

Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF 22 to 31 December

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 4th week of December 2020. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming IBPS, SBI and other competitive exams can make use of it.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: DAYS

- **National Mathematics Day** is celebrated every year on **December 22** across the nation to **recognise and celebrate the works of Srinivasa Ramanujan**.
- **Kisan Diwas or National Farmers Day** is observed on **December 23** across the country to praise the farmers as they are the spine of India.
- **National Consumer Rights Day** is observed on **December 24**, every year in India, and The **theme** of the National Consumer Day is **The Sustainable Consumer**.
- **Good governance** is celebrated annually on **25 December**, the anniversary of the birth of former **Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- The first ever **International Day of Epidemic Preparedness** is being observed on **December 27, 2020**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: NATIONAL NEWS

- Government Notifies New Electricity Rights of Consumers Rules, 2020 to give consumers the right to 24x7 supply.
- The **Union environment minister Shri Prakash Javadekar** released a report of the **Status of Leopard in India 2018**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has become the **first in India and South Asia** to launch the block chain-enabled **peer to peer (P2P) trading platform** for rooftop solar power producers.
- **Union Petroleum & Natural Gas Minister**, dedicated **West Bengal's first oil and gas reserve, Bengal Basin**, to the nation.
- The **Centre and the World Bank** signed a **USD 500 million project** to build **safe and green national highway corridors** in **Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh**.
- Government has decided to **constitute a High Level Committee** to commemorate the **125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**.
- National Weather Forecasting Centre of the **Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)**, has released the **End of the Season Southwest Monsoon 2020 report**.
- **NITI Aayog's CEO Amitabh Kant** has virtually launched **India's first digital asset management and storage platform DigiBoxx**.
- The **Cabinet** approved the merger of **Films Division, Directorate of Film Festivals, National Film Archives of India, and Children's Film Society, India** with **National Film Development Corporation**.
- The **Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** along with the **Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) India** has come up with a unique initiative of a **firefly bird diverter** for overhead power lines in areas where **Great Indian Bustard (GIB)** populations are found in the wild.
- Senior IAS officer **Aditya Nath Das** has been appointed **Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh**.

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a special postal stamp to mark the centenary celebrations of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).
- Prime Minister Modi will release Rs. 18,000 crore for the next instalment of financial benefit under the PM-Kisan scheme to more than 9 crore farmers through video conference.
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has also approved **59,048 Crore** post matric scholarship scheme for more than **4 Crore Scheduled Castes** students in 5 years.
- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** announced that India's biggest hockey stadium will come up at **Rourkela** and the **20,000-capacity** facility will host matches of **FIH men's World Cup in 2023**.
- The **US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** has announced to invest **USD 54 million** in India to support the development of critical infrastructure projects in the country in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic
- India successfully test-fired a **medium range surface-to-air missile (MRSAM)** from **Odisha** coast on December 23, 2020.
- The **Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar** launched the **DGNCC Digital Forum** in **New Delhi** On December 24, 2020.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot** launched a Mobile Application **Swachhata Abhiyan** in the presence of Ministers of State for Social Justice and Empowerment **Shri Ram Das Athawale** and **Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar** in **New Delhi**.
- Road Transport & Highways Minister **Nitin Gadkari** has announced that **FASTag** is being made mandatory for all vehicles in the country from new year.
- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched **E-Sampada**, a new web portal and mobile app on Good Governance Day.
- **India's first hot air balloon wildlife safari** in a **tiger reserve** was launched in the world famous **Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve** by **Madhya Pradesh** forest minister **Vijay Shah**.
- **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has extended the validity of vehicular documents such as **driving licenses (DLs)**, **registration certificates (RCs)** and **Permits** till **31st of March 2021** in the light of need to prevent the spread of Covid-19 Pandemic.
- **Rajya Sabha MP RCP Singh** was unanimously elected as the **national president of the Janata Dal**. This decision was taken at the **party's national executive meeting in Patna** .
- On December 27, 2020, **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** will lay the **foundation stone for seven major projects** while two other projects will be inaugurated.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** unveiled an **18 feet statue** of former prime minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** at the historic **Ridge Maidan** here on his **96th birth anniversary**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** flagged off the **100th run of Kisan Rail** in **Maharashtra** On December 28, 2020. The move is a big step toward **empowering farmers of the country**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** flagged off the country's **first ever fully-automated driverless train** service on the **Magenta Line of the Delhi Metro**.

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- **Skyroot Aerospace**, a Hyderabad based start-up in the space sector, has successfully test-fired a solid propulsion rocket engine named **Kalam-5**
- Home Secretary and Secretary DoPT, **A K Bhalla** released the progress report of **e-HRMS (Electronic-Human Resource Management System)**.
- On December 29, 2020, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated to the nation the ambitious **New Bhaupur-New Khurja section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor in Uttar Pradesh** through video conference.
- Science and Technology Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** releases report - **Action Agenda** for an **Atma Nirbhar Bharat** prepared by **Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council, TIFAC in New Delhi**.
- **Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawarchand Gehlot** announced, the Central government is committed for the **welfare of scheduled caste students** as it has made a historic change in the **scholarship available to students of this community pursuing higher education**.
- **Union Minister for Railways and Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Shri Piyush Goyal** reviews the progress of upcoming **DFC**.
- Union Minister for Science and Technology **Harshvardhan** launched the '**Digital Ocean**' platform on December 29, 2020. It is developed by Indian **National Centre for Oceanic Information Services (INCOIS)**.
- The **UGC set up a seven-member committee**, headed by Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Punjab **R P Tiwari**, to consider the issue holding common entrance tests at undergraduate level only from the next academic year in central universities to provide a single platform for admission.
- On 28th December 2020, **Harsh Vardhan**, Union health minister, launched **Pneumosil, India's first Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)**. The **Pneumosil** has been developed by **Serum Institute of India** in collaboration with the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** will be on a four days visit to **Diu** in the **UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu** starting from **December 25 to 28, 2020**. In this Visit, He will inaugurate the **Jalandhar Circuit House** in **Diu**.
- The **Indian Railways** has launched the recently **integrated Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)** and a mobile application for downloading **Unique Medical Identity Card (UMID)**.
- The country's **first pollinator park** with over **40 species** of butterflies, honey bees, birds and insects has been developed over four acres at **Nainital's Haldwani**.
- The **Union Cabinet** chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has approved the proposal to export indigenously-developed **Akash Missile System**.
- **Indian Railways** successfully completed a speed trial for **180 km per hour** of a new design **vistadome** tourist coach. According to the Railway Ministry, the new **vistadome** tourist coach has been manufactured by the **Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai**
- Minister of State for External Affairs **V. Muraleedharan** launched the **Global Pravasi Rishta** portal and mobile App, to connect with **3.12 crore** strong diaspora across the world.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will lay the foundation stone of **Light House Projects** under the **Global Housing Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-India)** at six sites across six states on **January 1** in video conference.

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the **34th PRAGATI** interaction. Projects of the **Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** were discussed.
- "To mark the **75th anniversary of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose**, he had gone to Port Blair and had the honour of **hoisting the Tricolour**,"
- The renewable energy minister was speaking at the Chief Ministers' **Plenary session of the virtual 3rd Global RE-INVEST Summit**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATE NEWS

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **Assam government to develop the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ecosystem** in the State.
- On December 21, 2020 **UN Women**, the United Nations entity working for the empowerment of women, entered into an agreement with the Kerala government's **Gender Park** that has been **initiating gender equality activities**.
- The **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)**, headquartered in Kochi, has launched a **multilingual call centre for aquafarmers at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communication and Government of Haryana** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India Accelerator (IA) to build a strong startup ecosystem in Haryana**.
- On 22 December 2020, the **FRUITS (Farmer Registration and Unified Beneficiary Information System) Portal**, a project of e-Governance, Government of Karnataka was inaugurated with **BHOOMI Package of Karnataka state to fetch and validate land details**.
- The **Himachal Pradesh** government has decided to frame an **integrated Drug Prevention Policy including Drug Prevention, Treatment, Management and Rehabilitation Programme**.
- India has added **Tso Kar Wetland Complex** in Ladakh as its **42nd Ramsar site**, which is a second one in the Union Territory of
- The **Department of School and Mass Education, Government of Odisha** in collaboration with **UNICEF** has launched a career portal for Secondary and Higher Secondary students to help them with expert advice on their future careers
- Punjab, Chief Minister Captain **Amarinder Singh** launched Mobile Application and web portal '**PR Insight**' to monitor the feedback and subsequently improve the delivery of citizen centric services to ensure responsive and transparent administration in the State.
- **India's first Lithium** refinery which will process Lithium ore to produce battery-grade material will be set up in
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **New Bhaupur-New Khurja** section of **Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor, EDFC** through video conferencing.
- The **Madhya Pradesh** cabinet approved the **Dharma Swatantrya (Religious Freedom) Bill 2020**. Under the provisions of the bill, forced conversion of a woman will be punishable for a term up to 10 years and minimum fine of **Rs 50,000**.
- The first batch of training at the **Tata-Indian Institute of Skills, Mumbai** was launched to provide an **impetus to Skill India programme through private sector participation**.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** laid the foundation stone of a **medical college and nine law institutes**, besides launching two other projects in **Assam**.

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- **Arya Rajendran**, the 21-year-old college student, has been elected as the **new mayor of Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation, of Kerala**.
- On December 29, 2020, Union Earth Sciences Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan**, will virtually inaugurate the newly established **Indian Meteorological Department for Ladakh**.
- The **Gujarat government** announced a new solar power policy comprising provisions to encourage small and medium scale solar projects on residential, commercial and industrial premises.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will lay the **foundation stone of AIIMS at Rajkot, Gujarat** through video conferencing on Dec 31.
- Students who studied in government schools in **Odisha** will now get the quota in admission into **MBBS and BTECH** in colleges of the state. A decision to this effect was taken by the **state cabinet**.
- Karnataka Chief Minister **B S Yediyurappa** inaugurated the new building of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre in Bengaluru**.
- The Chief Minister Secretariat, the Disaster Management Department besides the National Informatics Centre (NIC) of the state have jointly been chosen as winners in the **"pandemic category" Digital India Awards 2020**.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** has announced that a multi-modal logistics park will be constructed in **Silchar in Assam**.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the project **'Deepening and Optimization of Inner Harbour Facilities including Development of Western Dock on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode to handle cape size vessels at Paradip Port'**.
- The entire state of Nagaland has been declared a disturbed area for **six more months**.
- Jammu and Kashmir Govt conducts Intra State Level programme begins at **Teacher's Bhawan Gandhi Nagar, Jammu**
- **Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C N Aswatha Narayana** has said that new Government Tool Room and Training Centers will be established in different parts of the state to impart training in different skills.
- In the Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir**, to generate awareness among the common masses about the **Fit India campaign**, Municipal Council Udampur organized a cycle rally at Udampur.
- **North East's first-ever specialised "Ginger" Processing Plant** at district Ri-Bhoui in Meghalaya is being revived and is likely to become functional in the beginning of 2021.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **Myanmar Navy** has officially commissioned the submarine **INS Sindhuvir**, which was handed over by the Indian Navy to the country in October 2020.
- The **Centre for Economics and Business Research** stated **Indian economy** will again overtake the **UK to become the fifth largest economy in 2025** and race to the third spot by 2030.
- US's plan to have the **first nuclear reactor on the moon by the end of 2026**.
- **Indian and Vietnamese Navy** concluded the **two-day naval passage exercise PASSEX** in the **South China Sea from December 26 & 27, 2020**.
- External Affairs Minister (EAM) **Dr S Jaishankar**, two-day visit to **Qatar** from 27 to 28 December.

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- Cambodia's first commercial **extraction of oil** begins in Gulf of Thailand. **Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen**, the country's **long-awaited** first commercial extraction of oil has finally begun.
- **US Vice President-elect Kamala Harris** promised to bring a bill to Congress with a roadmap to citizenship for **11 million undocumented people**.
- The **Fourth Meeting** of the **India-Sri Lanka** Joint Working Group on Fisheries was held through virtual mode.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the advanced **Hypersonic Wind Tunnel (HWT)** test facility in **Hyderabad**.
- **Delhi airport's** Terminal 3 has installed a **new passenger tracking system** that would help manage the flow of people, reduce waiting time and ensure social distancing.
- **China** has successfully launched a **new remote sensing satellite** into space, on December 27, 2020.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has achieved a milestone in quantum technology by successfully developing a **Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG)**.
- **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)**, the country's largest fuel retailer, announced it has launched the country's first remote monitoring system for oil refineries' turbines. The project, located in **Hyderabad**, **was inaugurated by oil minister Dharmendra Pradhan**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SUMMITS & CONFERENCE

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) hosted the 20th IORA Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting on 17 December 2020, virtually.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**, jointly addressed the **India-Vietnam Virtual Summit**, held on **21 December 2020**, through video conferencing.
- Union Minister for S&T, ES and MoHFW, **Dr Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated the **Global Indian Scientists & Technocrats (GIST)** meet which is being organized as a part of the **Indian International Science Festival (IISF) 2020**.
- The **12th Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment Summit** was held virtually from **December 15-16, 2020**, and the theme is **Rejuvenating Resilient Habitats**

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BANKING NEWS

- The **Central Bank of India** has launched a unique variant of a contactless debit card under the name **RuPay Select**, in association with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.
- On December 24 The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** cancelled the banking licence issued to **Subhadra Local Area Bank Ltd, Kolhapur**, citing problems in the way the bank was run.
- **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)** has revised India's GDP estimate for the current financial year to **-7.8 percent** from **-11.8 percent** earlier, primarily due to the easing of COVID-19 curbs and better-than-expected growth numbers in the second quarter.
- Private sector lender **ICICI Bank** will acquire 9.09 percent stake in educational technology platform **Myclassboard Educational Solutions Pvt Ltd** for cash consideration of **Rs 4.5 crore**.

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- **AU Small Finance Bank** announced a strategic partnership with **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** to offer life insurance solutions.
- **ICICI Bank** has announced that it is collaborating with **Google** to issue **FASTag**. It has become the **first bank to join hands with Google Pay** for the issuance of FASTag.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched its **Digital Lending Platform (DLP)**, which will allow prospective retail loan seekers to get loans digitally through a paperless process.
- The private sector lender **Yes Bank** has appointed **Niranjan Banodkar** as a new **Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** working paper has recommended that maintaining the inflation target at **4 percent** is appropriate for the country.
- Tamil Nadu-based City Union Bank (CUB) is now available on India's most popular messaging application—**Whatsapp**.
- **Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC)** recently signed an MoU with UNDP India to co-create India's first **Social Impact Bond (SIB)**. The **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)** has revised upward its **gross domestic product (GDP)** projection for FY21 to **7.3% contraction from the 12.6% dip** estimated in **September 2020**.
- **ICICI Bank** has launched an online platform **Infinite India** to support foreign companies to establish or expand business in India.
- The Asian Development Bank has announced to provide Rs 2,100 crore loan to the Tripura government for the development of urban areas and tourism in the northeastern state that borders Bangladesh.
- **Indian Army** and **Bank of Baroda** have entered into a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** for **Baroda Military Salary Package**.
- The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** has introduced new rule business with monthly turnover Rs 50 lakh will have to mandatorily pay at least **1 percent of their GST liability** in cash, instead of using input tax credits.
- The Centralised '**Investment Clearance Cell**', under the proposed single window system, aimed at **facilitating businesses through a one-stop digital platform**, is planned to be launched with relevant Ministries and Departments and select States by **April 15, 2021**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: AWARDS

- Formula 1 world champion **Lewis Hamilton** has been voted **BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2020**.
- US President **Donald Trump** presented the prestigious **Legion of Merit** to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** for his leadership in elevating strategic partnership of the two countries and emergence of India as a global power.
- Senior scientist **Hemant Kumar Pandey** has been honoured with DRDO's '**Scientist of the Year Award**' for his contribution in developing several herbal medicines, including the popular drug **Lukoskin** meant for treatment of leucoderma.
- **NGO HelpAge India** has been awarded the **UN Population Award for 2020** in the institutional category.
- **Amar Singh College**, in Srinagar has been awarded for cultural heritage protection by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Asia-Pacific** in 2020.

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- Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Frances Tiafoe were among the winners of the ATP's top awards for 2020.
- NTPC Limited, the country's largest power producer, has been conferred **Excellence** in the prestigious CII-ITC Sustainability Awards 2020 in corporate social responsibility (CSR).
- The New India Foundation announces the shortlist for the third edition of the 'Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize', recognising and celebrating excellence in non-fiction writings on modern/ contemporary India.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: MOU

- Indian Navy has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) for sharing ocean services data.
- Karnataka signs **three agreements** with different firms to impart skill training to youths for jobs abroad.
- Cabinet approves MoU between India and Bhutan on Cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCHEMES

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will launch the **PMJAY - SEHAT scheme** on December 26 for Jammu and Kashmir.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) SEHAT scheme** via video-conferencing to extend health insurance coverage to all residents of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Andhra Pradesh chief minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** launch of his government's much-publicised programme, **Navaratnalu-Pedalanderiki Illu (Nine jewels - housing for all the poor)**, of providing house sites to 90 lakh poor people at Komarigiri village of U-Kothapalli block of East Godavari district.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENT NEWS

- Managing Director of logistics major Transport Corporation of India Limited **Vineet Agarwal** has taken over as the new President of The **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham)**.
- Senior IPS officer **Satyendra Garg** assumed **Andaman and Nicobar DGP charge**.
- Yes Securities announced the elevation of **Prasanth Prabhakaran** as its **managing director and chief executive officer**.
- **Romania's parliament** approved a new liberal government and prime minister **Florin Citu**, keeping out of power a left-leaning populist party that won most votes at a parliamentary election earlier this month.
- **Former Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty** is likely to be the next Chairperson of the country's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank..
- The West Bengal government has promoted **Rajeev Mishra IPS WB:1996** as **Additional DG**.
- On 29th December, 2020 **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare was nominated by the **Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI)** as a member of the GAVI Board.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Vice-President of India **M Venkaiah Naidu** released a book of English poems by Mizoram Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai, titled 'Oh Mizoram'.

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- Nobel laureate **Kailash Satyarthi's** new book titled **Covid-19: Sabhyata ka Sankat aur Samadhan** (Covid-19: Crisis of Civilisation and Solutions) was launched online by former Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh.
- Union Minister of state (I/C) for AYUSH and Minister of State for Defence **Shripad Naik** released a Konkani book **Sutranivednachi sutra- ek an Bav**, by Dr Roopa Chari, which is published by Sanjana Publications
- Chief Minister **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** released a book titled "**Element of Quantitative Genetics**" by Prof. Dr. Stuti Sharma of **Jawaharlal Nehru Agricultural University, Jabalpur**.
- On 29 December 2020, The autobiography of late **Justice Rajindar Sachar**, titled, **In Pursuit of Justice: An Autobiography**, was launched posthumously by Sachar's family on the occasion of his birth anniversary.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BUSINESS NEWS

- Online payments solutions provider **PayU has collaborated with Google Pay** to introduce tokenised payments flow for merchants in India.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: RANKING

- **HDFC Bank** is the **top ranked** company among the **100 BFSI** companies in the country, as per the BFSI Movers and Shakers 2020 report by **Wizikey**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS

- The **Sports Ministry** has approved the inclusion of **four indigenous Games** to be a part of **Khelo India Youth Games 2021**, scheduled to be held in **Haryana** and The games include **Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba**.
- **Indian boxers** bagged **nine medals including three golds, two silver and four bronze** at the **Cologne Boxing World Cup** held in **Koln, Germany**.
- The **Indian men and women hockey** teams will finish 2020 in **fourth and ninth** positions, respectively.
- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** confirmed that **10 teams** will take part in the **Indian Premier League from 2022**. The decision was taken in the BCCI AGM meeting in **Ahmedabad**.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced the **Men's T20I and ODI teams** of the decade and named former **India captain MS Dhoni** as the leader of both sides.
- **Anshu Malik** has become the **first wrestler** of the country to finish on the podium position at the **Individual Wrestling World Cup** in **Belgrade, Serbia**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: OBITUARY

- **Veteran Congress** leader **Motilal Vora** died at the age of 93 from post-Covid complications.
- Renowned Malayalam poet and activist **Sugathakumari**, who devoted her life to the green cause, rights of women and the deprived, passed away at **Thiruvananthapuram**. She was 86.
- Veteran Congress leader and former minister **Madan Lal Sharma** died in **Katra**. He was 68 years old.
- Legendary Urdu poet and critic **Shamsur Rahman Faruqi** passed away, He was 85.
- Former England batsman **John Edrich** has died at the age of 83, the **England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)** announced on December 25, 2020.

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- Former England cricketer **Robin Jackman**, played four test matches and **15 one-day internationals**, has died, the International Cricket Council stated. He was 75.
- **US wrestler Jon Huber**, better known to fans as **Brodie Lee** or **Luke Harper**, has died aged 41.
- Eminent **dance scholar** and critic **Sunil Kothari**, passed away. He was 87.
- On December 26, 2020, Former **Union Minister** and senior **AIADMK leader Kadambur M. R. Janardhanan** passed away. He was 91.
- Former Indian footballer **Nikhil Nandy**, was a part of the squad in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, died on December 29, 2020. He was 88.