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- Andhra Pradesh flagged off India's 1st of its kind first '**fruit train**'
- HRD Minister chaired meeting of the **INCCU** with **UNESCO** in New Delhi
- 2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report: **India's ORF ranks 27th; CEIP, US tops the list**
- **Bank of Baroda** signed pact with **CARE Ratings** to assess the credit quality of SMEs
- NABARD approved loan worth Rs 140 crore at low interest to **Punjab Agri Development Bank**
- **Govt data: BoM & SBI** were only PSBs rated 'good' in digital transactions in Dec 2019
- **Ajay Bisaria** Appointed as Next High Commissioner of India to Canada
- Indian-origin techie **Arvind Krishna** elected as **CEO** for **IBM**
- **Abidali Neemuchwala** quits as CEO and MD from Wipro TM
- Govt appoints **M.Ajit kumar** as chairman of **CBIC** TM
- Canara Bank MD & CEO **R.A. Sankara Narayanan** retires
- In a first IAF'S AN-32 aircraft landed at **Leh** with **indigenous bio-jetfuel**
- Veteran social activist and feminist writer **Vidya Bal dies at 83**
- **Padmashri awardee & Eminent Punjabi** novelist **Dalip Kaur Tiwana** passed away at 84
- YSR Pension Kanuka doorstep pension scheme launched in AP; **pensioner age reduced to 60** from 65
- World's largest solar telescope reveals never-before-seen images of **Sun's turbulent surface**
- Indian Navy conducts 5-day coastal security exercise, '**Matla Abhiyaan**' in **Kolkata, West Bengal**
- President of India Inaugurated 34th Surajkund International Crafts Mela in **Surajkund, Haryana** from **Feb 1 – 16, 2020**.
- India banned export of all kinds of personal **protection equipment**
- **Prakash javadekar** inaugurates World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2020 in New Delhi



- 3-day **Narmada Mahotsav** was celebrated on Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- **Maldives readmitted** and becomes 54th member of Commonwealth family
- **Counterpoint data**: India surpassed US to become 2nd largest smartphone market globally; China tops
- India and Maldives inks 5 MoUs to establish **Addu tourism Zone**
- Fiscal deficit reached **132.4 %** of budget estimate for **2019-2020 till December: CGA**
- NSO revises India's **GDP** growth rate for **2018-19 to 6.1% from 6.8%**
- **Amulya Mica** chosen as Most Promising Brand 2019 at 7th **MSME Excellence Award in New Delhi**
- MP won 1st place for implementation of **PMMVY**; Indore topped for better performance
- **Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi** appointed as new PM of Iraq
- BCCI inducted **Madan Lal, R.P. Singh & Sulakshana** in Cricket Advisory Committee
- **Gopal Baglay** appointed as Next High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka
- Padma Shri awardee **Deepa Malik** elected as President of Paralympic Committee of India
- **Pramod Agrawal** became the Chairman of Coal India Limited
- **ISRO** to **unveil low-cost satellite** launch vehicles
- **NASA** decommissioned its **Spitzer Space Telescope** after 16 years
- **Rubigula** state bird of Goa declared as official Mascot for 36th National Games in Goa
- NADA suspends Weightlifter **Ramshad AR** for 2 year & **Wrestler Ravinder Kumar** for 4 years
- Overview of 108th Australian open 2020 held in **Melbourne, Australia**
- Highlights of India Vs Newzealand **T20I** series **2020**
- Famous Punjabi writer **Jaswant Singh** passed away at 101
- Author **Mary Higgins Clark**, known as '**Queen of Suspense**', passed away at 92



- **World Wetlands Day** 2020 was observed on February 2
- Online lottery scheme sales banned by **Punjab govt** to check illegal sales
- **DST launches SATHI** initiative to address need for building strong science & technology infrastructure
- **RCS-UDAN** marked 250th route through Bhubaneswar-Varanasi daily flight operations
- 47 Lakh people trained under **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana** from 2016-20
- **GoM** headed by **MoH&FW Harsh Vardhan** to monitor novel coronavirus outbreak constituted
- India's biggest rural technical festival '**Antahpragnya 2020**' in Telangana
- **IHME Report**: 14% of India's under-five aged deaths were due to pneumonia
- Pakistan, Somalia declare locusts a '**national emergency**' after worst locust invasion
- Fitch forecast India's **GDP growth** to 4.6 % for FY20 & 5.6 % for FY 21
- Bank credit up by 7.21%, **deposits** up by 9.51%: **RBI**
- Amazon India partnered with Eastern Railways to set up **kiosk at Sealdah railway station in Kolkata**
- ICCI Nod for Combination between **Yum Restaurants & Devyani Intl**
- RBI governor **Shaktikanta Das** wins 'Central banker of the year 2020, **Asia-Pacific**' award
- Noted Hindi writer **Vinod shukla** wins 1st Mathrubhumi book of the year 2020 award
- Actress **Waheeda Rehman** to be honoured **MP govt's** with Kishore Kumar Samman 2018
- **Delhi's DTC** awarded **Road Safety Award** 2018-19; Nagaland State Transport won under Hill category
- **16th MIFF 2020: Babenco**: Tell Me When I Die by Barbara Paz bags Golden conch award for best documentary film
- 73rd **BAFTA** 2020 in London, UK: '1917' wins best film award
- **Albin Kurti** appointed as the new PM of Kosovo



- **ICAR & IVRI** released Classical Swine Fever (CSF) cell culture **vaccine** in New Delhi
- **IIT-Madras** develops new AI tech to convert speech Impaired Humans Brain Signals into Meaningful Language
- **L&T MBDA Missile Systems** sets up missile integration facility in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- In a 1st, **HAL** to make advanced armed **UAVs** with **Israeli Company**
- **ICC test batsmen rankings:** Kohli retained no. 1 spot; Rahane slips to 9th place
- Famous Odia poet **Rabindranath Singh** passed away at 89
- Kenya's longest serving Ex-President **Daniel Moi** Passed Away at 95
- Former **Nizamabad Lok Sabha MP Narayana Reddy** passed away at 89
- World Cancer Day 2020 was observed on **February 4**
- **Kerala Government** declares outbreak of novel coronavirus as state disaster
- BCCI President **Sourav Ganguly** to be Goodwill Ambassador of Indian team at **Tokyo Olympics: IOA**
- India & Norway signed **4 MoUs** in field of research, higher education
- AP Govt made history with '**Intivadhakey Pension**' scheme by covering 94 % within few days
- New Delhi hosts Ministerial-level defence dialogue 2020 between **India & South Korea**
- **APEDA-CFTRI** Sign **MoU** for **Liason Office** in **Guwahati** to Promote Food Processing & Organic Agri Exports in North-East States
- **MSME** implemented new scheme **SFURTI** to set up traditional industries clusters
- **Greenbone Sustainable Resilience data:** Maharashtra tops States hit by global medical data leak
- SC directs States to notify setting up '**Gram Nyayalayas**' within 4 weeks
- One in 10 Indians to have cancer in their lifetime: **WHO report**
- Bhutan ends free entry for **Indian tourists**



- **Paytm unveils all-in-one** QR, PoS device and merchant SDK
- **RBI hikes** Insurance cover on bank deposits to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 1 lakh
- Digital transactions through **IMPS, UPI and BHIM** at record high in January 2020
- Reliance general insurance introduces comprehensive health insurance plan **“Infinity”**
- **Big Bang Boom Solutions** wins prestigious **SKOCH** Award
- India’s top refiner **IOC acquires** minority stake in **Israeli battery** developer Phinergy
- **UAE** discovers new natural **‘Jebel Ali gas field’** between **Abu Dhabi, Dubai**
- **World’s oldest Bamboo Fossil** Discovered turns out to be Conifer
- Former Karnataka Minister **D. Manjunath** passed away at 92
- Former Assam Speaker and sitting **MLA Pranab Kumar Gogoi** passed away at 84
- Pop singer Lord J launches his **Autobiography Book “Lord J: Lord of Anonymity”**
- Karnataka CM launches **Janasevaka** Scheme to Provide delivery of Govt Services at Doorste
- Swedish climate activist **Greta Thunberg** nominated for Nobel Peace Prize 2020
- PM Modi announced 15-member trust named **‘Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi Tirtha Kshetra trust’** for **Ayodhya temple**
- Overview of **Cabinet approvals** on February 5, 2020
- Union cabinet approves relaxation of rules to **Alliance Air** in operating flights between **India & Sri Lanka**
- Only **7** in **100 anganwadi beneficiaries** are in urban areas
- India signs 1st ever term contract with **Russia** for Importing **Russian Crude Oil**
- **Soil health card cuts fertiliser** use by 10%: NPC study
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** announced to create 10 more Defence Attache posts
- **MoFPI** sanctioned 39 Mega Food Parks & 298 Integrated Cold Chain Projects under PMKSY





- Around 38 Cr bank accounts opened under **PMJDY** till January 2020 : Finance ministry
- **SAI and Hockey India** Launch 7 High Performance Hockey Centres Across the Country
- India slips to **40th rank on GIPC's** 8th International Intellectual Property (IP) Index for 2020, US tops
- **Prince Charles** unveils children's protection fund for India & Katy Perry as new Ambassador
- G7 to work with **WHO, EU, China** to **tackle nCoV**; Hong Kong reported 1st Coronavirus death
- Overview of 6th Bi-monthly monetary policy 2020 released by **RBI**
- **Unemployment rate in India** was 6.1% in 2017-18 as per new PLFS
- **Rishabh Pant** appointed as brand ambassador of **JSW Steel**
- Uddhav Thackeray presents lifetime achievement award to veteran **journalist Raikar**
- Kohli most-valuable celebrity 3rd time in a row; **Akshay, SRK** in top 5 in **Duff & Phelps'** celebrity report
- WB chief economist **Pinelopi** announced resignation
- **Jeff Weiner** becomes Executive Chairman of LinkedIn
- **Cognizant Tech** Acquires EI Technologies and Code Zero Consulting Companies
- **Navy** to get third Scorpene submarine in December 2020
- Famous Hollywood Actor **Kirk Douglas** Passes Away at 103
- International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation **2020 was observed on Feb 6**
- **Rakhi Halder** bags gold at 35th Senior Women's National Weightlifting Championships
- **FICCI & Central asian** countries jointly launches India-Central Asia business council in New Delhi
- Financial closure of **Arun-III** hydropower project inked b/w India and Nepal
- Railway Line between **India and Bangladesh** project to End by 2021





- **Uttarakhand's** iconic **Lakshman Jhula** to be replaced by India's first Glass floor bridge
- 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020 commenced in **Kochi, Kerala**
- For the first time in MP, drones are used for **mapping villages**
- Maharashtra registers maximum number of missing women in 2018, MP tops in missing children: **NCRB** report
- Overview of **UNESCO DG** Audrey Azoulay three day visit to India from Feb 4-6, 2020
- U.S. announces launch of International Religious **Freedom Alliance**
- **Govt data:** \$118.3 billion received in remittances since 2018-19
- Padma Shri awardee **Manoj Das** to receive **Mystic Kalinga Literary Award**
- President of India Presents International Gandhi Awards for **Leprosy**
- **Diplomat Philip Barton** Appointed as Britain's New High Commissioner to India
- **Tidjane Thiam** resigns as Credit Suisse CEO after spying scandal
- Energy major Total to acquire 50% in **Adani's solar** portfolio for \$510 mn
- DoT okays merger of **Bharti Airtel, Tata Teleservices**
- Emami Group Signs Binding Pact with **Nuvoco Vistas** for selling of its 100% stake in **Emami Cement**
- IIT-H finds molecule to cure rare **ALS neurodegenerative** disease
- **NASA astronaut Christina Koch** returns to Earth after record longest stay in **ISS**
- **IT department** introduced **e-calculator** to compare due tax under new and old regime
- **Rohit Rajpal** to continue as India's Davis Cup captain 2020
- Famous cricket journalist & film historian **Raju Bharatan** passed away at 86
- Jammu & Kashmir admin renames **PHE & IFC** department as '**Jal Shakti Dept'**
- UP govt allots 5 acres of land to **Sunni Waqf Board** to construct **mosque in Ayodhya**



- Ellyse Perry unveils mural ahead of **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 Trophy Tour**
- **MoHUA** launched Ease of Living Index and Municipal Performance Index 2019 to assess cities' performance
- Sum of Rs 6,717.18 crore released under **Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme** between FY16 and FY20
- **Hyderabad Metro Rail** becomes Country's **2nd Largest** Operational Metro Project
- **DPIIT** releases quality order for **LPG rubber hose**
- **LPG coverage reached 96.9 % as on Jan 1, 2020:** Dharmendra Pradhan
- UN releases USD 30mn for humanitarian operations in **Syria's Idlib** province
- **Treating female genital** mutilation annually costs \$1.4 bn globally: WHO
- **IIM Bengaluru** ranks third in **Global MOOC** performance among Business schools
- Reserve Bank set to conduct **Financial Literacy Week (FLW) 2020** from February 10–14
- ADB approved \$2 million fund amount to combat **nCoV**
- **Cipla** acquires 4 key brands from Wanbury for up to Rs 89 crore
- Indian leopard population declined by 75-90% as per study conducted by CWS
- **NCL** sets up **R&D** centre for sustainable coal mining
- Indian Army Major **Anoop mishra** develops world's 1st bulletproof helmet that can stop AK-47 firing
- **IIT Madras & AIIMS Mangalagiri** to collaborate for patient safety, quality healthcare delivery
- **Astronomers** discover monster galaxy XMM-2599 from early universe
- **American tennis** player Spears handed 22-month doping ban
- American Author **Roger Kahn dies at 92**
- **Haryana Launches** Rs.1500 crores Mukyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana



- **Kerala budget 2020:** 1000 Kudumbashree hotels to serve meals at Rs 25
- **CM Jagan mohan reddy inaugurates AP's** 1st Disha police station in Rajamahendravaram
- Prime Minister attends celebrations on signing of **Bodo Peace Accord at Kokrajhar in Assam**
- **Ministry of Housing & Urban** Affairs pairs up 20 best performing smart cities with poorly performing 20 cities
- An 18-day **Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Campaign** begins across India to promote cultural unit
- 4th **EAS conference** on maritime security cooperation 2020 held in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**
- **BBIN Nations** deliberated on **MoU** to implement **Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)**
- 1st **Hornbill festival** was celebrated in Tripura on Feb 8, 2020
- **GSTN** formulates panel to improve IT system
- The International Olympic Committee selects **Gopichand** for the Lifetime Award
- **Kaamya Karthikeyan**, Mumbai Youngest Girl in World to climb South America's Highest Peak Mt. Aconcagua
- 23rd National conference on e-Governance 2020 held in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**; **NAeG 2019-20** awards presented
- Prasar Bharati Chairman **Surya Prakash** gets retired
- Indian Army & Private firm developed the World's Cheapest Gun Shot Locator "**Parth**"
- Iran unveils new ballistic missile 'Raad-500'; dedicated to former Major General **Qasim Sulemani**
- Overview of **13th ICC** Under 19 Cricket World Cup 2020 held in South Africa
- Australia clinches **ICC women's championship trophy** 2020 for the 2nd time
- **ITF women's tennis** event 2020 in Thailand: India's **Ankita Raina** wins 18th career doubles title
- Padma Shri awardee **Giriraj Kishore** passed away at 83
- Famous Philosophical Author & **RSS veteran P Parameswaran** dies at 93



- Vice President released the book '**A Child of Destiny**' an Autobiography by prof K. Ramakrishna Rao
- National **Deworming Day** was observed on February 10, 2020
- **World Pulses Day** 2020 was observed on February 10, 2020
- Uttarakhand Govt launched **First Helicopter Services** under **UDAN Scheme**
- India to host 13th COP of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals in Gujarat
- **First 'Jerusalem-Mumbai Festival'** will be held in Mumbai on Feb 15 & 16, 2020
- Five day 11th edition of the Biennial Mega Defence Exhibition "**DefExpo 2020**" held in **Luck now**, UP from Feb 5 – 9, 2020
- **India-UK joint Military EX: Ajeya Warrior** to be conducted in Salisbury plains, UK
- India stands 17th on a list of countries at risk of importing coronavirus, **Thailand tops: Study**
- **PFRDA doubles** minimum net worth for pension fund managers to Rs 50 cr from Rs 25 cr
- RBI grants 5-year CRR relief to banks for lending to **auto, housing, MSMEs**
- **BSNL, Air India and MTNL** saw highest losses for 3rd consecutive year, ONGC most profitable: DPE survey
- Overview of **92nd Academy** awards 2020 (Oscars 2020) held in **Los Angeles, US**
- Indian hockey players **Lalremisiami & Vivek sagar** wins FIH women and men's rising star of year 2019
- 13th edition of **ESPNcrinfo** Awards 2019: **England's Eoin Morgan** named captain of the year
- **DRDO** developing a new ballistic missile Pranash with striking range of 200km
- **Ministry of Coal** (MoC) launched Web Portal for Star Rating of Mines in India
- India boxers bags 5 medals at 64th "**Bocskai Istvan Memorial**" boxing 2020 held in Debracen, Hungary
- **National snooker championship 2020** in Pune, Maharashtra: Aditya Mehta & Vidya Pillai wins men and women's title



- **Mondo Duplantis** breaks pole vault world record with 6.17m jump
- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** was observed on **February 11, 2020**
- **World Unani Day** was observed on **February 11, 2020**
- Haryana Government launched '**Reading Mission**'
- **Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi** forms 28th District of Chattisgarh
- **Cauvery Delta Region** to be declared as Protected Agricultural Zone by TN Govt
- **Sophie Devine** becomes 1st cricketer to hit 5 successive 50-plus scores in T20 International
- 2nd BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise-2020 held at **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**; inaugurated by **Naveen Patnaik**
- **20th 'Hunar Haat'** 2020 to be held in New Delhi from Feb 1 TW1
- Union health ministry notifies medical devices used on humans and animals into the category of "drugs"
- **NIFM**, Faridabad renamed '**Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management**'
- Kerala to hosts Intl conference on Climate change & Ocean health "**CLIMFISHCON-2020**"
- **Mumbai** to get India's largest air quality monitoring network
- SNA to compile a National List of **Intangible Cultural Heritage** (ICH)
- 33rd edition of **African Union** (AU) Summit 2020 held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- WHO renames deadly coronavirus from China as '**COVID-19**'
- **Union Ministry of Finance** has notified 'Printing of One Rupee Currency Notes Rules, 2020'
- RBI publishes draft framework for **New Umbrella Entity** (NUE) for retail payment systems
- **PSBs** recover record ₹2.03 lakh crore bad loans in last one-and-half years: **FM**
- **South Indian Bank** bags 2 Awards at **IBA** Banking Technology Awards



- **CCI** approved joint venture between **Mahindra & Mahindra** and **Ford Motor**
- Adani Transmission sold 25.1% stake in arm **AEML** to QIA for Rs 3,220 crore
- S. approves sale of Integrated Air Defense **Weapon System to India**
- **Ananth Technologies** first Indian private firm to build foreign-owned satellites
- **Premier Badminton League 2020** in Hyderabad, Telangana: Bengaluru Raptors become champions for 2nd time in a row
- New Zealand beats India to win the **3rd ODI 2020** series held in New Zealand from Feb 5 – 11
- Famous journalist **Nandu R Kulkarni** passed away at 70
- **Dharmendra Rai**, Mind Map & Brain Literacy trainer launched his book “**The Thin Mind Map**”
- **National Productivity Day 2020** was observed on February 12, 2020
- **International Darwin Day** celebrated on February 12, 2020
- Ground water act 2020 approved by **Uttar Pradesh cabinet**
- **AP govt inks MoU** with 11 agri institutions to help farmers
- **Tamil Nadu CM** Inaugurates SCF cricket ground in Salem
- **India’s foreign investment** jumps 40% to USD 2.10 bn in January 2020
- **Union HRD Minister** and **Union Health Minister** jointly release curriculum for School Health Ambassador Initiative under **Ayushman Bharat**
- India bans **E-Cigarettes** on **Flights and Airports**
- **MP CM** Inaugurates National Water Conference at Bhopal
- Cabinet approval on **February 12, 2020**
- Overview of **Cabinet approval** with **foreign countries** on February 12, 2020
- Highlights of Sri Lankan **PM Mahinda Rajapaksa** visit to India from Feb 7-11, 2020
- 43rd Governing council meet of **IFAD 2020** held in **Rome, Italy**



- **IndusInd** Bank records highest growth in brand value among Top 500 Banking Brands 2020
- **EIU** lowers Global Growth Forecast 2020 to 2.2% from 2.3%
- Retail inflation rises to 7.59% in January 2020; industrial output declines 0.3% in December 2019:

#### **NSO data**

- **Facebook launched** digital literacy training to 1 lakh women in 7 Indian states
- **Arvind Kejriwal** will sworn as Delhi CM for 3rd time on Feb. 16, 2020
- Former India all-rounder **Robin Singh** appointed as **UAE's Director of Cricket**
- **AICF elects Ajay patel** as its new president, Bharat singh as secretary
- **BARC's** Bhabha Kavach inducted in **CISF**
- **Kohli continues at No.1, Babar azam moves up two places to 5th** : ICC Men's test rankings 2020
- 54th All India Bombay Gold cup hockey championship 2020 in Mumbai, Maharashtra: Indian navy wins the title
- Padma Shri awardee & Fashion designer **Wendell Rodricks** passed away at 59
- A book "**Messages from Messengers**" by **Priti K Shroff** launched
- Haryana CM released book titled "**A Commentary and Digest on The Air, Act 1981**"
- **World Radio Day** (WRD) celebrated on February 13, 2020
- **Safer Internet Day 2020** was observed on February 11, 2020
- **Puducherry** becomes 1st UT to pass resolution against CAA, NRC, NPR in Assembly
- "**Operation Nakail**" for Auto-rickshaws in Ghaziabad to bear unique number aim to curb crime
- **UP Govt. Inks MoU** With **eGov** Foundation for State-wide Implementation of Municipal Financial Accounting Platform
- **INS Jamuna** initiated Joint **Hydrographic Operations** off Sri Lanka





- Amit Shah inaugurated two-day BIMSTEC 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking', in New Delhi from Feb 13 – 14, 2020
- **Anti-Hijack mock drill** conducted at Visakhapatnam Airport
- Government renames two Famous Institute after **Sushma Swaraj**
- Union minister **Jitendra singh** attends National workshop on e-office in New Delhi; CPGRAMS reforms launched
- **Gandhinagar railway station** in Gujarat to be the 1st in India to add 5-star hotel above the tracks: VK Yadav
- **TB notifications** to Govt up 38% to 23.98 lakhs in 2019: Ministry of Health and family welfare
- **Vietnam's** Vice President visited India from Feb 11 – 13, 2020; holds bilateral level talks with **Venakaih Naidu**
- **Arth-Ganga** project to channelize economic activity along Ganga river bank: Shipping ministry
- Odisha **MSME** Dept inked **MoU** with **HDFC Bank** to boost startups
- Indian imports to U.S. will face countervailing duties as India removed from **USTR's list of subsidy preference**
- Amazon Web Services to invest **\$1.6 billion for 2 data centres** in India
- **BioAsia 2020** announces Genome Valley Excellence Award
- India's renowned Feminist scholar & activist **Gita Sen** wins **Dan David Prize 2020**
- India's President **Shri Ram Nath Kovind** awarded President's Color to Indian Naval Station Shivaji
- **Rajendra Indraman Singh** and **Dr Sohini Sastri** won Indian Achievers Award 2020
- Hockey player **Manpreet singh** became the 1st Indian to receive **FIH player of the year award 2019**
- ISRO space scientist **G. Narayanan** becomes chairman of **NSIL**
- Government of India appointed **Rajiv Bansal** as **new CMD of Air India**
- CARE Ratings Chairman **S B Mainak** resigned



- **NASA's 'SuperCam'** to study mineralogy of Mars during Mars 2020 rover mission
- US scientists discover the newborn massive planet closer to earth called "**2MASS 1155-7919b**"
- 79-million-year-old fossils of new **Thanatotheristes** found in Canada
- Inaugural National winter games 2020 to be held in **Ladakh** and **J&K's Gulmarg**
- **Boxer Amit Panghal** ranks world No. 1 in IOC's ranking for Olympic qualifiers
- Womens **T20I Tri-Series 2020 in Melbourne**; Host Australia beats India by 11 runs
- Nobel Prize awardee & Former TERI, **IPCC chief Rajendra Kumar Pachauri** passed away at 79
- **Board Exam 2020**: UP Govt launched toll free helpline numbers for students
- Scientist finds Mysterious **Yaravirus in Brazil**
- Govt to invest over Rs **1 lakh cr on infrastructure** development in next 5 years
- **South Central Railways zone** becomes India's 1st to have energy-neutral stations
- Govt amends **Arbitration and conciliation act 1996** for making arbitration user friendly
- **Nitin gadkari** flags off **KVIC's 'Apiary on wheels'** for bee keeping in New Delhi
- 15th finance commission forms 5-member panel led by **NK singh** on defense & Internal security fund
- **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated first **inter-city electric** bus service in Maharashtra
- Government of India hosts **National Organic Food Festival** in New Delhi
- **43rd IFAD Governing Council in Rome, Italy**: Climate Change to push 100 million to poverty by 2030
- **IISS Study**: World Defense spending rose by 4.0% in 2019; India ranked 5th & US tops
- Mobile World Congress 2020 cancelled
- **SEBI** constituted municipal bonds development committee headed by **Sujit Prasad**
- **DMart's** Founder **Radhakishan Damani** becomes India's 2nd richest person after Mukesh Ambani



- **Indian origin, Rishi Sunak**, named **UK's** new Chancellor of the Exchequer
- **Vinay Dube** appointed as **CEO of GoAir**
- **ICC women's T20I rankings 2020**: Smriti mandhana reached 4th place
- **Parikrama** lead guitarist & founder **Sonam Sherpa** passed away at 48
- **February 15**: World Pangolin Day & Madhya Pradesh radio-tags first-ever Indian Pangolin
- Bihar govt launches `Pyaar ka Paudha` campaign to promote the practice of planting trees
- Manipur's 'Anganphou Hunba' programme launched at **Arapti Mayai Leikai in Imphal East**
- **GOI** sanctioned **9 Medical colleges** and **2 AIIMS** for Jammu & Kashmir
- A 3-day long **17th edition of Bio Asia 2020** begins in **Hyderabad, Telangana**
- 1st -ever Global investors **summit 2020** will be held in Jammu & Kashmir
- **CDS** aims to establish Air Defense Command by June 2020
- **Manipur**: Seed sowing festival '**Lui-Ngai-Ni**' celebrated at **Ukhrul**
- Overview of **PM Modi** visit to **Varanasi, UP** on Feb 16, 2020
- Overview of Four day **Portugal's** President visit to India from Feb 13-16
- 2020 UN Climate Summit '**COP26**' to be held in **Glasgow, UK** in November
- **Thailand hosts** 13th Asian Business & Social Investor Forum 2020 & 4th Asia's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2020
- **RBI** board recommends aligning accounting year with fiscal year from 2020-21
- **Moody's** lowers **India's GDP** growth estimate for 2020 to 5.4% from 6.6%
- 65th Amazon Filmfare Awards 2020 in **Guwahati, Assam**: **Gully Boy'** bags best film
- **NCLAT** clears JSW Steel's acquisition of Bhushan power for Rs 19,700 cr
- **ISRO** to launch 10 surveillance satellites in 2020-21



- Kerala CM launched **"Yodhavu"** mobile app to combat drug menace
- Credai launched **'Credai Awaas'** app to connect homebuyers with developers
- **"United by Emotion"** to be 2020 Tokyo Olympics Motto
- India wins bronze in Badminton Asia team championships 2020 held in **Manila, Philippines**
- India's **Koneru Humpy** wins **Cairns Cup chess tournament**
- Disney's **'Queen of Katwe'** child actress **Nikita Pearl Waligwa** passed away at 15
- American actress **Lynn Cohen** passes away at 86
- Penguin published the Book **Chanakya Niti: Verses on Life and Living** translated by **A.N.D. Haksar**
- Haryana Govt announced Rs **6 crores cash rewards** to gold medal winners at **Olympics games**
- **Ambala city** bus stand renamed after late Sushma Swaraj by Haryana Govt
- Punjab to honour cops under **'Appreciate and Commend'** scheme
- Uddhav Thackeray approves renaming of Latur Medical College after former **CM Vilasrao Deshmukh**
- Pole vaulter **Armand Duplantis** sets new world record at **Glasgow Indoor Grand Prix**
- India's female Race Walker **Bhawna Jat** qualifies for **Tokyo Olympics 2020**
- India to get **Peninsular & Air Defence Command** by next 2021, **theatre commands** by 2022
- **Soil health card** scheme completes 5 years on 19 February 2020
- **Sanjay Agarwal** inaugurated 4th National Conference on **PMFBY** in Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Bihar to get north India's first bird ringing station and MoU inked in Gujarat
- Delhi-based **IGIA** becomes 1st single-use **plastic-free airport of India**
- UP becomes 1st in India to **enforce Performance regulation act 2019** for electricity department
- 80% Indian bird species population on decline in past 5 yrs: **State of India's Bird 2020 report**



- **Pak High Commission** issues visas to Indian pilgrims to visit Katas Raj temples
- **UAE** becomes 1st Arab Nation to issue license to operate a reactor at its Nuclear power plant
- **RBI** conducts 3- year **Long term Repo Rate Operations**(LTRO) for ₹25,000 crore
- **Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY)**: World Bank inks \$ 450 mn loan with India for groundwater management in select states
- **World Population Review Report**: India becomes 2019's 5th largest economy; US tops
- **Laureus** world sports awards 2020 in **Berlin, Germany**:**Sachin tendulkar** collects sporting moment of the year 2000-2020
- 15th Finance commission constitutes 8-member panel headed **by ITC chairman Sanjiv Puri** to boost **agri exports**
- Australia appointed **Barry O'Farrell** as new high commissioner to India
- **CCI** approves acquisition of **WABCO** Holdings by **ZF Friedrichshafen AG**
- Delhi Police integrated with Uber launched "**Himmat Plus app**"
- India to host 16-team **FIH Junior Men's World Cup 2021**, South Africa to host women's edition
- Indian Captain **Virat Kohli** slips to 10th position in **ICC T20I Rankings**
- **NADA** bans Javelin thrower Amit Dahiya for four years
- Tapas Pal, former **Trinamool Congress MP & Bengali** actor, passed away at 61
- Former Manchester United **goalkeeper** and **Munich hero, Harry Greg**, passed away at 88
- Hall of Fame golfer **Mickey Wright** passed away at 85
- **IDSA** to be renamed as **Manohar Parrikar Institute** for Defence Studies and Analyses
- **SC** approves to give permanent commission to women officers in the army
- Govt plans to doubling of **Milk** processing capacity to 108 million MT by 2025
- **India & Norway** signs **LoI** for collaboration on blue economy for sustainable development



- **AICTE** bars universities from offering **PGDM** and **MBA** courses simultaneously
- Overview of **Prez Kovind's** 2- day visit to Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu
- **Hindi** is the 3rd most spoken language in the world after English & Mandarin Chinese
- India ranked 35th in **Worldwide Education for The Future Index (WEFFI)** 2019, Finland tops
- **THE's emerging economies university rankings 2020:** India has 11 institutes among world's top 100 universities, IISC at No. 16<sup>th</sup>
- **SEBI** to tighten eligibility criteria for investment advisors
- Gujarat govt signs MoU with SBI to facilitate **MSME loans**
- **Ashraf Ghani** wins second term as **Afghanistan's** President
- **Supratim Bandyopadhyay** appointed as PFRDA Chairman TMI
- **Ex-IAS** officers **Sanjay Kothari** and **Bimal Julka** to become next Chief Vigilance Officer (CVC) and Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)
- **Lithium** reserve found in Mandya near Bengaluru
- **India-Russia** defiance deals set to cross USD 16 billion
- **GRSE** delivers 4th Anti-Submarine warfare corvette INS Kavaratti to Navy
- Pakistan successfully tests nuclear-capable air launched **cruise missile Ra'ad-II**
- Famous journalist **M.S. Mani** passed away at 79
- Veteran Kannada actor **Kishori Ballal**, passed away at 82
- **Soil Health Card Day** was observed on February 19, 2020
- AP CM Jagan Mohan Reddy launched Nadu-Nedu scheme for modernizing hospitals
- India turn on to World's Cleanest **petrol and diesel** from April 1,2020: Bharat Stage(BS)-VI
- Report "**Today for tomorrow: realizing the potential of Life Sciences 4.0**" released at 17th BioAsia 2020 in Hyderabad, Telangana



- **Northern Frontier Railway** Construction built **India's tallest pier bridge** on February 2020 in Manipur
- India to end Thermal coal import from **FY 2023-2024- Pralhad Josh**
- **Ganga Kayak** Festival celebrated in Uttar akhand
- **Centre Changes Pension Rules** of Government Employees recruited before January 1, 2004 but joined later
- **India's food grain** production to hit a record high of 291.95 million tones for crop year 2019-20
- **MOU** signed by **India-Myanmar** for bus service
- India ranks 77th in terms of sustainability & 131st in flourishing index: UN report
- **EAM Jaishankar** attends Munich security conference 2020 in Germany
- Overview of Food Processing Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal's** 3- day visit to Dubai, UAE
- **Indian Pavilion** inaugurated by external affairs minister **Dr S. Jaishankar** at 70th Berlin ale 2020
- **HDFC**, MasterCard and SAP concur jointly developed Corporate credit card for Travelers
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** gets RBI's approval for reducing the promoter's stake to 26%
- **Women entrepreneurship can create 170 million jobs:** 'Women Entrepreneurship in India— Powering the economy' report
- **EESL, BSNL** in **MoU** for 1000 public EV charging stations
- Centre appoints three experts as **NDMA** members
- Twitter acquired Chroma Labs founded by **Facebook veterans**
- First ever long Endurance **solar-powered** unmanned **aircraft PHASA-35** flies successfully
- Football — India to host **2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup**
- **AIFF** received '**Grassroots Charter Bronze Level**' membership of AFC
- **Brazil Para badminton International 2020 in Sao Paulo:** India finish with 11 medals





- India to host the **FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2020**; '**Kick Off the Dream**' is official slogan
- Former **FICCI** president & Executive Chairman of **KCP Group V L Dutt** passed away at 82
- Union Minister **Shri Prakash Javadekar** unveils an annual reference book India/Bharat 2020
- **World Day of Social Justice** was observed on February 20, 2020
- Tamil Nadu govt to celebrate former **CM Jayalalitha's** birth anniversary as '**State Girl Child Protection Day**' on Feb 24
- Overview of **Cabinet approvals** on February 19, 2020
- **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** Delhi, tops in Nature Ranking Index 2020
- **SBI Card** join hands with Landmark group to launch 3 new retail co-branded credit cards
- **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** won EY Entrepreneur of the Year award for 2019
- **ESPN Multi-Sport Annual Awards 2019** announced: **PV Sindhu** & **Saurabh Chaudhary** becomes Sport person of the year Female & Male
- Indian freelance journalist **Ahmer Khan** wins **AFP's Kate Webb Prize**
- **Venkaiah Naidu** presented the Ideal Legislative Assembly Speaker/ Ideal Legislative Council Chairman Award 2019 to **P. Ramakrishnan**, Speaker of Kerala
- Indian Railways Customer grievance portal "**RailMadad**" gets **National e-Governance Awards**
- Two 1 Million Dollar worth '**Food Planet Prize**' created by The New Curt Bergdorf Foundation in **Stockholm, Sweden**
- **RBI** appointed **Sunil Gurbaxani** as **Dhanlaxmi** Bank MD & CEO
- Irish PM **Leo Eric Varadkar** resigns, retains as interim leader
- **Mahant Nriya Gopal Das** is elected as the President and **Champat Rai** as general secretary of The **Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra** Trust
- **Netherlands Scientists discovered new snail species**; named after Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg



- Cabinet approved Procurement of 24 US made **MH-60R Seahawk helicopters**
- **Indian Railways** launched **HRMS** Mobile app for its employees
- Left arm **Indian spinner Pragyan Ojha** announced retirement from all forms of cricket
- **Larry Tesler** Inventor of **Copy-Cut-Paste** passed away at 74
- **International Mother Language Day** (IMLD) was observed on Feb 21, 2020
- **Central and UP** government renamed 4 railway stations of Prayagraj
- National Payments Corporation of India launches '**UPI Chalega**' campaign
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Inaugurated India's First Floating Jetty & Immigration office in Goa
- Ministry of MSME launched **national level awareness programme(NLAP)** 2020
- **India & Sri Lanka** signed **MoU** for up-gradation of infrastructure in plantation schools
- Indian Army is Set to Get **New Headquarters – the Thal Sena Bhawan**
- Parsi population went up by 233 since the launch of **Jiyo parsi scheme**: Mukhtar abbas Naqvi
- **Smart City Mission**: Centre devises 20-20 model to help backward cities
- Union Food Processing Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal** and Union Minister of Women and Child Development inaugurated **National Organic Food Festival** for women entrepreneurs
- **IRSDC** installs India's 1st squat machine at Delhi's **Anand Vihar railway station**; Free platform ticket will be given for 30 squats
- A 2-day long **first-ever Bharat-Bangla tourism festival** 2020 held in Agartala, Tripura
- Pakistan continues at grey list of **FATF** for another 4 months
- **Nitin Gadkari** led India at the 3rd High Level Global Conference on Road Safety in Stockholm
- 9th Defence and Security Expert Working Group meeting of **SCO** held in **Islamabad, Pakistan**
- **India's GDP** growth to be 4.9% in 2019-20: NCAER



- RBI unveils 5 year **National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI): 2019-2024**
- Securities market regulator **SEBI** redefines '**pledge**' to protect client securities
- Sweden's Riksbank begun testing world's 1st digital version of currency, e-krona
- **Dharampal Satyapal** Limited won Best In-House direct tax Team of the Year award in **BRICS CCI's** 2nd edition of Annual Direct Tax Summit & Awards 2020
- **Manoj Kumar** felicitated by London's World Book of Records for his contribution to Indian cinema
- **US-India Business Council (USIBC)** appoints Vijay Advani as a New chairman of Global board
- **IRCTC 'ASKDISHA'** upgraded to converse with Railway Customers in Hindi Language
- Great Britain Olympic hockey champion **Alex Danson-Bennett** announced her retirement
- Russia will host new edition of **AIBA World Cup 2020**
- **FC Goa** created history by becoming the 1st Indian club to reach **2021 AFC** Champions' league group stage
- **World Thinking Day** celebrated on February 22, 2020
- **Odessa government** presented Rs 1.5 Lakh crore paperless budget 2020-21
- Govt of Haryana to open **Atal kisan – majdoor canteens** to provide affordable meals to farmers
- Centre paid Rs 50,850 crore to farmers under **Pradhan Mantri Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** scheme
- **PM Modi** addressed the International Judicial Conference 2020 held in New Delhi
- **Shyama Prasad Mukherji** National Rurban Mission completes 4 years on Feb 21, 2020
- Mumbai airport gets **world's largest 'Export Cold Zone'** to Store Agro, Pharma Products
- Overview of **13th COP** on Conservation of Migratory Species of wild animals held in Gandhi agar, Gujarat
- **Saudi Arabia** hosts G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting 2020 from Feb 22-23
- **Hrithik Roshan** awarded as the Best Actor in **Dadasaheb Phalke** International Film Festival 2020



- Mangalore's Adline Castelino won **LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020 title**
- CDRI's scientist **Dr. Niti kumar** to get **SERB** women excellence award-2020
- **Rajlaxmi Singh Deo** re-elected as President of Rowing Federation of India
- **Ms. Padmaja** has been concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner to Vanuatu
- GOVT approves merger of Indus Towers with **Bharti Infratel**
- Scientists discover **breathable oxygen** in galaxy outside of Milky Way for 1st time
- **HPF** validated its 1st explant called G 9-40b
- Young Indian Grand Master **D.Gukesh** wins title at 34th Cannes open chess
- **PM Modi** inaugurated **first-ever Khelo** India University Games at Cuttack, Odessa
- Overview of **Asian Wrestling Championship** 2020 held in New Delhi
- Former Karnataka Minister **C. Chennigappa** passed away at 76
- Former Indian Footballer **Ashok Chatterjee** passed away at 78
- Three-time MP, **Netaji kin Krishna Bose** passed away at 89
- **Manmohan singh** released the books "**who is bharat mata** " in Both English and Kannada versions
- Vice President **Venkaiah naidu** released **Sadhguru's** book '**Death-An Inside Story**'
- **Central Excise Day** was observed on feb 24, 2020
- **Dial 112:** Kerala gets integrated number for police, medical and fire emergencies
- AP CM Jagan Mohan launches '**Jagananna Vasthi Deevana**' scheme for Students
- **Venezuela's Yulimar Rojas** sets new indoor women's triple jump world record
- **GSI** estimates 160 Kg Gold Deposits in Uttar Pradesh's Sonbhadra district, not 3,000 Tones
- **Govt amended provisions of Arms Act, 1959** and Arms Rules, 2016 for renowned shooters
- **Losar festival** was celebrated in Himachal Pradesh



- MoU signed between **NMCG, (SPMG-UK) & ICT** to renovate **Ghats at Gangotri & Badrinath**
- Haryana tops in **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** payouts rating for 2019-20; West Bengal worst
- **Himachal Pradesh:** 1st State to achieve 100% LPG coverage
- 1 in 3 payments for maternity benefit scheme '**PMMVY**' credited to wrong account: **NITI Aayog report**
- Amit Shah holds talks with Maldivian home minister **Sheikh Imran Abdulla**
- NABARD grants Rs 400.64 cr for **UT of J&K** to boost infrastructure
- **Microsoft, SBI** join hands to train differently-abled for employment in **BFSI** sector
- Union HRD Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** presented 3rd **Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards 2019**; 4 MoUs inked
- **Dr N Kumar TNAU VC** conferred with **Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **The Indian Air Force (IAF), The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** won trophies for Republic Day Parade 2020
- World's Oldest govt leader **Mahathir Mohamad (94)** resigned as Malaysia's PM
- Abhay Kumar Singh appointed as CMD of NHPC
- Togo's President **Faure Gnassingbe** re-elected for a fourth term with 72% of votes
- **CCI** approves **NTPC** to acquire 100% of the issued & paid-up share capital of **NEEPCO** & 74.5% stake of **THDC India**
- **4,000-year-old crafts village** unearthed near **Varanasi**, Uttar Pradesh by Banaras University
- **Ministry of Corporate Affairs introduces new portal:** SPICe+ web form, reduce and cost time for incorporation
- An e-commerce app "**Thirumathi Kart**" for SHG products launched at Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu
- **CGF** approved India to host 2022 Commonwealth Archery and Shooting Championships in Chandigarh





- **ICC bans Oman player Yousuf Abdulrahim Al Balushi from cricket for 7 years**
- **ITTF World Tour Hungary Open 2020 in Budapest:** Indian duo of Sharath kamal & Sathiyan won silver medal
- Famous **NASA** mathematician **Katherine Johnson** passed away at 101
- **Indradhanush – V 2020:** Indo-UK bilateral air exercise begins in Hindan, Uttar Pradesh
- Union HRD Minister launched **UKIERI-UGC** Higher Education Leadership Development Programme
- Madhya Pradesh becomes the 1st state to launch **unified vehicle registration card** & 2nd to launch **unified driving license**
- India 5th most polluted country with **Ghaziabad** as the most polluted city, **globally:** IQAir AirVisual Report
- National cyber research and Innovation centre, inaugurated by MoS **G.K.Reddy** in Hyd, T.S
- 1st 'National Conference on **Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience(CDRR&R) 2020:** Organised by The **National Institute of Disaster Management ( NIDM)**
- A 3-day international conference on **"EMMDA 2020"** held in Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 16th session of joint ministerial commission was held between **India** and **Australia**
- High-level committee headed by retired Justice **Biplab sharma** submits report on clause 6 of Assam accord
- Overview of US President **Donald Trump** visit to India on February 24-25
- Digital payments rising sharply but cash remains the king: **RBI study**
- **RBI** allows Bandhan Bank to open new branches without prior approval
- **IRDAI** forms 9-member panel led by Srinivasan to examine the possibility of allowing life insurers offer indemnity based health policies
- **ADB** raises \$118 mn through offshore India rupee linked 10-year bonds
- **Hurun Global Rich List 2020:** Jeff Bezos retains 1st rank, Mukesh Ambani at 9th position



- Michael Ziebach named as **Mastercard's** new President & CEO, Ajay Banga moves to Executive Chairman
- **Shri Jawed Ashraf** to be next Ambassador of India to France
- **Crisil** completed acquisition of Greenwich Associates
- The labor ministry to launch "**Santusht**" mobile app for ESI beneficiaries
- **INCOIS** launched three new advance warning systems
- World's largest species of **cave fish** discovered in Meghalaya's Jaintia Hills
- 8,000 years old Carbon founded inside The **Yongle Blue Hole** (YBH)
- **Shri Kiren Rijju** inaugurated 1st Khelo India Winter Games in Leh, Ladakh
- Former Egyptian President **Hosni Mubarak** passed away at 91
- **Bihar 1st NDA state** to adopt resolution against **NRC**, and to implement **NP**
- Naval special child **Jiya Rai** creates world record in open water swimming
- Government of India announced 1st **Artificial intelligence summit**: RAISE 2020- 'Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020'
- 2 days Conference on Enhancing Energy Cooperation in the **BIMSTEC** region held in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- MP tops the list for outgoing patients for treatment under **PM-JAY: NHA**
- **NTPC** and **CPCB** signed MoU to set up air quality monitoring stations in 6 States & 3 UTs
- Overview of **Cabinet approvals** on February 26, 2020
- Cabinet approved three **MoUs** with **Myanmar**
- Ordnance factory boards becomes the 1st govt entity to adopt centralised invoicing platform, **TreDS**
- Sri Lankan Govt withdraws from **UNHRC** resolution on war crimes
- **RBI** introduced 12 indicators for calculating India's growth: RBI Working Paper





- **Bharti AXA** General Insurance becomes the 1st company in India to use Whats app for deliver policy & renewal documents
- Government to include non-scheduled urban, district cooperative banks in 3 schemes for **MSME**
- **RBI mandates banks** to link all new floating rate loans to medium enterprises with external benchmark from April 1,2020
- Finance Minister **unveils EASE** Roadmap for Banking of the Future EASE 3.0, and PSB EASE Reforms Annual Report 2019-20
- Finance secretary Rajiv Kumar launches "**Baroda Startup Banking**" initiative for start-ups in 15 cities
- **Capri Global Capital Ltd** launched UDAAN new SME lending scheme for Women Entrepreneurs
- **DPIIT** amended **FDI** Policy to allow 100% FDI for insurance intermediaries
- **Sahitya Akademi's** Translation Prize 2019 awarded to English translation of '**Kusumabale**'
- Union Food Processing Industries Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal** Launched **Market Intelligence and Early Warning System (MIEWS)**
- Russian tennis star and 5 time Grand Slam winner **Maria Sharapova** gets retired
- Steve Smith dethrones **Virat Kohli** to regain top spot in ICC Test rankings
- Former Tamil Nadu Minister **K P P Samy** passed away at 57
- **India's First Protein Day** was observed on February 27, 2020
- Atal Innovation Mission partnered with Nasscom to launch **AI-based module in 5000 ATIs**
- International Conference on Standardization of alternate medicines, '**ICoSDiTAUS-2020**' held in New Delhi
- Government approves Rs 162 crore under Operation **Green Scheme**
- **NCAER releases 1st edition of land records and services index 2020:** MP emerges as top performer, Ladakh at bottom
- Govt approved 32 projects under **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**



- Tribal affairs ministry launches **Capacity building programme of ST** representatives in LSG & '1000 Springs Initiatives' in Bhubneshwar ,Odessa
- **HDFC bank ties-up** with Indi Go to launch co-branded credit card 'Ka-ching, powered by Master card
- **Diplomat Abhishek** appointed as next Ambassador of India to Venezuela
- **ONGC & HPCL** acquires 34.56 % of bankers' stake in Petro net MHB for Rs 371 crore
- Union Minister of **Shri Rajnath Singh** inaugurates new **Light Combat Helicopter (LCH)** Hangar at **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** complex in Bengaluru
- 6th offshore patrol vessel "**Yard 45006 VAJRA**" launched in Chennai
- L&T-built 5th offshore patrol vessel called '**ICGS Varad**' commissioned for Indian Coast Guard
- Scientists found first-Ever Animal '**Henneguya salminicola**' that doesn't need oxygen to survive
- Astronomers at **UBC Astronomy club** discovers **17 new planets**, including earth-sized world
- Centenarian Vedic Scholar & Kannada Rajyotsava awardee Pundit Sudhakar Chaturvedi passed away at 122
- Famous Historian and Professor **S. Settar** passed away at 85 in Karnataka
- **National Science Day (NSD)** was observed on Feb 28, 2020
- **World NGO Day** was observed on 27th Feb, 2020
- M.H Assembly passed bill, teaching **Marathi language** compulsory across all schools in the state
- Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University renamed as **Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti languages University** in Luck now
- Haryana **CM Manohar lal khattar** presents Rs 1,42,343-crore budget for 2020-21
- Maharashtra: "**Smart gram yojana**" will be named after ex-minister R R. Patil
- President gives nod for delimitation exercise in **NE States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland**



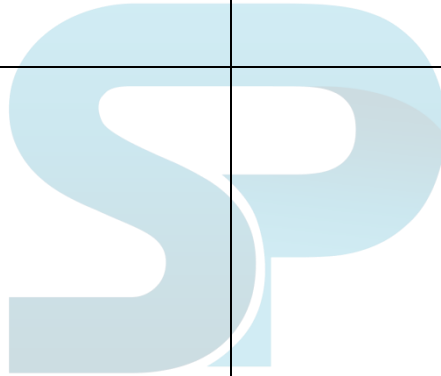
- 19th edition of **World Productivity Congress (WPC) 2020** will be held in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Indian Railways launched its First **“Restaurant on Wheels”** at Asansol Station, West Bengal
- 76% of Jan Dhan account holders have RuPay debit cards: **Govt Data**
- 1st **“Nimad Chilli Festival 2020”** begins at Kasrawad in Khargone district, Madhya Pradesh; mascot named **“chilli chacha”** released
- Overview of New Zealand Deputy PM & Finance Minister **Winston peters** 4-day visit to India
- Fiscal deficit reached 128.5% of budget estimate at end-January 2020:**Govt data**
- **Bengaluru** recorded highest number of digital transactions among cities while MH topped among states in 2019: Report by **World line** India
- Forest Man of India & environment a list Padma **Shri Jadav Payeng** honoured with **6th Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi** Award 2020
- **Ajay Tyagi** Chairman of SEBI gets 6 month extension
- **UGC** to set up 11 Chairs in the names of women scientists across India: **Smriti Irani**
- Astronomers discovered a mini-moon or planet’s 2nd moon, **“Dubbed 2020 CD3”**
- Astronomers detect biggest explosion in the Universe since the **Big Bang in Ophiuchus galaxy cluster**
- Tamilnadu **DMK MLA S Kathavarayan** passed away at 58
- Bihar Lok Sabha **MP Baidyanath Prasad Mahto** passed away at 72
- **Rare Diseases Day** was observed on February 29, 2020
- **Manpreet Singh Badal** presented Punjab govt’s 1.54 lakh cr budget for FY20-21
- RBI approves appointment of **Sumant Kathpalia** as MD &CEO of IndusInd Bank
- India withdraws from Shooting World Cup in **Cyprus**



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