

Monthly One Liners- November

Financial One Liners:

- RBL Bank has partnered with Payment giant Visa and launched instant payouts for fintech firm.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed monetary penalty on DCB Bank and Jio Payments Bank for various rule violations.
- According to the Ministry of Rural Development, NABARD has sanctioned loans worth Rs8504.30 lakh under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to the Government of Goa for various Social Infrastructure Projects in the State.
- ICICI Bank has launched a comprehensive banking programme for its millennial customers, (in the age bracket of 18 years to 35 years), called 'ICICI Bank Mine'.

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- WhatsApp Inc., has received the approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch
 its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) based payments services in India, to let users send or receive money
 across the country.
- The Reserve Bank came out with a Co-Lending Model (CLM) scheme under which banks can provide loans along with NBFCs to priority sector borrowers based on a prior agreement.
- The Reserve Bank of India will evaluate the impact of multi-media public awareness campaign 'RBI Kehta Hai', which was launched in 14 languages to educate the public about safe banking and financial practices.
- HDFC Bank has announced the launch of "SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0" for Small and mid-size enterprises.
- The SBM Bank India, a wholly-owned subsidiary of State Bank of Mauritius, has announced to launch a 'neo banking platform' to reach its customers in the country with the help of technology.
- The Reserve Bank of India has created a Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH). Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) would be managed by a Governing Council (GC) consisting of 10 members (including a chairperson). Shri Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan, co-founder and former co-Chairman, Infosys, has been appointed as the first Chairperson of the RBIH.
- Private sector lenders HDFC Bank and IndusInd Bank have been put in the 'red flag' list, a system used for monitoring foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits.
- Karnataka Bank launched CASA (current account, savings account) mobilisation campaign which will run from November 17 to March 4, 2021.
- The 40th Meeting of the SAARCFINANCE Governors' Group was held virtually under the Chairmanship of Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor, RBI.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a loan agreement of up to \$1 billion with The Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).
- The Reserve Bank pf India had earlier constructed an Internal Working Group under P K Mohanty
- Reserve Bank of India, in a first among Central Banks, has become the first monetary authority that has gained 1 million followers on its official Twitter Handle.

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- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched a low-cost insurance scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)' for its customers to bring large sections of the underserved and unserved population into the financial mainstream.
- India Post Payments Bank, IPPB have successfully launched the initiative of doorstep service for submission of Digital Life Certificate through Postman.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the amalgamation of crisis-ridden Lakshmi Vilas Bank Limited (LVB) with DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL)
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company has tied up with NSDL Payments Bank Limited to offer a range of general insurance products to the bank's customers.
- Luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz has partnered with the State Bank of India, to offer attractive financial benefits, on owning a Mercedes-Benz.
- Private lender HDFC Bank has joined hands with ICCI (Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce and Industries In its endeavour for supporting SMEs and Start-ups.
- HDFC Life and HDFC Ergo joined hands to launch a combi insurance product 'Click 2 Protect Corona Kavach'.
- Private lender YES Bank launched an 'SMS Pay' functionality on POS terminals, which would allow merchants to accept contactless and remote payments from their customers.
- The SBM Bank India, which is the wholly-owned subsidiary of State Bank of Mauritius has entered into a partnership with Fintech PayNearby to launch neo banking platform.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank has launched a new product aimed at women. 'Eva', a unique savings account, tries to address the well-being of Indian women in every aspect such as health, wealth and prosperity.
- HDFC Bank announced the launch of Mooh Band Rakho, a campaign to increase awareness on cyber frauds and preventing them.
- Jaipur-based Natural Support Consultancy Services and Delhi-based Nucleus Software Exports have begun testing their payments solutions. The offline digital cash product, 'PaySe', of Nucleus Software Exports will help connect with rural areas for epayments
- Karnataka Bank Ltd has introduced a campaign named CASA mobilization

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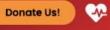






- YES BANK in partnership with Neokred Technologies has launched the 'YES BANK Neokred Card', a cobranded prepaid card, thereby encouraging cashless payments in India
- ICICI Bank has become the first bank to launch a fully digital, cardless EMI facility at retail stores.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India has launched a digital application for agents for onboarding to get a life insurance policy.
- The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Punjab National Bank for contravention of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act.
- Private sector lenders HDFC Bank and IndusInd Bank have been put in the so-called 'red flag' list, a system used for monitoring foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 5 lakh on Chennai-based Nissan Renault Financial Services India Private Limited for non-compliance with the central bank's directions
- HDFC Bank has announced the launch of "SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0" for Small and mid-size enterprises.
- Paytm has launched "Payout Links" for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors, without collecting their bank details.
- The Central Government has extended the term of Justice (retd) Bansi Lal Bhat as the acting Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).
- Ministry of Electronics & IT along with NIC had launched the e-invoice system for GST on 1st October 2020 for the businesses with aggregate turnover of more than Rs. 500 Crores in the financial year.
- In order to develop the sports infrastructure at the National Centre of Excellence in Itanagar, an MoU was signed between the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Arunachal Pradesh government.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance launch of the AI tool IDEAS (Intelligent Damage detection Estimation and Assessment Solution) for motor claim settlements.
- Government is set to offer 10% shares in the country's largest non-life insurance company New India Assurance through an offer for sale to the public.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has imposed a cap of 30 percent of the total volume of transactions processed in UPI, on all the Third Party App Provider (TPAP).
- Aloke Singh took the charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Air India Express.

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- Rating Agency Moody has projected the GDP of India at -8.9% for the calendar year 2020. Earlier this was projected at -9.6%.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs had approved the Continuation and Revamping of the Scheme for Financial Support to Public Private Partnership in Infrastructure Viability Gap Funding Scheme till 2024-25.
- Paytm has launched "Payout Links" for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors, without collecting their bank details.
- The Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitaraman announced the Economic Stimulus Package 4.0. Production Linked Incentive Scheme for 10 sectors. Rs 1.46 trillion to be provided.
- The Investment bank, Goldman Sachs has revised upwards the growth forecast for India in FY21 to -10.3% from its earlier projection of -14.8% in September 2020.
- Barclays has revised down its GDP forecast for India in the current fiscal year 2020-21 (FY21) to (-) 6.4% from its earlier estimate of (-) 6%.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India has launched a digital application for agents for onboarding to get a life insurance policy. The Digital Application is called "ANANDA", which is an acronym for Atma Nirbhar Agents NewBusiness Digital Application
- Forecasting firm Oxford Economics predicts that India's post-COVID-19 scars could be among the worst in the world. It expects India's growth equilibrium to worsen substantially over the medium term, with potential growth averaging just 4.5% over 2020-2025, from its pre-pandemic projection of 6.5%.
- The Asian Development Bank said it has approved a USD 50 million loan to improve operational efficiencies and resource planning and management in West Bengal.
- One of the largest gold loan NBFC company, Muthoot Finance has launched a gold jewellery insurance scheme called 'Gold Shield' in partnership with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.
- Markets regulator SEBI is observing World Investor Week (WIW) in the country from November 23 29. 2020. As a part of the celebrations, SEBI has launched an initiative called 'Securities Market Trainers' (SMARTs) program, to enhance investor education and awareness.
- Infrastructure major Larsen and Toubro (L&T) has bagged an order worth over Rs 7,000 crore to construct a part of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR), also known as the Bullet Train Project.

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- The National Statistical Office (NSO) has released the estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the second quarter (July-September) Q2 of 2020-21. The GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q2 of 2020-21 is estimated at Rs 33.14 lakh crore, as against Rs 35.84 lakh crore in Q2 of 2019-20, showing a contraction of 7.5% as compared to 4.4% growth in Q2 2019-20.
- The UBS has projected India's real GDP to contract 10.5% in FY21, in its Global Economics & Markets Outlook 2021-2022 report.
- Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd. Has reduced its consumer credit charge per unit to 6.90 percent
- As per Fitch Solutions report, the incentive scheme to attract foreign companies to set up manufacturing operations in the country by the Indian Government will give a boost to auto production.
- Stashfin has partnered with Visa to launch co-branded prepaid cards with credit lines, amid a growing propensity towards digital payments.
- Global payments technology major Mastercard has joined hands with development agency USAID for the Project Kirana that will help increase revenue streams, expand financial inclusion and digital payments adoption of kirana shops that are owned or operated by women
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has published it's first-ever 'nowcast' which suggests that our economy has slumped down by 24 per cent in April to June.
- The global financial services provider Goldman Sachs expects India's gross domestic product to contract 10.3% in 2020-21 against -14.8% earlier.
- Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company has launched Kotak ESG Opportunities Fund.
- Moody's raised its forecast for India's growth to -8.9% for the calendar year 2020 from -9.6% and for the coming year as well to 8.6% from 8.1% earlier, in its Global Macro Outlook 2021-22 report

Non- Financial One Liners:

Schemes

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the one rank one pension scheme of armed forces has completed 5 years of successful journey. The Government of India has disbursed Rs 42,700 crores to more than 20.6 lakh ex-servicemen in the last five years.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare recently launched the Sahakar Pragya. The initiative will train the primary cooperative societies in the country.

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National

- The Ministry of Shipping recently announced that the government of India is to set up fourteen more aerodromes in the country to develop sea plane tourism in the country.
- The Ministry of AYUSH and Invest India will set up "Strategic Policy and Facilitation Bureau" to facilitate systematic growth of AYUSH sector.
- The Central Government has provided support of Rs 670 crore to Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) operating in the country to help them meet the regulatory capital requirement of 9%.
- The Ganga Utsav was begun virtually.
- The Government of India released Rs 2,200 crores to 15 states to improve Air Quality Measures.
- Union Government has extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by one month till 30th of November or till an amount of Rs. three lakh crores are sanctioned under the scheme, whichever is earlier.
- The Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sharad Arvind Bobde and Justice DY Chandrachud of the Supreme Court, jointly inaugurated India's first-ever E-resource centre and virtual court called "Nyay Kaushal" at Judicial Officers Training Institute in Nagpur.
- As of November 3, 2020, around 15 State Governments have identified districts to implement the Fortification of Rice Scheme.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved the Rs 1810 crore investment proposal of 210 MW of Luhri Stage I Hydro Power Project.
- Union minister for housing and urban affairs Hardeep Singh Puri launched the Nurturing Neighbourhoods
 Challenge, which focuses on shaping cities for young children and their families.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding signed between India and Spain. The MoU will facilitate scientific and technical collaborations between the countries in the field of Astronomy.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved the MoU signed between India and UK in the field of medical product regulation.
- Union Cabinet Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda holds a review meeting of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).

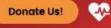
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- eSanjeevani, the national telemedicine service set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has completed 7 lakh consultations.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is to set up a committee to review the existing guidelines of Television Rating Agencies.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various development projects worth around 614 crores.
- In a first of its kind policy consultation, Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan interacted with the highly-skilled Indian diaspora to facilitate channels for them to contribute to India's Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) 2020.
- The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), a flagship initiative by the NITI Aayog, and Russia's Sirius (Scientific International Research in Unique Terrestrial Station) has jointly launched 'AIM–Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0', a 14-day virtual programme for Indian and Russian schoolchildren.
- The Centre announced a four-member committee, to be headed by Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati, to look into the Television Rating Points (TRP) system and recommend any changes required to make it more robust and transparent.
- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has invited OPEC member countries to invest in India.
- The Government of India has decided to rename the Ministry of Shipping as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) announced that it will start providing Malaria outbreak forecast from next monsoon.
- The Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor in Thiruvananthapuram is set to become the largest care and cure centre for elephants in the world. The first phase of the Elephant Rehabilitation Centre will be commissioned in February 2021.
- The Centre has released 2,200 crore rupees as the first installment to 15 states for the improvement of air quality measures in their million-plus cities.
- The Virgin Hyperloop that plans to connect Mumbai and Pune in 25 minutes has conducted its first successful passenger ride.

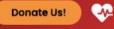
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- The Pakke Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Arunachal Pradesh has become the first reserve from the Northeastern region to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for its 'Green Soldiers'
- Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said India is the only country on track to achieve the 2°C goal under the Paris Agreement among all the G20 nations.
- National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world, celebrated its 72nd Raising Day on 22 November 2020.
- The 13th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on 09 November 2020. The day-long Conference was held via Video Conference on the theme "Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility".
- The Department of Telecommunications has taken the decision of implementing this with the consideration of TRAI Recommendation on "Ensuring Adequate Numbering Resources for Fixed Line and Mobile Services".
- The Pakistan Gurudwara body, PSGPC (Pakistan Sikh Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee) is to celebrate the first anniversary of the inauguration of Kartarpur Corridor.
- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar chaired Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee meeting. The committee approved 29 projects leveraging investment of Rs 443 crores.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has made FASTags mandatory for all four-wheelers from January 1, 2021.
- Digital/Online media has been brought under the purview of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- The United Nations has created a new alliance to prevent COVID-19 food crisis. It was proposed by Italy and led by Food and Agriculture Organization.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the state-of-the-art office-cum-residential complex of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, ITAT at Cuttack, Odisha.
- Health Minister Harsh Vardhan addressed the Boston Center of Excellence for Health and Human Development through a Video Conference.
- In Maharashtra, the Central Railway workshop at Parel in Mumbai has manufactured a fifth Narrow Gauge locomotive which will chug between Kalka to Shimla route.
- Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate "Sarhad VistarVikasotsav 2020 "tomorrow at Dhordo village situated in the forward borderarea in Kutch district of Gujarat.

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- The Government of India has issued an order on 11 November 2020, to bring video streaming over-the-top (OTT) platforms such as online films, audio-visual programmes and online news and current affairs content under the ambit of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- The Union Ministry of Textiles has launched a campaign for Diwali- "Local4Diwali". The campaign has been launched to promote the Indian handicraft which is the cultural heritage of the country and also a source of livelihood for many.
- India has received the first commercial shipment from Bangladesh through water route on November 9, 2020. The shipment was received Assam's Karimganj on the Protocol for Inland Water Trade and Transit (PIWTT) route.
- Hunar Haat has restarted from November 11 after a gap of around seven months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The government has made it mandatory for companies with annual turnover of Rs 100 crore and above to go for e-invoicing for business to companies (B2C) transactions. This new rule will be applicable from 01 January 2021.
- The Energy Efficiency Services Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of New and Renewable Energy, Goa.
- The World Economic Forum selected 36 cities from 22 countries for pioneering a policy road map for smart cities. These smart cities are being developed under the G20 Global Smart Cities Alliance.
- The first solar powered Textile Mill in Asia will come up in Parbhani district, Maharashtra.
- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Shri Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated the capacity building component of the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme (PM-FME Scheme) on 18 November 2020
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has proposed a new scheme to develop Wind-Solar Hybrid Parks. The scheme aims to address the key issues faced by renewable energy projects.
- The Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launched a portal for defence land management system.
- Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge, aimed to ensure that no
 person needs to enter a sewer or septic tank, unless absolutely unavoidable in the interest of greater public
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- Indian Railways' coach manufacturing unit, The Rail Coach Factory (RCF) Kapurthala has rolled out a semi high-speed double-decker coach that can run at a top speed of up to 160 kilometres per hour (kmph), according to the Railways.
- PM Narendra Modi, Bhutanese counterpart Lotay Tshering jointly launched RuPay card Phase-II in Bhutan via video conferencing.
- Government of India sanctioned a loan of 3,971 crores of rupees for micro irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu.

 This is one of the biggest loans being sanctioned for the state of Tamil Nadu.
- Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the Seismic Survey Campaign by Oil India Limited.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a statue of Swami Vivekananda in the JNU campus in New Delhi through video conferencing.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts of Vindhyachal region in Uttar Pradesh on 22 November 2020 via video conference.
 The total estimated cost of the projects is around Rs 5,555.38 Crore.
- The Uttarakhand forest department has dedicated the newly-built Moss Garden to the people, claiming that it is the country's first such garden, spread over 10 hectares in Kumaon's Nainital district.
- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' today inaugurated 46 online AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) to train teachers of higher education institutions.
- Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a mobile COVID-19 RT-PCR Lab at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in New Delhi
- The Deep Depression over the South West Bay of Bengal has intensified into the Cyclonic Storm "Nivar," on 24 November 2020.
- The Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge in 243 cities. The
 challenge is to prevent the "hazardous cleaning" of sewers and septic tanks and promote their mechanized
 cleaning.
- The tenth edition of prestigious National science film festival kicked off on 24th November 2020 in a virtual mode.

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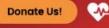


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- The Union Cabinet approved Rs 6,000 crores of capital infusion into the National Infrastructure Investment Fund.
- The Invest India and the United Nations Development Programme has launched the sustainable development goal investor map for India.
- President Ram Nath kovind boarded the Air India one-B777 aircraft.
- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, the Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj virtually inaugurated the Mega Food Park (MFP) at Phagwara in Kapurthala district of Punjab on 24 November 2020.
- Prime minister Narendra Modi launched 'Har Ghar Nal Yojna' (tap water to every household), for Sonbhadra and Mirzapur in Vindhya region of Uttar Pradesh via video conference.
- The Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot virtually launched a 'National Portal for Transgender Persons' on 25 November 2020.
- Indian Railway has launched a completely digitised online Human Resource Management System (HRMS).
- The Indian government on November 26, 2020, decided to extend the ban on the scheduled international commercial passenger services till December 31, 2020, because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Ministry of Shipping announced on November 26, 2020, that it has issued a draft of the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2020 for public consultation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a commemorative Rs 100 coin of the centennial foundation day of the University of Lucknow through a video conference.
- Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has cleared the proposal to rename the Ayodhya airport as Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Union Minister of External Affairs Shri S Jaishankar recently announced at the Geneva Donors conference that India is to construct the Shahtoot Dam across the Maidan river, a tributary of river Kabul in Afghanistan.
- The Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar recently inaugurated a cooperative programme for the beekeepers and honey collectors. The programme was launched in 5 states.
- Low-cost domestic airline major SpiceJet launched its dedicated freighter services to Leh on 26 November 2020.

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- The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated Honey Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) Programme in five states, for producing honey.
- The Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar virtually launched the web portal "India Climate Change Knowledge Portal" on 27 November 2020.
- A group art-exhibition was inaugurated in Dhaka to pay tribute to the Bangladesh Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has embarked on a three-city visit on 28 November 2020, to personally review the COVID-19 vaccine development and manufacturing process at facilities in these cities.
- Union Health Minister reviews implementation of the National Digital Health Mission and Ayushman Bharat
 PMJAY.
- E-Lok Adalats were organized in 15 states, handling more number of cases. From June to October, 27th E-Lok Adalats were organized in 27 states, handling more than 250,000 cases.
- Union Cabinet Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba chaired the meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) today through a video with the chief secretaries of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Meeting to review the situation of the upcoming cyclone.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is set to visit his Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi on 30 November 2020.
- The Government of India recently launched Mission COVID Suraksha to accelerate development of vaccine in the country.
- World Health Organisation is establishing the WHO Global Centre on Traditional Medicine in India to strengthen the research on traditional medicines
- Union Home Ministry approved Rs,4381.8 corores for relief and assistance under the National Disaster
 Response Fund to six states after natural calamities caused widespread devastation
- National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI) launched seven academic programmes aimed toward creating 'best skills sets' in railway infrastructure management, systems and communication engineering and transportation cum supply chain management.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday (November 16, 2020) unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' in Rajasthan to mark the 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj

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- In a major boost to India's ambitious human space flight programme amid times of Covid-19 pandemic infrastructure major Larsen & Toubro, delivered the first hardware a booster segment for the Gaganyaan Launch Vehicle.
- Ministry of Youth Affairs And Sports has introduced an incentivisation structure to extend monetary support to 500 private academies, through the Khelo India Scheme over the next four years starting FY 2020-21.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with his Bhutanese counterpart Lotay Tshering on Friday launched RuPay card Phase-II that will allow Bhutanese card holders to access the RuPay network in India.
- The project is being executed as per Make-II guidelines of defence procurement and the selection process has been conducted over 3 years.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched 'Secha Samadhan', a bilingual mobile application.
- The Union Ministry of Textiles has launched a campaign for Diwali- "Local4Diwali". The campaign has been launched to promote the Indian handicraft which is the cultural heritage of the country and also a source of livelihood for many.
- In yet another boost for the Indian Navy, it's fifth Scorpene class submarine 'Vagir' was launched at Mumbai's Mazagon Dock.
- Union ministry of food processing industries (MoFPI) has announced 50% air transportation subsidy for 41 notified fruits and vegetables from northeastern and Himalayan states to any place in India under Operation Greens (TOP to TOTAL) Scheme as part of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan
- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. has successfully conducted a 'Proof of Concept' feasibility study on 'zero-emission electric mobility' at one of its fuel stations in Bengaluru.
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 no person needs to enter a sewer or septic tank, unless absolutely unavoidable in the interest of greater public
 hygiene.
- National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has launched a digital learning platform called the Future Skills Prime to encourage remote and self-paced learning.
- Recently, the 30th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) has been concluded in the Andaman Sea close to the Strait of Malacca.

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• The 24th edition of MALABAR maritime exercise, hosted by Indian Navy (IN) in two phases, concluded in the Arabian Sea on 20 Nov 20

State

- PM inaugurated the first of its kind Sea Plane service of the country in Gujarat.
- PM Modi is to launch Ro-Pax ferry service between Ghogha and Hazira in Gujarat through video conferencing
- The Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh has been included in the 'World Network of Biosphere Reserves' list of the UNESCO.
- The Madhya Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, has decided to set up a 'Gau Cabinet' for the protection, conservation and promotion of cows in the state.
- In Madhya Pradesh, a digital museum has been opened at Maharaj Bada in Gwalior for the public.
- Kerala has been adjudged the best-governed state in the country, while Chandigarh emerged the best-governed union territory according to the Public Affairs Index-2020 released by the Public Affairs Centre.
- India's first of its kind solar energy-driven miniature train was inaugurated at the Veli Tourist Village, Kerala by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.
- The government of Kerala has launched a pioneering eco-sustainable programme called 'Parivarthanam', to improve the livelihood of the fishing community.
- In West Bengal, Kolkata will soon feature India's first "Tyre Park", where artworks made from scrap and defective parts will be on display.
- The West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced a number of initiatives for the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and refugee population.
- From December 1, West Bengal will launch an initiative to take government services to the doorsteps of people. 'Duare Duare Sarkar' or government at the doorstep.
- Rajasthan government is planning to make a law on wearing face mask mandatory to prevent the spread of coronavirus in the state.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said Rs 6,000 will be given to women becoming mothers for the second time under a new government scheme.

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- On the eve of Statehood Day celebrations, on November 1, 2020, the State Government of Chhattisgarh launched Fortified Rice Distribution Scheme.
- In Chhattisgarh, 27 Maoists have surrendered in Dantewada district in tribal Bastar division. The surrendered Maoists were inspired by the 'Lon Varratu' campaign being carried out by the police in the district. 'Lon Varratu' means 'Return Home' in the local tribal dialect Gondi. So far more than 170 Maoists have surrendered under the 'Lon Varratu' campaign
- The Union Minister of Development of the North Eastern Region Shri Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Mansar Lake Development Plan in Jammu and Kashmir
- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Mahila Shakti Kendra, Rajouri launched Selfie with Daughter Campaign in the district to celebrate the pride of having daughters under the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- Government notifies new Land rules that allow any Indian citizen to buy land in Jammu & Kashmir. Indian citizens can now buy land in J&K (Jammu and Kashmir).
- Saffron Production under the National Saffron Mission that was so far confined to Kashmir is now to be implemented in the North East.
- The Union Territory of Ladakh has got the largest solar power project set up under the Centre's 'Make In India' initiative at Leh IAF station to provide sustainable energy alternative to fossil fuel and traditional methods of energy generation.
- The foundation stone of PM Narendra Modi's Dream to Make Ladakh Carbon Neutral has been started from Kanoor Village of Kargil which has been the first Renewable Village in Ladakh.
- Union Territory of Puducherry celebrates its 66 th Liberation Day on 01 November
- Punjab Government initiated a drive to eradicate tobacco use to save children & youth as well as tobacco free
 work place on the occasion of Punjab State No Tobacco Day. The theme of campaign is "Tobacco Free
 Workplaces".
- Punjab had revoked/withdrawn the general consent to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- Union Food Processing Industries Minister Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated the Rs 107.83 crore mega food park at Phagwara in Kapurthala district of Punjab which is likely to generate 5,000 jobs.
- Jharkhand, the 'Land of Forest' celebrates its State Formation Day on November 15 every year

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- Mirzapur city of Uttar Pradesh is all set to make the state proud across the globe as the 'Japan Carpet Fair' will be exhibiting the world-famous foot-mats and wall hangings
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, November 22, launched the 'Har Ghar Nal Yojana' (Tap Water to Every Household) for the residents of Uttar Pradesh's Sonbhadra and Mirzapur district.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 16 National Highway projects in Uttar Pradesh on 26 November 2020
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched a special 10-day campaign to identify people suffering from tuberculosis (TB) in the state.
- Uttar Pradesh government will celebrate the annual Deepotsav in Ayodhya on Diwali in a grand manner and
 this time it is planning to break its own last year record by lighting around 6 lakh diyas, earthen lamps on the
 ghats of Saryu.
- The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has decided to develop the Vindhyavasini Mandir Corridor at Vindhyachal in Mirzapur district.
- Uttar Pradesh government has imposed Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) in the state.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has passed an ordinance to ban unlawful religious conversions for marriage.
- The Chief Minister of Assam Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation at Khetri on the outskirts of Guwahati
- In Assam, the Education department has launched a toll free tele education helpline number for government school students.
- In Assam, the Education department will start an Aadhaar enrolment drive for nearly 70 lakh students.
- The Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has announced that Assam's Tezpur Litchi has been given the geographical indication (GI) tag.
- In Assam, Rupsi Airport at Kokrajhar district is all set to start commercial operation under Regional Connectivity Scheme.
- A cow shelter in Assam's Dibrugarh inaugurated Northeast's first-ever cow hospital.
- In a major boost to the adoption of electric vehicles in the State, the Tamil Nadu government has passed an order for 100 per cent exemption of motor vehicle tax for battery-operated vehicles (BOVs).

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- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) said its researchers have developed a digital game 'IITM Covid Game' to create awareness about Covid-19 virus among the general public, particularly children.
- The Health Minister of Maharashtra, Rajesh Tope on November 3, 2020, announced that Rs. 57 crores have been released by the state government for ASHA workers.
- Maharashtra will observe the National Unity Week from 19th to 25th of November.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddav Thackeray launched "Maha Awas Yojana".
- The Lonar Lake in Maharashtra's Buldhana district has been chosen as a wetland site of international importance under the Ramsar conservation treaty
- The Jai Bhawani women's cooperative factory are going to be the primary in Asia that may treat solar energy. Spread across thirty acres of land the mill will process cotton to cloth.
- Mumbai becomes the first Indian city with designated infrastructure for women in its urban plan
- In Maharashtra, the Central Railway workshop at Parel in Mumbai has manufactured a fifth Narrow Gauge locomotive which will chug between Kalka to Shimla route.
- Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao inaugurated the State's first Rythu Vedika in Jangaon agriculture cluster.
- Telangana has banned the employment of firecrackers with immediate effect prior Diwali following a state supreme court directive to the regime, joining an inventory of states that have taken an identical step citing COVID-19 pandemic.
- Every year on November 9, the Uttarakhand Day is celebrated
- In Dehradun, the Municipal Corporation has launched an initiative named Plastic Lao MASK LE JAO to fight against the menace of plastic waste and contain the spread of Covid-19.
- India's longest single-lane motorable suspension bridge has been inaugurated in Tehri-Garhwal district of Uttarakhand.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has asserted that Kumbh Mela will be held in its divine form at Haridwar in 2021 despite the practical problems arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved USD 132.8 million loan to Meghalaya, to improve and upgrade the power distribution network in the state

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- Every year the cherry blossom festival is hosted by Meghalaya in the starting of November. This year the festival has been cancelled due to covid-19.
- The "Go Electric" campaign was launched by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in coordination with the Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Mission.
- Andhra Pradesh celebrated its Formation Day on 01 November with chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy unfurling the national flag at his official residence.
- Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched the website of Atal Medical and Research University, Ner Chowk Mandi through video conferencing from Shimla.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jairam Thakur launched 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' on 24 November 2020.
- The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) conducted a joint tri-service exercise code-named 'Bull Strike' from 03 to 05 November 2020, at the remotely located Teressa Island, in the strategically important Nicobar group of Islands.
- The Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Arunachal Pradesh recorded the best sex ratio in India with 1,085 females born per thousand males, followed by Kerala at 963 and Karnataka at 957.
- Arunachal Pradesh recorded the best sex ratio in the country compared to other states, according to the 2018 report on "vital statistics of India based on the Civil Registration System."
- Nagaland govt decides to celebrate Hornbill Festival virtually this year. This festival is also called the Festival of Festivals.
- A first of its kind in the state, North Police Station Kohima in Nagaland has been awarded an ISO certification.
- In Nagaland, Kohima Smart City Development Limited, KSCDL has been declared Winner at the ET Government Global Smart Cities Forum 2020 under the category Best Digital Initiative of the Year (Technology) for Kohima City Wifi Phase-I Project.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched 'Secha Samadhan', a bilingual mobile application, to address the irrigation problems faced by farmers without them having to visit the offices concerned.

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- Bhubaneswar becomes the 1st city in the entire country to receive the ISO-9001:2015 certification for effective Faecal Sludge & Septage Management FSSM services.
- Odisha Essential Services (Maintenance) Amendment Bill-2020 was passed by the state assembly
- The Karnataka Government has approved to carve out Vijayanagara as new district of the state. Vijayanagara will be the 31st district of the State.
- The Bowring and Lady Curzon Medical College and Research Institute in Bengaluru have been named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala presented Doctor of Science honorary doctorate upon ISRO Chairman K
 Sivan.
- Government think-tank NITI Aayog has formed a high-level panel to explore the technological and commercial viability of the Virgin Hyperloop technology for ultrahigh speed travel in India, weeks after its first test was completed with humans on board.
- The Delhi government will adopt the cost-effective model of rainwater harvesting currently being implemented in the tribal-dominated Dungarpur district of Rajasthan.
- The Goa government will install the life-size statue of late Argentine football legend Diego Maradona in the coastal belt of North district by early next year.

International

- The work has begun on the world's longest immersed tunnel, Fehmarnbelt Tunnel. Descending up to 40 meters beneath the Baltic Sea, Fehmarnbelt Tunnel will link Denmark and Germany, slashing journey times when it opens in 2029.
- Kochi-Muziris Biennale is an art exhibition & festival which is the largest of its kind in South Asia. Kochi Biennale Foundation organizes the festival at Kochi, Kerala.
- Typhoon Goni, claimed as the world's strongest typhoon of 2020 has hit the south of the Philippines' main island of Luzon.
- Portugal has won the elections for the post the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the voting of
 which was held on 2nd November 2020. Duarte Pacheco of Portugal has been elected as the new President of
 IPU. The term of the Duarte Pacheco will be from 2020-2023.

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- Indian-origin New Zealand politician Priyanca Radhakrishnan has created history by becoming the first Indian-Kiwi woman to become a minister in New Zealand.
- The United States recently approved 600 million USD armed drones' sale to Taiwan.
- The incumbent President of Ivory Coast, Alassane Ouattara, has won a third 5-year term in a landslide victory, gaining more than 94 percent of the votes polled.
- Sri Lanka's navy with the coast guard, local volunteer's conservation experts have rescued nearly 120 stranded whales and pulled them back to the deep sea in an overnight operation.
- The United States has officially withdrawn from the Paris climate accord on 04 November 2020.
- The President of Tanzania, John Pombe Magufuli has been sworn for a second five-year term.
- China launched 13 satellites in a single rocket successfully. Of these 13 satellites, 10 were from Argentina. This is the biggest launch of foreign satellites by the country.
- United Nations Industrial Development Organisations (UNIDO) has been closely working with India to implement UN's activities in harmony with national policy priorities and development strategies.
- Chinese fintech giant Ant Group's dual listing at Shanghai and Hong Kong stock exchanges, has been delayed. The largest Initial Public Offering in global finance, worth around 35 billion USD, has been delayed just two days ahead from its trading debut.
- World famous Tourism spot Pangong Tso route now gets 4G services at Tangtse
- Joe Biden has won the US elections defeating Donald Trump. His Oath of Office as the 46th President of the US will be administered by the Chief Justice of Supreme Court. He is to assume office on January 20, 2021.
- Army Chief General MM Naravane has been conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army by President Bidya Devi Bhandari in Kathmandu.
- The Green Climate Fund has approved dollar 256 million for Bangladesh in grants and loans to meet its Green House Gas (GHG) emission reduction targets under the Paris agreement.
- The United Arab Emirates announced major changes to its Islamic laws. It includes loosening of alcohol restrictions, allowing unmarried couples to cohabitate and loosening criminalization of honour killings.
- Marathi film, Karkhanisanchi Waari (Ashes on a Road Trip), the 149-minute film tells the story of the Karkhanis, the last joint family of Pune.
- The first flight carrying Israeli tourists to the UAE landed in the city-state of Dubai.

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- Sudan was removed from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism. India has welcomed its removal.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to cochair India-ASEAN summit along with the Vietnamese Prime Minister
 Ngyuyen Xuan Phuc. ASEAN is Association of South East Asian Nations.
- Japan and Australia signed the "Reciprocal Access Agreement" to counter the growing influence of China in the South China sea and in the Pacific Island Nations.
- The US Government announced that the US troops in Afghanistan and Iraq will be reduced. The US forces in Afghanistan is to be reduced from 4,500 to 2,500 and in Iraq from 3,000 to 2,500.
- Hong Kong, Paris and Zurich are the world's most expensive cities, according to The EIU's 2020 Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL) Survey.
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has temporarily suspended the issuance of new visit visas to visitors from 12 countries including Pakistan until further notice. The news was confirmed by Pakistan's Foreign Office on November 18, 2020
- Maia Sandu, a former World Bank economist, has won Moldova's 2020 Presidential election to become the President-elect of the country.
- Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Pakistan on November 19, 2020, sentenced ten years of jail to Hafiz Saeed in two terror funding related cases.
- The Union Minister of the Iron &Steel and the Japanese ambassador to India met with the Chief Minister of Odisha State to discuss the ways for Japan to become a partner country of the Purvodaya Mission.
- China launched a historic mission 'Chang'e 5'to moon to collect 'first lunar samples.
- Japan is India's strategic partner in the Indo-Pacific region and has recently signed an agreement to strengthen the Maldives' security infrastructure, which will contribute to the stability of the South Indian Ocean.
- A pharmaceutical company in India, Hetero will be manufacturing over 100 million doses of Russia's Sputnik
 V COVID-19 vaccine per year.
- Cambridge Dictionary has named 'quarantine' as the Word of the Year 2020, the year that saw people around the world being forced to remain isolated indoors in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. 'Lockdown' and 'pandemic' turned out to be runners-up for Word of the Year.
- The United Nations humanitarian chief has released 25 million US dollars from its emergency fund to support women-led organisations that prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

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- The Russian military successfully test-fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile in the Arctic on 26 November 2020.
- The first coal-based power plant of Arab Gulf country is being developed in Saih Shuaib, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- China recently connected its first indigenously developed third generation nuclear power reactor called Hualong one to its national grid.
- The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) will be in the spotlight at the 37th ASEAN Summit which is virtually hosted by Vietnam
- The 8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial meeting unanimously has adopted BRICS STI Declaration 2020.
- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar represented India at the 15th East Asia Summit (EAS) on 14
 November 2020. The Summit was chaired by the Prime Minister of Vietnam H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc in his
 capacity as ASEAN Chair. All the eighteen EAS countries participated in the virtual Summit.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) is formally launching the Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer.
- The UK Government has revealed its first sponsors for COP26 as it drives climate action in the run up to the international climate change summit in Glasgow.
- London has topped a new list of best cities around the world by Vancouver-based Resonance Consultancy.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a virtual summit of the Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (Brics) grouping focussing on economic recovery amid the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The 7th round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Kazakhstan was held recently
- A report by the United Nations has cited efforts by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to leverage its
 geospatial tools in assisting the central and state governments towards containing the COVID-19 pandemic
 and supporting sustainable development projects within the country.
- Recently, the Prime Ministers of India and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg have held the first-ever India-Luxembourg Virtual Summit.

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• Param Siddhi, the supercomputer established under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), has achieved 63rd rank in the list of 500 most powerful supercomputers in the world, the Department of Science and Technology (DST)

Summits & Conferences

- National Jal Jeevan Mission on November 3, 2020, will be organizing a virtual conference with concerned ministers of the rural water supply of all the states and UTs.
- The 13th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference is being organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on 9th November 2020.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) on 5th November,
 2020.
- All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) is organizing a webinar on 5th November 2020 in association with Western Sydney University on the theme "Yoga and Ayurveda Medicine for Mental Wellness".
- India and UAE held the High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments. The task force was created in 2012.
- The Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture Shri Prahlad Singh Patel virtually inaugurated the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" facility at Guruvayur, in Kerala on 04 November 2020.
- Election Commission of India is organizing a three-day International Virtual Election Visitors Programme for Foreign Election Management Bodies and Organizations in the context of the ongoing Bihar Legislative Assembly Elections.
- The DARPG Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances has come up with many new initiatives for good & vigilant governance on the final day of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2020.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) 2020 Conference on 05 November 2020, aimed at attracting investment in the country.
- The 4th High-Level Meeting of the OPEC-India Dialogue was hosted by the OPEC Secretariat, on 05 November 2020 via videoconference.
- The Bilateral Summit between India and Italy was held virtually on 6th November, 2020. The Summit was attended by the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Italy Prof. Giuseppe Conte.

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- The Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu launched the 'International Satavadhanam' program virtually. 'Avadhanam' is like a test of the poet's literary prowess and involves solving tricky literary posers, improvising poems and tests a person's capability of performing such multiple tasks simultaneously.
- The India-Indonesia fifth joint working group on coal was held. The meeting of the working group was held through video conference.
- The 8th round of India-China Corps Commander Level Meeting was held in Chushul.
- On November 10, 2020, India is to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit. India was represented by PM Modi at the summit.
- India attended first BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meet
- The Australia-India Water Centre (AIWC) has been inaugurated virtually through a Webinar recently to promote water-related research, teaching, and training between the two countries
- India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) report on 'Deepening Cooperation in IBSA: Perspectives from Key Sectors' has been launched by the Economic Relations Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Rahul Chhabra.
- On November 17, 2020, during the 12th BRICS Summit, the members adopted counter terrorism strategy.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bengaluru Tech Summit virtually.
- The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and the Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr. Xavier Bettel, held the first-ever India-Luxembourg Virtual Summit on 19 November 2020.
- India and European Union held Counter Terrorism Dialogue.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the 15th G20 Summit under the chairmanship of Saudi Arabia.
- The 2020 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting was held on 20 November 2020 under the Chairmanship of Malaysian Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.
- India will host the Summit of the G20 Group in 2023. India was earlier slated to host the summit in 2022.
- The Union Education Minister held a review meeting on the progress of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Plan (UBA) via video conference.
- India and the European Union today held the sixth round of consultations on disarmament and non-proliferation matters in a virtual format.

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- The 7th round of Foreign office consultations was held between India and Kazakhstan was held on November 17, 2020.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3rd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo (RE-Invest 2020) on 26 November 2020 through video conferencing.
- India will host the 19th meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government in virtual format on 30 November 2020.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 33rd PRAGATI meeting on 25 November 2020 to review multiple projects, grievances and programmes.

Ranks & Indices

- The Annual State of Education Report (ASER) survey has been released, which provides a view into the levels of learning loss that students in rural India are suffering.
- The World-Wide Fund Water Risk Filter Report says that nearly 30 Indian cities are likely to face acute water risks.
- Chandauli district of Uttar Pradesh has topped the rankings of aspirational districts by government think-tank
 Niti Aayog for September.
- Azim Premji, the founder-chairman of Wipro Ltd has topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020.
- The National Action Plan for Vulture Conservation, 2020-25 was recently approved by National Board for Wild life.
- India is placed at 77th position in the TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix 2020.
- The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released its biannual 'Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL)' report of the World's Most Expensive Cities in 2020, based on their cost of living.
- As per the data made available by the commerce and industry ministry, the United States has emerged as the second-biggest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for India during April-September 2020.
- India criticised the Pakistan government's move to transfer the management and maintenance of the Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib to a non-Sikh body.

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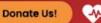


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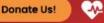
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Rohit Sharma	Brand ambassador for Education fee	
	financing company Financepeer	
Kris Gopalakrishnan	Chairperson of the Reserve Bank	Gopalakrishnan is currently the Chief
	Innovation Hub	Mentor of Start-up Village, an
		incubation hub for start-ups
Maia Sandu	Moldova's First Female President	
Navneet Munot	HDFC Mutual Fund MD&CEO	Suceeeds Milind Barve
Francisco Sagasti	Peru's interim president	Succeeds Manuel Merino
SN Rajeswari	Whole-time member (distribution) of	
	the Insurance Regulatory and	
	Development Authority of India	
Girish Chandra Murmu	External Auditor of Inter	
	Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva	
Rajiv Jalota	Chairman of Mumbai Port Trust	

- Dilip Rath, the Chairman of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has been unanimously elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF).
- Indian Oil Corp (IOC) director-pipelines Akshay Kumar Singh will be the new managing director and chief executive of the country's biggest gas importer, Petronet LNG Ltd. He will replace Prabhat Singh who completed his 5-year term.
- Indian diplomat, Vidisha Maitra has been elected to the UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Chairman M. Ajit Kumar, along with members of the Board inaugurated the GST Bhawan, Panchkula, Haryana.

Agreements and MoUs signed:

Microsoft has collaborated with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) with an aim to impart digital skills to more than one lakh underserved women in India over the next 10 months.

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- The IISc and the Indian Oil Corporation Research and Development Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Private lender Axis Bank Ltd said that it will acquire up to 19% in Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of General Insurance Business of Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Limited (Bharti AXA) by ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Lombard) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- ICICI Lombard in partnership with Freepaycard, an online pre-paid card trading platform, has launched Group Safeguard Insurance.
- The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy signed a Memorandum of Understanding to set key targets for the year 2020-21.
- The Chief Minister of Assam, Sabananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for vegetables Protected Cultivation in Khetri in the outskirts of Guwahati, Assam.
- Nestlé USA announced that it has acquired Freshly for \$1.5 billion \$950 million plus potential earnouts of up to \$550 million based on future growth.
- Paytm and SBI Card have joined hands to launch co-branded credit cards. Available in two variants, Paytm SBI Card and Paytm SBI Card SELECT, the product has been launched on the Visa platform.
- Recently, India had a meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), a leading regional organization comprising almost all Arab countries virtually.
- The Government of Karnataka signed an Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for a period of 10 years with Tata Technologies Ltd.
- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a subsidiary of NTPC Ltd. on 05 November 2020, to promote usage of electric vehicles and set up solar power plants at the airports managed and operated by AAI.
- The Government of Bangladesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Serum Institute of India for priority delivery of 3 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses.
- India and the Maldives have signed four agreements, during the visit of Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla to the Maldives.

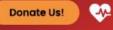
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- India and Kazakhstan held seventh round of foreign office consultations via video conference. The countries signed the "Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of High Impact Community Projects in Kazakhstan".
- The Indian army gifted 20 horses and 10 dogs to the Bangladesh army. These equines and canines were trained by the Remount and Veterinary Corps of Indian Army.
- India and World Bank signed 120 million USD to modernise transport sector in the state of Meghalaya. The
 project aims to improve 300 km of strategic road segment through climate resilient and nature-based
 solutions.
- India and the New Development Bank signed an agreement of 500 million USD. Under the agreement, the New Development Bank is to lend the funds to implement Delhi- Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System project.
- Mastercard and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have collaborated under Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative (W-GDP) to launch 'Project Kirana', to help women entrepreneurs grow and thrive.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, National Capital Region Transport Corporation Limited and the New Development Bank signed a loan agreement for lending 500 million dollars for the 'Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System Project'.
- Flipkart Group has announced acquisition of Augmented Reality (AR) start-up called Scapic for an undisclosed sum.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, National Capital Region (NCR) Transport Corporation Limited and the New Development Bank (NDB) has signed a loan agreement worth \$500 million for the 'Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System Project'.
- IBM said that it has acquired TruQua, an IT services and consulting company focused on SAP's finance and analytics technologies.
- The 2020 Afghanistan Conference was organized in Geneva from 23-24 November 2020 virtually.
- India and Finland signed an MoU for developing cooperation in the field of Environment protection and biodiversity conservation.
- Canara Bank, Axis Bank, Indian Bank and South Indian Bank have acquired 6.67% stake each in financial technology firm, IBBIC, at Rs 10 per equity share for a cash consideration of Rs 5 lakh each.

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- India and the United States have extended the Indo-US Civil Nuclear Energy agreement for another ten years. The agreement is also called the 123 agreement.
- The Defence Ministers of India and Vietnam recently discussed the collaboration in the defence industry
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has given its in-principle approval for the merger of Bharti AXA General Insurance with ICICI Lombard.
- India and Finland signed Memorandum of Understanding in the field of biodiversity conservation and environment protection.
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition by Reliance Retail, Reliance Retail
 Ventures Limited (RRVL) and Fashion Lifestyle Limited (RRVL WOS) of the retail, wholesale and the
 warehousing undertaking of the Future Group.
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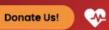
Committees

• The 7th Joint Trade Committee Meeting between India and Myanmar was held through virtual mode on 24th November 2020.

Sports

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020 held on November 01, 2020. This was his 9th win of the season and 93rd F1 win of his career.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced Jio as the title sponsor for the 2020 edition of the Women's T20 Challenge.
- Indian boxers Amit Panghal, Sanjeet and Ashish Kumar have claimed gold medals at the 2020 Alexis
 Valentine International Boxing Tournament held in Nantes, France.
- The former Australian all-rounder Shane Watson has announced retirement from all forms of cricket on 2nd November 2020.
- West Indies batsman, Marlon Samuels has announced his retirement from professional cricket.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijiju virtually inaugurated Sports Authority of India's (SAI) new Regional Centre in Zirakpur.

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- World No.5 Daniil Medvedev of Russia has won the 2020 Rolex Paris Masters title by defeating World No.7 Alexander Zverev of Germany, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 on 08 November 2020.
- Mumbai Indians defeated Delhi Capitals in the final of Dream11 Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 to lift their fifth IPL trophy.
- China's Chen Meng has been crowned as the winner of the first-ever ITTF Women's World Cup title.
- FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) cancelled the Women Under-17 world cup due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Indian cricketer Sudeep Tyagi, has announced his retirement from all forms of the game on 17 November 2020.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on November 19, 2020, that the Women's T20 World Cup has been moved from its current 2022 slot to February 9-26, 2023.
- In Tennis, Daniil Medvedev (Russia) beat Dominic Thiem (Austria) to win the 2020 ATP Tour Finals, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, held in London on 22 November 2020.
- Greg Barclay, an Auckland-based commercial lawyer and director of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) since 2012, has been elected as the new chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on 24 November 2020, after a second round of voting.
- Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry has restored the government recognition to Archery Association of India as a Nation Sports Federation for promotion and regulation of Archery Sport in the country.
- Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes won the Turkish Grand Prix with Racing Point's Sergio Perez and Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel finished second and third respectively.
- Former India pacer Sudeep Tyagi on Tuesday announced retirement from all formats of the game.
- India has been appointed host of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022, the Bureau of the FIFA Council
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports had sanctioned 5 lakh rupees to the family of deceased Manipuri Footballer Manitombi Singh in an effort to ease the financial crisis of the family.
- Mumbai Indians beat Delhi Capitals by five wickets in the final of Indian Premier League 2020.
- Trailblazers beats Supernovas by 16 runs to win the Women's T20 Challenge.

Defence

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- The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired an air launched version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a Sukhoi fighter aircraft in the Bay of Bengal.
- The Indian Naval Ship Airavat entered Port Sudan as part of Mission Sagar Phase II.
- The ICGS C-452, designed and built by L&T is to be commissioned in the Indian Navy.
- As a part of Mission Sagar-II, the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Airavat reached Sudan on 2nd November 2020 with 100 tonnes of food aid
- The enhanced version of PINAKA rocket, was successfully flight tested by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha on 4th November 2020.
- The second batch of three Rafale aircraft landed at Jamnagar Air Base in Gujarat.
- Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Naravane started his three-day Nepal tour by visiting religious places.
- Bangladesh and United States held a joint Naval Exercise CARAT. CARAT is Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training. The exercise was held at Chittagong.
- The Indian Space Research Organization launched an all-weather Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-01 using PSLV-C49 rocket along with nine customer satellites. The Earth Observation Satellite launched is a Radar Imaging Satellite
- The DRDO has developed fire detection and suppression system for passenger buses. The technology can detect fire in buses in less than 30 seconds.
- The Defence Minister Shri Raj Nath Singh inaugurated the anti-Satellite Missile System at Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO).
- The Indian Navy launched the fifth Scorpene submarine "Vagir" at Mazagon Dock of south Mumbai.
- Indian Navy's warfare capabilities, the ninth Boeing P-8I surveillance plane was delivered to it from the US at its naval airbase in Goa.
- The 30th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) was held between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy from 18 to 20 November 2020.
- The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) has been recognised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) as a part of the World Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS) for operation in the Indian Ocean Region.

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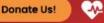


- The US space agency NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) successfully launched 'Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite' on 21 November 2020, to monitor the rising global sea level.
- The 2nd edition of India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise SITMEX-20 was conducted from 21 to 22 November 20 in Andaman Sea.
- The Indian Navy have received its ninth P-8I long range maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare aircraft.
- India successfully test fired the land attack version of Brahmos supersonic missile. It was test fired in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- The Defence Research Development Organization recently flagged off the first Varunastra, the heavy weight torpedo.
- Visakhapatnam Naval Shipyard completed the modification of the Maldives Coast Guard MNDF CGS Huravee.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation- DRDO announced on November 29, 2020, that it has increased the number of ICU beds in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel hospital at Delhi Cantt to 500.

Awards & Honours

Name	Awarded as	
Paul Zacharia	2020 Ezhuthachan Puraskaram	
Hariharan	JC Daniel Award for 2019.	
Ruskin Bond	11th Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award	
	for 2020	
Assam	Best state award under the category of best hilly and	
	North Eastern State in Fisheries.	
Douglas Stuart	2020 Booker Prize for Fiction	
Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'	Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award	
Bhubaneswar	1st city in the entire country to receive the ISO-	
	9001:2015 certification for effective Faecal Sludge &	
	Septage Management FSSM services	
Naseeruddin Shah	2020 Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar at	

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	annual Sangit Kala Kendra Awards
Netflix show, Delhi Crime	Best Drama Series award at the 48th International Emmy
	Awards 2020.
Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR)	Global award 'TX2' for doubling tiger population
Malayalam film Jallikattu	India's official entry for Oscars in the foreign-language
	film category.
Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)	Platinum partner award by the Union Ministry of
	Electronics and Information Technology.
Sadat Rahman	International Children's Peace Prize 2020.
Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport	1st airport in Asia Pacific Region to achieve ACI's Level
	4+ Airport Carbon Accreditation
Douglas Stuart	Booker Prize 2020 for Shuggie Bain
Dr. Adam Yao Liu	Export-Import Bank of India's (India Exim Bank's)
	BRICS Economic Research Award 2020

- Six women led startups have won COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge organized by MyGov in collaboration with UN Women
- The Indian film 'Natkhat', starring and co-produced by Vidya Balan, has won top prize at the third edition of Best Of India Short Film Festival 2020.
- Indian astronomers have collaborated with the 2020 Physics Nobel Laureate Prof. Andrea Ghez for the design of back-end instruments and possible science prospects of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project.
- The Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu presented the National Water Awards (NWAs) for 2019 on 11 November 2020. This is the second edition of the award.
- The Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying awarded best performing States for 2019-20 on 21 November 2020 on the occasion of the 'World Fisheries Day', to recognise their accomplishments in the field and their contribution into the growth of the sector.
- Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala presented Doctor of Science honorary doctorate upon ISRO Chairman K Sivan.

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- The Lilavati Award is an initiative of the technical education regulator, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and it aims to recognise efforts by AICTE-approved institutions to treat women with 'equality and fairness" is launched Virtually by Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- The global Association of Executive Search and Leadership Consultants (AESC) honored during this
 week's AESC Global Conference, held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the achievements of leaders
 in executive search and leadership consulting for their exceptional contributions to the profession.
- The Children's Climate Prize is an international prize annually awarded to children age 12-17 who have made extraordinary efforts for the climate and environment. The prize is awarded by the Children's Climate Foundation, Stockholm, Sweden.

Science & Technology

- The Union Minister of Science and Technology, Harsh Vardhan has launched the 'SERB POWER' schemes
 which aim to encourage and support emerging as well as eminent women researchers to undertake R&D
 activities in frontier areas of science and engineering.
- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee have developed the world's first specific reliable bacterial biosensor to detect the presence of common environmental pollutant- Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate /Sodium Lauryl Sulfate (SDS).
- The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has developed "IITM COVID Game" to create awareness about the COVID-19 virus.
- IIT Madras Alumni Association (IITMAA) is launching a 'Masterclass' series to help Indians in this COVID-19 pandemic era.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is targeting to launch US-European ocean-monitoring satellite - Sentinel-6- on November 21, 2020.
- The Indian Space Research Organization is to launch an all-weather Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-01 using PSLV-C49 rocket.
- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has handed over the Lucknow airport to the Adani group on lease for a period of 50 years.
- The Indian and Canadian Archaeologists have found that dairy products were produced by Harappans even before 2500 BCE.

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- The Ministry of Sports has approved 6 Khelo India Centres of Excellence in six different states.
- Tata Medical and Diagnostics Ltd (TataMD) have unveiled "TataMD CHECK" which is a novel diagnostic testing for COVID-19.
- IIT Alumni Council has launched "MegaScope" for personalized healthcare. MegaScope has been launched to
 include testing, data analysis and genomics to precisely diagnose infections and to prescribe personalised
 medicines.
- Param Siddhi is a high-performance computing-artificial intelligence (HPC-AI) supercomputer that was established at C-DAC under the National Supercomputing Mission.
- The first crewless Gaganyaan Flight which was earlier pushed to be launched in the first half of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will now be launched only by the end of 2021.
- As part of the steps to deepen cooperation in civil space activities, the Indian and Australian space agencies are working together to temporarily locate Indian tracking facilities in Australia.
- The Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite was launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on November 21, 2020.
- Driven by the Government of India's RCS-UDAN (Regional Connectivity Program Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), India has taken another big step in improving regional air connectivity.
- The Defence Research and Development (DRDO) Chairman G Satheesh Reddy flagged off the first Production unit of Heavy Weight Torpedo (HWT), Varunastra on 21 November 2020.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami launched 'Thee', a mobile phone-based application for the benefit of the general public to reach out to the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services when in need.
- Fixed line users will have to add a "0" before dialling any mobile number in the country from January 15 informed by the Ministry of Communications.
- The indigenously-developed Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) air defence system was successfully test-fired from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur in Balasore district.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched a portal for defence land management system (LMS) that is expected to bring greater transparency, efficiency and speed in dealing with land management matters.

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Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) has been accepted as a component of the World Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS) for operation in the Indian Ocean Region by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Portals & Apps

- An online conference was organized under the chairmanship of Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad to mark the occasion of 3 years of UMANG and 2000 plus services milestone.
- Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy launched "Abhayam" mobile phone application which helps women and children travelling in taxis and autorickshaws to raise an alarm in case of any emergency.
- The iOS version of Nyaya Bandhu App was launched and its launch on the UMANG platform. Nyaya Bandhu App was launched by the Ministry of Justice
- BSE has been leading the way in adopting newer technologies and launching new, innovative products. The leading exchange has announced the launch of Corp Direct - A Direct Investment Portal for Corporates, with more features which will further simplify and provide end-to-end value-based services to the AMCs, Distributors, Investors, and MF industry participants.

Books & Authors

- Tamal Bandyopadhyay has authored a book titled "Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy" and will be released on November 09, 2020.
- The book, titled "Till We Win", has been co-written by leading public policy and health systems expert Chandrakant Lahariya and renowned vaccine researcher and virologist Gagandeep Kang.
- Actor Anupam Kher's latest book is titled "Your Best Day Is Today!".
- Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu has launched the book titled "Thavaasmi: Life and Skills through the lens of Ramayana".
- Ex-SPG officer, Sasindran Kallinkeel's has penned a novel named "Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender".
- Maharashtra Governor, Bhagat Singh Koshyari has released the book 'Majhi Bhint' (My Wall) authored by former Maharashtra Minister of Education Rajendra Darda at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai.
- The former President of the United States Barack Obama published a memoir called "A Promised Land".

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- Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has unveiled two books titled 'The Republican Ethic Volume III' and 'Loktantra Ke Swar'
- Scottish writer Douglas Stuart has won the 2020 Booker Prize for Fiction. He has been awarded for his debut novel, "Shuggie Bain".
- Union Minister of Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Law and Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad has released a "My Stamp on Chhath Puja".
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a book on the life and ideals of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism and first of its ten gurus.
- Renowned Author and Politician, Shashi Tharoor has released his new book titled "The Battle of Belonging".
 The book is published by Aleph Book Company.

Important Days

Day	Observed as	Aim/Theme
November 1	World Vegan Day	To spread benefits of veganism for
		humans, non-human animals, and the
		natural environment.
November 2	International Day to End Impunity	Protect Journalists, Protect the Truth
	for Crimes against Journalists	
November 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day	Sendai Seven Campaign
November 6	International Day for Preventing the	
	Exploitation of the Environment in	
	War and Armed Conflict	
November 7	National Cancer Awareness Day	
November 8	World Town Planning Day	
November 8	International Day of Radiology	Theme: Radiologists and
	(IDoR)	radiographers supporting patients
		during COVID-19
November 9	National Legal Services Day	
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and	Theme: Science for and with Society

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	Development	in dealing with the Covid-19
November 11	National Education Day	
November 12	Public Service Broadcasting Day	
November 12	World Pneumonia Day	
November 13	World Kindness Day	
November 14	World Diabetes Day	World Diabetes Day 2020 theme is
		"The Nurse And Diabetes".
November 14	India's Childrens Day	
November 16	International Day for Tolerance	
November 17	National Epilepsy Day	
November 18	World COPD Day	Theme: Living Well with COPD-
		Everybody, Everywhere
November 18	National Naturopathy Day	
November 19	International Men's Day	The theme for International Men's
		Day 2020 is "Better health for men
		and boys."
November 19	World Toilet Day	Theme: Sustainable Sanitation and
		Climate Change
November 20	Universal/World Children's Day	To promote international
		togetherness, awareness among
		children worldwide, and improving
		children's welfare.
November 21	World Fisheries Day	2020 is the fourth World Fisheries
		Day.
November 21	World Television Day	
November 15-21	National Newborn Week 2020	The theme of National Newborn
		Week 2020 is 'Quality, Equity,
		Dignity for every newborn at every

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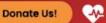


		health facility and everywhere'.
November 23-27	Aviation Safety Awareness Week	
November 24	Lachit Divas	
November 25	International Day for the Elimination	Theme "Orange the World: Fund,
	of Violence Against Women	Respond, Prevent, Collect!".
November 24	Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh	
	Bahadur	
November 16 to 22	59th National Pharmacy Week	The theme of the 2020 celebration is
		"Pharmacists: Frontline Health
		Professionals".
November 26	Indian Constitution Day	
November 26	National Milk Day	
November 19 to 25	World Heritage Week	The theme for 2020 is 'Shared
		Cultures, Thread Heritage, Shared
		Responsibility'
November 27	'National Organ Donation Day'	
November 29	International Day of Solidarity with	
	the Palestinian People	
November 30	Day of Remembrance for all Victims	
	of Chemical Warfare	

Obituary

Name	Field	Place
Mesut Yilmaz	former prime minister of Turkey	Turkey
Sean Connery	Actor	United Kingdom
R. Duraikannu	Tamil Nadu Agriculture Minister	Tamilnadu
T. N. Krishnan	violinist	Kerala

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Ashish Kakkad	Actor, filmmaker and voiceover	
Asilisii Kakkau	,	
	artiste	
Satish Prasad Singh	Former Chief Minister and Socialist	Bihar
	of Bihar	
Faraaz Khan	Actor	Maharashtra
HG Somashekar Rao	Kannada theatre and film actor	Karnataka
Sudarshan Rattan	Bollywood filmmaker	Maharashtra
Ken Spears	American television editor, writer	United States
	and producer	
Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ	Author and Gujarati columnist	Gujarat
Khalifa bin Salman al-Khalifa	Bahrain's Prime Minister	Bahrain
Chandrawati	former Puducherry LtGovernor	Punjab
Bhanwarlal Meghwal	Rajasthan Social Justice and	Rajasthan
	Empowerment Minister	
Masatoshi Koshiba	Japanese physicist	Japan
Mridula Sinha	Former Governor of Goa and veteran	Bihar
	BJP leader	
Shaik Khaja Hussain	Telugu poet, journalist, scriptwriter,	Andhra Pradesh
	and Kendra Sahitya Academy award	
	winner	
Tarun Gogoi	longest serving chief minister of	Assam
	Assam	
Ray Clemence	Former England, Liverpool and	United Kingdom
	Tottenham goalkeeper	
Sushila Devi	First Lady of Odisha	
Ashiesh Roy	Television actor	Delhi
Ahmed Patel	Senior Congress leader	Gujarat
Diego Maradona	Football legend	Argentina

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James Wolfensohn	Former president of the World Bank	Australia
Maulana Kalbe Sadiq	All India Muslim Personal Law	Uttar Pradesh
	Board vice president	
Aly Zaker	Bangladeshi actor and cultural	Bangladesh
	personality	
Faqir Chand Kohli	Indian industrialist	Pakistan
Soumitra Chatterjee	Bengali Actor and Padma Bhushan	West Bengal
	Awardee	
Asif Basra	Bollywood actor	Maharashtra
Masatoshi Koshiba	Japanese astrophysicist	Japan
Bhanwar Lal Meghwal	Rajasthan social justice and	Rajasthan
	empowerment minister	
Mridula Sinha	First woman Governor of Goa and	Bihar
	senior BJP leader	

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