

Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF 11 to 20 November

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 2nd week of November 2020. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming SBI Clerk, RBI Assistant and other competitive exams can make use of it.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: DAYS

World Science Day for Peace and Development

- **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is observed on **November 10 every year** to raise the importance and relevance of *science* in our daily lives. The theme of “Science for and with Society in dealing with COVID-19”.

National Education Day

- **National Education Day** or **Rashtriya Shiksha Diwas** is celebrated **every year** on **November 11**.
- This day is celebrated on the **birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, the **first Education Minister** of Independent India.

Public Service Broadcasting Day being observed

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

World Pneumonia Day

- **World Pneumonia Day** is observed on **12 November each year**. In 2020, the theme for World Pneumonia Day is “**Every Breath Counts**”

World Kindness Day

- World Kindness Day is an international observance on 13 November. The theme is Kindness: **The World We Make – Inspire Kindness**.

World Diabetes Day

- **World Diabetes Day** is every year on **November 14**, first created in **1991** by the **International Diabetes Foundation** and the **World Health Organization**. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2020 is **The Nurse and Diabetes**.

National Children's Day

Children's Day in India is celebrated on **14 November every year** as a tribute to **India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru**. The day aims at increasing the awareness of the rights, care and education of children.

National Press Day

- The day, observed on **16th November every year**, is symbolic of a free and responsible press. It was on this day the **Press Council of India** started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintain high standards and is not fettered by any influence or threats.

International Day for Tolerance

- **International Day for Tolerance** is marked on **November 16**.
- The day is being celebrated ever since the United Nations marked the year of Tolerance in **1995**. The date of November 16 was chosen as it is the anniversary of **UNESCO's Declaration of Principles on Tolerance**.

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World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

- The **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims** takes place on the **third Sunday in November** every year. This year it falls on Nov 15th. The **theme** for WDoR in 2020 is **"First Responders"**.

National Epilepsy Day

- Every year, the National Epilepsy Day is celebrated on **November 17**. The day is celebrated to create awareness about epilepsy. International Epilepsy Day: Every year **2nd Monday of February**.

International Students' Day

- The **International Students' Day** is celebrated all around the world on **November 17th**.

Naturopathy Day

- The **National Naturopathy Day** is observed in India on **18 November every year**, to promote positive mental and physical health through drugless system of medicine, called as Naturopathy.

World Toilet Day- 19th nov

- Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation of Ministry of Jal Shakti will celebrate **'World Toilet Day'** under **'Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen** for promoting awareness on access to safe sanitation. The theme of this year's World Toilet Day is **sustainable sanitation and climate change**.

Indian Army celebrates 240th Corps of Engineers Day

- Indian Army celebrated the **240th Corps of Engineers Day**. In a solemn ceremony organized at 'National War Memorial', Lt Gen SK Shrivastava, Engineer-in-Chief along with other serving officers, laid wreaths and paid homage to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country.

International Men's Day

- International Men's Day is observed every year on November 19. This year, the International Men's Day theme is **'Better health for men and boys'**.

National Integration Day

- **National Integration Day** is celebrated on **November 19 every year**.
- The day marks the **birth anniversary** of the **first woman Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi**.

Universal Children's Day

- **World Children's Day** was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year. This year the theme is **"Investing in our future means investing in our children"**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: NATIONAL

Govt sets up Inter-Ministerial Committee to strengthen capital goods sector: Prakash Javadekar

- **Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Minister Prakash Javadekar** informed that the government has set up an **Inter-Ministerial Committee** to strengthen the capital goods sector. The Minister stated, the **21-member Inter-Ministerial Committee** will be headed by **Secretary of Department of Heavy Industries**.

Rajnath Singh unveils model of Anti-Satellite Missile at DRDO Bhawan

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- A model of **Anti-Satellite Missile** installed inside the **DRDO Bhawan** premises was unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. '**Mission Shakti**' was the country's **first ever Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) Missile Test** successfully conducted on 27th March 2019 from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.

Digital news, OTT added under I&B Ministry

- The government has brought **films, audio-visuals, news** and current affairs content on online platforms-- under the domain of the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.

15th Finance Commission submits its Report for 2021-22 to 2025-26 to President Ram Nath Kovind

- The **Fifteenth Finance Commission (XVFC)** led by Chairman **N K Singh**, submitted its Report for the period **2021-22 to 2025-26** to President of India Ram Nath Kovind. Members of the Commission, **Ajay Narayan Jha, Prof. Anoop Singh, Dr. Ashok Lahiri and Dr. Ramesh Chand** along with Secretary to the Commission Arvind Mehta accompanied the Chairman.

After Jammu And Kashmir, Saffron Cultivation Likely To Be Expanded To Northeast India

- The **North East Centre For Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR)** has undertaken a **pilot project** to explore the feasibility of **growing saffron in North East region** of the country.

Home Minister Amit Shah to inaugurate "Sarhad Vistar Vikasotsav 2020" in Gujarat

- Home Minister **Amit Shah** will inaugurate "**Sarhad Vistar Vikasotsav 2020**" at **Dhordo village** situated in the forward border area in **Kutch district of Gujarat**.

Survey sights good signs: High biodiversity in 49% of Ganga main river

- With celebrations of the **Ganga Utsav** — to mark the **12th anniversary of declaring the Ganga** as a national river — having come to an end, the **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)** in the second phase of its survey of the entire main stem of the Ganga river (the main river without its tributaries), has found that **49 per cent** of the river has high biodiversity and that biodiversity sightings, including of the **Gangetic Dolphin** and otters, have increased in the river.

Cabinet approves Production-Linked Incentive Scheme for key sectors to boost manufacturing & exports

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA**, has approved continuation and revamping of the Scheme for **Financial Support to Public Private Partnerships** in Infrastructure Viability Gap Funding Scheme till 2024-25 with a total outlay of eight thousand 100 crore rupees.

PM Narendra Modi unveils Swami Vivekananda's statue on JNU campus

- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** unveiled a **statue of Swami Vivekananda** in **JNU Campus, New Delhi** through video conferencing.

Prime Minister to dedicate Two Ayurveda Institutions to the nation at the 5th Ayurveda Day on 13th November

- The Prime Minister will dedicate two future-ready Ayurveda institutions to the nation at the **5th Ayurveda Day on 13th November, 2020**. These are the **Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar** and the **National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur**.

Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0: Key Takeaways From Finance Minister's Stimulus Package

- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** announced new stimulus measures under **Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan 3.0** to boost the Indian economy amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Sports Ministry announces incentive structure to fund 500 private academies

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- Ministry of Youth Affairs And Sports Kiren Rijju has introduced an **incentivisation structure** to extend monetary support to 500 private academies, through the **Khelo India Scheme** over the next four years starting FY 2020-21.

PM Modi to unveil 'Statue of Peace' to mark 151st Birth Anniversary of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will unveil '**Statue of Peace**' to mark the **151st Birth Anniversary** celebrations of **Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj** through video conferencing. The 151 inch tall statue has been made from **Ashtadhatu- 8 metals**, with Copper being the major constituent, and is being installed at Vijay Vallabh Sadhana Kendra, Jetpura, in Pali, **Rajasthan**.

Finance Ministry moves to set up database of migrant workers

- The **Finance Ministry** has given its **first ever national database of migrant labour** to provide a platform for workers and employers, and for the government to implement specific programmes for such labourers.

Govt disbursed over Rs 42,700 crore to 20.6 lakh ex-servicemen under OROP in 5 years

- The central government has disbursed more than **Rs 42,700 crore** to **20.6 lakh** retired defence personnel under the **One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme**, which was notified five years ago.

MoHFW launches three-month campaign to check childhood pneumonia deaths

- The **Union Ministry of Family Welfare (MoHFW)** launched a **three-month campaign** to focus on awareness generation and early intervention with regard to **childhood pneumonia**, enabling caregivers across the country to identify critical symptoms at earlier stages and trigger prompt care-seeking with qualified providers.

Govt expands scope of PM-KUSUM for harnessing solar energy by farmers

- The selected **renewable power generator (RPG)** shall commission the solar power plant **within twelve months** from date of issuance of Letter of Award (LoA), it added.

PM Modi virtually inaugurates Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Bengaluru Tech Summit** virtually. He stated technology helps speed up delivery of Government programmes and encourages transparency.

Food Processing Ministry launches GIS One District One Product digital map

- The **Ministry of Food Processing** launched the **GIS One District One Product (ODOP) digital map of India**. Minister for Food Processing Industries, **Narendra Singh Tomar**, also virtually inaugurated the capacity building component of the **Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PM-FME Scheme)**.

Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurates curtain raiser of IISF-2020 Virtual Event

- Union Minister of Science & Technology, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated the curtain raiser of **IISF-2020** for kick-starting different events of the **6th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF)**, in New Delhi.

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Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises:

- Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
- Constituency: Madhya Pradesh

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- Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

MoD:

- Defence Minister: Rajnath Singh
- Constituency: Lucknow, Up

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of India:

- Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Information and Broadcasting
- Constituency: Madhya Pradesh
- Amit Khare, IAS, Information and Broadcasting Secretary

Jammu and Kashmir

- Capital: Capitals: Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer)
- Lt. Governor: Manoj Sinha

Ministry of Home Affairs:

- Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs
- Constituency: Gujarat

Ministry of AYUSH:

- Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy and Minister of State for Defence : Shripad Yesso Naik
- Constituency: North Goa

MoYA&S:

- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs of India: Kiren Rijju
- Constituency: Arunachal West

Rajasthan:

- Governor: Kalraj Mishra
- Capital: Jaipur
- Chief minister: Ashok Gehlot

MoFCA

- Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman
- Constituency: Karnataka

MoHFW

- Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Minister of Earth Sciences: Harsh Vardhan
- Constituency: Chandni Chowk, New Delhi

Ministry of Food Processing Industries:

- Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Food Processing Industries
- Constituency: Morena, Madhya Pradesh
- Rameswar Teli, Minister of State for Food Processing Industries

CURRENT AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL

Guadalajara named World Book Capital 2022

- Guadalajara (Mexico) was named World Book Capital for the year 2022 by the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, on the recommendation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee.

Nepal President Bidhya Devi Bhandari releases special anthology on Mahatma Gandhi

- Nepal President Bidhya Devi Bhandari has released a special anthology on Mahatma Gandhi- 'My understanding about Gandhi' - during a ceremony at Kathmandu in the presence of Indian Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

India, Maldives sign 4 pacts including \$100M grant for key connectivity project

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- **India and the Maldives** signed **four agreements**, including one for a **\$100-million grant for a connectivity project**, as visiting foreign secretary **Harsh Shringla** and the Maldivian leadership discussed ways to boost economic recovery amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Turkey bans smoking in public places to curb virus spread

- **Turkey's interior ministry** has **banned smoking in public places across the country to curb the spread of COVID-19**. Smoking would be **banned in busy streets, bus stops and public squares** when necessary.

India provides 50 Metric Tons of food aid to people of Djibouti

- **India** has provided **50 Metric Tons of food aid** to the **people of Djibouti** as part of its assistance to friendly countries to overcome natural calamities and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Indian students contributed \$7.6 billion to US economy last year

- Indian students contributed **\$7.6 billion** to the **US economy** in the academic year 2019-20, even though there was a **4.4 per cent drop** in the total number of Indian students, according to a report.

Japan & Australia sign landmark defence deal to counter China's growing influence in South China Sea

- Japanese Prime Minister **Yoshihide Suga** and his Australian counterpart **Scott Morrison** have signed a landmark defence deal in a bid to counter China's growing influence in the South China Sea and over the Pacific island nations. **Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA)** comes weeks after foreign ministers of the Quad alliance, which includes the US and India, met in Tokyo.

UK Government first sponsors for 2021 UN Climate Change Conference

- The **UK government** announced the **first principal partners** for the **UN climate conference, COP26**, scheduled for November 1-12, 2021 in Glasgow.

Japan Inc to begin experiments issuing digital yen on 'mutually compatible platform'

- More than **30 major Japanese** firms will begin experiments next year towards issuing a common, private digital currency to promote digitalisation in one of the world's most cash-loving countries, the group's organising body stated.

The UK plans to ban sales of diesel and petrol cars from 2030

- **The U.K.** will **stop selling** new diesel and petrol (gasoline) cars and vans from **2030** under plans announced by Prime Minister **Boris Johnson**.

PM Modi & his Bhutanese counterpart to launch RuPay Card phase-2 in Bhutan

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his Bhutanese counterpart **Lotay Tshering** will virtually launch **RuPay Card phase-2** in **Bhutan**.

Green Climate Fund approves USD 256 million for Bangladesh

- 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.

India, Australia sign pact on cyber tech to ensure free, secure Internet

- They have signed the landmark **Australia India Technology Framework Agreement** on cyber and cyber-enabled technology. That means Australia and India are working together for an open, free, safe, and secure Internet.

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- That is the foundation for digital economies to work. They will be soon launching **Australia-India Cyber and Critical Technologies Partnership grant programme**.

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UNESCO:

- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Head: Audrey Azoulay
- Founded: 16 November 1945

Nepal:

- Capital: Kathmandu
- Prime minister: K. P. Sharma Oli
- President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- Currency: Nepalese rupee

Maldives

- Capital: Malé
- Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa
- President: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Turkey:

- Capital: Ankara
- Currency: Turkish lira
- President: Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Djibouti:

- Capital: Djibouti
- President: Ismail Omar Guelleh
- Currency: Djiboutian franc

USA:

- Capital: Washington, D.C.
- Currency: dollar

Japan:

- Capital: Tokyo
- Currency: Japanese yen
- Prime minister: Yoshihide Suga

Australia:

- Prime minister: Scott Morrison
- Capital: Canberra
- Currency: Australian dollar

UK:

- Prime minister: Boris Johnson
- Capital: London
- Currency: Pound sterling

Bhutan:

- Capital: Thimphu
- Prime minister: Lotay Tshering
- Currency: Bhutanese ngultrum

Bangladesh:

- Capital: Dhaka
- Currency: Bangladeshi taka

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BANKING AND FINANCE

Bharti AXA General Insurance launches cancer awareness drive on social media

- **Bharti AXA General Insurance** has launched **#CancerSendsNoNotifications** campaign – a special initiative to increase **awareness and spread knowledge** on detecting the disease early among people in India. This campaign was held on **November 7th National Cancer Awareness Day**

NSE to launch first agricultural commodity futures contract in December

- Leading stock exchange **NSE** stated it will launch its **first agricultural commodity futures contract** for **crude degummed soybean oil** on December 1.

Paytm introduces Payout Links for businesses

- **Paytm** has launched **Payout Links** for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors, without collecting their bank details.

Flipkart offers customised group health insurance cover issued by Bajaj Allianz

- **Flipkart**, announced that it now offers **group health insurance** cover ranging from **Rs.3 lakh to Rs.20 lakh** issued by **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** and **Care Health Insurance** to its large and growing pan-Indian customer base.

Edelweiss Tokio Life launches Covid Shield+

- **Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance** has announced the launch of **Covid Shield+** to secure people's dreams and aspirations from the financial impact of a Covid-19 diagnosis. Edelweiss Tokio Life COVID Shield+ is a newly launched plan offering **insurance coverage** for coronavirus disease or COVID-19.

IRDAI sets up panel to revisit retail business of engineering tariff

- **Insurance sector regulator IRDAI** has set up a working group to **revisit product structures of engineering tariffs** relevant for the retail category in the wake of continuous advancement in technology.
- The **nine-member panel** has been asked to revisit the product structures of the erstwhile engineering tariffs relevant for the retail category and make suitable recommendations for revising them.

IFSCA approves draft Banking regulations for banking operations at IFSCs

- **International Financial Services Centres Authority, IFSCA** has approved **draft Banking regulations** for banking operations at IFSCs. The IFSC Authority approved the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020.

Muthoot Finance to be added to MSCI India domestic index

- As part of **MSCI's (Morgan Stanley Capital Index) semi-annual** review of indices, **Muthoot Finance** will be added to the MSCI India Domestic Index from the close of **November 30**.

India Post Payment Bank launches doorstep service to submit digital life certificate

- **India Post Payments Bank, IPPB** have **successfully launched** the initiative of **doorstep service** for **submission of Digital Life Certificate** through Postman.

HDFC Bank Launches SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0

- **HDFC Bank** announced the launch of India's first comprehensive banking and payment solution for merchants – **SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0**.

SEBI forms expert group to review norms related to share-based staff benefit, issue of sweat equity

- Markets regulator **Sebi** has set up an **expert group** to review the **framework of share-based employee benefit and issue of sweat equity**. The **seven-member expert group** would be chaired by **Sandip Bhagat** Partner at S&R Associates.

SBM Bank India set to launch a neo banking platform

- **SBM Bank India**, which is the **wholly-owned subsidiary of State Bank of Mauritius**, is focussing on technology to reach out to customers and is **set to launch a neo banking platform**.

RBI cancels Certificate of Authorisation of five PSOs

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) of five Payment System Operators (PSOs), including **Aircel Smart Money Ltd** and **Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System Ltd**.
- The five PSOs, which also includes **Pyro Networks Pvt Ltd**, **Card Pro Solutions Pvt Ltd**, and **InCashMe Mobile Wallet Services Pvt Ltd**, were issued COA for issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments.

RBI imposes Rs 1 crore penalty on Punjab National Bank

- State-run **Punjab National Bank** stated the RBI has imposed a penalty of **Rs 1 crore** on it for contravention of the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act**.

HDFC Bank, IndusInd in 'red flag' list on nearing foreign investment cap

- Private sector lenders **HDFC Bank** and **IndusInd Bank** have been put in the so-called '**red flag**' list, a system used for monitoring foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits. A listed company enters the list when the available legroom for overseas investment is less than 3 per cent of the permissible limit.

ADB allocates \$20 mn to help developing members access Covid-19 vaccine

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** stated it has allocated **\$20.3 million aid** to its **developing member countries** to access coronavirus vaccine and establish systems to enable equitable and efficient vaccine distribution.

Equitas Small Finance Bank Launches 'EVA' - a Unique Savings Account aimed at Women

- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** has launched a new product aimed at women, '**Eva**', a **unique savings account**, along with **7% interest** in savings account tries to address the well-being of **Indian women** in every aspect such as Health, Wealth and Prosperity.
- Meanwhile Equitas Small Finance Bank announced **Smriti Mandhana** - Indian Woman cricketer as the new Brand Ambassador.

SBM Bank India set to launch a neo banking platform

- **SBM Bank India**, which is the wholly-owned subsidiary of State Bank of Mauritius, is **focussing on technology** to reach out to customers and is set to launch a **neo banking platform**.

RBL Bank selects Amazon Web Services to drive digital transformation

- RBL Bank has selected **Amazon Web Services (AWS)** as its preferred cloud service to drive digital transformation. At present, around **40 per cent** of the bank's mission-critical applications are on the **cloud platform**.

DIPAM inks agreement with World Bank

- **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, DIPAM** signed an agreement with **World Bank**. Under the agreement, World Bank is to provide advisory services to DIPAM for asset monetization.

HDFC Bank Launches 'Mooh Band Rakho' Campaign To Create Awareness On Cyber Frauds

- **HDFC Bank Ltd**, announced the launch of "**Mooh Band Rakho**," a campaign to increase awareness on cyber frauds and preventing them.

RBI places LVB under moratorium until Dec 16

- With **Lakshmi Vilas Bank's** efforts to raise capital reaching a dead-end, the Reserve Bank of India superseded the board of the loss-making lender, placed the bank under moratorium and announced a draft scheme for its amalgamation with **DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL)**.

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RBI names 2 startups as a part of its regulatory sandbox programme

- **Reserve Bank of India** has announced the **names of two startups** that have been selected as a part of its regulatory **sandbox programme**. RBI stated, it has shortlisted six companies out of 32 entities that had applied for the 'Test Phase' of the first cohort.

Karnataka Bank launches CASA campaign

- **Karnataka Bank** launched **CASA (current account, savings account) mobilisation** campaign which will run from November 17 to March 4, 2021.

BSE StAR MF launches a direct investment portal for corporate

- **BSE**, the leading stock exchange has launched '**Corp Direct – A Direct Investment Portal for Corporates**', with more features which will further simplify and provide end-to-end value-based services to the asset management companies (AMCs), distributors, investors, and mutual fund industry participants.

RBI restricts withdrawals from Jalna-based Mantha Urban Coop Bank for 6 months

- Reserve Bank of India imposed restrictions on withdrawals from **Maharashtra-based Mantha Urban Cooperative Bank** for six months.
- Rs 20 lakh on **Bengaluru-based Shushruati Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamita** for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
- A penalty of **Rs 1 lakh** on **The Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank**, Vijayapura, Karnataka.
- **Rs 10 lakh** on **Muthoot Finance**, Ernakulam, for non-compliance with directions
- Rs 5 lakh on **Manappuram Finance**, Thrissur for non-compliance with directions on verification of ownership of gold jewellery.

Yes Bank launches co-branded prepaid card with Neokred for cashless payments

- **Yes Bank** stated it has launched a co-branded prepaid card in partnership with **Neokred Technologies** to facilitate cashless payments. Yes Bank in partnership with Neokred Technologies has launched '**Yes Bank Neokred Card**', a co-branded prepaid card, encouraging cashless payments.

RXIL, Tata AIG initiate trade credit insurance in sandbox environment

- **Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL)** initiated a **Trade Credit Insurance (TCI)** backed transaction with Tata AIG as the insurer and ICICI Bank and Yes Bank as the financiers in a sandbox environment.

Kotak Mahindra MF launches ESG Opportunities Fund

- **Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company** has launched **ESG Opportunities Fund**, which will focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and the principles for responsible investing.

STATIC GK

Bharti AXA General Insurance

- CEO: Sanjeev Srinivasan
- Headquarters: Mumbai

NSE:

- Location: Mumbai, India
- Chairman: Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- MD & CEO: Vikram Limaye

Paytm:

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- CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance:

- CEO: Tapan Singhel
- Headquarters: Pune

Edelweiss Group:

- Chairman & CEO : Rashesh Shah
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

IRDAI

- Founded: 1999
- Headquarters: Hyderabad
- Chairperson: Subhash Chandra Khuntia

Muthoot Finance:

- Headquarters: Kochi, Kerala, India
- Chairman: M. G. George Muthoot

HDFC

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- MD and CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

SEBI

- Founded: 12 April 1992
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Ajay Tyagi (Chairperson)

SBM

- Founded: 1973
- Headquarters: Port Louis, Mauritius
- Parvataneni Venkateswara Rao (CEO)

RBI:

- Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- Deputy Governors: BP Kanungo, MK Jain, MD Patra and M. Rajeshwar Rao.
- Headquarters: Mumbai

Punjab National Bank:

- Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- (MD & CEO): CH S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

IndusInd Bank:

- CEO: Sumant Kathpalia

- Headquarters: Pune

ADB:

- Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines
- President: Masatsugu Asakawa

Equitas Small Finance Bank

- Headquarters: Chennai
- Founded: 2007
- MD & CEO: PN Vasudevan

PayNearby

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: Anand Kumar Bharadwaj

RBL

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- MD & CEO: Vishwavir Ahuja

World Bank:

- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- President: David Malpass

Lakshmi Vilas Bank Limited:

- Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- (MD & CEO): Subramanian Sundar

Karnataka bank:

- CEO: Mahabaleshwara M. S
- Headquarters: Mangalore

BSE

- BSE Limited, formerly known as the Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd., is an Indian stock exchange located at Dalal Street, Mumbai. Established in 1875, it is Asia's oldest stock exchange.
- Vikramajit Sen; (Chairman); Ashishkumar Chauhan; (MD & CEO)

Yes Bank:

- CEO: Prashant Kumar
- Headquarters: Mumbai

Muthoot Finance:

- Headquarters: Kochi, Kerala, India
- Chairman: M. G. George Muthoot

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Manappuram Finance Limited:

- Headquarters: Thrissur
- CEO: V.P. Nandakumar

Tata AIG:

- CEO: Neelesh Garg

- Headquarters: Mumbai

Kotak Mutual Fund:

- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- Mr. Nilesh Shah (Managing Director)

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

Marg ERP and Paytm partners to resolve MSMEs payment issue digitally

- One of the biggest enterprise solutions providers in India, **Marg ERP**, with over 50% market share in Pharma and FMCG sector nationally, has come together with **Paytm** to facilitate **seamless transactions for MSMEs**.

Abu Dhabi's SWF is first notified fund to get 100% income-tax exemption

- Finance Ministry announced **Abu Dhabi's Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) - MIC Redwood 1 RSC Limited** - has become the **first foreign SWF** that has been notified and granted **100% income-tax exemption** for the **long-term investments** to be made in the specified priority sectors in India.

Retail inflation jumps to 7.61% in October, highest in six years

- According to **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** data released by the **Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation**, inflation stood at **7.61% in October** — the **highest** since May 2014.

Q2 GDP to shrink 8.6%; India to enter recession for 1st time: RBI official

- The GDP is likely to contract by **8.6 per cent** for the **July-September period**, which means India will enter into a recession for the first time in history in the first half of this fiscal with two successive quarters of negative growth due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as per an RBI official. The RBI has estimated that the economy will contract by **9.5 per cent** for the full fiscal year.

Larsen & Toubro is lowest bidder for road bridge over river Brahmaputra

- Engineering and construction giant **Larsen & Toubro** has emerged as the **lowest bidder** for a **Rs 3,200 crore** project to build a **road bridge** over the **Brahmaputra river**.

BASF-Bosch Joint Venture to Accelerate Digital Innovations in Agricultural Sector

- **Bosch** and **BASF Digital Farming** have signed a **50:50 joint venture (JV)** agreement to globally market and sell smart farming solutions from a single source in the future.

Microsoft launches programme for health-tech start-ups, collaborates with Social Alpha

- The **'Microsoft for Healthtech Startups'** programme has been launched to provide necessary resources to **health-tech start-ups** along with go-to-market support.

Poonawalla Finance, ICSI tie up to offer collateral-free loan for company secretaries

- **Poonawalla Finance Pvt Ltd**, a non-deposit taking NBFC, has entered into a tie-up with the **Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)** to offer collateral-free special term loan product to over 65,000 Company Secretaries.

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MARG ERP

- CEO: Krishnam Raju
- Head Quarters: New Delhi

Paytm

- Founded: August 2010
- CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Larsen & Toubro

- CEO: S. N. Subrahmanyam
- Headquarters: Mumbai

Bosch:

- Headquarters: Gerlingen, Germany
- Volkmar Denner (CEO),
- Michael Bolle (CTO, CDO)

Microsoft:

- CEO: Satya Nadella
- Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States

Institute of Company Secretaries of India:

- President: CS Ashish Garg
- CEO: CS Sutanu Sinha
- Headquarters location: New Delhi

CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATES

Uttarakhand CM Inaugurates Dobra-Chanthe Suspension Bridge In Tehri-Garhwal

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated the 725-metre long Dobra-Chanthe suspension bridge in Tehri-Garhwal district. This project is the longest motorable single lane suspension bridge in India.

Green Soldiers to get insurance cover on Pakke Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh

- Pakke Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Arunachal Pradesh has become the first in the Northeast to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for its 'Green Soldiers'.

Assam's Tezpur Litchi gets GI tag

- Tezpur Litchi of Assam has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Now Tezpur Litchi has been protected from the production of the fruit in other places.

Karnataka to sign MoUs with global innovation alliance countries

- Karnataka has created a dedicated track for global innovation alliance (GIA) sessions for its flagship tech event, Bengaluru Tech Summit, which will be held virtually for the first time this year from November 19 to 21.

8000MW renewable park to light up India-Pak border areas in Rajasthan

- India's border areas with Pakistan in Rajasthan would soon be illuminated with renewable energy as the state government will soon ink an MoU with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to establish Ultra Mega Renewal Energy Power Park, government officials stated.

Maharashtra to observe National Unity Week from Nov 19 to 25

- Maharashtra will observe the National Unity Week from 19th to 25th of November. Minister for Skill Development and Minority Development Nawab Malik appealed that in order to increase social harmony in the state, everyone should participate in this programme.

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan to release roadmap-2023 of Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh

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- In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** will release a **roadmap-2023** of Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh in Bhopal. Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog Amitabh Kant will also participate in the programme.

Madhya Pradesh launches unique initiative- local4Diwali hashtag

- In Madhya Pradesh, the **Handicrafts Development Corporation** has launched a unique initiative- local4Diwali hashtag under the '**Vocal for Local**' campaign in the festive season. The objective of this campaign is to encourage the products of local artisans to make them self-reliant.

International bird festival to be organized in Gorakhpur

- Gorakhpur is all set to host the **International Bird Festival** in the month of **February**. The main focus of the government is eco-tourism, as there is a lot of potential for eco-tourism in **Gorakhpur** and the surrounding Terai region. It will be attracting many international tourists at Ramagarh Lake for bird watching.

Odisha government adds fish nutrition to anganwadi diet chart

- **Odisha government** introduced **fish and fish-based products** in **Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP)** on a pilot basis in order to **reduce malnutrition** among the vulnerable people in the hard to reach areas of the State.

Haryana CM launches Project Air Care in Gurugram to fight pollution

- **Haryana CM** Manohar Lal Khattar has **unveiled Project Air Care** in **Gurugram** due to **rising levels** of air pollution.

Mysuru Palace may soon have India's first sandalwood museum

- The **country's very first, sandalwood museum** is likely to come up later this month in **Mysuru in Karnataka**. Mysuru is already famous for its sandalwood soaps, sandalwood oil, incense sticks, etc.

Lonar Lake in Maharashtra's Buldhana district chosen as 'Ramsar site'

- The **Lonar Lake** in **Maharashtra's Buldhana district** has been chosen as a **wetland site** of international importance under the **Ramsar conservation treaty**.

Tribal Welfare Dept to be changed to Tribal Affairs Dept: Madhya Pradesh CM

- In Madhya Pradesh, the name of the **Tribal Welfare Department** will be changed to **Tribal Affairs Department**. This was announced by the Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan at a program organized on the birth anniversary of martyr Birsa Munda at the Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum in the capital Bhopal.

Survey of vulture habitats starts in Madhya Pradesh

- Survey of vulture habitats, considered an important part of Ecosystem, has started in **Madhya Pradesh**. According to Wildlife Headquarters, after this survey, the vultures will be counted in the state. For this work, Van Vihar National Park of Bhopal has been made the nodal agency.

Keetham lake in Uttar Pradesh added to list of recognised sites under Ramsar Convention

- **India has 41 wetlands**, the highest in **South Asia**, with **two more added** to the list of recognised sites of international importance under the treaty of Ramsar Convention.
- The **Lonar lake in Maharashtra** and **Sur Sarovar**, also known as **Keetham lake**, in Agra, have been added to the list of recognised Ramsar sites.

World's First Tramcar For Young Readers in Kolkata

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- The **world's first library for children** on a **tram** would be launched in **Kolkata** on Children's Day, which is celebrated to commemorate first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's birth anniversary.

Delhi Govt Launches Jeevan Seva App For Safe And Timely Transportation Of Corona Patients

- Aiming at safe and timely transportation of the COVID-19 patients to hospitals and healthcare facilities, Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain launched **Jeevan Seva app**.

Maharashtra: First solar power-enabled Textile Mill in Asia to come up in Parbhani district

- In **Maharashtra**, the first solar power-enabled **Textile Mill** in **Asia** is coming up in **Parbhani district**. The project, once functional, will provide jobs to many women in the district.

KTR launches TS-bPASS, simplifies building clearance

- Telangana Municipal Administration Minister KT Rama Rao has launched the **TS-bPASS initiative**.
- **TS-bPASS** provides an instant approval for buildings in plots of **above 75 sq yards** and upto 600 sq yards, based on self certification.

MP govt forms 'cow cabinet' for protection and promotion of cattle

- **Madhya Pradesh** government has announced the **first of its kind cow cabinet** for the protection of cows.

RPF starts awareness drive 'Meri Saheli' to provide better safety & security to women passengers in Madhya Pradesh

- **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has started an intensive awareness drive called '**Meri Saheli**' aiming to provide better safety and security to women passengers in **Madhya Pradesh** also. 'Meri Saheli' initiative was launched in order to boost the security of female passengers during their journey.

Martyr Birsa Munda's birth anniversary will be celebrated as "Tribal Pride Day"

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has taken the decision to celebrate the birth anniversary of Martyr Birsa Munda as "**Tribal Pride Day**" in the state.

Puducherry govt rolls out free breakfast scheme for school students named after Karunanidhi

- The Congress-ruled Puducherry rolled out a **free breakfast scheme** for school students named after the late DMK President **M Karunanidhi**.

Himachal Pradesh CM flags off Medical Mobile Unit Jeevan Dhara

- In order to provide complete range of health care services for people living in remote and inaccessible areas of **Himachal Pradesh**, the state government flagged off **Medical Mobile Unit Jeevan Dhara**, from the Ridge in Shimla.

Madhya Pradesh: Digital museum opens at Maharaj Bada in Gwalior

- In **Madhya Pradesh**, a **digital museum** has been opened at **Maharaj Bada in Gwalior** for the public. The museum is developed by Gwalior Smart City and entry for the public is being made free for a few days.

Maharashtra Government To Pay Stipend To ST Candidates Preparing For UPSC Exams

- **Maharashtra government** has decided to pay stipend to **scheduled tribe (ST) candidates** who are preparing for UPSC exams.

Vijayanagara to become Karnataka's 31st district

- The Karnataka cabinet gave in principle approval for the creation of **Vijayanagara** as the **state's 31st district**, carving it out from the mine-rich Ballari.

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Punjab to launch special scheme for physically challenged

- The Punjab state cabinet cleared a new scheme, the **Punjab Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojna (PDSY)**, to be implemented in a phased manner with **the first phase of the scheme** aimed at strengthening the existing programmes to ensure their benefits reach people with disabilities.

World Bank approves 120-mn to improve transport sector of Meghalaya

- The Government of India, **Meghalaya government** and the **World Bank** signed a 120 million dollar project to improve and modernise the transport sector of Meghalaya.

North Police Station in Kohima receives an ISO certification

- North Police Station Kohima** in **Nagaland** has been awarded an **ISO certification**. The Police station is located in the heart of Kohima Town which was the **first established police station** under Naga Hills district by the British Regime in the year 1933.

Madhya Pradesh conducts 'Poshit Parivar-Suposhit Madhya Pradesh' campaign in all districts

- In Madhya Pradesh, a **community-based nutrition management programme** of very severely malnourished children is being conducted in all districts under the nurtured families - well nurtured Madhya Pradesh i.e. **'Poshit Parivar-Suposhit Madhya Pradesh'** campaign.

Tigress on the Trail": Madhya Pradesh CM to flag off team of women bikers from Bhopal

- In **Madhya Pradesh**, with the objective of promoting adventure and safe tourism for women, the first and unique adventurous motorcycle trip is starting in the state.

Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS to get \$500 million from New Development Bank

- A loan agreement for **\$500 million (approximately Rs.3,700 crore)** was signed between the Centre and **New Development Bank** for funding the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS (regional rapid transit system) corridor.

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Uttarakhand

- Governor: Baby Rani Maurya
- Chief minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat
- Capitals: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)

Arunachal Pradesh

- Capital: Itanagar
- Chief minister: Pema Khandu
- Governor: B. D. Mishra

Assam

- Capital: Dispur
- Chief minister: Sarbananda Sonowal
- Governor: Jagdish Mukhi

Karnataka:

- Capital: Bengaluru
- Governor: Vajubhai Vala
- Chief minister: B. S. Yediyurappa

Maharashtra:

- Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Capital: Mumbai
- Chief minister: Uddhav Thackeray

Madhya Pradesh:

- Capital: Bhopal
- Governor: Anandiben Patel (additional charge)
- Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

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Uttar Pradesh:

- Governor: Anandiben Patel
- Capital: Lucknow
- Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath

Haryana:

- Capital: Chandigarh
- Governor: Satyadev Narayan Arya
- Chief minister: Manohar Lal Khattar

West Bengal

- Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar
- Capital: Kolkata
- Chief Minister: Mamata Banerjee

New Delhi

- Chief minister: Arvind Kejriwal
- Lt. Governor: Anil Bajjal

Telangana:

- Capital: Hyderabad
- Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan
- Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao

RPF:

- Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Piyush Goyal, : Union Minister Railways
- Arun Kumar, IPS: Director General, RPF

Puducherry

- Chief Minister: V. Narayanasamy
- Governor: Kiren Bedi

Himachal Pradesh:

- Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya

- Capitals: Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)
- Chief minister: Jai Ram Thakur

Andhra Pradesh:

- Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Chief minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy
- Capital(s): Visakhapatnam (executive), Amaravati (legislative), Kurnool (judicial)

UPSC

- Chairperson: Pradeep Kumar Joshi

Punjab

- Capital: Chandigarh
- Governor: V. P. Singh Badnore
- Chief minister: Amarinder Singh

Meghalaya:

- Capital: Shillong
- Governor: Satya Pal Malik
- Chief minister: Conrad Sangma

Nagaland:

- Capital: Kohima
- Governor: RN Ravi
- Chief minister: Neiphiu Rio

New Development Bank:

- Headquarters: Shanghai, China
- President: Marcos Prado Troyjo

Odisha:

- Capital: Bhubaneswar
- Governor: Ganeshi Lal
- Chief minister: Naveen Patnaik

CURRENT AFFAIRS: MOU

Tata AIA Life Insurance partners with PayBima to drive Life Insurance Protection through Digital sales

- **Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA Life)**, one of India's leading providers of Pure Protection Solutions, announced that it has partnered with **PayBima**, the digital arm of Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd., as a Broker to **distribute its industry-leading life insurance solutions**.

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Embassy Group inks pact for developing govt schools

- **Embassy Group** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Government of Karnataka**, Department of Education for the all-around improvement of Government Schools in Bangalore.

India-Nepal Jointly Launch 3rd Integrated Check Post, Aim To Boost Trade & Connectivity

- **India and Nepal** launched the construction of a **Rs 147.12 crore** integrated check post (ICP) at **Nepalgunj**.
- Indian Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** and Nepali Minister for Urban Development **Krishna Gopal Shrestha** witnessed the ground-breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of the construction of an **Integrated Check Post**.

ISB inks MoU with Indian Council of World Affairs

- The **Indian School of Business (ISB)** and **Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)** have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

TASK to train 30,000 students in AI, ML

- The **Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK)** has joined hands with **Microsoft** and **NASSCOM FutureSkills** to roll out the 'March to Million' initiative in the State.

Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation signs MoUs with IBM India, three other firms

- The **Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC)** signed **MoUs** with the four industry/academic partners — **IBM India**, **Singapore Polytechnic International (SPI)**, **India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)** and **LV Prasad Film & TV Academy (LVPA)**.

Tripartite Agreement Signed between USOF, BSNL and A & N Administration for Operation and Management of CANI-SMC Project

- The Government of India approved the **Chennai-Andaman and Nicobar Islands (CANI) Submarine Optical Fiber Cable project** with an objective to connect Chennai Cable Landing Station (CLS) with Port Blair CLS and seven Islands viz. **Swaraj Dweep**, **Little Andaman**, **Car Nicobar**, **Kamorta**, **Campbell Bay**, **Long Island** and **Rangat** in **September, 2016**.

EESL Signs MoU with DNRE Goa to implement the country's first Convergence Project

- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, a joint venture of PSUs under the **Ministry of Power and Department of New & Renewable Energy (DNRE)**, **Goa**, have signed a memorandum of understanding to discuss rolling out of India's first Convergence Project in the State.

BFIL ties up with Maha govt to provide livestock care

- **IndusInd Bank** subsidiary firm **Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd (BFIL)** has signed a pact with **Maharashtra government** to enhance **doorstep delivery of livestock care to farmers** in the state.

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Tata AIA Life Insurance

- CEO: Rishi Srivastava
- Headquarters: Mumbai

Embassy Group:

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Founded: 1993

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka, India

Nepal

- Capital: Kathmandu

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- Prime minister: K. P. Sharma Oli
- President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- Currency: Nepalese rupee

Indian Council of World Affairs:

- Location: New Delhi, India
- Dr. T C A Raghavan: (Director General)

Microsoft:

- CEO: Satya Nadella

- Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States

Energy Efficiency Services Limited:

- Location: New Delhi
- Chairman: Rajeev Sharma

BFIL

- Headquarters: Hyderabad
- MD & CEO: M R Rao

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPS AND PORTALS

'Wildlife Rescue' app launched to rescue wild animals in the city

- Chandigarh UT administrator **VP Singh Badnore** launched the mobile-based application '**Wildlife Rescue**' for monitoring of wildlife rescue, reporting and release of wildlife online. The app works on all Android smartphones.

CM Naveen Patnaik launches Secha Samadhan, online services for farmers

- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched '**Secha Samadhan**', a bilingual mobile application, to address the irrigation problems faced by farmers without them having to visit the offices concerned.

Telangana unveils two mobile apps to monitor Palle Pragathi

- Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development of **Telangana Errabelli Dayakar Rao** unveiled two mobile apps aimed at improving the functioning and supervision of Panchayat Raj department.
- Both the apps – **Palle Pragathi Panchayat Secretary app** and **Palle Pragathi Inspection Officer app** – were designed by the State Panchayat Raj department.

Kadalu App to help fishermen launched in Udupi

- The **Coastal Security Police** launched the **Kadalu App for fishermen** that will help them in submitting information about their arrival and departure from the fishing harbour using android mobile phones

CURRENT AFFAIRS: MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

Merger of HDFC ERGO Health Insurance with HDFC ERGO General Insurance complete

- The merger of **HDFC ERGO Health Insurance**, which was earlier known as **Apollo Munich Health Insurance**, with **HDFC ERGO General Insurance**, has been completed with the approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

TCS acquires Pramerica Services unit from Prudential

- The IT major will acquire the staff and select assets of **Pramerica Systems Ireland**, Prudential Financial Inc. (PFI)'s subsidiary based in Letterkenny, Ireland.

Reliance Retail buys Urban Ladder for \$24.4 million

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- **Reliance Retail** has acquired a **majority stake** in furniture and decor platform **Urban Ladder**, making a broader push into e-commerce as the largest retail chain in India gears up to fight Amazon and Flipkart.

NSE arm acquires ed-tech firm Talent Sprint

- The **NSE Academy Limited**, an arm of the **National Stock Exchange**, has acquired a majority stake of **51 per cent** in the Hyderabad-based **TalentSprint**, a deep tech education firm. In the phase-wise acquisition of the stake, the NSE arm would acquire the total stake over a period of three years.

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HDFC ERGO General Insurance

- Founded: 2002
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Ritesh Kumar (CEO)

TCS:

- CEO: Rajesh Gopinathan
- Headquarters: Mumbai

Reliance Retail:

- Headquarters: Mumbai,
- Chairman: Mukesh Ambani

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Indian-American Kash Patel Named Chief Of Staff To Acting US Defence Secretary

- Indian-American **Kash Patel** has been named as the **Chief of Staff** to the Acting US Defence Secretary Chris Miller, the Pentagon has announced.

M.M. Murugappan steps down as chairman of Tube and Cholamandalam Investments

- **Noted industrialist** and **chairman** of diversified conglomerate **Murugappa Group** **M M Murugappan** has **stepped down** from **two** of the **group entities'** to **pursue philanthropy** and **other interests**.

Myanmar: Aung San Suu Kyi's party wins majority in election

- **Myanmar's** ruling **National League for Democracy (NLD)** party **Aung San Suu Kyi** candidate has secured enough seats in parliament to form the **next government**.

Nitish Kumar to be sworn-in as Chief Minister of Bihar for 7th term

- **Nitish Kumar** will be sworn-in as **Chief Minister of Bihar** for the **seventh term**. He was unanimously elected leader of the NDA at a meeting of its newly elected MLAs in Patna.

ED Director S K Mishra's tenure extended by one year

- The Union government has extended the tenure of **Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra** by a year after modifying his appointment order that was issued in 2018, officials stated.

Kris Gopalakrishnan appointed first chairperson of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub

- **Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan**, co-founder and former co-Chairman, Infosys, has been appointed as the **first Chairperson** of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub.

Actor Sonu Sood appointed as state icon of Punjab by Election Commission of India

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- **Actor Sonu Sood** has been appointed as **state icon of Punjab** by the **Election Commission of India (ECI)**. The decision of honouring Sonu Sood with the title comes after he earned laurels for his humanitarian work during the lockdown.

Navneet Munot quits SBI Funds to join HDFC MF as CEO

- **Navneet Munot, Chief Investment Officer** of SBI Funds Management, has decided to quit the organisation and join HDFC Mutual Fund as Managing Director and CEO. Munot will succeed the incumbent Milind Barve at HDFC Mutual Fund.

Virat Kohli named brand ambassador for sanitation brand Vize

- India captain **Virat Kohli** is currently on tour of Australia and his brand team has signed new brand endorsement deal for the Indian captain. Kohli was unveiled as the **brand ambassador for Vize**, a new healthcare and sanitation product.

Moldova election: Pro-EU candidate Maia Sandu wins presidency

- **Maia Sandu** has won **Moldova's presidential election** after a run-off vote against the incumbent **Igor Dodon**.

Nitish Kumar Takes Oath As Bihar CM For 7th Time

- Janata Dal (United) president **Nitish Kumar** was sworn in as the **Chief Minister of Bihar** for the **seventh time** in two decades while Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) **Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi** took oath as the **deputy chief ministers**.

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

- In Bihar, former Chief Minister **Jitan Ram Manjhi** sworn in as pro-tem speaker of the newly elected **17th Bihar Legislative Assembly**. Governor Phagu Chauhan administered him the oath of office at a function organized at Rajbhavan in Patna

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Myanmar

- Capital: Naypyitaw
- President: Win Myint
- Currency: Burmese kyat

Bihar

- Governor: Phagu Chauhan
- Chief minister: Nitish Kumar
- Capital: Patna

Enforcement Directorate:

- Formed: 1 May 1956
- Sanjay Kumar Mishra, IRS, Director Enforcement

- Simanchala Dash, IRS, Principal Special Director
- Parent agency: Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance

SBI Mutual Fund:

- Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- CEO & Managing director: Mr. Vinay M. Tonse
- Deputy CEO: Mr. Denys de Campigneulles

Moldova

- Capital: Chişinău
- Currency: Moldovan leu

CURRENT AFFAIRS: AWARDS AND HONORS

Ruskin Bond to be presented with Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award

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- **Ruskin Bond**, one of India's most cherished authors, has been conferred the **Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2020**. Mr. Bond has a substantial body of work – close to 100 books – across genres for children and adults.

Russia's Lakhta Center wins Emporis Skyscraper Award 2019

- The **Emporis Skyscraper Award**, one of the **world's most renowned prizes for high-rise architecture**, has been given to a **462-metre-high Lakhta Center** in **St Petersburg** this year.

Dr Satish Mishra bags "Dr Tulsi Das Chugh Award-2020

- The **National Academy of Medical Sciences (India)** has selected the Principal Scientist, Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, (CSIR-CDRI)-Lucknow, **Dr Satish Mishra** for "**Dr.Tulsi Das Chugh Award 2020**". He is awarded for his research work on Malaria parasite's life cycle which is a complex process involving two hosts and three invasive stages.

2019 National water awards: Maharashtra adjudged second best in water management

- **Maharashtra** was adjudged **the second-best state** in **water conservation** effort by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, at the 2019 National Water Awards. **Tamil Nadu** was the top state in overall water conservation efforts, whereas **Rajasthan** settled for third position. In the same category, Mizoram received a special award.

Bangladeshi teen Sadat Rahman wins award for anti-cyberbullying app

- A teenager in Bangladesh **Sadat Rahman** has won the **International Children's Peace Prize** for his efforts to educate young people about **cyberbullying**.

National award for TNAU Scientist

- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University's Director of Research and NABARD Chair, **K S Subramanian** has bagged the **Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award**.

Queen Mother of Bhutan and HelpAge India receive 2020 UN Population Award

- Her Majesty **Gyalum Sangay Choden Wangchuck**, Queen Mother of Bhutan, was announced as the individual laureate for the 2020 **United Nations Population Award**. HelpAge India was announced as the award's institutional laureate.

Education Minister virtually launches AICTE's Lilavati Award-2020

- Education Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank"** virtually launched **Lilavati Award-2020: AICTE's Innovative education program to empower women**.

NFDB confers four awards to Assam for success in fishery sector

- 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.

20 best performing districts get Swachhata Awards 2020

- **Jal Shakti Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** and Minister of State, Jal Shakti, **Rattan Lal Kataria** conferred the **Swachhata Awards 2020** on the 20 best performing districts for contributing towards ODF Sustainability and ODF Plus goals on World Toilet Day.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SUMMITS AND CONFERENCE

Nayanjot Lahiri's book Archaeology and the Public Purpose: Writings on and by M N Deshpande

- The book, "Archaeology and the Public Purpose: Writings on and by M N Deshpande", is written by history professor Nayanjot Lahiri.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's biography "Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy" to release in 2021

- "Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy" is a biography of New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who has recently been re-elected in a landslide victory, will be published next year.
- HarperCollins Publishers India has announced the acquisition of book, which will be authored by Supriya Vani and Carl A Harte.

How to Be a Writer by Ruskin Bond

The book "How to Be a Writer" is an exclusive glimpse into the writing credo of Ruskin Bond, an author who has had an incredibly successful writing career spanning over seventy years. It is Published by HarperCollins India.

Maharashtra Governor releases former Minister Rajendra Darda's book 'Majhi Bhint'

- Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari released the book 'Majhi Bhint' (My Wall) authored by former Maharashtra Education Minister Rajendra Darda.

'Boskiyana': A New Book On Gulzar Unveiled

- "Boskiyana", a new book in Hindi, brings out the personality of the veteran poet-lyricist through detailed conversations and opens up readers to his thoughts and vision of the world, its publisher Radhakrishna Prakashan.

Sonu's autobiography titled 'I Am No Messiah' to release in December

- Actor Sonu Sood, who has been helping people amid the COVID-19 pandemic, announced on social media that his autobiography titled 'I Am No Messiah' will release in December.

Reporting India by Prem Prakash

- Veteran Journalist and News Agency ANI chairman Prem Prakash, his book "Reporting India", shared that Nehru's love for the then Defence Minister Krishna Menon cost India the 1962 Sino-India war.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveils two books

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled two books 'The Republican Ethic Volume III' and 'Loktantra Ke Swar' which are collection of selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind during the third year of his presidency.

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MOHUA

- Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Civil Aviation: Hardeep Singh Puri
- Constituency: Amritsar
- Secretary: Durga Shanker Mishra

Association of Southeast Asian Nations:

- Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia

- Founded: 8 August 1967, Malaysia
- Members: Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma), Laos

Ministry for Jal Shakti

- Union Cabinet Minister in Ministry of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

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- Constituency: Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Ministry of External Affairs:

- Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, : Minister of External Affairs
- Constituency: Gujarat
- V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs

MoEA

- Minister of External Affairs: Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- Constituency: Gujarat

China:

- Capital: Beijing
- President: Xi Jinping
- Currency: Renminbi

G77

- The Group of 77 at the United Nations is a coalition of 134 developing countries.
- Founded: 15 June 1964
- Headquarters: New York, United States

BRICS:

- BRICS is the acronym coined to associate five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The BRICS members are known for the significant influence on regional affairs. Since 2009, the BRICS nations have met annually at formal summits.
- Founded: June 2006

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Astronomers detect first fast radio burst in our Milky Way galaxy

- **Astronomers** have detected a **bright fast radio burst**, which lasted for a **millisecond**, from our galaxy for the first time ever.
- **Fast radio bursts (FRB)** are **bright bursts of radio waves** from astronomical objects across galaxies, and their sources have been a mystery for over a decade.

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

- **China** has reportedly become the **world's first country** to have successfully sent the **6G communications test satellite** into the **orbit** from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center** in the Shanxi Province.

Pfizer's Early Data Shows Vaccine Is More Than 90% Effective

- The drug maker **Pfizer** announced that an early analysis of its **coronavirus vaccine trial** suggested the vaccine was robustly effective in preventing Covid-19, a promising development as the world has waited anxiously for any positive news about a pandemic that has killed more than **1.2 million people**.

Virgin Hyperloop completes first-ever human trial in hyperloop pod in US

- **Virgin Hyperloop** stated it has "successfully" completed the **first-ever human trial** in the **hyperloop pod** at the DevLoop test facility in the US.

Indian astronomers collaborated with Nobel laureate on Thirty Meter Telescope Project

- **2020 Physics Nobel Laureate Prof. Andrea Ghez** had worked closely with **Indian astronomers** on the design of back-end instruments and possible science prospects of the **Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project** being installed **at Maunakea in Hawaii**, which can revolutionized the understanding of the universe and the enigmas in it.

IIT Guwahati formulates efficient "pincer" catalytic systems that transform biomass wastes into valuable chemicals

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- A research team of **IIT Guwahati** has formulated efficient “**pincer**” **catalytic systems** that transform biomass wastes into valuable chemicals. Tiny amounts of these “pincer catalysts” repeatedly convert large amounts of industrial waste such as glycerol into lactic acid and hydrogen.

SpaceX and NASA successfully launch four astronauts to Space

- **SpaceX** successfully launched its **first operational space taxi flight** for **NASA, Falcon 9 rocket** took to the skies above **Kennedy Space Center** in Florida.

IISc researchers discover 5 new species of vine snakes

- Researchers from the **Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES)**, IISc, have discovered **five new species of vine snakes**, four from the Western Ghats alone.
- The researchers found four distinct small-bodied and short-nosed species: the Northern Western Ghats vine snake (**ahaetulla borealis**), Farnsworth’s vine snake (**ahaetulla farnsworthi**), Malabar vine snake (**ahaetulla malabarica**) and Wall’s vine snake (**ahaetulla isabellina**) in the Western Ghats’ forests.

First ever vaccine listed under WHO emergency use

- **WHO** listed the **nOPV2 vaccine (Bio Farma, Indonesia)** for emergency use to address the rising cases of a vaccine-derived polio strain in a number of African and East Mediterranean countries.

IIT Kharagpur researchers develop eco-friendly food packaging material from cucumber peel

- **Cellulose nanocrystals** derived from **peel** can be used for **making biodegradable** food packaging material with low oxygen permeability

L&T delivers India's 1st launch hardware for Gaganyaan despite Covid-19 restrictions

- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**, India’s leading engineering, procurement and construction projects, manufacturing, defence and services conglomerate, has delivered the **first hardware**, a booster segment, for **Gaganyaan Launch Vehicle** to **ISRO** ahead of schedule in a virtual flag-off ceremony presided over by Dr. K Sivan, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

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Pfizer:

- CEO: Albert Bourla
- Headquarters: New York, New York, United States

SpaceX

- CEO: Elon Musk
- Headquarters: California, United States

NASA

- Administrator: Jim Bridenstine
- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

L&T

- CEO: S. N. Subrahmanyam
- Headquarters: Mumbai

CURRENT AFFAIRS: RANKING

Azim Premji tops the list, Mukesh Ambani ranks third on the EdelGiveHurun India Philanthropy List 2020

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- Azim Premji, the founder and chairman of Wipro, has topped the list of India's philanthropists 2020 with a total donation of Rs 7,904 crore.

Kerala On Top, Delhi Near Bottom in New Migrant Policy Index

- The states of Kerala, Goa, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have been most successful in integrating migrant workers, while crucial migrant receiving states, including Delhi, have done poorly, shows the Interstate Migrant Policy Index (IMPEX) that seeks to measure integration of interstate migrants.

Launch Of Ukibc's 6th Annual Report On Doing Business In India

- UK Minister for Investment, Lord Gerry Grimstone, has released UK India business council's 'doing business in India report 2020' at a roundtable with Indian industry captains during his virtual visit to India.
- For the third year running, Maharashtra came out as the state with maximum incremental improvement, followed by Karnataka, Delhi, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu, in that order. Next in sequence were Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh and Haryana to complete the top ten.

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu virtually presents 2nd National Water Awards

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu virtually presented the Second National Water Awards.
- The NWAs focus on the good work and efforts made by individual and organisations across the country, and the government's vision for the path to 'JalSamridh Bharat'.

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

- India's Artificial Intelligence supercomputer Param Siddhi has achieved 63rd rank among top 500 most powerful non-distributed computer systems in the world.

London tops list of World's Best Cities 2021, Delhi ranked 62- Resonance Consultancy

- London has topped a new list of best cities around the world by Vancouver-based Resonance Consultancy.
- The top 10 cities for 2021 in the world are — 1. London, 2. New York, 3. Paris, 4. Moscow, 5. Tokyo, 6. Dubai, 7. Singapore, 8. Barcelona, 9. Los Angeles, and 10. Madrid. India has only one representative on the list, with Delhi ranked 62.

Arunachal Pradesh records best sex ratio with birth of over 1,000 girls, Manipur ends up at worst

- The state of Arunachal Pradesh recorded the best sex ratio in the country this year with the birth of 1,084 females per thousand males. Arunachal Pradesh was followed by Nagaland and Mizoram that recorded over 900 female births.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: DEFENCE

DRDO develops fire detection and suppression system for passenger buses

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed for passenger buses a technology called "Fire Detection and Suppression System (FDSS)".

Indian Navy's fifth Scorpene-class submarine Vagir launched

- Indian Navy's fifth Kalvari-class Diesel Electric attack submarine INS Vagir was launched at Mazgaon Dock in Mumbai.

DRDO successfully test-fires Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile system

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- India has successfully test-fired the **Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system** off the coast of **Balasore in Odisha**. The missile is propelled by a single-stage solid-propellant rocket motor and uses all indigenous subsystems.

Malabar Exercise 2020: Second phase begins

- The **second phase of Malabar Exercise 2020** is scheduled to start November 17 in the **Northern Arabian Sea**. The exercise will conclude on November 20. The exercise will involve coordinated operations between the navies of **India, the US, Australia and Japan**.

Second flight test of QRSAM conducted successfully

The **second flight test of Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile System (QRSAM)** was successfully conducted from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.

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DRDO

- Founded: 1958
- Headquarters: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi
- Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy

Indian Navy

- Founded: 26 January 1950
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS): Vice Admiral G. Ashok Kumar
- Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS): Admiral Karambir Singh

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS

Trailblazers beat Supernovas by 16 runs to win Women's T20 Challenge title

- The 2020 Women's T20 Challenge, branded as Jio Women's T20 Challenge, was the third season of the Women's T20 Challenge, a Twenty20 cricket tournament established by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in 2018.

Dream 11 IPL 2020

- **Mumbai Indians (MI)** beat **Delhi Capitals (DC)** by five wickets in the **Dream11 Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020** final in Dubai and clinched their fifth IPL title.
- The league was founded by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** in 2007.

ITTF Women's World Cup: China's Chen claims maiden title

- World number one **Chen Meng** beat Chinese compatriot **Sun Yingsha** to win her maiden **ITTF Women's World Cup title** in Weihai.

Younis Khan appointed Pakistan's batting coach until 2022 T20 World Cup

- **Former captain Younis Khan** will continue as the men's batting coach of **Pakistan** until the **ICC Twenty20 World Cup in 2022**. The **Twenty20 World Cup 2022** is scheduled to be held in **Australia**.

Novak Djokovic equals Pete Sampras's record of six year-end No.1 trophies

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- Tennis star **Novak Djokovic** has equalled **Pete Sampra's** record of winning six year-end number one trophies. The Serbian player achieved the feat as he was given the ATP Tour Number One trophy for finishing as the year-end number one.

F1 Turkish Grand Prix: Lewis Hamilton seals seventh world title

- **Hamilton** joins Michael Schumacher as a **seven-time F1 world champion** after amazing Istanbul victory from sixth on the grid; Hamilton now statistically the most successful driver of all time holding or sharing all of F1's biggest records.

Jannik Sinner Clinches Maiden ATP Tour Title In Sofia

- **Jannik Sinner** captured his maiden **ATP Tour trophy** at the **Sofia Open** in **Bulgaria**.
- The 19-year-old battled past experienced **Canadian Vasek Pospisil** to become the **youngest Italian** in the Open Era to win an ATP Tour title.

BCCI ropes in MPL Sports as official Kit sponsor for Team India

- The **BCCI** formally announced **MPL Sports** apparel and accessories as the **official kit sponsor** and merchandise partner of both the national men's and women's sides as well as the U-19 team, replacing Nike.

Javier Mascherano announces retirement

- Former Barcelona and Argentina great **Javier Mascherano** announced his **retirement from football**.

FIFA cancels Women's Under-17 football World Cup; India to host 2022 edition

- The **Women's Under-17 football World Cup** in India, which was initially postponed to next year due to COVID-19 pandemic, was cancelled by **FIFA**, but India was handed the **hosting rights** of the **2022 edition**.

Sudeep Tyagi announces retirement from all forms of cricket

- **Sudeep Tyagi**, who played for the **Indian national cricket team** in four ODIs and a lone T20I as a fast bowler, **announced his retirement** from all forms of the game.

ICC postpones 2022 women's T-20 world cup till February 2023

- The **International Cricket Council** has postponed the **South African edition** of the Women's T20 World Cup by three months to **February 2023** to avoid a cluster of big-ticket events in 2022.

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BCCI

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founded: December 1928
- President: Sourav Ganguly

ITTF

- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- President: Thomas Weikert
- CEO: Steve Dainton

Ghana

- Capital: Accra
- Currency: Ghanaian cedi
- President: Nana Akufo-Addo

FIFA:

- President: Gianni Infantino
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland

ICC:

- CEO: Manu Sawhney
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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- Chairman: Imran Khwaja (acting)

CURRENT AFFAIRS: OBITUARY

Former Sikkim CM Sanchaman Limboo passes away at 73

- Former Sikkim chief minister **Sanchaman Limboo** passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 73.
- He was the **fourth chief Minister of Sikkim** from 17 June 1994 – 12 December 1994 from Sikkim Sangram Parishad Party.

'Scooby-Doo' co-creator Ken Spears passes away at 82

- **Scooby-Doo co-creator Ken Spears** passed away at the age of 82. The TV writer and producer died due to complications related to **Lewy body dementia**.

Mohun Bagan great Satyajit Ghosh passes away from heart attack

- Ex-Mohun Bagan defender **Satyajit Ghosh**, who once formed a formidable central defensive partnership with club legend Subrata Bhattacharjee, **passed away**. He was 62.

Bahrain's longest serving PM Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa passes away

- The world's longest serving Prime Minister, **Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa of Bahrain**, passed away. He was 84.

Prominent Kannada journalist Ravi Belagere passes away at 62

- **Noted journalist and writer Ravi Belagere (62) passed away** in Bengaluru, after a massive heart attack.

Legendary actor Soumitra Chatterjee passes away at 85

- **Legendary Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee** passed away. He was 85.
- Soumitra Chatterjee is also the first Indian film personality conferred with the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, **France's highest award** for artists.

Nobel laureate physicist Masatoshi Koshihira dies at 94

- Professor **Masatoshi Koshihira**, one of Japan's most eminent scientists, died at the age of 94. Koshihira shared the 2002 Nobel Prize in Physics with Raymond Davis Jr, and Riccardo Giacconi "for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, in particular for the detection of cosmic neutrinos."

Haryana's first woman MP and former Puducherry Lt Governor Chandrawati passes away at 92

- **Haryana's first woman MP and former Puducherry Lt Governor Chandrawati** passed away.

Padma Shri awardee & sculptor Arjun Prajapati dies of Covid

- **Padma Shri awardee and sculptor Arjun Prajapati** was among the 13 people who **died of Covid-19** in the state of Rajasthan.

Ghana's former president Jerry Rawlings passes away aged 73

- **Ghana's former president Jerry Rawlings**, a member of the radical and charismatic generation of figures who emerged in West Africa in the 1980s, **passed away aged 73**.

Actor Asif Basra dies by suicide at 53

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- **Bollywood actor Asif Basra** allegedly died by suicide at a private guest house in McLeod Ganj, Himachal Pradesh. He was 53.

Former Navy Officer Vice Admiral John Thomas Goslin Pereira passed away in 97 Years

- Vice Admiral **John Thomas Goslin Pereira (retd.)**, Indian Navy's former Chief of Materials, passed away after a brief illness.

Rajasthan Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Bhanwarlal Meghwal passes away

- Rajasthan Social Justice and Empowerment Minister **Bhanwarlal Meghwal passed away**. He was 72. He was a veteran leader who was passionate about serving Rajasthan.

Ray Clemence, former England goalkeeper passes away, aged 72

- Former England, Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper **Ray Clemence** has passed away aged 72.

Mridula Sinha, first woman Governor of Goa, passes away at 77

- **Former Goa Governor** and BJP leader **Mridula Sinha** passed away at AIIMS in Delhi.