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### Financial One Liners:

- In its latest economic outlook report, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has marginally raised its GDP forecast for India to a contraction of 9.9% in 2020-21 (FY21) from its earlier projection of (-)10.2% in September 2020.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India have signed a USD 132.8 million loan agreement for Meghalaya Power Distribution Sector Improvement Project.
- Union Bank of India has completed the IT integration after which all the branches of erstwhile Corporation Bank have come fully under its fold as part of the amalgamation exercise.
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- The Reserve Bank of India has advised HDFC Bank to temporarily stop:
- launch of the digital business activities planned under its Digital 2.0 program (to be launched) and



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- S&P Global Ratings retained its forecast of 9 per cent contraction in the Indian economy for the current fiscal, saying even though there are now upside risks to growth but it will wait for more signs that COVID infections have stabilised or fallen.
- The Reserve Bank of India in its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meet held between December 2-4, 2020
- Fitch Ratings has affirmed State Bank of India's (SBI's) long-term issuer default rating at BBB-minus with a negative outlook.
- The benchmark equity indices on the BSE and National Stock Exchange (NSE) scaled new highs during the morning trade following the outcome of the meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) where the central bank kept its repo and reverse repo rates unchanged.
- Asian Development Bank approves \$190 million loan to upgrade power distribution system in Bengaluru
- Punjab National Bank launched a tech-based loan management solution called LenS-The Lending Solution to speed up and maintain accuracy in online loan processing and sanctioning of credit proposals.
- ICICI Bank has launched a new version of mobile banking app, called iMobile pay, that offers payments and banking services to customers of any bank.
- On December 7, 2020 Kotak Mahindra Asset Management launched Kotak International REIT funds, which is India's first diversified REIT mutual fund (MF).
- The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of The Karad Janata Sahakari Bank Ltd, Karad, Maharashtra, because it does not comply with the relevant provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Nomura Expects India to be the fastest growing Asian economy in 2021 gross domestic product GDP growth to average 9.9% in 2021 versus -7.1% in 2020.
- Fitch Ratings has raised India's GDP forecast to -9.4% in FY21
- Asian Development Bank expects Indian economy to contract at a slower pace of 8%.
- Reserve Bank of India introduces Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)
- RTGS To be Made 24X7 from December 14
- Axis Bank and Rupifi launch credit card for MSMEs
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched the Atmanirbhar Women Scheme as part of its Baroda Gold Loan. Under the scheme, the bank is offering loans at 0.50% concession for women
- BSE (earlier known as Bombay Stock Exchange) has launched an electronic spot platform for agricultural commodities through its subsidiary BSE Investments Ltd.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to set up an Automated Banknote Processing Centre (ABPC) in Jaipur.
- Rating agency CRISIL has lowered the contraction rate of India's GDP, and now expects the growth rate of Indian economy to contract 7.7% in the ongoing fiscal 2020-21, compared to the 9% forecast in September 2020, due to faster-than-expected recovery in the second quarter.



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- IFSCA has notified International Financial Services Centres Authority Regulations 2020
- The SoftBank-backed firm Ola Electric has announced a Rs 2,400-crore (\$320 million) investment plan to set up, what it calls, the 'world's largest' electric scooter (e-scooter) manufacturing plant in Hosur, Tamil Nadu.
- S&P Global Ratings has raised India's growth projection for the current fiscal to (-) 7.7 % from (-) 9 % estimated earlier.
- Department of Posts and India Post Payments Bank unveiled a new digital payment app DakPay on December 15, 2020.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointments of Uday Kotak as MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank for further three years, with effect from January 1, 2021.
- India's GDP growth is expected to be at (-) 7.4 per cent in FY21 on better than projected recovery, stated a SBI research report, upgrading its earlier forecast of (-) 10.9 per cent.
- The Government of India and the World Bank have signed a 400 million dollar project to protect India's poor and vulnerable from the impact of COVID-19.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$300 million loan to upgrade rural power distribution networks to provide reliable electricity supply to consumers in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- Domestic rating agency ICRA Ratings expects the technical recession in the country's economy to end in the fourth quarter of the current fiscal, limiting the contraction to 7.8% in the financial year 2021.
- The World Bank has approved 4 india projects worth \$800 million to support development initiatives.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹50.00 lakh on The Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd in Kerala.
- 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).
- 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.
- Indian Army and Bank of Baroda have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Baroda Military Salary Package.
- Facebook-backed cryptocurrency Libra has been rebranded "Diem" in a renewed effort to gain regulatory approval by stressing the project's independence.
- The Reserve Bank of India has increased the limit for processing e-mandates / standing instructions on cards and Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions without the need of Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) from Rs 2,000 to Rs 5,000.
- Private sector lender Axis Bank has launched an exclusive business credit card 'Axis Bank Rupifi Business Credit Card' for the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) sector.
- EXIM Bank and SIDBI plan to set up an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) in partnership.

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to set up an Automated Banknote Processing Centre (ABPC) in Jaipur for receipt, storage and dispatch of currency notes.
- The wholesale price-based inflation rose to 1.55 percent in November, mainly due to rise in manufactured products prices.
- Canara Bank, a premier public sector Bank announced the launch of its new tech product “FX 4 U”.
- SBI Card announced launch of "BPCL SBI Card Octane " in association with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), offering maximum savings to consumers who spend a significant amount on fuel.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to introduce a new rule for cheque payments from January 1, 2021.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) headquartered at Mumbai, Maharashtra has completed private placement of 4.63% of its equity shares worth Rs 81.64 crores.
- Paytm headquartered at Noida, Uttar Pradesh partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank(SFB) Ltd headquartered at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra to offer collateral-free instant digital loans to MSMEs(Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises).
- International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) obtained membership of International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS).
- Bengaluru-based fintech, Finin was launched as India’s 1st full-fledged consumer ‘neobank’. Finin has launched Hyper-personalised SmartBanking platform in partnership with SBM Bank India(i.e. SBM Bank India has become Banking Partner for Finin).
- The Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited, a non-life insurance company launched the upgraded Mobile application – USGI PULZ to enhance service delivery.
- HDFC Life in association with Ketto India has initiated ‘PromisewalaDabba’, a nationwide crowdfunding campaign.
- HDFC Life launched HDFC Life Click 2 Wealth ULIP(Unit Linked Insurance Plan) digital campaign.
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) launched ‘Kirishi OD(Overdraft) scheme’ for farmers.
- Mastercard, National Institute for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (ni-msme) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) entered into partnership to launch Digital Saksham, a capacity building initiative to drive awareness about digitization for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India
- On December 7, 2020 Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) Ltd headquartered at Bengaluru(Bangalore), Karnataka introduced ‘Money Mitra’, a new channel, to make banking services accessible to its customers in their neighbourhood. Money Mitra facilitates entrepreneurs of local businesses like kirana / medical stores or Insurance agencies to offer retail banking solutions to Ujjivan SFB customers exclusively.



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- On December 7, 2020 ICICI Lombard General Insurance Limited partnered with Plum Benefits Private Limited to co-create India's first technologically backed group health insurance products to offer employers and employees flexibility, transparent pricing, and exceptional healthcare experience.
- ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) Bank headquartered at Mumbai, Maharashtra won the mandate to be the designated financial institution for all monetary transactions under National Health Mission (NHM) in West Bengal (WB) as it quoted the lowest bid.
- On December 10, 2020, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) issued draft guidelines on standard personal accident insurance policies. Under them, the insurance watchdog has recommended that all general and standalone health insurers will have to offer this product from April 1, 2021.
- On December 9, 2020 SBI General Insurance Company Limited entered into a strategic partnership with Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd. (MIBL) to increase the insurance penetration in tier 2 & 3 cities (Rural Indian Cities). MIBL has collaborated with SBI General Insurance under its 'Sajhedaari program'
- Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) Life Insurance launched its new digital campaign, '#heroesofmycity'. This 2-month long campaign is an extension to the initiative #meformycity. #meformycity was launched by Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance in 2018.
- On December 10, 2020 Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFBL) headquartered at Chennai, Tamil Nadu launched a 3-in-1 account (tripartite account), which comprises savings, trading and demat accounts for its customers.
- Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited introduced '#GotYouCovered Campaign', during the observation of Universal Health Coverage Day 2020 on December 12. The campaign is a special initiative to appreciate the frontline healthcare workers who are working to protect people from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Bharti AXA Life Insurance has partnered with Primero Skills & Training Pvt Ltd for its #GotYouCovered initiative.
- On December 11, 2020 Ewire Softtech Pvt Ltd under the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) launched 'EWIRE – YES BANK Prepaid Card' in partnership with YES bank to establish its presence across the country in its digitisation drive.
- On December 15, 2020 BSE Ebix Insurance Broking Private Limited partnered with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd. for the beta launch of term Insurance of ICICI Prudential on its on-demand advanced hi-tech platform. With this launch, 12 Insurance Companies have been integrated with BSE Ebix platform
- On December 14, 2020 Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company (Kotak Life) launched its five-city outdoor campaign to increase awareness about its 1st health insurance product, 'Kotak Health Shield'
- On December 11, 2020 The Asian Development Bank (ADB) headquartered at Mandaluyong City, Manila, Philippines launched a \$9 billion vaccine initiative, the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX).



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- On December 17, 2020 IndusInd Bank headquartered at Mumbai, Maharashtra in partnership with Mastercard launched its 1st metal credit card, 'Pioneer Heritage Credit Card'.
- On December 18, 2020, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended the Master Direction (MD) on "Know Your Customer (KYC)", dated February 25, 2016, by extending the applicability of centralized KYC registry to legal entities (LEs), from individual accounts w.e.f. April 1, 2021.
- 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.
- Online payments solutions provider PayU has collaborated with Google Pay to introduce tokenised payments flow for merchants in India.
- Nation's leading public sector bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB), introduced PNB e-Credit Card, a digital replica of a physical Credit Card.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
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### Non- Financial One Liners:

#### National:

- The 10-day-long 'Áadi Mahotsav', a festival of tribes will be launched by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda in a virtual format.
- The Union Minister of Railways Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated newly electrified Dhigawara-Bandikui section of North Western Railway (NWR) in the state of Rajasthan.
- The Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, recently unveiled a new initiative called Sahakar Pragya.

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- A booklet titled ‘PM Modi and his Government’s special relationship with Sikhs’ was released, on the occasion of birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the opening ceremony of the NH-19 Varanasi-Prayagraj part of the six-lane expansion project in Varanasi.
- India is seeking its own development and production self-reliance
- The Centre has announced the third stimulus package of Rs 900 crore for the Mission COVID Suraksha- The Indian COVID-19 Vaccine Development Mission.
- The city’s first “child-friendly” police station was inaugurated at the cantonment police station in Pune, premises by Abhay Karandikar, director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).
- The Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched India’s first indigenously developed ‘100 Octane premium petrol’ through video conferencing on 1st December 2020.
- The Deep Depression formed over the southeast and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal has intensified into a Cyclonic Storm ‘Burevi’ over southwest Bay of Bengal.
- India has reportedly invited UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson to be the Chief Guest at Republic Day 2021.
- The draft National Unmanned Aircraft Traffic Management Policy aims to use drones to fly alongside manned aircrafts (scheduled and non-scheduled aircrafts).
- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar held a virtual conversation with Roberto Alvarez, Foreign Minister of Dominican Republic.
- Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) celebrated its 63rd Founding Day on 4th december.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for the new Parliament building on December 10, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced in New Delhi, minutes after he met the PM to formally invite him.
- The Narendra Modi government has taken several measures with an aim to transform the agriculture sector in the country and raise farmers’ income.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, the government is committed to strengthen science and technology education in the country.
- In the battle against the ongoing pandemic, ZECO Aircon Limited, a leading Indian manufacturer of air management systems, in collaboration with RGF Environmental Group, a US-based environmental design and manufacturing company, has successfully tested its REME along with PHI technology with CCMB-CSIR laboratory, as per ICMR directives
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the phase one of construction of the Agra metro project via video conferencing on 7 th dec.
- PM Modi to share his thoughts in Mann Ki Baat programme on Dec 27. It will be the 19th edition of Prime Minister's Mann ki Baat 2.0.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention on 9th of Jan 2021 in virtual format and the theme is Contributing to Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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- The central government has introduced a new digital platform called CO-WIN for COVID-19 vaccine delivery.
- Narendra Modi will address the International Bharati Festival, 2020 on Dec 11. Organised by Vanavil Cultural Centre to celebrate the 138th birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramanya Bharati.
- Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the New Parliament Building at Sansad Marg in Parliament Complex with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat
- The Central government's scheme is called the Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) on 9th December 2020, and is being seen as an attempt by the government to elevate wireless internet connectivity in the country.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, has given its approval for Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY). and the Aim is To incentivise the creation of new employment opportunities.
- Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy inaugurated National Centre for Divyang Empowerment (NCDE) at the CRPF Group Centre in Hakimpet near Hyderabad in Telangana on 10th December 2020.
- The Ministry of AYUSH and AIIMS have decided to initiate work on setting up a Department of Integrative Medicine at AIIMS.
- The Ministry of Agriculture has declared Lakshadweep as India's first Union Territory to become 100% organic under the scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
- The government has launched the Quarterly Return filing & Monthly Payment scheme for small taxpayers under the Goods and Services Tax system With Turnover Up To Rs 5 Crore
- Indian Railways has launched the Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) to provide better health care facilities to its work force with the help of information technology.
- The HMIS has been developed by Indian Railways in coordination with RailTel Corporation Limited.
- NITI Aayog releases a white paper Vision 2035 - Public Health Surveillance in India, The white paper was released by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar, Member (Health) Dr Vinod K Paul and CEO Amitabh Kant.
- Centre has exempted Handicraft and Geographical Indications toys from Quality Control Order. Order will come into effect from 1st January next year.
- Health minister Harsh Vardhan on released the 5th National Family Health Survey (NFHS) which contains detailed information on population, health and nutrition for India and its states and UTs.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the world's largest renewable solar and wind energy 30,000 megawatts (MW) Ultra Mega Hybrid Park in Gujarat's Kutch.
- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has set up a dedicated Space Situational Awareness (SSA) Control Centre, at its ISTRAC campus at Peenya, Bangalore.



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- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has approved assistance of about Rs. 3,500 crore (US\$ 476.10 million) for sugarcane farmers (Ganna Kisan).
- Quality Council of India (QCI) at the behest of the FSSAI has come out with a Scheme for approval of Hygiene Rating Audit Agencies to scale up Hygiene Rating by increasing the number of recognised Hygiene Rating Audit Agencies in the country.
- India and Bangladesh reopened the 55 years old Chilahati-Haldibari rail link between the two nations. The inauguration took place during a virtual bilateral summit between PM Modi and PM Sheikh Hasina on December 17, 2020.
- CCEA (Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the Revised Cost Estimate (RCE) of North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP) at an estimated cost of Rs 6,700 crore
- To commemorate Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's 125th birth anniversary on 23rd January, the Union Culture Ministry was planning a museum in Kolkata.
- Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs Nitin Gadkari has stated that the Government has finalised GPS-based(Global Positioning System) technology toll collection to ensure seamless movement of vehicles across the country.
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- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari stated the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), infrastructure projects worth ₹ 44 lakh crore are under implementation.
- AICTE has decided to release the instalment of Rs 20,000 as maintenance allowance under Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) for the students of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
- Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the 'ASSOCHAM Foundation Week 2020' via video conferencing on 19th December 2020
- 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.
- The government of Bangladesh sent a batch of 1642 Rohingyas to the newly developed facility at Bhashan char.
- India invited the CLMV countries of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam to join the International Solar Alliance as well as the Resilient Supply Chain Initiative by India
- Phase 8 of the Vande Bharat Mission has been operational since the first of November. This Phase has now been extended until the 31st of December.



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- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur virtually inaugurated the second edition of Ladakh Literature Festival, 2020, in Leh.
- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the three lane 1.5 km long Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar through Video Conferencing.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has launched a \$9-billion initiative that will offer support to its developing member economies to procure and deliver Covid-19 vaccines.
- India has contributed US\$ 2 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in support of the Agency's programmes and services, including education, health care, relief, and social services for Palestine refugees.
- Bharti Infratel has received approval from the Registrar of Companies for changing its name to Indus Towers, following the recent merger of the two companies to create a mega tower entity.
- eSanjeevani telemedicine service of the Health Ministry crossed 10 lakh tele-consultations
- All India Radio's weekly magazine 'Sanskrit Saptahiki' aired its 25th episode.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at ASSOCHAM Foundation Week 2020.
- India has pledged a sum of \$1 million to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) towards its scientific research budget to ensure an atmosphere of Clean Sport globally.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a Rs 3,500 crore subsidy to export sugar.
- Skill India has established the first Centre of Excellence for Skill Development in the Power Sector in the campus of National Institute of Solar Energy, Gurugram Haryana.
- The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a 4.21 million dollar project readiness financing (PRF) facility for the preparation of infrastructure development projects to improve urban amenities and develop tourism infrastructure in Tripura.
- State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) opened India's eighth hydrocarbon producing basin when it started oil flow from a well in the Bengal basin.
- In Bihar, the world heritage site Mahavihara in Bodhgaya has been opened as per normal schedule from 5 am to 9 pm.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the inaugural address at the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020 through video conferencing.
- Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar released the Status of Leopard in India 2018 report. India now has 12,852 leopards. More than 60 per cent increase has been recorded in the leopard population over the previous estimate which was conducted in 2014.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will establish a Regional Academic Centre for Space at IIT-Varanasi to facilitate short and long term projects at the institute.
- Health Ministry along with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, MeitY has launched a Grand Challenge for strengthening the COVID Vaccine Intelligence Network, CoWIN.
- India and Russia has been cancelled this year for the first time in two decades due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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- Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) convenor and Nagaur MP Hanuman Beniwal announced a split from the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) over the Centre's new farm laws.
- In the Ongoing 63rd session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (UN-CND), Cannabis has been removed from the “Most Dangerous Drug” category. It is removed after UNCND voted to remove cannabis and cannabis resin from Schedule IV of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, decades after they were first placed on the list.
- 37th General Body meeting of Central Zoo Authority (CZA) chaired by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Prakash Javadekar granted recognition to 2 New Zoos – Rajgir Zoo Safari in Nalanda, Bihar & Shaheed Ashfaque Ullah Khan Prani Udyaan in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
- Public Sector Undertaking NHPC stated that the 2, 000-Megawatt (MW) Hydropower Project on Subansiri River would be commissioned by March 2022.
- India’s 1st Maritime Theatre Command (MTC) will get its final shape in 2021 and its headquarters will be set up at Karwar Naval Base, Karnataka. It will be the first new “Geographical” Theatre command to be created as part of military restructuring plans.
- During the bilateral meeting between Union Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’, Ministry of Education (MoE) and Foreign Secretary of United Kingdom (UK) Dominic Raab, in New Delhi stated that India and the UK agreed to set up a joint task force consisting of designated higher education organisations from both the countries to work towards mutual recognition of academic qualifications over the next year.
- Sweden based networking and communication company Ericsson released a report “The Ericsson Mobility Report 2020” which estimated India’s 5G connection to surpass 350 million, accounting 27% of all mobile subscriptions by 2026. The report also notified India’s first 5G connection to be rolled out by 2021.
- Indian Embassy in Beijing, China has launched “CinemaSCOpe” exclusively for the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), more than a 2 dozen Indian films will be dubbed in Russian.
- National Water Mission (NWM), Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MoYAS) launched the “JSA II: Catch the Rain” Awareness Generation Campaign in New Delhi. JSA stands for Jal Shakti Abhiyan.
- 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
- 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 has added Tso Kar Wetland Complex in Ladakh as its 42nd Ramsar site, which is a second one in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.

### State

- The Union Minister of Railways, Piyush Goyal has inaugurated newly electrified Dhigawara-Bandikui section of North Western Railway (NWR) in the state of Rajasthan.
- Nagaland celebrates its 58th Statehood day on 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa launched a Learning Management System based on Digital technology for Government colleges.
- The Gujarat forest department has transferred 12 leopards to a private rescue and Rehabilitation centre in Jamnagar.
- The scheme is to be launched by the Assam government in 29 districts across the state.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated the Suryadhar lake at Doiwala in Dehradun

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- The Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda, launched the first-ever virtual edition of Aadi Mahotsav – Madhya Pradesh on 01 December 2020.
- Footwear major Bata Shoe Organization has appointed Sandeep Kataria as the new global Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with immediate effect.
- The Union Minister of State for Communication Sanjay Dhotre launched five-star village postal scheme to ensure the universal coverage of flagship postal schemes in Dehradun for rural areas of Uttarakhand.
- Madhya Pradesh did not see a significant increase in the number of HIV patients in the last two years.
- In Karnataka, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa laid the foundation stone for a 11.5 megawatt power plant based on municipal waste in Bidadi, a town in Bengaluru.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath rang the bell at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on 2nd December 2020, to mark the listing of bonds of Lucknow Municipal Corporation on the exchange.
- An Assam reserve forest, ravaged by militancy, is set to become the state's sixth national park.
- The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank have recently signed an agreement under which the bank will provide 50 million USD of loan.
- The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly on December 1, 2020 passed the AP Gaming (Amendment) Bill 2020 through voice vote, banning online gaming in the state.
- The 9th edition of the International Sand Art Festival and the 31st edition of the Konark Festival, has kicked-off in Odisha.
- Reliance Industries Ltd will build what it claims to be the world's largest zoo in Gujarat's Jamnagar
- Swasthya Sathi scheme is a health insurance scheme of the West Bengal government
- Karnataka government is in process of bringing bills against "love jihad and cow slaughter
- Anil Vij had volunteered to participate in the Covaxin vaccine's human phase trials, in which over 25,000 persons were administered trial doses.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said Dharma Swatantrya (Religious Freedom) Bill 2020 (the bill against love jihad) is the state's Beti Bachao Abhiyan.
- Every year, India celebrates December 4 as Navy Day to commemorate Operation Trident – a key offensive during the 1971 India-Pakistan War, when the Indian Navy inflicted heavy damage on Pakistani vessels in Karachi harbour. The same day also marks the end of Navy Week, which, too, is celebrated annually.
- Jharkhand has become the latest state to go for Option-1 to meet the revenue shortfall arising out of the GST implementation.
- Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana Participated in a 3 day virtual 7 th edition of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene conclave 2020 started in Hyderabad from Dec 2 to Dec 4. With the Theme - of Hygiene Matters
- The Agra metro project comprises two corridors with a total length of 29.4 km and The estimated cost of the construction of the project is Rs 8,379.62 crore

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- The historical fort cities of Gwalior and Orchha in Madhya Pradesh have been named in the list of World Heritage Cities by UNESCO
- Varinderpal Singh, an agricultural scientist with the Punjab Agricultural University declines an award presented by a Union Minister to express his solidarity with the farmers agitating against the Centre's farm laws.
- The Ramnagar Forest Division in Nainital District, of Uttarakhand has constructed the state's first eco-bridge across Kaladhungi Nainital Highway.
- Uttar Pradesh government has recently launched a scheme to take the unique culture of the Tharu tribes across the world.
- The Karnataka Legislative Assembly passed the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill-2020.
- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur virtually inaugurated the second edition of Ladakh Literature Festival, 2020, in Leh on Dec 10.
- Aurobindo Pharma has received final approval from the US health regulator for the generic of Precedex injection, used for sedation of patients.
- Aurobindo Pharma has received final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to manufacture and market Dexmedetomidine Hydrochloride in 0.9% sodium chloride injection
- The government of Maharashtra's Unified Development Control and Promotion Regulations (UDCPR) are expected to bolster real estate development.
- The Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad has become the first zoo in the country to receive the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Standards Certification from the Accreditation Services for Certification Bodies (ASCB), UK.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched 'Pareshram' Portal along with 22 online services of Labour and Employees State Insurance Department.
- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for 33 highway projects in Karnataka.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$50 million policy-based loan to improve financial management procedures and operational efficiencies aimed at achieving more fiscal savings, promote informed decision making, and improve service delivery in the state of West Bengal.
- The Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan of \$190 million (approx Rs 1,400 crore) to modernize and upgrade the power distribution system in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The Forest department of the Rajasthan government sounded a 'Red Alert' at all reserves, sanctuaries and parks in the state as incidents of hunting, poaching and animal traps have come to the fore.
- Odisha has topped all Indian states in urban governance, according to an annual index prepared by a non-partisan body that called for greater reforms and empowerment of city governments.
- Odisha Tourism launched its flagship Eco-Retreat program at 5 locations in the State.

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- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced that 25 crore rupees will be provided in the first phase for the development of Dajipur Sanctuary, which is part of the Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary in Kolhapur district.
- Maharashtra's Department of Social Justice is all set to launch an ambitious scheme for distribution of assistive devices to lakhs of persons with disabilities through MahaSharad Digital Platform.
- In a bid to curb crimes against women and children in Maharashtra, the state cabinet has approved a draft bill called the Shakti act.
- People in Ladakh region are celebrating Ladakhi New Year, Losar.
- The Maharashtra forest department is set to be the first state in India to have a dedicated action plan for conservation of pangolins.
- Uttar Pradesh government will launch a special program to double the income of farmers.
- The world's tallest rail bridge on the Chenab in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory is expected to be completed by next year.
- The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government is set to establish India's first mega leather park in Kanpur.
- In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Vocal for Local mantra, Madhya Pradesh government has decided to introduce a new brand named Raag-Bhopali to give a new international identity to Bhopal's handicrafts.
- Nagaland Government has totally banned the use of flex banners, boards and posters by departments, institutions and agencies during functions or programmes in government offices with immediate effect.
- In Uttar Pradesh, the government has launched a special campaign 'Varasat' to curb property & land-related disputes in rural areas.
- Fifty first DG level talks between Border Security Force India and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) began in Guwahati.
- The Tamil Nadu government has granted permission to hold jallikattu, the popular bull taming sport, next year with certain restrictions.
- The Kerala government and UN Women have collaborated to establish India's first Gender Data Hub.
- East Delhi BJP MP Gautam Gambhir inaugurated a 'Jan Rasoi' canteen at Gandhi Nagar market in his constituency to feed the needy at Rs 1 per plate.
- In Madhya Pradesh the Music Festival Tansen Samaroh commenced with restrictions of COVID-19 protocols in Gwalior.
- In Tamil Nadu, the 16th Tsunami anniversary was observed on 26 December
- The Madhya Pradesh cabinet approved the Dharma Swatantrya (Religious Freedom) Bill 2020.
- Rajasthan has become the 6th State in the country to successfully undertake "Ease of Doing Business" reform stipulated by the Finance Ministry.

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- The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to include the history of Sikh gurus in the school curriculum in the state.
- In Maharashtra, the predominantly tribal areas of Jawhar and Mokhada are known for issues such as malnutrition among children, unemployment and illiteracy, among others.
- The Government of India consented to change the name of Dandupur railway station located between Pratapgarh and Badshahpur on the Varanasi railway section, Uttar Pradesh(UP) as “Maa Barahi Devi Dham”.
- The International Gita Mahotsav 2020(17 to 25 December) commenced in Kurukshetra, Haryana. Jai Ram Thakur, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Haryana Tourism and Education Minister Kanwar Pal, Kurukshetra MP Nayab Singh Saini among the others inaugurated the festival.
- 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 Himachal Pradesh government has decided to frame an integrated Drug Prevention Policy including Drug Prevention, Treatment, Management and Rehabilitation Programme.
- 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 Gujarat.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



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- 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 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.
- Andhra Pradesh chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launch of his government's much-publicised programme, Navaratnalu-Pedalandariki Illu (Nine jewels - housing for all the poor), of providing house sites to 30.90 lakh poor people at Komarigiri village of U-Kothapalli block of East Godavari district.

### International

- General Wei Genghe of the People's Liberation Army visited the Pakistani army headquarters located at Rawalpindi.
- New Zealand has declared a "climate emergency" and promised to make its public sector carbon neutral by 2025.
- US President-elect Joe Biden has selected two former Obama administration officials for senior roles to help fight COVID-19, including the appointment of Jeff Zients as White House coronavirus coordinator.
- The World Health Organization hopes to have half a billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines available for distribution by the global COVAX initiative in the first quarter of 2021.
- China unfurls flag on Moon, becomes second country to achieve this feat after America
- Bangladesh Signs Preferential Trade agreement with bhutan to boost bilateral trade between the two countries.
- In this PTA 100 Bangladeshi products will get duty-free access to Bhutan. Meanwhile, 34 Bhutanese products that will get duty-free access to the Bangladeshi market.
- Mount Everest is 8,848.86 metres tall, says Nepal and China after remeasurement. The new height is 86 cms more than the previous measurement
- The United Kingdom will become the first country to roll out the Covid-19 vaccine.
- The Manila Bades Multilateral lending agency ADB stated it has approved a USD 2.5 million (about Rs 18 crore) technical assistance to support advanced biofuel development in India.
- U.S. President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris were jointly named Time magazine's 2020.
- Singapore's tradition of communal dining at hawker centres, has been recognised by UNESCO for its cultural significance.



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- Japan will host the Club World Cup in its existing format in late 2021.
- The United Nations General Assembly has approved a resolution proclaiming December 27 as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness.
- China has successfully activated its so-called “artificial sun,” a nuclear fusion reactor that could fuel its energy ambitions for years to come — if they can make it more sustainable.
- Argentina has introduced a new tax, passing it on the country's wealthiest people to pay for medical supplies and relief measures in context to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.
- Morocco has become the latest Arab country to agree to normalise relations with Israel in a deal brokered with US help.
- The ‘SwadhinataSarak’ between Bangladesh and India will be opened on 26 March next year.
- Bangladesh observed the Martyred Intellectuals Day on 14 December to mark the day of brutality when Pakistani forces killed hundreds of intellectuals including teachers, doctors, journalists and others in Dhaka and other parts of Bangladesh in 1971.
- Kazakhstan celebrated its 29th anniversary as a sovereign independent nation on 16 December.
- Pakistan has approved the chemical castration of rapists as part of sweeping new legislation sparked by outcry over the gang rape of a mother on a motorway.
- The United States has banned China's top chipmaker SMIC from using American technology.
- American aviation giant Boeing announced that its F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter has demonstrated compatibility with India's aircraft carriers between the U.S. and India.
- Japan will suspend entry for foreigners to contain the spread of a new strain of COVID-19 first discovered in the UK.
- A UK based think-tank, the Centre for Economics and Business Research has said that Indian economy will again overtake the UK to become the fifth largest economy in 2025 and race to the third spot by 2030.
- According to the data released by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD) in the Most Common birth countries of Highly Educated Migrants residing in OECD Nations, India came at the top with around 3.12 Million Highly Educated Migrants living in the OECD Nations as of 2015-16 data.
- 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.
- The Myanmar Navy has officially commissioned the submarine INS Sindhuvir, which was handed over by the Indian Navy to the country in October 2020.
- US's plan to have the first nuclear reactor on the moon by the end of 2026.
- China has successfully launched a new remote sensing satellite into space, on December 27, 2020.

### Summits & Conferences

- The Minister of Science and Technology and Vice President of Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Dr Harsh Vardhan virtually inaugurated the 2nd TCGA 2020 conference in New Delhi.



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- The Ministry of External Affairs informed that the 7th India-Suriname Joint Commission Meeting was held virtually by both the nations on December 2, 2020
- Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana Participated in a 3 day virtual 7 th edition of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene conclave 2020 started in Hyderabad from Dec 2 to Dec 4. With the Theme - of Hygiene Matters
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver the inaugural address at the virtual India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2020. The title theme for IMC 2020 is Inclusive Innovation - Smart, Secure, Sustainable.
- HAL-IISc Skill Development Centre in Challakere of Chitradurga district in Karnataka launched its first training programme offering five courses in virtual mode.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a virtual summit
- The 5th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) began on 10th December 2020 virtually. The five day programme will conclude on 15 December 2020 and the theme is Arth Ganga - river conservation synchronised development.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver the inaugural address at FICCI's 93rd Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention via video conferencing and also inaugurate the virtual FICCI Annual Expo 2020.
- Raksha mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, attended the 14th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus organized online at Hanoi, Vietnam on 10 December 2020 that marked the 10th anniversary of ADMM Plus.
- Narendra Modi will address the International Bharati Festival, 2020 on Dec 11. Organised by Vanavil Cultural Centre to celebrate the 138th birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramanya Bharati.
- Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the New Parliament Building at Sansad Marg in Parliament Complex with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- The 5th India-Myanmar Bilateral Meeting on Drug Control Cooperation was held virtually on December 10, 2020. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Rakesh Asthana, Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of the Republic of Uzbekistan H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev co-chaired a Virtual Summit between India and Uzbekistan on 11 December, 2020.
- The ninth edition of the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDS) in Dehradun has begun from December 11 to 14.
- The State of the Education Report for India 2020: Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), was launched virtually by UNESCO New Delhi.
- 9<sup>th</sup> SMDS Theme is Emerging Pathways for Building a Resilient Post COVID-19 Mountain Economy, Adaptation, Innovation and Acceleration
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi address the Climate Ambition Summit 2020, United Nations, United Kingdom and France Virtually Co-hosted.
- The first Trilateral Working Group Meeting between India, Iran and Uzbekistan on the joint use of Chabahar Port was held virtually On Dec 14.

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- Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra launched a programme of Socio-Economic Profiling of PM SVANidhi Scheme.
- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has invited India to attend the G7 Summit next year.
- India and Bangladesh signed seven MoUs and agreements during the virtual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar launched a dedicated economic diplomacy website. Aim : To provide critical and relevant information on major economic indicators, central and state government policy updates as well as the latest business news and trade data.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 23rd Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council, FSDC through video conference.
- Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan represented India at the Virtual Ministerial Roundtable of 7th IEF-IGU (International Energy Forum-International Gas Union) Ministerial Gas Forum held from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- On December 3, 2020 the 7th meeting of the India-Mongolia Joint Committee on Cooperation 2020 was held virtually.
- World's largest virtual entrepreneurial summit, The IndUS Entrepreneurs (TiE) Global Summit-2020 (TGS 2020) was held virtually from December 8-10, 2020. It was hosted by TiE Hyderabad. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu virtually inaugurated the TGS 2020. Theme of TGS 2020 - 'Entrepreneurship 360'.
- 6th Meeting of Joint Working Group under the India-Japan ICT (Information & Communications Technology) was held virtually. Cooperation in 5G technologies, medical applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) were some of the key issues discussed during the meeting.
- The 17th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development titled "Nairobi Commitments and the 2030 Agenda: Taking stock and looking ahead to post COVID-19 Crisis" was held virtually.
- On December 11, 2020, the 8th meeting of India and Nepal Joint Steering Committee (JSC) on Cooperation in the Power sector was held virtually. The meeting was chaired by Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Power Secretary, Government of India & Dinesh Kumar Ghimire, Secretary (Energy) of Nepal.
- On December 10, 2020 Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare virtually addressed the World Bank Inter Ministerial Meeting on Vaccination of South Asia against COVID-19.
- External Affairs Minister (EAM), Jaishankar virtually addressed the 2020 Global Technology Summit (GTS) – 5th Edition, it was jointly organized by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Carnegie India (CI) from December 14-18, 2020. The Theme of 2020 GTS is "Geopolitics of Technology".

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- On 17th December, 2020 The 4th Bilateral Joint Working Group (JWG) between the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), India and the National Narcotics Board (BNN), Indonesia was held virtually.
- On December 17, 2020, the 3rd meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) on shipping between India and Denmark was held virtually to identify areas of co-operation between the two countries.
- 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.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the New Bhaupur-New Khurja section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor, EDFC through video conferencing.
- 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.
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- On December 29, 2020, Union Earth Sciences Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, will virtually inaugurate the newly established Indian Meteorological Department for Ladakh.
- President Ram Nath Kovind will virtually confer the Digital India Awards 2020 through video conference. The Digital India Awards 2020 have been announced under six categories including 'Innovation in Pandemic'.

### Ranks & Indices

- Lahore, the cultural capital Pakistan, has been ranked as the world's most polluted city, according to air pollution data released by the US Air Quality Index (AQI) on 30 November 2020.
- The World Malaria Report, 2020 was recently released by the World Health Organisation.
- In the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2020, India has been ranked at 8th spot globally in the list of countries most affected by terrorism in 2019.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs recently released the annual ranking of police Stations in India.
- Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCL Technologies topped the list of wealthiest women in India, according to the second edition of 'Kotak Wealth Hurun-Leading Wealthy Women' report
- Oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has topped the 2020 Fortune 500 list of Indian companies, released on 2nd December 2020.
- India has been ranked 131 among 189 countries in the 2020 human development index, according to a report released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



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- Coming out with corrected Doing Business rankings following review of data irregularities, the World Bank has announced that China's ranking would have been lower by seven notches in the index for 2018.
- The 63rd Founding Day of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) was observed virtually which was attended by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Ministry of Finance
- In accordance with the 10th edition of the report titled “Global Corruption Barometer (GCB)-Asia 2020” by corruption watchdog Transparency International, India has the highest bribery rate of 39% in Asia and the highest rate of people (46%) who use personal connections to access public services.
- The global higher education think-tank, Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) has released the QS Asia University Rankings 2021 in association with King Abdulaziz University (KAU) , Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) for the Asia’s best higher education institutions in 2021.
- According to The International Farm Comparison Network (IFCN) Dairy Processors Report 2020 (Biennial), Amul (Anand Milk Union Limited) a brand of dairy cooperative major Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) emerged as the 8th Largest Milk Processor globally in the list of Top 20.
- The Tax Justice Network (TJN) has released the first-of-its-kind report titled “The State of Tax Justice 2020- Tax Justice in the time of COVID-19” in accordance to which the international corporate tax abuse and private tax evasion is incurring a global loss of over \$427 billion in tax each year.
- In accordance with the report titled “The Production Gap, 2020” produced by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) the world is planning to produce more than double the amount of Coal, Oil and gas by 2030.
- According to a First-of-its-kind survey conducted by Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Malayan Giant Squirrel or Black Giant Squirrel (Ratufa bicolor) could fall by 90% in India by 2050 due to shrinking of its original habitat zone.
- According to the 4th Edition of Global Insights Report for 2020 released by Truecaller, a Swedish Caller ID and Spam Blocking app, India ranked 9th in the list of countries affected by spam calls in 2020.
- According to Climatescope Survey ‘Emerging Markets Outlook 2020: Energy Transition in the World’s Fastest Growing economies’ released by Bloomberg New Energy Finance Limited (BNEF) India dropped to the 2nd position in the 2020 survey due to decline in Clean Energy Investment.
- According to the ‘Human Freedom Index 2020: A Global Measurement of Personal, Civil, and Economic Freedom’ – 6th Annual Report released by Cato Institute of United States & Fraser Institute in Canada, India ranked 111 in the list of 162 countries. New Zealand (score – 8.87) topped the index followed by Switzerland & Hong Kong.
- 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.



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- 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.

### Committees

- The Central Government has set up an Apex Committee for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (AIPA) for achieving its goals under the global deal.
- The Apex Committee for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (AIPA) was recently constituted by the Indian government.
- The Union Environment Ministry has constituted a high-level inter-ministerial apex committee for Implementation of Paris Agreement (AIPA) under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoEFCC. to ensure that India is “on track” towards meeting its obligations under the Paris Agreement.

### Appointments

Name	Appointed as	Other Info
Utpal Kumar Singh	Secretary General of the Lok Sabha and Lok Sabha Secretariat	He will succeed incumbent Snehlata Shrivastava.
Varsha Joshi	Interim Chairperson of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)	She replaces incumbent Dilip Rath
Rajeev Chaudhary	27th Director General of Border Roads Organisation (BRO).	Lt Gen Chaudhary succeeds Lt Gen Harpal Singh
Debendranath Sarangi	one of the three vice presidents of the World Squash Federation	
Vivek Murthy	Surgeon General	
Anil Soni	CEO for WHO Foundation	
Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah	prime minister of Kuwait	
Nicolae Ciuca	Interim prime minister of Romania	After Ludovic Orban resigned
AR Rahman	Ambassador of the BAFTA Breakthrough initiative	
Shashi Shekhar Vempati	VP of Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union	
Sukhbir Singh Sandhu	second extension of six months as NHAI chairman	
Vineet Agarwal	New President of The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham).	
Satyendra Garg	Andaman and Nicobar DGP charge	
Prasanth Prabhakaran	Managing director and chief	

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	executive officer of YES Securities	
Uday Shankar	President of FICCI	Succeeds Sangita Reddy
Nana Akufo-Addo	President of Ghana	

- 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.

### Agreements and MoUs

- The Government of India recently signed 133 million USD loan Agreement with the Asian Development Bank.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India have inked \$50 million policy-based loan agreement on 2nd December 2020 to improve financial management procedures and operational efficiencies in West Bengal.
- The Government of India and United States of America (USA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of Intellectual Property Cooperation on 2nd December 2020.
- NTPC inks MoU with IIFM-Bhopal for Narmada Landscape Restoration Project. Narmada Landscape Restoration project is a 4 year Project.
- State-run power producer SJVNL has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) for green energy projects.
- Global machine connectivity solutions company Skylotech India has partnered with BSNL to launch a satellite-based narrowband IoT network in India. This is the World's first satellite based NB-IoT network.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has inked a pact with Austria for technical cooperation in road infrastructure space.
- Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research has signed an MoU with cGanga, a think-tank of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) for development of sludge management framework in India.
- The Government of India and the World Bank have signed a 400 million dollar project to protect India's poor and vulnerable from the impact of COVID-19.
- The Government of India and United States of America (USA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of Intellectual Property Cooperation.
- Equity financing firm Sequoia India partnered with NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), to promote women entrepreneurship in India.
- The Directorate General of Training (DGT) joined hands with Microsoft and NASSCOM Foundation to provide digital content for ITI students.



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- AU Small Finance Bank announced a strategic partnership with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to offer life insurance solutions.

### Defence

- Indian Army Successfully Testfires Anti-Ship version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- The Indian Navy (IN) is undertaking a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Russian Federation Navy (RuFN) in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region (IOR) from 4 to 5 December 2020.
- Pixxel, a private satellite-imaging company, will launch its first remote-sensing satellite on the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) workhorse rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) in early 2021.
- DRDO designed 5.56x30 mm Protective Carbine has successfully undergone the final phase of User trials on 7th December 2020 meeting all the GSQR parameters.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch communication satellite CMS-01 aboard Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C50) on December 17, 2020.
- Himgiri, which is the first of the three Project 17A ships being built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata was launched on December 14.
- An indigenously-built interceptor boat joined the Indian Coast Guard on December 15 at a function in Hazira in Surat district in Gujarat.
- Indian-American US Air Force Colonel Raja Chari has been selected as the Commander of the SpaceX Crew-3 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) by NASA and the European Space Agency.
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship Sujeet, the second in the series of five Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) built by Goa Shipyard Limited, will be commissioned at Goa on December 15.
- The 35th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy will be conducted between December 17 and 18.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over three indigenously developed systems to Army, Navy and Air Force at a function held in Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Bhawan.
- Indian Navy's Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) will be commissioned by the end of 2021 or by early 2022.
- Indian and Vietnamese Navy concluded the two-day naval passage exercise PASSEX in the South China Sea from December 26 & 27, 2020.

### Awards

Name	Award
Gitanjali Rao	'Kid of the Year' by the iconic TIME magazine.
Adar Poonawalla	One of the "Asians of the Year"
Anita Anand's 'The Patient Assassin'	PEN Hessell-Tiltman history prize
Raj Kamal Jha	Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2020

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Brazil's Carolina Araujo	Ramanujan Prize For Young Mathematicians
Bajrang Punia, Elavenil Valarivan	FICCI India Sports Awards
Ashraf Patel	Social Entrepreneur of the Year
Paul Sein Twa	Goldman Environmental Prize 2020 for Asia
Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	Golden Peacock Environment Management Award for the year 2020
Ratan Tata	Global Visionary of Sustainable Business and Peace award
Lewis Hamilton	BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2020
Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Legion of Merit
NGO HelpAge India	UN Population Award for 2020
Amar Singh College, in Srinagar	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Asia-Pacific in 2020.
NTPC Limited	CII-ITC Sustainability Awards 2020 in corporate social responsibility (CSR).
K. Veeramani	Dr. Narendra Dabholkar Memorial Award
Quarantine	Word of the Year 2020- Cambridge University
Pandemic	Word of the Year 2020- Merriam Webster
Ranjitsinh Disale	Global Teacher Prize 2020

- World record-breakers Mondo Duplantis of Sweden and Yulimar Rojas of Venezuela have been named the male and female World Athletes of the Year respectively at the World Athletics Awards 2020
- The UN Environment Program (UNEP) on announced six winners of the 2020 Champions of the Earth Award for their pioneering initiatives aimed at healing the planet amid natural and man-made threats.
- IUCN Asia Regional Office congratulates Paul Sein Twa, recipient of the Goldman Environmental Prize 2020 for Asia
- Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Frances Tiafoe were among the winners of the ATP's top awards for 2020.
- 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.
- President Ram Nath Kovind will virtually confer the Digital India Awards 2020 through video conference.
- In December 2020, the Union Minister of Communications and Electronics and Information Technology Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad presented Telecom Skill Excellence Awards.

### Sports



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- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the 2020 Bahrain Grand Prix , held on 29 November 2020.
- Senegal's professional footballer, Papa Bouba Diop, who helped the country win FIFA World Cup match in 2002, has passed away following a long illness. He was of the age of 42.
- Left-handed batsman Dawid Malan of England has attained the highest-ever rating points for batsmen in the MRF Tyres ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings, released on 2nd December 2020.
- New Zealand all-rounder Corey Anderson retires from international cricket, signs up with MLC in the USA.
- Sri Lanka to host Asia Cup in 2021, Pakistan in 2022 Stated PCB CEO Wasim Khan
- Jehan Daruvala creates history, becomes first Indian to win F2 race at Sakhir
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has launched the second edition of Fit India Cyclothon via social media. The mega cycling event which started from 7 th Dec to till 31st December 2020 for 25 days.
- Former India wicketkeeper-batsman Parthiv Patel announced his retirement from all forms of cricket after an 18-years-long cricket career.
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- The International Olympic Committee has registered Breakdancing as the newest entry into Olympics, with the aim to attract a new and younger audience.
- Zena Wooldridge has been elected as the new World Squash Federation (WSF) President following the WSF's 2020 Annual General Meeting.
- Annika Sorenstam was elected president of the International Golf Federation replacing the outgoing Peter Dawson.
- Madagascar has replaced the Maldives as the host of the 2023 Indian Ocean Island Games due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Wrestler Bajrang Punia has won the 2020 Male Sportsperson of the Year award.
- Shooter Elavenil Valarivan has bagged the 2020 FeMale Sportsperson of the Year award.
- Max Verstappen won Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2020, held on 13 December 2020 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Top Indian tennis player Ankita Raina won her third doubles title of the pandemic-hit 2020 season, clinching the Al Habtoor challenge with Ekaterine Gorgodze.
- The FIH, International Hockey Federation had announced that the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup Will be hosted in Odisha for a second Consecutive Time.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the schedule for the 2022 Women's World Cup in New Zealand with 31 matches to be played across 31 days from March 4 to April 3, 2022.
- Doha will host the 2030 Asian Games and rival Riyadh will stage the event in 2034 following a vote by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) General Assembly in Muscat.
- The Best FIFA Football Awards 2020 was announced on 17th December 2020, during a virtual event held at Zurich.

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- The Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the formal recognition of Yogasana as a Competitive Sport.
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has formally announced its candidature to host the AFC Asian Cup 2027 and deliver a brighter future together for football in India and across Asia.
- Russia was banned from using its name, flag and anthem at the next two Olympics or any world championships for the next two years by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- The 28-year-old Pakistani fast bowler Mohammad Amir has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Frances Tiafoe were among the winners of the ATP's top awards for 2020.
- FIFA has canceled the Under-17 and Under-20 World Cups scheduled for next year due to the pandemic. The next editions are now due to be staged in 2023, with Indonesia still hosting the U20s and Peru the U17s.
- 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.

### Science & Tech

- The AI and Robotics Park (ARTPARK) established in Bangalore will promote the innovation of AI and robotics by implementing ambitious mission model R&D projects in the fields of healthcare, education, transportation, infrastructure, agriculture, retail and networking, thereby contributing to society. Make an impact-Security focuses on issues unique to India.
- Pixxel, a private satellite-imaging company, will launch its first remote-sensing satellite on the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) workhorse rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) in early 2021
- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has set up a dedicated Space Situational Awareness (SSA) Control Centre, at its ISTRAC campus at Peenya, Bangalore

### Books & Authors

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has released a new book titled 'Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific'.
- A booklet titled 'PM Modi and his Government's special relationship with Sikhs' was released on the occasion of birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has released The Book Titled 40 Years with Abdul Kalam - Untold Stories by scientist A. Sivathanu Pillai,

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- 40 Years with Abdul Kalam book is published by Pentagon Press LLP and Book foreword was written by Pranab Mukherjee, former president of India.
- Amish Tripathi, has announced his second non-fiction book titled Dharma: Decoding the Epics for A Meaningful Life. The book will be released on December 28, 2020.
- As farmers intensified their protest seeking repeal of three farm laws, the government issued an e-booklet highlighting the success stories of farmers who have benefited from contract farming after enactment of these legislations.
- 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.
- 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

### Important Days & Themes

Day	Celebrated as	Aim / Theme
December 1	Border Security Force (BSF), is observing its 56th Raising Day	
December 1	World AIDS Day	The theme for the World Aids Day 2020 is 'Ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic: Resilience and Impact.'
December 2	World Computer Literacy Day	to create awareness and drive digital literacy in underserved communities worldwide
December 2	National Pollution Control Day	to commemorate the life of people lost in the unfortunate incident of Bhopal Gas Tragedy that occurred in the year 1984 on the night of 2-3 December.
December 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Eradicating contemporary forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, the worst forms of child labour, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	2020 theme: 'Not all Disabilities are Visible'
December 4	Indian Navy Day	The Theme of 2020 Navy Day is "Indian Navy Combat Ready, Credible & Cohesive".

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December 4	International Day of Banks	
December 5	World Soil Day	Theme: "Keep soil alive, protect soil biodiversity".
December 5	International Volunteer Day	
December 7	International Civil Aviation Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The day is commemorated to help generate and reinforce worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation to the social and economic development of countries.</li> </ul>
December 7	Armed Forces Flag Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To celebrate the day, all three branches of the Indian armed forces - the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Navy arrange a variety of shows, carnivals, dramas and other entertainment programmes to showcase to the general public the efforts of their personnel to ensure national security.</li> </ul>
December 9	International Anti-Corruption Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The theme focuses on corruption as one of the biggest obstacles to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</li> </ul>
December 9	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the Genocide Convention and its role in combating and preventing the crime of genocide, as defined in the Convention, and to commemorate and honour its victims.</li> </ul>
December 10	World Human Rights Day	Human Rights Day 2020 theme - Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights.
December 11	International Mountain Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme of 2020 - Mountain biodiversity</li> </ul>
December 11	UNICEF Day	It was started in order to provide assistance, supplies and improve health, education, nutrition

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		of children after World War II.
December 12	International Universal Health Coverage Day	2020 Theme - Health For All: PROTECT EVERYONE
December 12	International Day of Neutrality	To raise public awareness of the value of neutrality in international relations.
December 14	National Energy Conservation Day	The day focuses on making people aware of global warming and climate change and promotes efforts towards saving energy resources
December 15	International Tea Day	Theme: Harnessing Benefits for all From Field to Cup
December 16	Vijay Diwas also called Victory Day	Victory Day is celebrated to commemorate the victory of the Indian armed forces over Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pak War, also known as the Bangladesh Liberation War.
December 17	Minorities Rights Day	The aim of the day is to advance and protect the privileges of the individuals to have a place with linguistic, religion, castes and color minorities
December 18	International Migrants Day	The theme of International Migrants Day 2020 : 'Reimagining Human Mobility'.
December 18	World Arabic Language Day	World Arabic Language Day 2020 will provide an opportunity to reflect on and discuss how Language Academies can help revive and enhance the use of classical Arabic.
December 19	Goa Liberation Day	
December 22	National Mathematics Day	2020 ensures 133rd birth anniversary of Ramanujan.
December 23	Kisan Diwas or National Farmers Day	To promote awareness to help and reward farmers for their contribution to society Farmers day is celebrated every year.
December 24	National Consumer Rights Day	The theme of the National Consumer Day is The Sustainable Consumer
December 25	Good Governance Day	
December 27	International Day of Epidemic Preparedness	The International Day of Epidemic Preparedness aims to promote international awareness and action on the prevention of, preparedness for and

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partnership against epidemics

### Obituary

Name	Field	Place
Abhay Bhardwaj	Rajya Sabha MP	Gujarat
Frank Carney	Pizza Hut co-founder	United States
Valery Giscard d'Estaing	former President of France	FRance
Mahashay Dharampal Gulati	owner of spices company 'Mahashian Di Hatti'	Pakistan
Rafer Johnson	American decathlete and film actor	US
Dineshwar Sharma	administrator of Lakshadweep	Bihar
Manu Mukherjee	Actor	West Bengal
Ravi Patwardhan	Actor	Maharashtra
Narinder Singh Kapany	Father of fiber optics & Sikh activist	Punjab
Madhukar Gangadhar	Hindi writer	Bihar
Divya Bhatnagar	TV Actress	Delhi
Narendra Bhide	Music Composer	
Paolo Rossi	goalscoring hero- Football	Italy
Vidyavachaspati Bannanje Govindacharya	Sanskrit scholar	Karnataka
Chuck Yeager	first person to travel at a speed faster than the speed of sound	US
Radhika Ranjan Pramanik	Politician	West Bengal
Ambrose Dlamini	Prime Minister of Eswatini	Eswatini
Roddam Narasimha	Eminent aerospace scientist and Padma Vibhushan awardee	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Mahbubullah Muhibbi	deputy governor of Kabul	Afghanistan
Shripati Khanchanale	wrestler and first Hind Kesari	Karnataka
Vice Admiral Srikant	senior most submariner of the Indian Navy	
Eric Freeman	Australia Test all-rounder	Australia
Satya Dev Singh	Politician	Kolkatta, West Bengal
Motilal Vora	Politician	Chattisgarh





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Sugathakumari	Malayalam Poet	Kerala
Madan Lal Sharma	Veteran Congress leader and former minister	Punjab
Shamsur Rahman Faruqi	Urdu poet	Uttar Pradesh
John Edrich	Batsman	England
Robin Jackman	Cricketer	England
Jon Huber	Wrestler	US
Sunil Kothari	Dance Scholar	Gujarat
M. R. Janardhanan	Politician	TamilNadu

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