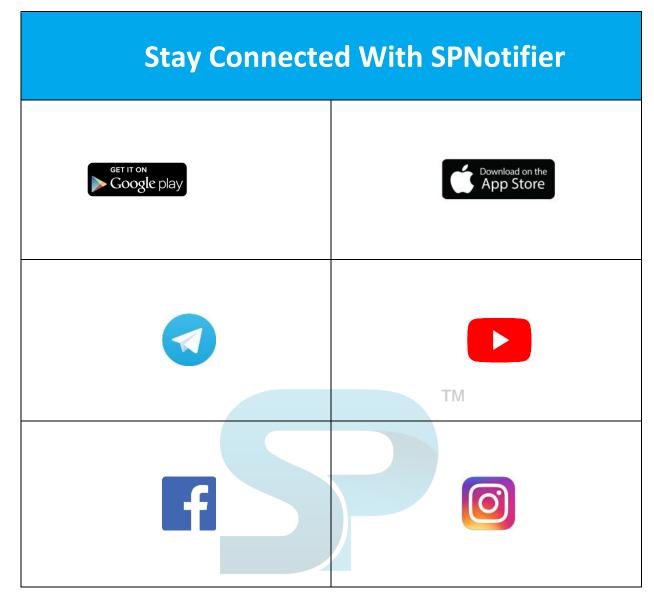




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- MoU was signed between Indian Air Force and Savitribai Phule Pune University to establish a 'Chair of Excellence'
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched 'Suposhit Maa Abhiyan' in Kota, Rajasthan
- US and Taliban seals historic agreement aimed at ending war in Afghanistan
- Fitch lowers India's economic growth forecast for FY20 to 4.9% from 5.1 %
- ICAR signs MoU with Haridwar-based Patanjali for farm research, training
- Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal honoured with Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee award for politics: Swarajya Awards 2020
- Overview of 70th Berlin film festival 2020 awards held in Germany
- Former Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin bin Haji Muhammad Yassin becomes Malaysia's 8th Prime Minister
- Pekka Lundmark appointed as CEO of Nokia
- National Workshop on Explosive Detection (NWED-2020) held in Pune, Maharashtra, RalDer-X, a new explosive detection device unveiled
- Genetic study revealed the endangered red panda is actually two separate species
- Highlights of 2020 Mexican open held in Acapulco, Mexico from Feb 24-29
- Highlights of 1st Khelo India University Games 2020 held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Former India hockey player & Padma Shri awardee Balbir Singh Kullar passed away at 77Dronacharya awardee & athletics coach Joginder Singh Saini passed away at 90
- Zero Discrimination Day 2020 celebrated on March 1
- World Civil Defence Day was observed on March 1, 2020
- Senior IPS officer S N Shrivastava gets additional charge of Delhi Police Commissioner
- Punjab prohibits online supply of food from FBOs not possessing hygiene rating





- J&K: Historic city Chowk renamed as 'Bharat mata chowk'
- UP MLA Virendra Sirohi passes away at the age of 73
- Pune to host 108th Indian Science Congress annual session in 2021
- Centre notifies the National Chambal Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh as eco-sensitive zone
- Overview of Myanmar President U Win Myint visit to India from Feb 26-29, 2020
- BEE introduces Deep freezer and Light commercial air conditioners under star rating programme
- 11th National Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) conference 2020 held in New Delhi
- India among top suppliers of pharma drugs used in trafficking: INCB Report 2019
- SBI switched to Cash Budget Based Assessment (CBBA) method of assessment for corporates
- RBL Bank ties-up with Zomato to launch co-branded credit card powered by Mastercard
- IIT Mandi, EWOK Society sign tripartite deal with NABARD for setting up 3 FPOs in Himachal
- Paytm Insurance Broking secures brokerage licence from IRDAI
- OECD downgraded India's FY21 GDP growth to 5.1% from 6.2%
- Sudhanshu Pandey appointed as new CMD of MMTC
- MoS Santosh Gangwar launched Humsafar mobile app for doorstep diesel delivery in New Delhi
- Tourism ministry launched Multilingual version of "Incredible India" website in New Delhi
- SCTIMST develops Flow Diverter Stents Technology for the treatment of Aneurysms of brain
- Indian Hockey men's team ranked 4th for the 1st time & Women's team ranked 9th: FIH World Rankings 2020
- Highlights of India Vs New zealand test match held in Christchurch, New Zealand
- Former Chairman & CEO of General Electric, Jack Welch passed away at 84
- World wildlife day celebrated on 3 March 2020







- World Hearing Day was observed on March 3, 2020
- TN CM Edappadi Palaniswami launched Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme (TNHSRP)
- Tripura Govt and AAI signed MoU for construction of 6 equipment hiring centers at Tripura
- FinMin's financial inclusion policies have benefitted women beneficiaries broadly
- MoPP&P issued format for filing complaints with Lokpal under Lokpal (Complaint) Rules, 2020
- Govt approves Indian airlines to provide in-flight wi-fi services to its passengers; Vistara to be first in line
- Rs 33 cr for Kaziranga under Project Tiger scheme; Rs 1.51 crore under CAMPA for FY2018-19 & FY19-20
- 35th edition of the food and hospitality fair 'AAHAR 2020' commences in New Delhi
- Luxembourg becomes the world's 1st nation to make all public transport free from Feb 29
- China assumes presidency of UN Security Council for March 2020
- NABARD infused Rs 1.46 lakh crore in rural banking during FY20
- NMDC & i-TIC Foundation of IIT Hyderabad signed pact to support Deep-Tech Start-Ups
- India ranked 3rd in trade-related illicit financial flow globally, China tops: GFI Report
- Jadav Payeng environmental activist of Assam named as 128th Commonwealth Points of Light Award winner
- Ireland Architects Yvonne Farrell & Shelley McNamara wins The Pritzker Architecture prize 2020
- Centre has named Ajay Bhushan Pandey as the new Finance Secretary of FinMin
- Sanjay Kumar Panda appointed as India's Ambassador to Turkey
- NBCC gets NCLT approval to acquire Jaypee Infratech
- Zomato acquires UberEats India for \$206 million
- ICC women's T20I Rankings 2020: Shafali verma creates history by becoming world's No.1 batsman at the age of 16





- 49th National Safety day is observed on March 4 2020
- Jharkhand government released Rs 86, 370 crore Budget for Financial year 2020-21
- UP Govt to provide monthly grant of Rs 900 for adopting a stray cattle
- MCA introduced LLP settlement Scheme, 2020 to allow one-time condonation of delayed filing of required documents with ROC
- SC allows trade in cryptocurrency by rejecting RBI 2018 circular
- Overview of Cabinet approvals on March 4, 2020
- Cabinet clears MoU between India and Côte d'Ivoire on cooperation in the health sector
- 5th edition of India Pharma & India Medical Device 2020 Conference held at Gandhinagar,
   Gujarat
- MHA approved automated facial recognition system (AFRS) for identification of bodies, missing children, criminals
- 70% decline in insurgency incidents in North East: Kishan reddy
- Govt aims to replace all level crossings on NH with Over/under Bridges under the Setu Bharatam scheme
- India & US signed Rs 1200 crore deal for missile protection suites for new Boeing-777 VVIP planes
- European commission launches global coalition for biodiversity to raise public awareness
- QS World University Ranking 2020 by subject: IIT Bombay & IIT Delhi find place in top 50 for engineering institutes
- ICICI Prudential AMC inks pact with Saraswat co-op bank to tap rural market
- President of India honoured 15 Artists with 61st Annual Lalit Kala Akademi Awards 2020 in New Delhi
- Slovenia confirms anti-immigrant party leader Janez Jansa as new Prime Minister
- RBI Deputy Governor N.S. Vishwanathan resigned ahead of retirement





- Tribal affairs ministry constitutes committee on CFR guidelines under FRA headed by NC Saxena
- Badminton Asia Championships 2020 shifted to Manila from Wuhan
- Mumbai to host 2023 International Olympic Committee (IOC) session
- Former UN chief Javier Perez de Cuellar Passed away at 100
- Janaushadhi Week being celebrated in India from March 1 to 7
- Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel presents a Rs 95,650-crore budget for fiscal 2020-21
- Gairsain will be the summer capital of Uttarakhand
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- Indian shuttlers Tasnim & Mansi wins historic bronze at Yonex Dutch Junior Intl 2020 held in Netherlands
- Google cloud set to open second cloud region in India in 2021
- Govt approves Companies (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019 with 72 changes to Companies Act 2013; 66 compoundable offences decriminalized
- India's UHNWI population to increase by 73% in 5 years: Knight frank's wealth report 2020
- 10 projects of Rs 301.54 crores sanctioned for Food Processing Sector
- DAY -NULM signed MoU with Amazon for E-Marketing of Products Made by Self Help Groups across the Country
- Indian female labour-force participation dropped from 34% in 2006 to 24.8% in 2020: UNGC Study
- 5th BIMSTEC Summit 2020 to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in September
- Tata AIA Life to provide football coaching to under-privileged girls under its 'Bachhpan Ka Rakshakaran' program
- Paytm, Hyderabad Metro tie up for QR-based tickets
- Commerce ministry clears TCS, DLF proposals to set up SEZs for IT sector in Haryana and UP
- Mahindra-Ford venture set to name Anurag Mehrotra as Chief Executive
- Chandrayaan-3 will be launched in the first half of 2021: Jitendra Singh
- Nasa's named Mars 2020 rover as Perseverance





- Indian runner Prachi provisionally suspended after testing positive for Oxandrolone
- Sports Authority of India (SAI) announced 1st edition of Under-21 Khelo India Women's Hockey League
- Smriti Irani releases book titled "Chronicles of Change Champions" at New Delhi
- Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu launched Student Health Card scheme for school children in Jammu and Kashmir
- West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard becomes first player to play 500 T20s
- Indian Coast Guard conducts 9th edition of rescue exercise 'SAREX-2020' in Goa
- Agartala and Ghojadanga approved as authorised land immigration check posts
- Government reconstructs The National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR), appoints
   Amit Shah as chairman
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- Chapchar Kut, the biggest and most joyful festival of Mizos, being celebrated on March 6 2020
- MWCD & world bank organizes a discussion programme-"The Future of Work: Women in India's Workforce
- India joins Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) as its 5th observer to boost Indo-Pacific vision
- Girls still face violence and discrimination, 70% trafficked in 2016: UNICEF report "A New Era for Girls"
- RBI announced draft scheme "Yes Bank Ltd. Reconstruction Scheme, 2020" for Yes Bank's revival; SBI willing to invest
- DMK party general secretary K Anbazhagan passed away at 97
- Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2020 is observed on March
- Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approved to form trust for 'Ram Van Gaman Path' project
- Himachal CM Jai Ram Thakur presents 49,131 crore budget for FY21
- Ajit Pawar presented Maharashtra Government's Rs 1.15 crore budget for Financial Year 2020-21
- Narendra Singh Tomar announced that Government plans to achieve 75 lakh SHGs by 2022





- Odisha becomes the 1st state to introduce department for SHGs: "Mission Shakti"
- Sanitary napkin disposal bags for each pad, mandatory from January 202: Prakash Javadekar
- Lt General Milind Hemant Thakur inaugurated the renovated Animal Memorial in Bengaluru,
   Karnataka
- PM Narendra Modi attended the 6th edition of ET global business summit 2020 held in new delhi from March 6-7 2020
- MSDE launches Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) in IIM-Bengaluru
- National Conference on Women in Police and CAPFs held in New Delhi
- UNGCNI organizes 3rd Gender equality summit 2020 in New Delhi
- 10th FICCI-IBA Bankers' Survey July-Dec 2019 released in New Delhi; Highest NPAs in Infrastructure sector
- Nupur Kulshrestha becomes Indian Coast Guard's first woman DIG
- President Ram Nath Kovind honoured 15 Women with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for 2019- "National award for women"
- NITI Aayog & UN organized the 4th edition of Women Transforming India Awards 2019 in New Delhi; 15 women achievers conferred
- Hockey India 3rd annual awards 2019 in New Delhi; Manpreet singh, Rani rampal wins Player of the year awards
- M Venkaiah Naidu conferred 3rd edition of BusinessLine Changemaker Awards 2020
- Government sets up 12 member panel to prepare investigation manual for SFIO headed by Injeti Srinivas
- Former Indian opener Wasim Jaffer announces retirement from all forms of cricket on March 7,2020
- Overview of ICC Women's T20 World cup 2020 held in Australia
- Former Law Minister and former governor of Karnataka & Kerala H. R. Bhardwaj passed away at 83





- CPI(M) MLA Vijayan Pillai of Kerala passed away on 8th March 2020
- Odisha CM released book titled "The Adventures of the Daredevil Democrat"
- International Women's Day (IWD) 2020 observed on March 8
- Kerala to launch digital literacy drive named "I am also digital" in the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation
- Telangana's Finance minister Harish Rao presents 1.82 lakh crore budget for FY21
- Centre invites bids for sale of BPCL
- Andhra Pradesh ranked 1st in the country for overall implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan
- Gujarat tops in domestic solar rooftop installations in 2020
- Centre constitutes Delimitation commission for J&K, Assam, Manipur, Arunachal, chaired by former SC judge Ranjana Prakash Desai
- Traditional 'Fagli' festival celebrated in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur on March 10, 2020
- Jewar Airport, UP receives international recognition for strategic infrastructure
- More than 40% Govt schools in India don't have electricity & playgrounds: Parliamentary panel's
   "2020-2021 demand for grants for school education
- UN adopts political declaration on women's rights during CSW64 meet in New York, US
- EIU's Inclusive Internet Index 2020:Sweden tops globally;India topped among South Asian Countries & ranked 46th globally
- 1st UNDP Gender Social Norms Index 2020: Almost 90 % of People are biased against women;
   Pakistan ranks 1<sup>st</sup>
- Moody's again lowers India's growth projections to 5.3% from 5.4%: Impact of Coronavirus
- Telangana State Agricultural University Vice Chancellor Praveen Rao wins Dr MS Swaminathan Award
- Lt Gen KJS Dhillon to take charge as DG DIA, Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (DCIDS)
- Kareena Kapoor Khan signed contract for 2 years as Puma's brand ambassador





- Hockey India (HI) joins 38-member World Masters Hockey (WMH);RP Singh appointed convener
  of HI Masters Committee
- Maltese Footballer Andre Schembri to announced retirement
- Tahira Kashyap announced a new book titled "The 12 Commandments Of Being A Woman"
- Punjab Government launched "Cova Punjab" mobile app to spread awareness on Coronavirus
- Andhra Pradesh CM lauched NIGHA app to control electoral malpractices
- Govt sets up a committee on Kisan Rail to finalize its modalities
- Hola Mohalla' festival celebrated at Sri Anandpur Sahib in Punjab
- Week Long 1st "Ekam Fest" held in New Delhi; inauguarted by Thaawarchand Gehlot; 3 intiatives launched for PwDs
- HAL set to build base in 4 countries for the purpose of selling aircraft
- India 2nd largest arms importer in 2015-19, Saudi Arabia tops; US largest exporter of arms while
   India at 23rd: SIPRI Report
- India is positioned 2nd, US tops as most promising source of disruptive technologies: KPMG 2020
- Mukesh Ambani loses Asia's richest man title to Jack Ma by \$5.8 bn
- Google India unveils 18-week long skill development programme 'DigiPivot ' for women
- India 2019 thermal coal imports rise 12.6% to 197.84 million tonnes; coking coal import declined: Govt Data
- TCIS signs MoU with The Gambia for MEA's eVBAB Network Project
- Indian mountaineer Bhawna Dehariya scales Australia's highest mountain peak
- PV Sindhu named as BBC Indian Sportswoman of the year 2019 and PT Usha won Lifetime Achievement Award
- Four AAI airports among best aerodromes in world, 2019 Airport Service Quality awards





- Dr Jaimanti Bakshi, PGI Professor won Best Citizens of India Gold medal Award
- Women scientists receive international exposure through Indo-U.S. Fellowship: WISTEMM
- Ministry of Home Affairs constitutes two special committees to fasten CAPF works
- DST sanctioned Rs 7.25 crore to IIT Mandi to set up a Technology Innovation HubLeh to host International Yoga Day event on 21st June 2020
- RS Approves Minor Changes in Bill to Include Tribal Communities of Karnataka in ST Category
- LPG scheme PM Ujjwala Yojana closed; only 3 States & 5 UTs become kerosene-free
- India post launches India's 1st digital parcel locker service in Kolkata, West Bengal
- WEF launched 1st global COVID Action Platform for private-sector businesses to fight against coronavirus
- Among 5 Indians Byju Raveendran & Zomato's Gaurav Gupta in WEF's Young Global Leaders list
   2020
- SBI cuts interest rate on SB accounts to 3%; one-year MCLR reduced to 7.75%; min balance criteria removed
- iSelect+ Term Plan launched by Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance
- World Bank to provide USD 80 million to an integrated project in Himachal Pradesh
- GOKADDAL, World's first Digital Solutions Exchange Cloud launched in India
- IDFC FIRST Bank appointed Amitabh Bachchan as its first-ever brand ambassador
- Highlights of CCI approvals on March 11, 2020
- Highlights of Asian/Oceanian Olympic qualifying event 2020 held in Amman, Jordan
- Famous Swedish actor Max von Sydow, star of "The Exorcist" and "Seventh Seal" passed away at
   90
- Veteran Bengali actor Santu Mukhopadhyay or Santu Mukherjee passed away at 69
- World Kidney Day was observed on March 12, 2020





- Maharashtra Govt approved auto-rickshaws "happy hours", reducing 15% of fare prices from 12 pm to 4 pm
- Karnataka Govt launched 'Namaste over Handshake' campaign to prevent from COVID-19
- WCD ministry notifies new POCSO rules 2020 with stringent punishments for sexual offences against children
- Bibek Debroy committee recommended concession of Rajdhani/Shatabdi to private parties;
   NDLS to be redeveloped as World Class Station
- Ministry of Home Affairs sanctions Rs 365 crore for Sabroom ICP in Tripura
- First regional edition of "Divya Kala Shakti event" held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)
- Crime Multi-Agency Centre and National Cybercrime Training Centre were launched on 35th Inception Day of NCRB
- Centre invokes 'Epidemic Act 1897' and 'Disaster Management Act 2005' to prevent the spread of COVID-19; Karnataka, the first state to enact 1897 Act
- World Health Organisation declared COVID-19 as pandemic
- India gained C grade, no country made up to A grade: Animal Protection Index 2020
- SBI Board approved Rs 7,250 cr fund infusion into Yes Bank, Stake remains under 49%
- India's current account deficit narrows dramatically to \$ 1.4 bn in October-December 2019 quarter: RBI
- India's first Living Culinary Arts and Museum of WGSHA enters Limca Book of Records
- Nita Ambani, Serena Williams & Simone Biles named in Influential Women in Sports list 2020
- Central Government nominates Debasish Panda as Director central board of RBI
- iQOO named Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador
- Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) appointed actor Randeep Hooda as its new wildlife ambassador species that swim
- Bharti Airtel took 10% stake in fitness start-up Spectacom Global ltd





- World Athletics fines Russia of USD 10 million & caps neutral athlete at 10
- Former Czech Olympic javelin champion Dana Zatopkova dies at 97
- World Sleep Day was observed on March 13, 2020CM Yogi Adityanath launched 3 schemes during 'Kaushal Satrang' programme held in Lucknow, UP
- Nitin Gadkari requests to spread information about "Udyam Sakhi" portal: Lok Sabha
- Telangana youngest Mountaineer Amgoth Tukaram scales Australia's highest Mount Kosciuszko
- Mumbai Central station to be renamed as Nana Shankarsheth Mumbai Central railway station
- Assam Government to construct 33 stadiums under Uttaran scheme
- WINGS INDIA 2020 an international exhibition & conference held in Hyderabad
- Rs 1.83 lakh crore spent under MNREGA in 2017-2020

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- Cabinet Approval on March 13,2020
- 'Bhoomi Rashi portal'- expedited Error free & transparent land acquisition for National Highways project3rd edition of WION Global Summit 2020 held in Dubai,UAE
- RBI issues guidelines for Ind AS implementation by NBFCs, ARCs
- Prashant Kumar appointed as MD & CEO, Sunil Mehta as Non-Executive Chairman & of YES Bank
- Newly Discovered insect species named after singer Lady Gaga
- Scientists at ARCI- Hyderabad develops 'solar receiver tube technology' for industrial process heat
- Jaydev Unadkat led Saurashtra Cricket team won Ranji Trophy title 2019-20
- Pi Day was celebrated on March 14, 2020





- Government proposed masks & hand sanitizers under Essential Commodities Act 1955
- CRPF signs MoU with Aditya mehta foundation to train its specially-abled troops in areas of cyber security & AI
- Phool Dei festival was celebrated in Uttarakhand
- RBI revises exposure limits for urban cooperative banks to single, group borrowers
- Justice Bansi Lal Bhat got appointed as officiating chairperson of NCLAT for 3 months
- Shardul Thakur appointed as brand ambassador of Tata Power
- HIL (India) Limited launched Customer Payment Portal
- PM Modi proposed the creation of COVID 19 emergency fund of SAARC nation during video conference in New Delhi; India offered the US \$10 million
- Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates ROPAX Service from BhauchaDhakka to Mandwa in Maharashtra
- Flipkart teamed up with Aegon life insurance to sell quick-access life insurance policies
- 39th GST Council meeting headed by Nirmala Sitharaman held in New Delhi; Know your Supplier' introduced; GST on mobile phones hiked to 18%
- Gold imports down 8.86 % to \$ 27 bn during April-February of FY 2019-20: Commerce ministry
- OIL signed agreement Crude Oil agreement with Numaligarh Refinery
- Indian journalists Rohini Mohan, Arfa Khanum Sherwani received Chameli Devi Jain Award 2019 for outstanding Women media persons
- Prachi Salve of IndiaSpend and Pradeep Dwivedi of DainikJagran wins Road Safety (RS) Media Fellowship 2019
- Raj Kumar Singh Launched a new website of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- Overview of 112th edition of All England Open 2020 held at Birmingham arena, England
- Table tennis star Sharath kamal wins men's singles title at ITTF challenger plus Oman Open 2020 held in Muscat





- Sahitya Akademi awardee, Malayalam poet Puthussery Ramachandran passed away
- A book titled "An Extraordinary Life: A biography of Manohar Parrikar" to be released in April 2020
- World Consumer Day 2020 was observed on March 15
- National Vaccination Day 2020 is observed on March 16
- Biren Singh announced CMAST and CMAT scheme for welfare of sportspersons & artistes
- Permanent commission to women in Indian Navy: SC
- Haryana's Amin village renamed as Abhimanyupur
- India to provide NPR 107.01 million to build 3 schools in Nepal
- Share of Indian vendors increased in defence contracts from (2015-16) to (2019-20) by over 35%
- Road accidents reduced by 10% after the Motor Vehicles(Amended) Act 2019
- The government targeted to achieve sales around 70 lakh hybrid & electric vehicles by the end of 2020
- Microsoft India & NASSCOM Foundation launches 'Innovate for accessible India campaign' to empower people with disabilities
- Ravinder Singh Dhillon appointed as CMD of Power Finance Corporation
- Swiss scientists discover rain of molten iron on distant exoplanet 'WASP-76b'
- ATK FC won ISL trophy for the 3rd time by defeating Chennaiyin FC
- Veteran journalist, former Rajya Sabha Member Patil Puttappa passed away at 9
- Famous Marathi Actor Jairam Kulkarni passed away at 88
- M Gopal Reddy appointed as Chief Secretary of MP
- ECI appoints Hirdesh Kumar as New Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir





- After Maharashtra & Odisha, J'khand becomes the 3rd state in India to launch 'Star Rating program' for industries
- PM Modi participated in the 100th Birth Anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman via Video conference
- MoCA flagged off first-ever Indore-Kishangarh flight under UDAN
- Rooftop solar power plants in India installed at 1,922 MW
- Armed Forces spends Rs 26.12 crore in legal expenses
- Banihal to Katra railway link to be completed by 2022
- Odisha's Konark sun temple & Statue of Unity in Gujarat finds place in iconic tourism sites list:
   Prahlad Singh
- Govt sanctioned Rs 20,466.94 crore loan to women under 'Stand up India scheme': Anurag singh
- Philippines shut Financial Market due to COVID 19 outbreak
- World Cities Summit 2020 to be held in Singapore from July 5 to 9
- RBI issued new guidelines for payment aggregators; MCR reduced for new PAs to Rs 15 crore from Rs 100 crore
- RBI opens dollar-swap window along with infusion of Rs 1,00,000 crore through LTRO
- S&P slashes India's growth rate for 2020 to 5.2% from 5.7%
- L&T Technology Services and IIT-Kanpur Sign MoU for Research in Cybersecurity Programs
- Barham Salih President of Iraq designates Adnan al-Zurfi as Prime Minister
- Rajiv Bajaj got reappointed as MD & CEO of Bajaj Auto for 5 years
- Government nominated former chief justice of India Ranjan Gogoi to Rajya Sabha
- SBI acquired 6.825% stake Zero Mass Private Limited
- Scientists from INST develops starch-based 'hemostat' material to stop rapid blood loss during accidents







- Nitin Gadkari presents a copy of 'Invincible A Tribute to Manohar Parrikar' to the President
- "My Encounters in Parliament" authored by Bhalchandra Mungekar released
- Global Recycling Day 2020: March 18
- Nirmala Sitharaman presented highest budget for J&K, Rs. 1,01,428 cr, for FY20-21
- 'Recovery of Damage to Public Properties Ordinance 2020': UP cabinet
- DAC provided a green signal to procure 83 Tejas Mark 1A fighter aircraft and Rs 1300 cr defence equipment for IAF; Amendment in DPP 2016 also approved
- Indian Railways to electrify all broad gauge routes by December 2023
- Premium subsidy sharing pattern between Centre & NER changed from 50:50 to 90:10; PM-KISAN Scheme reached to 8,69,79,391 beneficiaries
- APEDA signs MoU with SFAC

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- Rs 6.16 lakh crore approved so far under PMAY(U)
- WhatsApp launched Coronavirus Information Hub, donated \$1 million to IFCN
- RBI extended authorisation to Vakrangee Ltd for white label ATMs till Mar 31, 2020
- RBI to infuse ₹10,000 crores via OMO to maintain liquidity in the banking system
- Paytm Bank to issue virtual debit cards to customers
- DBS Bank India ties up with Bharti AXA to roll out insurance plan covering COVID-19
- Indian umpires Janani Narayanan and Vrinda Rathi named in International Panel of ICC Development Umpires
- Ex-SBI chief Arundhati Bhattacharya resigns from Crisil board
- Ashok Leyland to acquire 19% additional stake in HLFL for Rs 1,200 cr
- New Zealand all-rounder Andrew Malcolm Ellis announced retirement
- Former world champion boxer Roger Mayweather passes away





- Jammu & Kashmir announces Rs 5 lakh Free Health Insurance under Ayushman Bharat
- Uttarakhand cancels quota in promotion for state government employees
- Saudi Arabia accepts India's Proposal For Virtual G20 Summit
- Ministry of Defence signs Rs 880 crore contract for Negev 7.62X51 mm Light Machine Guns with Israeli Weapons Industries
- Finance Commission sets up committee to review the fiscal consolidation road map
- PM Modi formed COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force headed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
- SIDBI to launch a special train 'Swavalamban express' on June 5, 2020, for new entrepreneurs
- Fitch Ratings cuts India's growth forecast to 5.1% for FY'21 from 5.6%
- ICICI Lombard introduced 'COVID-19 Protection cover' for Coronavirus positive case
- Indian mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta enters 'Limca Book of Records'
- RBI appoints R Gandhi & Ananth Gopalakrishnan as additional directors of Yes Bank
- The government launched MyGov Corona Helpdesk on WhatsApp
- Indian football legend P.K. Banerjee passed away at 83
- A new book entitled 'Messiah Modi: A Great tale of expectations' penned by Tavleen Singh released
- World Sparrow Day 2020: March 20
- International Day of Happiness 2020: March 20
- World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People 2020: March 20
- J&K Government sets up Social and Educational: BC commission
- Himachal Pradesh Government launched Police Station Visitor Survey System and e-Night Beat Checking System
- Meghalaya CM presented Rs 17,375 crore budget for FY 2020-21





- Sanitary personnel in Tamil Nadu to be called as 'cleanliness workers': CM
- New draft defence procurement Procedure 2020 unveiled, aims to boost indigenization; introduced 'leasing' category
- PM Modi announces to observe "Janata Curfew" from 7 am to 9 pm on March 22, 2020
- TRIFED launches 'Tech For Tribals' program to bring technology to tribal entrepreneurs
- India Ranks 144th, Finland tops: UN's World Happiness Report 2020
- Star health unveils 'Star novel coronavirus policy' for corona victims
- Crisil lowers FY21 growth to 5.2% from 5.7%
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath resigns
- IRDAI sets up 16-member panel on governance at insurers headed by Pravin Kutumbe
- NASA's CNEOS detects 4 asteroids approaching the earth
- UK scientists discover fossil of the world's oldest known modern bird, call it 'Wonderchicken'
- Fins of prehistoric fish "Elpistostege watsoni" revealed origins of the human hand
- Country music icon & 3 times grammy winner Kenny Rogers passed away at 81
- World Poetry Day 2020: March 21
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2020: March 21
- International Day of Forests 2020: March 21
- World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) observed on March 21, 2020
- World puppetry day celebrated on March 21, 2020
- International Day of Nowruz 2020: March 21
- Jammu & Kashmir administrative council to implement dairy cooperative scheme
- Gujarat Police becomes first in India to introduce taser guns





- 101 Special Economic Zones denotified: Government
- Cabinet Approval on March 21, 2020
- Cabinet approved extradition treaty between India and Belgium
- Gujarat Government signs an MoU with Dutch company of Flying car-maker PAL-V
- UK becomes 1st co-chair of India-led global climate initiative 'CDRI'
- Coronavirus outbreak: India's 1st Al summit 'RAISE 2020' postponed to October
- Bridge constructed by BRO over Teesta River in North Sikkim opened for traffic
- India ranks 120th, Singapore tops: Economic Freedom Index 2020
- Bangladesh, Nepal, Afghanistan jointly contribute \$3.5 mn to SAARC corona emergency fund
- World Cities Summit 2020 rescheduled to 20 24 June 2021: COVID-19
- RBI outlined Business Continuity Plan for smooth functioning national payment systems
- In a first, Karur Vysya Bank introduces pre-paid card 'Enkasu' in Karur, TN
- RBI extends regulatory restrictions on PMC Bank for 3 more months till June 22, 2020
- Covid-19: SBI becomes the 1st bank to launch emergency credit facility
- RBI to inject Rs 30k cr into market for financial stability amid Covid-19
- IOC becomes 1st company to begin supply of BS-VI fuel across country
- Hillel Furstenberg & Gregory Margulis: Abel Prize Laureates 2020
- Government constitutes 21 member committee: COVID-19
- SAARC Disaster Management Centre launches website for information related to COVID- 19
- Famous Actor and Director M. R. Viswanathan passed away at 75
- World Meteorological Day 2020: March 23





- World Water Day 2020: March 22
- Justice Bhushan P Dharmadhikari as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court
- ICMR recommended hydroxychloroquine for caregivers of COVID-19 patients
- IIT-Madras to organize India's 1st Global Hyperloop Pod Competition
- Sri Lanka contributes \$5 mn to SAARC corona emergency fund
- Protecting peatlands can help attain climate goals: FAO-UN report
- On lending by banks to NBFCs is classified as priority sector in FY21
- RBI opens Rs 59000cr emergency credit line for Yes Bank; a move after 16 years
- NABARD provides Rs 42,313 crore for building rural infrastructure
- S&P slashes India's GDP growth estimate for FY21 to 5.2 % from 6.5%
- India's first dedicated COVID-19 Centre set up by Reliance in Mumbai, Maharashtra; to produce 1,00,000 face-masks per day
- Make in India: Pune-based Mylab becomes the 1st Indian firm to make diagnostic test kits for coronavirus
- Author Ruchika Tomar wins PEN/Hemingway Award 2020
- Zoya Akhter honoured with IIFTC Tourism Impact Award 2020 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan becomes the CM of MP
- IndusInd Bank MD & CEO Romesh Sobti retires
- US successfully tested its first nuclear-capable hypersonic missile
- Canada becomes 1st country to back out of Tokyo Olympics 2020
- World Tuberculosis Day 2020: March 24
- International Day for Achievers 2020: March 24





- International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims 2020: March 24
- SBI commits 0.25% of annual profit for FY 2019-20: COVID-19
- PM Modi declared 21-day (Mar 25-April 14, 2020) lockdown to break COVID-19 infection chain;
   Rs 15,000 cr allotted for healthcare by Centre
- COVID-19 outbreak: Labour ministry directs state govt/UTs to pay 3.5 cr construction workers from Rs 52,000 cr fund
- COVID-19 will be tested and treated under Ayushman Bharat scheme
- IRSDC is developing 1st of its kind "Form Based Codes": Railway land
- Goa becomes the 1st Indian state to launch assessment tool for COVID-19
- Coronavirus-outbreak: Punjab becomes the 1st state to impose curfew after lockdown fails
- WHO initiated mega trial "Solidarity" of 4 promising drugs to cure Covid-19
- ITU launches "Global Network Resiliency Platform": COVID-19
- RBI advances its Rs 25000 cr repo auction to March 26, 2020; SPDs to participate in auction
- Jana SFB along with NPCI launches UPI QR-based loan installment payment facility
- FinMin declared relief measures for financial sectors amid COVID-19 outbreak; Extension for return filing till June 30, 2020
- COVID- 19: Invest India Business Immunity Platform launched
- After Covid-19 pandemic "Hantavirus" death reported in China
- Microsoft & US CDC ties-up to create a COVID-19 self-screening bot, "Clara"
- Covid-19 pandemic: Tokyo 2020 Olympics postponed to 2021; First time in 124 years
- Asterix' co-creator Albert Uderzo passed away at 92
- Chander Suta Dogra launched a book- "Missing in Action: The Prisoners Who Never Came Back"





- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
   2020: March 25
- International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members 2020: March 25
- Mayiladuthurai to become Tamil Nadu's 38th district : CM
- Coronavirus: Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched "Mo Jeeban Programme"
- Iqbal Singh Bains appointed as Madhya Pradesh Chief Secretary
- Cabinet approvals on March 25, 2020
- Union Cabinet approves MoU between India & Germany: Railway sector
- Indore becomes the 1st city in India to use drones to sanitize the city: COVID-19
- National Book Trust of MHRD Launches #StayHomeIndiaWithBooks
- Maharashtra overtakes Tamil Nadu & Telangana in organ donation, transplants for 2019
- 25 worshippers killed by ISIS suicide bombers attackin Gurudwara in Kabul, Afghanistan
- Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri named in FIFA campaign against CoronavirusIndian Bank launched 5 special emergency loans for COVID 19-affected customers
- IRS officers KM Prasad and SK Gupta appointed CBDT board members
- Walmart promotes Sameer Aggarwal as CEO of Best Price
- Pune based ARI scientists develops biofortified high-protein wheat variety 'MACS 4028'
- ARCI, Hyderabad develops 'ultrafast laser surface texturing technology' to improve fuel efficiency of IC engines
- Former Indian Footballer Abdul Latif passed away at 73
- Famous Bollywood actress Nimmi passed away at 87
- Veteran photographer & Padma Shri awardee Nemai Ghosh passed away at 86
- Pakistan: 750 km range cruise missile Babur II crashes





- FinMin provided Rs 1.70 Lakh Cr relief package under PMGaribKalyanYojana for the poor to tackle Corona Virus
- PM Modi participated in Virtual G20 Leaders' Summit to develop action plan against COVID-19;
   over USD 5 trillion to be injected
- Health ministry categorises hydroxychloroquine as schedule H1 drug
- DST sets up COVID-19 Task Force to map technologies by start ups
- India and France conduct joint patrols for the first time
- Odisha to set up the largest COVID-19 hospital in the country
- YES reconstitutes its BOD with 8 members
- Highlights of Seventh Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement -2019-20; EMIs on hold for three months
- RBI increased March 26, 2020 repo auction amount to Rs 50,000 cr from Rs 25,000 cr
- CRISIL trims India's GDP growth estimate for FY 21 to 3.5 % from 5.2%
- Moody's again slashes India GDP growth to 2.5% from 5.3% in 2020: COVID-19
- India's GDP growth rate may fall sharply to 2.6 % in 2020-21: SBI's Ecowrap
- NTPC acquires Govt's stake in THDC, NEEPCO for a total of Rs 11,500 Crore
- US launches advanced satellite for communication: AEHF-6
- Padma Vibhushan awardee Satish Gujral passed away at 94
- Savita Chhabra authored her first book titled "Legacy Of Learning"
- World Theatre Day 2020: March 27
- PM Narendra Modi formulated PM-CARES fund to fight coronavirus outbreak
- Centre approves medical insurance scheme for health workers dealing with COVID-19
- Government set up 11 different empowered groups: Lockdown





- EPF (Amendment) scheme, 2020 comes into force; withdrawal of non-refundable advance allowed
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches National Teleconsultation Centre (CoNTeC)
- ADB commits \$ 100 million in Indian infrastructure sector through NIIF
- SFBs can provide risk free simple financial services without seeking RBI's nod
- Merger of 10 state-run banks into 4 to come into force from April 1: RBI
- PNB releases new logo ahead of merger with UBI & OBC on April 1, 2020
- IMF declared recession in World due to COVID-19 impact
- Fitch slashes India's GDP growth estimate for FY21 to 4.6% from 5.4 %
- Ind-Ra trims India's GDP forecast to 3.6% from 5.5% for FY21
- Mirza Waheed and Santanu Das win The Hindu Prize 2019
- Winners of Critics' Choice Film Awards 2020 announced
- COVID-19: IIT Bombay develops two apps "Corontine" and "Safe" to track violations by those in quarantine
- Air Vice Marshal (retd) & Maha Vir Chakra recipient Chandan Singh Rathore passed away at 95
- German Minister Thomas Schaefer passed away at 54
- Tamil folk singer, actress Paravai Muniyamma passed away at 83
- National Book Trust, India of MHRD to launch 'Corona Studies Series' books
- A book titled The Death of Jesus authored by JM Coetzee
- Maharashtra Chief Secretary gets another 3-month extension: COVID-19
- Rajasthan police launched a mobile app named "RajCop citizens app"
- Saudi Arabia assures uninterrupted LPG supply to India





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