and Urban Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri launches Safaimitra Suraksha Challengee to prevent hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks across 243 Cities.

Ravi Shankar Prasad released 'My Stamp on Chhath Puja'.

Important Points to Remember:
• Union Law and Justice Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad released a “My Stamp on Chhath Puja”.
• My Stamp is an innovative concept initiated by the Department of Posts.
• Any common person or corporate organization can now book order and get a personalized photograph or an image of a Postage Stamp.

Dharmendra Pradhan laid the foundation stone for the first 50 LNG fueling stations.

Important Points to Remember:

• Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan laid the foundation stone for the first 50 LNG fueling stations, across the golden quadrilateral and major National Highways.
• The Government will set up LNG stations at a distance of 200-300 km on the golden quadrilateral, and within 3 years.
• The Government will set up 1000 LNG stations on all major roads, industrial hubs, and mining areas.

India’s IRNSS is now part of the World Wide Radio Navigation System.

Important Points to Remember:

• The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) has been accepted as a component of the World Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS) for operation in the Indian Ocean Region by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
• This will enable merchant vessels to use IRNSS for obtaining position information similar to GPS and GLONASS to assist in the navigation of ships in ocean waters.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi e-inaugurated 45 MW production plant of Monocrystalline Solar Photo Voltaic Panel at Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gujarat.

Important Points to Remember:

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the eighth convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU), Gandhinagar.
• Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU), Chairman: Mukesh Ambani.

Prime minister Narendra Modi on 22 November 2020 launched ‘Har Ghar Nal Yojna’ in Uttar Pradesh.

Important Points to Remember:

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 22nd November 2020 laid the foundation stone for various water projects in Sonbhadra and Mirzapur in Vindhya region of Uttar Pradesh.
The projects will provide household tap water connections in all rural households of 2,995 villages and will benefit about 42 lakh population of these districts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated multi-storeyed flats for Members of Parliament.

Important Points to Remember:

- These flats are located at Dr. BD Marg in New Delhi.

LIC launched Ananda App.

Important Points to Remember:

- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has launched its new business digital application, "ANANDA".
- This app will convert the physical format into a digital format.
- LIC Chairman: M R Kumar

Ravi Shankar Prasad launched an international version of the UMANG App.

Important Points to Remember:

- Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the UMANG’s international version in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs for select countries that include the USA, UK, Canada, UAE, Netherlands, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand.
- It will help Indian international students, NRIs, and Indian tourists abroad, to avail of the Government of India services, anytime.

Govt of India blocks 43 mobile apps under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act.

Important Points to Remember:

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India blocked 43 mobile apps under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act.
- Earlier on 29th June 2020, the Government of India had blocked 59 mobile apps and on 2nd September 2020, the Government of India had blocked 118 mobile apps under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act.
- Electronics and Information Technology Minister: Ravi Shankar Prasad

2-day All India Presiding Officers’ Conference to be held at Statue of Unity at Kevadia in Gujarat.

- President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind on 25 November 2020 will inaugurate the All India Presiding Officers’ Conference.
The year 2020 is being celebrated as the centenary year of the Presiding Officers’ Conference. The All India Presiding Officers’ Conference began in 1921.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Harmonious coordination between Legislature, Executive and Judiciary- Key to a Vibrant Democracy.”

Disney launches its e-commerce marketplace "ShopDisney" in India.

Important Points to Remember:

- The e-commerce platform will feature merchandise from Disney, Pixar, Marvel, and Star Wars products.
- Disney India CEO: Uday Shankar
- Disney India Headquarters: Mumbai

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates Mega Food Park in Punjab.

Important Points to Remember:

- Narendra Singh Tomar: Agriculture Minister
- Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated Mega Food Park (MFP) at Phagwara in Kapurthala district of Punjab.
- Mega Food Park is built at a project cost of Rs 107.83 crores and spread over 55 acres of land.
- It is expected to benefit about 25000 farmers and likely to generate employment of about 5000 persons.

Narendra Singh Tomar unveiled Sahakar Pragya.

Important Points to Remember:

- The 45 new training modules of Sahakar Pragya of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas of the country along with Lakshmanrao Inamdar National Cooperative Research and Development Academy (Linac).
- Sahakar Pragya embodies enhancing NCDC's training capacity by 18fold through an elaborate network of 18 Regional Training Centres across the country by the dedicated, Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC) set up and fully funded by NCDC.
- NCDC has earlier launched various initiatives and programmes like SAHAKAR-22 to develop cooperatives in Focus 222 districts, including aspirational districts, Nurturing Primary Level Cooperatives, SAHAKAR MITRA – Scheme on Internship Programme, YUVA SAHAKAR- Start-Up Scheme in Cooperatives and AYUSHMAN SAHAKAR.

All Fixed to Mobile calls to be dialed with prefix ‘0’ from 15th January 2021.
Important Points to Remember:

- All Fixed to Mobile calls will be dialed with the prefix ‘0’ from 15th January 2021.
- There will be no change in the dialing plan from fixed to fixed, mobile to fixed, and mobile to mobile calls.
- A suitable announcement will be made for the same. This announcement shall be played whenever a subscriber dials a fixed to mobile call without prefixing ‘0’.
- All fixed-line subscribers will be provided with a ‘0’ dialing facility.
- A total of approximately 2539 million numbering series is expected to be generated from the above. This will free up sufficient numbering resources for future use.


Important Points to Remember:

- National Portal for Transgender Persons has been developed within 2 months of Notification of Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 on 29 September 2020.
- This highly useful Portal would help a transgender person in applying for a Certificate and Identity card digitally from anywhere in the country.
- The most important benefit is that it helps the transgender person to get the I-Card without any physical interface and without having to visit any office.
- Through the Portal, they can monitor the status of their application that ensures transparency in the process.
- This portal will help a lot of people from the community to come forward and get Transgender Certificate and Identity Cards as per their self-perceived identity which is an important provision of The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.


Important Points to Remember:

- Garima Greh is a Shelter Home for Transgender Persons.
- Garima Greh will be run in association with Lakshya Trust, a Community based organization entirely run by the Transgenders.
- The purpose of the Shelter Home is to provide shelter to Transgender persons, with basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care, and recreational facilities.

Thaawarchand Gehlot released the Documentary “Illustrations and Calligraphy in the Constitution of India” virtually to mark Constitution Day.

Important Points to Remember:

- The documentary produced by Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC).
BIS standards revised for two-wheeler helmets.

Important Points to Remember:

- Road Transport and Highways Ministry has issued the ‘Helmet for riders of Two Wheelers Motor Vehicles (Quality Control) Order, 2020.’
- Protective Helmets for Two Wheeler Riders have been included under compulsory BIS certification and the publication of the Quality Control Order.
- The total number of two-wheelers being manufactured in India annually is nearly 1.7 crore.
- Road Transport and Highways Minister: Nitin Gadkari

Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Highway projects worth over Rs 7400 Cr in Uttar Pradesh.

Important Points to Remember:

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 16 National Highway projects worth 7477 crore rupees in Uttar Pradesh.

Prakash Javadekar launched India Climate Change Knowledge Portal.

Important Points to Remember:

- Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar today launched the India Climate Change Knowledge Portal.
- The portal will have all the major steps the Government is taking at both national and international levels to address the climate change issues.

Vice President to chair 19th meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Govt on Nov 30.

Important Points to Remember:

- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu will chair the 19th meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of Government to be hosted by India in a virtual format on 30th November 2020.
- It will be the first time that a Summit-level Meeting will be held under India’s Chairmanship since it gained full membership of the organization in 2017.

IISc researchers develop wastewater treatment, recycling system.

Important Points to Remember:

- Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru researchers have developed an efficient decentralized wastewater treatment and recycling system for rural areas.
- A study on decentralized wastewater treatment systems developed by the premier institute was published in the Journal of Water Process Engineering.
• The model is demonstrated in Berambadi Primary school in a remote village in Karnataka.


Important Points to Remember:

• The Government of India (GOI) has announced the third stimulus package of Rs. 900 Crore for the Mission COVID Suraksha- The Indian COVID-19 Vaccine Development Mission.
• This grant will be provided to the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) for Research & Development of Indian COVID-19 vaccines.
• Phase-I of the COVID Suraksha Mission has been allotted Rs.900 Crore for a period of 12 months.

Obituary

James Bond actor Sir Sean Connery passed away.

Important Points to Remember:

• He won various awards including an Oscar, three Golden Globes and two Bafta award.

Violinist TN Krishnan passed away.

Important Points to Remember:

• He won many prizes, the Madras Music Academy’s Sangeetha Kalanidhi in 1980, the Padma Bhushan in 1992, the Padma Shri in 1973.

Bollywood actor Faraaz Khan passed away.

Kerala Youth Welfare Board Vice-Chairperson P. Biju passed away.

Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ passes away.

• Veteran author and Gujarati columnist of Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ, popularly known as Father Valles passed away.
• A Jesuit priest born in Spain, he was a Mathematics teacher in Gujarat.
• He wrote extensively in Gujarati, English, and Spanish.
• He translated many mathematical concepts into Gujarati.

Bahrain's longest-serving PM Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa passed away.

Important Points to Remember:
Bahrain Capital: Manama
Bahrain Language: Arabic
Bahrain Currency: Bahraini dinar

Noted Actor Asif Basra passed away.
Japan Nobel laureate Masatoshi Koshiba passed away.

Indian Film Actor, Dada Saheb Phalke Awardee, Soumitra Chatterjee passed away.

Important Points to Remember:
- First Indian film actor to be conferred with the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, France’s highest award for artists.
- Conferred with Padma Bhushan in 2004, Dada Saheb Phalke Award in 2012.

Former governor of Goa, Mridula Sinha passed away. She was 77.
- Mridula Sinha was also the first woman Governor of Goa.
- Mridula Sinha also served as the head of the BJP's women's wing and chairperson of Central Social Welfare Board in the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

‘Elephant Man’ Ajay Desai passed away.
Jan Morris celebrated author, and transgender pioneer passed away at 94.

Renowned Telugu poet, Sahitya Akademi Award winner Devi Priya passed away.

Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi passed away.

Important Points to Remember:
- He served as the Chief Minister of Assam from 2001 to 2016.

Eminent Indian-American physician Ajay Lodha passes away.

Important Points to Remember:
- He was the former president of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI).

Argentina Soccer Superstar Diego Maradona passed away.

Important Points to Remember:
Maradona became a household name after inspiring his country to World Cup glory in 1986.
He took center stage at the tournament with a memorable performance against England where he scored an iconic goal that he later described as the "Hand of God."
Argentina's President Alberto Fernandez announced three days of national mourning for the passing of Maradona.

Shia Cleric Maulana Kalbe Sadiq passed away.

Important Points to Remember:
- He was an Indian Islamic scholar, reformer, educationist, philanthropist, and preacher.

Congress Veteran Ahmed Patel passed away.

Important Points to Remember:
- Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha: 19 August 1993 – 25 November 2020
  Constituency (Gujarat)
- Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha: 1977–1989

TCS Founder FC Kholi passed away.

Important Points to Remember:
- TCS Founder Farooq Chandra Kohli passed away on 26th November 2020.
- He was the first CEO of TCS and also known as the "Father of Indian IT Industry".

Bangladeshi actor, Liberation Warfighter Aly Zaker passed away.

Important Points to Remember:
- Aly Zaker was involved in the Liberation War movement of Bangladesh against Pakistan. He was also a founder trustee of the Liberation War Museum in Dhaka.
- He was awarded the second-highest civilian award of Bangladesh 'Ekushey Padak' in 1999 for his contribution in the field of theatre.

**Ranking on Various Indexes**

India ranked 77th in the Global Bribery Risk Matrix.

Important Points to Remember:
Denmark topped the list, which is followed by Norway and Finland. North Korea ranked last.

Global Bribery Risk Matrix is prepared by TRACE international.

Science and Technology

Dr Harsh Vardhan released the Special Cover of Department of Posts for commemorating the Golden Jubilee of Department of Science & Technology (DST).

Important Points to Remember:

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- Forest Minister of State, Dara Singh Chauhan inaugurated the new tourist season virtually.

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**Maharashtra government signed a MoUs with 15 companies worth Rs 35,000-crore.**

Important Points to Remember:

- The MoUs worth Rs 34,850 crore were signed between the state-run Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) and the 15 companies.
- Maharashtra Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari
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**Tamil Nadu**

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Important Points to Remember:

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Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has launched the Oil Palm Project through video conferencing.

Oil Palm Mission Manipur was constituted in August 2020.

Oil Palm cultivation is suitable in the warmer region and the state government has identified 66,652 hectares areas.

Oil palm cultivation could be an alternative to jhum and poppy cultivation as oil palm is the highest vegetable oil yielding perennial crop with an effective income generation to farmers and beneficial to the environment as well.


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- Jammu and Kashmir government has launched an e-Auction portal to promote trading of GI tagged ‘Kashmir Saffron’ across the country.

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**First solar power-enabled Textile Mill in Asia to come up in Parbhani district of Maharashtra.

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- The Jai Bhawani women’s cooperative textile mill will be the first in Asia that will operate on solar power.
- Spread across thirty acres of land the mill will process cotton to the cloth.

**Digital museum opened at Maharaj Bada in Gwalior.

**Important Points to Remember:**

- The museum is developed by Gwalior Smart City.
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Maharashtra govt to pay a monthly stipend to Scheduled Tribe candidates preparing for UPSC exams.

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- Maharashtra government has decided to pay a monthly stipend of Rs 12,000 and a total of Rs 26,000 for the purchase of books for Scheduled Tribes candidates preparing for UPSC's Civil Service Main Examination and Interview.
- Under this scheme, financial assistance will be given to 25 candidates who have passed the pre-examination of UPSC and are preparing for the main examination and 25 candidates who have passed the main examination and are preparing for the interview. The scheme will be implemented from the year 2020-21.
- Maharashtra Tribal Development Minister: K.C. Padvi

Madhya Pradesh conducted the 'Poshit Parivar-Suposhit Madhya Pradesh' campaign.

Important Points to Remember:

- Under this campaign, very serious malnourished children are identified and after 12 weeks or 3 months of continuous effort after their registration, they are brought to normal nutrition level.
- Now, families, whose efforts have led to a change in the nutrition level of the severely malnourished children, will also be honored under the campaign.

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- Kerala Capital: Thiruvananthapuram

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- Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on 24th November 2020 clears Ordinance on "Love Jihad". Uttar Pradesh becomes the first state in India to clear the ordinance on "Love Jihad".
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- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha

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Important Points to Remember:

- Symptomatic patients and patients with other ailments with probable Covid-19 would be detected under this campaign.
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- Himachal Pradesh Capital: Shimla

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**Administrative Council approves J&K Communication & Connectivity Infrastructure Policy.**

Important Points to Remember:

- In Jammu and Kashmir, the Administrative Council under the chairmanship of LG Manoj Sinha approved Jammu and Kashmir Communication and Connectivity Infrastructure Policy.
- To further ease the laying of telecom infrastructure in the UT which includes both overhead (mobile towers) and underground (optical fiber) infrastructure, the new policy includes ‘Rights of Way’ (RoW) provisions which ensure hassle-free approval of RoW permissions in a speedy and time-bound manner through a single-window mechanism.
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- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor inaugurated curtain raiser event of India International Science Festival (IISF)-2020 in Leh.
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Summits and Conferences

Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit concluded.

Important Points to Remember:

- The Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit, a global virtual summit of overseas and resident Indian researchers and Academicians on Gandhi Jayanti, concluded on 31st October 2020.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the Summit on Gandhi Jayanti.

India-Italy Virtual Summit 2020

Important Points to Remember:

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- 15 MoUs in various sectors such as energy, fisheries, shipbuilding, design, etc. were signed in the Summit.
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Hardeep S. Puri will inaugurate the 13th Urban Mobility India Conference 2020 on 9th November 2020.

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12 events have been organized so far.

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8th Meeting of the India-UAE High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments.

Important Points to Remember:

- The eighth meeting of the India-UAE High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments ("the Joint Task Force") was hosted by India today, in virtual format due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways, Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Government of India and His Highness Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Member of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and Senior officials from both countries.
- The Joint Task Force was created in 2012 as a crucial forum for further deepening the already strong economic ties between the UAE and India.

8th BRICS Science, Technology, and Innovation Ministerial meeting unanimously adopted BRICS STI Declaration 2020.

Important Points to Remember:

- The 8th BRICS Science, Technology, and Innovation Ministerial meeting unanimously has adopted the BRICS STI Declaration 2020.
- The meeting was held through a virtual platform.
- Science and Technology cooperation among the member countries Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa was discussed in the meeting.

Narendra Modi addressed the 12th BRICS Summit 2020 on 17th November 2020.

Important Points to Remember:

- This year BRICS Summit theme was ‘Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth’.
- BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa

India-Luxembourg Virtual Summit

Important Points to Remember:

- A Virtual Summit will be held between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Luxembourg H.E. Mr Xavier Bettel on 19 November 2020.
- This will be the first stand-alone Summit meeting between India and Luxembourg in the past two decades.

Important Points to Remember:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Tech Summit in Bengaluru on 19th November 2020 via video conference.
- The summit is organized by the Government of Karnataka along with the Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS), the Karnataka government’s Vision Group on Information Technology, Biotechnology & StartUp, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), and MM Activ Sci-Tech Communications.
- The theme of Bengaluru Tech summit 2020 is "Next is Now".

Narendra Modi will inaugurate RE-INVEST 2020 on 26th November.

Important Points to Remember:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the virtual 3rd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo (RE-INVEST 2020), on the 26th of November.
- RE-INVEST 2020 will include a two-day virtual conference on renewables and future energy choices and an exhibition of manufacturers, developers, investors, and innovators engaged in the clean energy sector.

15th G-20 Summit.

Important Points to Remember:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the 15th G20 Summit chaired by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, under the theme "Realising the Opportunities of 21st Century for All" on 21-22 November 2020.
- The meeting was held in a virtual format.
- The last G 20 Extraordinary Leaders’ summit was held in March 2020.

Italy will chair the presidency of the G20 Summit 2021.

Important Points to Remember:

- G20 Presidency will be held by Italy in 2021, Indonesia in 2022, India in 2023 and Brazil in 2024.

Narendra Modi chaired the 33rd PRAGATI interaction.

Important Points to Remember:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 25th November chaired the PRAGATI meeting today.
- It was the Prime Minister’s thirty-third interaction through PRAGATI.
PRAGATI is the ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Central and State governments.

Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' addressed a virtual National Conference on ‘Empowering through Zero- Shunya Se Sashaktikaran’.

Important Points to Remember:


He also launched 'Innovation and Leadership Casebook - Covid Edition', the e-books comprise of the innovative efforts and work of the education officers and teachers.

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