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NATIONAL

1. Prime Minister inaugurated Administration Buildings of **Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University** in **Jhansi**, Uttar Pradesh.
2. The Indian Railways has **solarised** more than **960 railway stations**. This is being done to achieve the objective of becoming 100% self-sustainable for all its power needs.
3. Webinar on Coal Gasification and Liquefaction was organized by Ministry of Coal and Mines to discuss the road map for achieving the **100 million tonnes** (MT) coal gasification target by 2030 with investments worth over Rs 4 lakh crores.
4. Power and New & Renewable Energy Raj Kumar Singh launched the Pan India **Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM)** for electricity. GTAM is the World's First Exclusive Product Market for the renewable energy sector.
5. The Union Territories (UTs) **Ladakh & Lakshadweep** have been included in the '**One Nation-One Ration Card**' scheme on 'Integrated Management of Public Distribution System' (IM-PDS).
6. Ministry of Electronics and Information & Technology banned **118** Chinese Mobile Applications. The mobile applications have been banned as they were found to be harmful to the Sovereignty, Integrity, Defence of India and Public Order.

7. Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda virtually inaugurated **National Tribal Research Conclave**. The Conclave has been organized by the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).
8. Indian **Railways** has developed a remote-controlled medical trolley named ‘MEDBOT’ to deliver food, medicine to COVID-19 patients.
9. India joined the elite group Russia, China, US, after successfully conducting first test flight of the indigenously developed HSTDV (**Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle**) from Odisha, Chandipur coast.
10. The **CSIR-CMERI** operating under the Ministry of Science and Technology has **developed world largest solar tree**. The tree has an annual capacity of generating 12,000 to 14,000 units of Clean and Green power.
11. The apex telecom regulatory body **TRAI** intended to set up an industry body and recommended a “**light-touch regulatory framework**” for cloud service providers. The Department of Telecom has been given the green light to initiate the process in this regard and asked the service providers to become its member.
12. On September 15, 2020, PM Modi inaugurated seven projects under **Namami Gange and AMRUT** Schemes in Bihar.
13. Atal Innovation Mission (**AIM**), by the NITI Aayog, has partnered with **Freshworks** Inc., a customer-engagement software company to provide robust support to innovators and entrepreneurs in India. AIM has also collaborated with **ScooNews**, one of India’s largest education media houses to share and spread inspiring stories of grassroots innovations.
14. Union Minister of Culture and Minister of Tourism of India, Prahlad Patel announced the formation of an expert committee to conduct a **study on the origin and evolution of Indian culture**. The committee consists of 16 members that include **K.N. Dikshit, Chairman**, Indian Archaeological Society.
15. Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman has virtually announced the 4th edition of **State Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) Ranking** for 2018-19 which was released by Department of Industrial Promotion and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of commerce and industry. **Andhra Pradesh (AP)** topped the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) ranking 2019, followed by Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Telangana at 2nd & 3rd place respectively.
16. **FutureSkills**, an initiative of IT-ITES (Information technology – IT enabled services) Sector Skill Council National Association of Software and Services Companies (**NASSCOM**) partnered with **Microsoft** to launch Artificial Intelligence (AI) Skilling initiative “**AI classroom series**” to skill 10 lakh students in India by 2021 to make India a global hub for AI skilled talents and create jobs through upskilling and reskilling.
17. Minister of State Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Civil Aviation inaugurated **India’s first General Aviation Terminal** at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi to handle the flight operations and movement and processing of passengers flying through of private jets or chartered flights.

18. Union Minister of Chemical and Fertilizers, D.V. Sadananda Gowda announced that India will be self **reliant in fertilizer production by 2023** while addressing a webinar on Self-Reliant India and Sustainable Agriculture Organized by cooperative Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) for farmers of Karnataka.
19. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology in partnership with National Jal Jeevan Mission, has **launched ICT Grand Challenge for Development of ‘Smart Water Supply Measurement & Monitoring System’** to be deployed at the village level.
20. To promote “Make in India” initiative, the Central Government has amended the **Public Procurement Order, 2017** on September 16, 2020. The notification in this regard was issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Minister of Commerce and Industry.
21. India has launched the **First Ever Direct Cargo Ferry Service between India and Maldives**. The Ceremony was attended by representatives from Tuticorin and Cochin ports and Officials from Maldives Ports Limited (MPL) and Foreign Ministry of Maldives.
22. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (**DMRC**) launched **i-ATS (Automatic Train Supervision)**, the first Made-in-India signalling system.
23. **Tata** group will launch India’s 1st CRISPR COVID-19 test, kit named ‘**FELUDA**’
24. Indian Railways has planned for **100% electrification of its broad-gauge routes by 2023**. Around 63% broad gauge lines have already been electrified.
25. India successfully test fired indigenously developed **Prithvi-II** missile from the **Chandipur** Integrated Test Range, Odisha.
26. The National Medical Commission (**NMC**) has come into existence from September 25, 2020 replacing the Medical Council of India (MCI), as the country’s apex **regulator of medical education and profession**. National Medical Commission (NMC) have 33 members.
27. Union Minister for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik and Jitendra Singh jointly laid e-foundation of **Post-Harvest Management Centre for Medicinal Plants at Bhaderwah** in Jammu and Kashmir.
28. Union Health Minister **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated the **vaccine portal for Covid-19** to create awareness among masses. Portal will share the vaccine related information. Currently, 3 vaccines are undergoing clinical trials for COVID-19 in India.
29. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated six ‘Namami Gange’ projects mostly relating to the sewage treatment in **Uttarakhand**. The Prime Minister will also dedicate a museum on Ganga named- “**Ganga Avlokan**” located at **the Chandi Ghat** to the Nation.
30. Serum Institute of India (SII) has announced that it will produce an additional **100 million COVID-19 vaccine** doses for India and other low and middle-income countries in 2021. The announcement is taking forward the collaboration that was made between the Serum Institute of India, GAVI Vaccine Alliance and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

31. The Defence minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the **Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) -2020**. The minister said that the new DAP 2020 will empower the Indian domestic industry through Make in India initiative.
32. India successfully test fired the surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile **BrahMos** having an indigenous booster and airframe section at **Balasore, Odisha**.
33. **IIT Madras** has developed an indigenous microprocessor titled as '**MOUSHIK**.' It is a processor cum **System on Chip (SoC)** that can execute the instructions and as a SoC, different components can be attached to it. It is designed under Shakti Microprocessor programme (**Project Shakti**) of IIT Madras which is funded by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeiTY**).
34. Second sero-survey findings were released on September 29, 2020 by the Indian Council for Medical research (ICMR). **6.6%** of over 29 thousand people, aged 10 and above, surveyed from 17th August to 22nd September.
35. **Google** India has launched a nationwide campaign "**Make Small Strong**" in order to help support small businesses and drive demand through customer support. "Make Small Strong" campaign is meant to "rally support from the citizens for small businesses.
36. The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development** is embarking on a Sanitation Literacy Campaign (SLC) to promote literacy on '**WASH**' (**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**) in 2,000 villages across the country covering one lakh rural population. The campaign will start from October 2 and would continue till January 26, 2021.



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STATES

37. **Pang Lhabsol** festivals is celebrated annually in **Sikkim**. It commemorates the blessing of Mount Khangchendzonga as the guardian deity of Sikkim.
38. **Punjab** has launched '**I Rakhwali**' application. The app was launched to safeguard the forest areas in the state by making common citizens as stakeholders in the process. It will help citizens to become 'Greenery Saviours'.
39. **Assam** Assembly passed bill to protect **Tangible Heritage** that are not currently covered by the state and national law.
40. **Karnataka** cabinet approved a new **Information Technology Policy, 2020**. The policy will help the state to increase its contribution in achieving its goal of 1 trillion USD. Also, the policy will help the state to create six million jobs. The policy is to be executed between 2020 and 2025.
41. **Tamil Nadu** Government released **Electronics and Hardware Manufacturing Policy**. The main aim of the policy is to increase the electronics industry output to 100 billion USD by 2025.

42. The **Jammu and Kashmir** Government has issued an order to set up **Biodiversity Council** in **Jammu** and **Kashmir**. The council is to be headed by the Chief Conservator of Forests.
43. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YSR Jagan Mohan Reddy launched **YSR Sampoorna Poshana** scheme and **YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus** scheme. The schemes aim to provide nutritious food to lactating mothers and pregnant women.
44. The first ever **Cannabis Medicine project** that is to be set up in **Jammu and Kashmir** in collaboration with **Canada** is to be the first foreign investment in the union territory. The project is to be set up at the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine in Jammu and Kashmir.
45. The Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) in association with the Government of Punjab, is soon coming up with an alternative for **paddy stubble utilisation**.
46. Chief Minister of **Odisha**, Naveen Patnaik launched a first-of-its-kind state-wide scheme called “**GARIMA**” to ensure the safety and dignity of core sanitation workers of the state.
47. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the historic **Kosi Rail Mahasetu in Bihar**.
48. The Government of India announced an increase in **Scholarship** amount for the students of Jammu & Kashmir (**J&K**) under the ‘**Pragati**’ and ‘**Saksham**’ Scholarship Schemes. The amount has been raised from Rs. 5, 000 Per Annum to Rs. 50, 000 Per Annum from the Current Academic Year (2020-21).
49. The Government of **Rajasthan** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**) to develop its micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) ecosystem.
50. **Madhya** Pradesh government has launched a ‘**Poshan Sarkar**’ program with an Objective of ensuring active participation of local Bodies-Gram Panchayats and Urban bodies in the Nutrition Campaign.

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51. **Maharashtra** Cabinet approved the implementation of **Balasaheb Thackeray Road Accident** Insurance Scheme.
52. **Karnataka** has launched ‘**Arthika Spandana**’ programme to disburse loans of Rs 39,300 crore through various cooperative institutions.
53. **Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana** scheme for providing interest-free loans of Rs 1 lakh to women’s groups was launched in **Gujarat**.
54. **Tamil Nadu** has released **Tamil Nadu Cyber Security Policy 2020**, **Tamil Nadu Blockchain Policy 2020** and **Tamil Nadu Safe and Ethical Artificial Intelligence Policy 2020**.

55. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (**ITBP**) and **Uttarakhand** Tourism Development Board (UTDB) has signed MoU to promote adventure sports activities at Tehri Lake.
56. The **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched a unified portal called ‘**U-Rise**’- Unified Re-imagined Innovation for Student Empowerment. The portal will guide students in learning, career counselling, and getting employment in the state. The portal has been developed by **Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Technical University**.
57. **Rajasthan** CM Ashok Gehlot has approved ‘**Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020**’ launched by Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation. It allows free bus travel to 2 members of the family of the deceased to immerse ashes in the Ganga in Haridwar.
58. **Assam** CM Sarbananda Sonowal rolled out **Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni** scheme. Under this, Light Motor Vehicle Service would be launched in all the villages of Assam to improve rural connectivity and generate employment in the villages.
59. Government has increased the limit of using **State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** for COVID specific infrastructure from 35% to **50%**. States and UTs where are coronavirus cases are higher like Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, UP and Delhi can use this increased limit.
60. Madhya Pradesh has launched the ‘**Mukhya Mantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana**’ by following the path of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi which is an initiative of the central government. Existing beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi who are getting Rs. 6,000 per annum, will also be getting additional financial assistance.
61. **Uttar Pradesh's** first vulture conservation and breeding centre is set to be established at Bhari Baisi village of **Gorakhpur**.
62. **Kerala** has won the **UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF)** award 2020 for its "outstanding contribution" towards the non-communicable diseases-related sustainable development goals. The award this year was announced by the World Health Organisation (WHO) director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
63. Country's first one of the first medical device parks named **MedSpark** will be established in **Kerala**. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan laid down the foundation stone for **Medical Devices Park**.
64. The **Maharashtra** government has banned the sale of unpackaged “loose” cigarettes and beedis, making it the first Indian state to do so. Maharashtra currently contributes to around 8-10% of the cigarette sales volumes.
65. In view of the prevailing pandemic, the **Odisha** Govt has launched **Radio Pathshala** program for students up to class 8. The program will be broadcast from All India Radio stations in the state for 15 minutes daily (10 to 1015 hours) from ten Akshvani Kendras.



INTERNATIONAL

66. India ranked 48th in the 13th Edition of Global Innovation Index (GII) 2020, which is a part of Annual report jointly released by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Cornell University and INSEAD Business School. The Theme of the 13th edition of the GII 2020 is “Who Will Finance Innovation?” Switzerland has topped the list.
67. United Kingdom based Times Higher Education (THE) released the World University Rankings 2021. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru ranked under the 301-350 group ranking. The University of Oxford of UK was spotted tops in the list.
68. A report titled, “**Enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for Food Systems**” published by World Wide Fund (WWF), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), non-profit organization EAT & think tank **Climate Focus** has stated that Policymakers can improve the chances of achieving climate goals and limiting global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius by making more specific commitments to transforming national food systems.
69. The **United Nations Environment Programme** recently released a report, “**Enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions for Food Systems**”. According to the report, adding diet and food loss to climate change shall improve mitigation and adaptation contributions towards food systems by 25%.
70. **India and Nigeria** agreed to deepen their cooperation to counter **terrorism, piracy and insurgency to boost trade exchanges**.
71. **Australia, India and Japan** held a ministerial video conference. The meeting reaffirmed free, inclusive, transparent, non-discriminatory and stable trade to keep their markets open.
72. the **Japanese** Government announced that it will provide loan assistance of **Rs 3,500 crores** to India as a response to COVID-19 crisis. This will also include implementation of health and medical policy. The loan is being received by India as an emergency fund.
73. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) launched a new publication, “**The Little Book of Green Nudges**”, to inspire students around the globe to adopt environmentally friendly habits and greener lifestyles.
74. Union Cabinet approved Memorandum of Understanding between **India and Finland** for the cooperation in the **field of geology and mineral resources**. The agreement was signed between Geological Survey of India, Ministry of Mines and Geological Survey of Finland and Ministry of Employment and Economy, Finland.
75. The 17th Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Economic Ministers Consultations was co-chaired by Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways Piyush Goyal and Minister of Industry and Trade of Vietnam Tran Tuan Anh.
76. The United States recently published an annual report on **Chinese** Military power. According to the report, the Chinese **Navy** is now the largest in the world.
77. **India** is to host a summit of council of heads of **SCO** (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) on November 30, 2020. India is in the plan of expanding its cooperation with the grouping.

78. **Saudi Arabi** recently hosted the **G-20 foreign ministers' meet** focusing on cross border movement amidst the pandemic. During the meet, India proposed development of G-20 Principles on Coordinated Cross border movement of people.
79. The **World Health Organization** recently recommended the use of **steroid drugs to treat COVID-19**. The WHO trials say that the Corticosteroid drugs reduce the risk of death in critical COVID-19 patients by 20%.
80. The current European Union President and the largest economy of Europe, **Germany** launched **Indo-Pacific strategy**. It was launched with India. The strategy has several indirect references to Chinese behaviour in the Indo-Pacific region.
81. Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** announced that five Public Sector Undertakings will join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action. The five PSUs to join the ISA are **Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, GAIL India Limited**. These five PSUs are to focus on clean energy transition. The companies will deploy solar panels.
82. On September 10, 2020, **India and Japan** signed Logistics agreement on **“Reciprocal Provision Supplies and Services”** to allow the armed forces of India and Japan to coordinate closely in supplies and services. The agreement will increase the interoperability between armed forces of India and Japan.
83. **India, Israel and the Unites States** recently held a summit virtually. During the summit, the countries decided to work together in **5G technology**. The trilateral summit was initiated by PM Modi during his visit to Israel in 2017.
84. **Byte Dance** a Chinese Company which owns a popular video-sharing app called **TikTok** in its recent merger deals choose **Oracle** a US-based firm.
85. The permanent representative of **India** to the United Nations, Sh. TS Tirumurti confirmed India's **entry** as a member of the United Nation's **Commission on Status of Women (CSW)**. It is a body of the prestigious Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
86. **Sri Lanka has ban cow slaughtering.**

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87. Recently, **Global Economic Freedom Index 2020** report was released. India witnessed a sharp fall of 26 spots and landed to the **105th** position. As per the last year ranking the country was at the 79th spot. About the report It is an annual index created in 1995 first by the Heritage Foundation and the Wall Street Journal.
88. India & Afghanistan were elected as Members of **the United Nations (UN) Commission on Status of Women**, a body of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

89. **Mexico** became the first country in the world to inaugurate **sustainable financing program** for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by issuing a seven-year Sovereign SDGs Bond.
90. Institute for Management Development (**IMD**), in collaboration with Singapore University for Technology and Design has released the 2nd edition of “**Smart City Index (SCI) 2020**”. The index was topped by **Singapore** followed by Helsinki (Finland) and Zurich (Switzerland) in the second and the third place respectively.
91. **Indian Navy** and Royal **Australian Navy** conducted Passage Exercise (**PASSEX**) in Eastern Indian Ocean Region to enhance interoperability between two nations.
92. **Vodafone** Group has won the tax case against India at the **International arbitration Tribunal** over retrospective tax demand of ₹20,000 crore including the capital gains tax and withholding tax.
93. **International Arbitration Tribunal** is a Permanent Court of Arbitration established in 1899. It is headquartered in **Hague**, Netherlands. The organization is dedicated to resolve the dispute and facilitate arbitration between States.
94. **India** has signed MoU on strategic water partnership to develop better water infrastructure in India with **United Kingdom** during virtual Water Partnership meeting
95. Fourth edition of **India-Japan Maritime** bilateral exercise (**JIMEX**) began in North Arabian Sea from September 26, 2020.
96. Rights group **Amnesty International** has halted its operations in India after alleging a “witch-hunt” by the government. What is the issue? The group said, It is being targeted over its adverse reports on alleged rights violations during the February Delhi riots and in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370.
97. **The World Bank** has approved a **200million** dollar loan for Bangladesh for Rural Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project.
98. Senior officials from the Foreign Ministries of the **Quad group** of countries. This meeting was held during the United Nations high level week. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD) is also known as the Quad. It is an informal strategic forum that includes the United States, Japan, Australia and India. The forum was initiated in 2007 by Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe.
99. Around **380 whales** have **died** in a mass stranding in southern **Australia**. The entire pod of 460 long whales got stuck in Macquarie Harbour, Tasmania Island, Australia. It is the largest mass stranding recorded in Australia and in the world.
100. The World Health Organization announced that it will roll out **120 million rapid diagnostic tests** for COVID-19 joining hands with its partners. This would allow the lower- and middle-income countries to fill in the testing gap with richer countries.
101. **India- Denmark Green Strategic Partnership**: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Denmark’s Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen held a virtual bilateral summit.

102. The Ministry of External Affairs recently announced that it will create a new **Oceania Territorial Division** having its centre at Australia. The division will integrate ASEAN divisions and the Indo-Pacific under it.
103. Dept for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**) under **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India** has signed MoU with **Danish Patent and Trademark Office, Denmark** for Intellectual Property Cooperation.
104. **India and Israel** established new sub-working group (SWG) to promote **co-development and co-production of high tech weapon systems**
105. India and Bangladesh have agreed to set up a '**High Level Monitoring Committee**' to regularly review the progress of implementation of projects which are being run with **Line of Credit** provided by India.
106. Mohamed **Hussein Roble** took charges as the new **Prime Minister of Somalia** after winning Parliamentary election
107. **NITI Aayog** and Embassy of the **Netherlands**, New Delhi have signed a **Statement of Intent (SoI)** to support the **decarbonization and energy transition** agenda to accommodate cleaner and more energy. The SoI was signed by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant and Ambassador of the Netherlands to India.
108. Mali's transitional President Bah Ndaw has named **Moctar Ouane** as the new **Prime minister of Mali**.

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REPORTS & SCHEMES

109. Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu released the report '**The State of Young Child in India**'. The report provides an account of challenges related to early child development (0-6 years) in India. The report has been prepared by Mobile Creches.
110. The United Nations (**UN**) **Women** and United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) has published as a report titled "**From Insights to Actions: Gender Equality in the wake of COVID-19**" which states that the COVID-19 pandemic will have negative impacts on the women and will increase the poverty rate of women and widen the gap between men and women in poverty. According to the report, the pandemic is expected to reverse the progress made to eradicate poverty by the end of this decade and push around 96 million people into extreme poverty by 2021 of which around 47 million will be women and girls.
111. The **World Health Organization** recently reported that at least half of **25 kinds of health services** experienced disruptions due to COVID-19. The findings were based on the survey conducted by the international organization in its five of six regions regions. The survey is called the "Global Pulse Survey".

112. Recently, the United Nations released “**Levels and Trends in Child Mortality**” report. The report says that **child mortality rate** of India has declined between 1990 and 2019. It was 126 in 1990 and has now declined to **34 in 2019**.
113. On September 10, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. Along with the scheme, the PM also launched **e-Gopala** application. The scheme focuses on sustainable development of fisheries in India. It is to be implemented between 2020-21 and 2024-25. The funds allocated to fisheries under the scheme is **Rs 20,050 crores**. This is the highest ever allocated to that of the fisheries sector. The scheme aims to enhance fish production to 70 lakh tonnes by 2024-25. The scheme will reduce the post harvest losses of fisheries sector from 20% -25% to 10%
114. On September 10, 2020, the Department of Posts launched a scheme called the “**Five Star Villages**”. The scheme ensures universal coverage of flagship postal schemes in rural areas of India. The scheme is to be implemented by a team of **Gramin Dak Sevak**. The schemes that are to be covered under Five Star Villages Scheme are:
- Savings Bank Account, NSC or KVP certificates, Recurrent Deposit Accounts
 - Sukanya Samridhi Account,
 - Funded Post Office Savings Account that are linked to India Post Payments Bank Accounts,
 - Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana account or Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana account
 - Postal Life Insurance Policy or Rural Postal Life Insurance Policy
115. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched **22 bamboo clusters** in nine states. They are Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Assam, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Tripura and Karnataka. Six of the 22 clusters are located in Maharashtra, five in Tripura, two each in Madhya Pradesh and Nagaland, three in Odisha and one each in Karnataka, Assam, Gujarat, and Uttarakhand. The restructured National Bamboo Mission was adopted in 2018-19.
116. National Statistical Office released its report on “**Household Social Consumption: Education in India** as part of 75th round of National Sample Survey”. The survey provides state wise details of literacy between the period July 2017 and June 2018.
- According to the survey, **Kerala** has the highest literacy rate in the country. Around 96.2% of the people the state were literates. On the other hand, Andhra Pradesh was at the bottom with 66.4%.
 - **Delhi** had the second best literacy rate at 88.7%, followed by Uttarakhand at 87.6%, Himachal Pradesh at 86.6% and Assam at 85.9%.
 - Rajasthan was the second least performing state after Andhra Pradesh with literacy rate 69.7%. It was followed by Bihar at 70.9%, Telangana at 72.8%, Uttar Pradesh at 73% and Madhya Pradesh at 73.7%.
 - The overall literacy rate in India is 77.7%
 - The literacy rate in rural areas is 73.5%
 - The literacy rate in urban areas is 87.7%

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118. As per the 2nd Global Preparedness Monitoring Board report titled “**A World in Disorder**”, the world will take 500 years to spend on preparing for pandemics due to the loss driven by the COVID-19. The GPMB is the joint arm of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the **World Bank**.
119. The 2020 **Human Capital Index (HCI)** is a collaboration between the Human Development Practice Group and the Development Economics Group of the World Bank released the report titled “The Human Capital Index 2020 Update: Human Capital in the Time of COVID-19” on September 16, 2020. India has been placed at the **116th** position among 174 countries in the Human Capital Index 2020 with score increase to 0.49 from 0.44 in 2018 in comparison to 115 out of 157 countries. The country of **Singapore topped** the score with 0.88 followed by Hong Kong at 0.81 and Japan at 0.80.
120. The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has approved to set up ten **plastic parks** in the country under the **Plastic Park scheme**. The Scheme was launched in 2019. The plastic parks will be set up in **Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand**.
121. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has presented a report titled “**Construction of Toilets in Schools by CPSEs**” in the Parliament. The report has pointed out that toilet construction in schools by central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) has several gaps that were constructed under the Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan. Report says, 40% of the surveyed toilets (Around 3000 toilets were surveyed out of 1.4 lakh) were found to be non-existent, partially constructed, or unused.
- 70% of the toilets did not have the running water facilities.
 - 75% of the toilets were unhygienic.
 - Hand washing facility was not available in 55% of the toilets.
 - 27% of the school did not have separate toilets for boys and girls.
122. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India submitted its report titled “Assessment and Utilisation of Locomotives and Production and Maintenance of LHB coaches in Indian Railways” on Indian Railways in the Parliament.
- As per the report, the number of diesel locos has been increased by 20% between 2012 and 2018.
 - CAG highlighted that there is an increase because the Indian Railway Board failed to assess the requirement of electric locos.
123. The National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) has increased the average body weight for Indians by 5kg in its recent report. Thus, the average weight for Indian men has been increased from the 60kg in 2010 to **65kg** now. While for Indian women average weight has been increased from 50kg in 2010 to **55kg now**. Along with the change in the average weight, the NIN has also revised the heights.
- The average height for Indian men is 5.8 feet (177 cm)
 - And the average height for women is 5.3 feet (162 cm).
 - Earlier, the average heights for men was 5.6 feet (171cm) and for women was 5 feet (152 cm).

- d. The definition of a reference Indian adult with respect to age has also been changed to 19-39 years. Earlier it used to be 20-39 years.

124. The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** has released the “**Health in India**” report. The main objective of the report was to gather quantitative data on India’s health sector. The report have highlighted on the health of religious communities across country.

- a. The report highlights that around **7.5% of Indians** suffered from ailments.
- b. 6.8% suffered from ailments in the rural area while in Urban area, the numbers were high at 9.1%.
- c. **Zoroastrians** were the **most susceptible** to ailments. Around 31.1% of Zoroastrians were suffered from ailments as of July 2020 as per a report.
- d. The percentage of sick people other communities are
 - i. Jains: 11.2%
 - ii. Sikhs: 11%
 - iii. Christians: 10.5%
 - iv. Muslims: 8.1%
 - v. Buddhists: 8%
 - vi. Hindus: 7.2%

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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

125. Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs launched the fourth edition of **Business Reforms Action Plan** ranking of states. The rankings are being launched since 2015. The Business Reform Action Plan 2018-19 includes 180 reform points that covers business regulatory areas such as Single Window System.
126. As per National Statistical Office (NSO), date, India’s gross domestic product (GDP) contract by 23.9% in April-June period quarter of 2020.
127. United Arab Emirates (UAE) launched ‘**Agriota**’, a new technology-driven Agri-commodity trading and sourcing e-market platform. The market platform aims to bridge the gap between millions of rural farmers in India and the Gulf nation’s food industry.
128. **Efficiency Services Limited** announced that it will procure **250 electric Vehicles** from Tata Motors and Hyundai Motor India. The Tata Motors is to supply 150 Nexon electric compact SUVs and the Hyundai Motor India Limited will supply 100 Kona Electric SUVs for government use.
129. The **Coal India Limited** is to invest **Rs 1.22 lakh crores** to develop 500 projects related to coal evacuation, infrastructure, project development, exploration and clean coal technologies. The investment aims to make India self-reliant in coal. It will also help to achieve production target of 1 billion tonnes by 2023-24.

130. Ministry of Consumer Affairs issued draft guidelines on advertisements. The guidelines have been prepared by the Central Consumer Protection Authority under Consumer Protection Act, 2019. The endorsements of celebrities through blogs, posts and tweet should be based on adequate information or experience with the product.
131. Recently Government of India released a notification outlawing the export of all kinds of onions. The ban is imposed three months after the central government made changes in the **Essential Commodities Act, 1955**.
132. The Government of India recently extended Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme to provide an insurance cover of Rs 50 lakhs to COVID-19 health care providers. The scheme was announced in March 2020 for a period of 90 days. It has now been extended for another 180 days.
133. The Central Government has shown its efforts in giving a digital push in the health sector by initiating two types of telemedicine services viz. Doctor-to-Doctor (eSanjeevani) and Patient-to-Doctor (eSanjeevani OPD) Tele-consultations in 2019. Since then the tele-consultation by 'eSanjeevani' has been implemented by 23 states.
134. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved an increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi crops for marketing season 2021-22.
135. According to "Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2020 Update-September 2020" by Asian Development Bank (ADB), India's GDP (gross domestic product) growth will **contract 9% in FY2020-2021** due to COVID-19 induced slowed economic activity.
136. As per 'OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Interim Economic Assessment Coronavirus: Living with uncertainty', India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for FY20-21 is projected to **contract by 10.2%**.
137. WhatsApp has partnered with Common Services Centers (CSC) for a **WhatsApp** chatbot to empower rural communities by providing digital skills at their doorstep, and to create livelihood through promotion of rural entrepreneurship.
138. The Centre has set up a high-level committee headed by **Ajay Tirkey**, secretary of the department of land resources under the ministry of rural development to **prepare a roadmap for regularisation of land leasing in the agriculture sector**.
139. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has estimated India' GDP to **contract by 5.9%** in the year 2020 Indian economy is projected to grow by 3.9% in the year 2021. The projection was made in its **Trade and Development Report 2020**. Global economy will contract by estimated 4.3% in 2020, while South Asia's economy will contract 4.8% in 2020 and recover to 3.9% in 2021.
140. Union Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** has inaugurated new **Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)** in **Gogamukh**, Assam. It will be named after **Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya**. It

will facilitate agricultural education and research in **Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim**, in addition to **Assam**.

141. The Government of India recently sanctioned 670 Electric buses and 241 charging stations under phase II of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) Scheme.
142. **KRITAGYA** (Krishi-Raknik-Gyan) Hackathon was launched by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICMR) under the National Agricultural Higher Education Project. It was launched with an objective to promote Farm Mechanisation specially women friendly equipment's.
143. The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) issued new guidelines that focuses on safety, immunogenicity and efficacy parameters for pharma companies who are developing COVID-19 vaccines. The DCGI said that COVID-19 vaccine candidate should have at least **50 per cent of efficacy** in the Phase-III clinical trial.
144. "**RAISE 2020- 'Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020,'** will be organised by The **MeitY** and **NITI** Aayog from October 5-9, 2020. It will be a global meeting of minds to exchange ideas and chart a course for using AI for social transformation, inclusion and empowerment in Healthcare, Agriculture, Education and Smart Mobility.
145. The Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana -"**Saubhagya**" has completed **three years** since its inception on September 25, 2020. The scheme ensures electrification of all willing households in rural and urban areas of the country. As of June 2019, **91% of rural Indian households** have received electricity access. In other words, over 2 crore 62 lakh households have been provided electricity connection under the scheme so far.
146. **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)** has opened its third branch office in Mumbai. It already has branch offices in **Chennai** and **Hyderabad**. **IREDA** works **under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** with registered office in New Delhi.



FINANCE AND BANKING

147. As per, "**Fraud & Risk Management in Digital Payments**" report, jointly developed by The National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)'s and PayPal, the E-commerce market is anticipated to grow from USD 50 Billion (in 2018) to **USD 200 billion** by 2026. It is expected that the internet user base will grow to 835 million by 2023 from 560 million in 2018.

148. The European Investment Bank (EIB) will invest **650 million Euro** in the construction of Kanpur city metro line. Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (UPMRC) is the Promoter-Financial intermediary for this project.
149. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced to conduct additional special open market operations (OMO) involving the simultaneous purchase and sale of Government securities for Rs 20,000
150. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reviewed the Priority Sector Lending (PSL) Guidelines. In this regard, new categories are included under priority sector for financing viz. **start-ups (up to Rs 50 crore)**; loans to farmers for installation of solar power plants for solarisation of grid connected agriculture pumps and loans for setting up Compressed BioGas (CBG) plants.
151. **ICICI Prudential** Life Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Prudential Life) has introduced an Artificial intelligence (AI)-powered voice chat-bot, 'LiGo', on Google Assistant.
152. The government introduced the new **Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020**, that intended to give the powers to restructure cooperative banks to the Reserve Bank of India. The power of RBI's banking regulations will be extended to the cooperative banks after the ratification of the bill.
153. **Securities and Exchange Board of India** which is responsible for regulating the Indian market in order to revamp its IT infrastructure network and communication system shortlisted top companies which includes, **Bharti Airtel and Wipro** and others.
154. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued circular advising banks to switch to **automatic** identification of nonperforming assets (NPAs) by **June 30, 2021**.
155. **SBI General Insurance Company and YES Bank** signed a corporate agency agreement to distribute the products of SBI General Insurance to the customers of YES bank across India.
156. **Titan** Company Limited in collaboration with State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced **Titan Pay**, powered by **YONO** (You Only Need One) SBI.
157. An **Awareness & Sensitization programme** was launched by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for the newly proposed Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) along with district administration to aid the farmers to form FPO's and sell their product on reasonable rates by avoiding brokers.
158. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued Draft Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2020 under Section 45 W of the RBI Act, 1934 to **allow foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to undertake exchange-traded rupee interest rate derivatives** transactions subject to an overall ceiling of Rs 5,000 crore.
159. SBI Card (SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited) has collaborated with Google to enable customers to use their SBI Credit Cards to make card payments using the Google Pay app on their Android smartphones.
160. The **ICICI Home Finance** launched "**Apna Ghar Dreamz**", its new home loan scheme for skilled labourers like electricians, mechanics, painters, grocery store owners etc in the informal sector of Delhi. The credit amount of this loan ranges from Rs 2. lakh to 50 lakhs.

161. State Bank of India (SBI) Life Insurance signed a bancassurance agreement with YES Bank to provide a range of insurance solutions to the customers of YES Bank across the nation.
162. HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) Life and Yes Bank entered into a Corporate Agency Arrangement (CA). As part of the arrangement, HDFC Life will provide a diverse range of insurance products to customers of Yes Bank.
163. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted the Technical Group under the Chairmanship of **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala**, former Chairman of NABARD to develop a framework **for onboarding non-profit organisations and for-profit enterprises**.
164. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed **AK Dixit** as the new administrator of Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank.
165. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a **300-million-dollar** loan to develop the inclusive water supply, sanitation infrastructure and services in secondary towns of **Rajasthan**.
166. **IDFC First Bank** will roll out contactless debit card-based payment facility titled as 'SafePay' that will allow transactions of up to Rs 20,000 per day.
167. Union Finance Ministry has granted permission to raise additional financial resources of **Rs. 9,913 crores** to five states through Open Market Borrowings (OMBs). The five states **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Goa, and Tripura**.
168. The Reserve Bank of India released **Cyber Security Vision Framework** under the title 'Technology Vision for Cyber Security' for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) – **2020-2023**.
The framework is aimed at achieving its objectives through five pillared strategic approach:
- Governance Oversight.
 - Utile Technology Investment
 - Appropriate Regulation and supervision.
 - Robust Collaboration.
 - Developing IT and Cybersecurity Skills Set.
169. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has **chosen Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation and New India Assurance Co. Ltd** as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2020-21. They are being chosen on the basis of their size, market importance and interconnectedness
170. The RBI has granted in-principle approval to **Vakrangee Ltd** to set up **Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU)** to handle payment services related to bills. This has been granted under the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.

171. The Central Board of Direct Taxation (CBDT) has launched the **faceless income tax appeals**. Under the new mechanism all appeals will be finalized in a faceless manner. However, it will be barring the cases of major tax evasion, black money act, serious frauds and international tax to follow the same mechanism.
172. The **Bombay Stock Exchange** has signed a pact with **Yes Bank** to empower the **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)** listed on the platform.
173. The Reserve Bank of India has introduced a “**Positive Pay System**” that will come into effect from **January 2021**. The system will make mandatory to **re-confirm key details of cheques** for the payments **beyond Rs 50,000**. Issuer can also submit the details through internet banking, mobile app or ATM.

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

174. **Sudha Painuli**, a vice-principal of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) which is established under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been selected for National Award to Teachers 2020.
175. **David Attenborough** was conferred with the prestigious **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize** for the year **2019**. David Attenborough He is an English broadcaster and a historian. He is popular for writing and presenting BBC Natural History unit. He worked to make aware to preserve and protect biodiversity of the planet.
176. A week after his mediation between **Israel** and **UAE** (United Arab Emirates) US President Donald Trump has been nominated for the Noble Peace Prize 2021. The nomination was submitted by a right-wing Norwegian politician and parliamentarian Christian Tybring Gjedde.
177. On 15th September 2020, on the occasion of National Engineers Day, Union Minister of Education presented the first ever “**AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award 2020**” to the 12 faculty members of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved institutions over a virtual ceremony.
178. **Kerala** Tourism’s internationally-acclaimed ‘**Human by Nature**’ campaign won the prestigious **PATA** (Pacific- Asia Travel Association) Grand Award 2020 for Marketing. This gives a huge stimulus to tourism industry in the state which has been severely affected due to COVID-19 pandemic.
179. Veteran singer **Usha Mangeshkar** has been honoured with the “**Gansamradni Lata Mangeshkar**” award for 2020-21. The award carries a cash prize of Rs five lakh and a citation. Usha Mangeshkar is the youngest sister of Lata Mangeshkar.
180. Bollywood Actor **Sonu Sood** has been conferred with the prestigious **SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**. He has been awarded for his philanthropic work during the coronavirus induced lockdown.
181. Historian and author **Rana Safvi** has been conferred with **Yamin Hazarika award** for her contribution to the syncretic culture of India

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PERSON IN NEWS

182. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), Government of India (GoI), has approved the extension of the re-appointment of **Pramod Chandra Mody** as Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for 6 months.
183. National Democratic Alliance candidate and Janata Dal (United) Member of Parliament **Harivansh Narayan Singh** has been once again elected as **Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha** by Voice vote.
184. **UNICEF** (United Nations International Children Education Fund) appointed **Ayushmann Khurrana** as its celebrity advocate for promoting and supporting its work around ending violence against children.
185. **Yoshihide Suga** is elected as the new prime minister of **Japan** after Shinzo Abe resigned. Background The longest serving Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe resigned in August 2020 due to health reasons.
186. **Udit Singhal** an 18 year young boy has been named to the 2020 Cohort of young leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations (UN).
187. **Rajesh Khullar** is appointed as Executive Director of World Bank & **Sameer Kumar Khare** as Executive Director of ADB.
188. The Central government appointed **Anil Dhasmana**, former chief of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) as the new chief of National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO).
189. **Yoshihide Suga** was formally elected as Japan's New Prime Minister. He will succeed Shinzo Abe, who was Japan's Longest serving Prime Minister and stepped down due to health problems.
190. **Khushi Chindaliya** a 17-year Girl from **Surat**, Gujarat has been appointed as **Regional Ambassador** for India by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)- Tunza Eco-Generation.
191. Former rebel military commander **Ishmael Toroama** has been elected as the President of **Bougainville**, which was an autonomous region of Papua New Guinea.
192. Renowned Indian Historian and author **Romila Thapar** has penned down a new book titled as '**Voices of Dissent**.'
193. Flight Lieutenant **Shivangi Singh** will be India's first **woman fighter pilot to fly the Rafale** aircraft, which was formally inducted into Indian Air Force recently.

194. Nation is paying homage to the revolutionary freedom fighter **Bhagat Singh** on his 113th birth anniversary today **on September 28, 2020**. Bhagat Singh was born on this day in 1907, in Banga village of Lyallpur district of undivided Punjab province.
195. **Rajat Sud** has been appointed as the Managing Director (**MD**) of the Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (**EESL**) from immediate effect.
196. **Reserve Bank** of India has roped in **Amitabh Bachchan** for the **customer awareness campaign** to prevent gullible account holders from being duped by fraudsters.
197. Authoritarian leader **Alexander Lukashenko** took oath as the **President of Belarus** for consecutive sixth term.
198. **CEAT Tyres** has signed Bollywood superstar **Aamir Khan** as its brand ambassador for two years.
199. Personal computers brand **Acer India** has roped in actor **Sonu Sood** as its brand ambassador.
200. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed **PD Vaghela** as the new chief of **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**.

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OBITUARIES

201. Former President Pranab Kumar Mukherjee (84) passed away after developing a lung infection at the Army's Research and Referral Hospital, New Delhi, where he was admitted for a Brain Surgery.
202. On September 6, 2020, **Kesavananda Bharti**, the head seer of Edneer Mutt in Kerala since 1961 passed away. He was famous for initiating the historic judgement of Supreme Court that "Basic Structure of Constitution" cannot be amended by the Parliament.
203. **Govind Swarup** who is regarded as **Father of India's Radio Astronomy** passed away due to age related complications in Pune Maharashtra. He was the founding director of National Centre for Radio Astrophysics of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.
204. Swami Agnivesh, a renowned **social activist, scholar, former MLA** and Cabinet Minister for Education of Haryana passed away due to cardiac arrest. He served as the president (2004–2014) of the World Council of Arya Samaj, which is the highest international body of the Arya Samaj. He was born on 21st September 1939 in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh. He founded the Bonded Labour Liberation Front-BLLF.

205. Former Union Minister for Rural Development, **Raghuvansh Prasad Singh** passed away at New Delhi due to post COVID complications. He was born on 6th June 1946 in Bihar. He served as the Union minister for Rural development from 2004 to 2009 in the cabinet led by Manmohan Singh.
206. Eminent producer-director **Johnny Bakshi** who was born in Pune, passed away at the age 82 due to Cardiac arrest.
207. **Amitabha** Ghosh, former governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) passed away recently.
208. Veteran Indian nuclear scientist **Sekhar Basu** passed away due to **COVID-19** in Kolkata. He was the chairman of Atomic Energy Commission and as the Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
209. Union Minister of State for Railways **Suresh Angadi** passed away due to **COVID-19** at AIMS, Delhi. He is the first member of the Union Cabinet to lose his life due to coronavirus.
210. Theatre and Bollywood actor **Bhupesh Pandya** passed away due to lung cancer in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He is known for his role in Ayushmann Khurrana's debut film '**Vicky Donor**'.
211. National award-winning singer **SP Balasubrahmanyam** passed away due to COVID-19 at MGM Health Care hospital in Chennai.
212. **Assam's** first and only woman chief minister **Syeda Anwara Taimur** passed away in Australia due to cardiac arrest.
213. Noted economist **Isher Judge Ahluwalia** passed away in New Delhi due to brain cancer.
214. Former Indian **Army officer** and Indian Cabinet Minister **Jaswant Singh** passes away after prolonged illness. He was one of the founding members of **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**.
215. Veteran songwriter **Abhilash** passed away. He was suffering from a stomach illness. He was best known for the song '**Itni Shakti Hame Dena Daata**' from the 1986 film **Ankush**.



IMPORTANT DAYS

216. Every year **World Coconut Day** is celebrated on **September 2**. The day is celebrated mostly in the Asia-Pacific region including India. In India, Coconut grows in **Kerala**, Karnataka, Sundarbans, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. This year, the day is celebrated under the following theme: **Invest in Coconut to save the world**.
217. **National Nutrition Week (NNW)** is an annual nutrition event observed in India during the First week of September from **1st September to 7th September**. The events of NNW are organized by the Food and Nutrition Board of the **Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD)**, Government of India to educate the importance and role of nutrition in the human body.

218. India celebrates **5th September** of every year as the **National Teachers day** to honour the roles of teachers in shaping the future of the nation. The day is marked on the birth anniversary of India's former President Bharat Ratna Awardee, renowned teacher and philosopher Dr. Sarvaepalli Radhakrishnan who was born on 5th September 1888.
219. The very **first International Day of Clean Air** for blue skies is to be held **on September 7, 2020**.
220. Every year **International Literacy Day** is celebrated on **September 8** by the UNESCO and other world organizations. The day was first celebrated in 1967. The main aim of celebrating the day is to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals. This year, in 2020, the day is celebrated under following theme: **Literacy teaching and learning in COVID-19 crisis and beyond**
221. Every Year, **September 10** is observed as **World Suicide Prevention Day**. The objective of this day is to create awareness about the mental health and prevent suicides. Suicides Global Condition Suicide is 10th leading cause of death worldwide and more than 1 million people die by suicide every year globally.
222. Hindi Diwas or **Hindi Day** is being celebrated on **September 14, 2020** across India in order to mark the adoption of Hindi as one of the official languages of India and to make people aware of the language.
223. United Nations (UN's) **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer** on **16th September** to create and spread awareness on the importance of Ozone layer and the effective ways to protect it. The theme for the 2020 is "**Ozone for life: 35 years of ozone layer protection**".
224. United Nations (UN)'s **1st International Equal Pay Day** is observed on **18 September 2020** as a step towards eliminating the gender pay gap and to overcome the sexual discrimination against women in the employment sector. This day promotes equal pay to everyone and the rights to receive equal remuneration for equal work regardless of the gender.
225. The World Rhino Day is celebrated annually on **September 22** by the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) and other international organizations. Theme for World Rhino Day is "**Five Rhino Species Forever**".
226. The **World Maritime Day** is observed on **September 24** by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and other international organizations. The day is celebrated on the last Thursday of the September every year. Theme for this year is Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet.
227. **World Environmental Health Day** is being observed globally today on **26th September**. Theme for the 2020 edition of the day is: **Environmental health, a key public health intervention in disease pandemic prevention**.
228. The **World Tourism Day** is celebrated on **September 27** as an annual event. The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has designated year **2020** as the "**Year of Tourism and Rural Development**". The day was celebrated under the theme— **Tourism and Rural Development**, this year.

229. The 74th United Nations General Assembly in 2019 announced that **28th September 2020** would observe the **International Day for Universal Access to Information**. 2020 edition of the day is focusing on **the right to information in the times of crisis**. It is celebrated to showcase the advantages of statutory and constitutional policies in order to provide public access to information.
230. **World Rabies Day** is observed on **28th September** every year, globally. This year, the day is being celebrated under the **theme ‘End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate’**.
231. **September 29** is observed as **World Heart Day**. It is an initiative by the World Heart Federation.
232. **30th September** is observed by the **United Nations as International Translation Day**, every year. This year the day is being observed under the theme- **“Finding the words for a world in crisis”**.

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SPORTS

233. Cycling Federation of India (CFI) is set to host the first ever Cycling Summit in 2021 in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru.
234. Mercedes team F1 racer **Lewis Hamilton** has won the Belgian Grand Prix (GP) 2020 at Belgium. This is his 4th Belgian GP win, with this victory, he claimed his 89th career title.
235. The 140th Edition of American Open took place in New York, United States from August 31, 2020 – September 13, 2020. **2020 US Open Winners:**

Category	Winner	Runners-up
Men's Singles	Dominic Thiem (Austria)	Alexander Zverev(Germany)
Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	Victoria Azarenka (Belarus)
Men's Doubles	Mate Pavic (Croatia) & Bruno Soares (Brazil)	Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands)& Nikola Mektic (Croatia)
Women's Doubles	Laura Siegemund (Germany) & Vera Zvonareva (Russia)	Nicole Melichar (United States) & Yifan Xu (China)

236. **Paytm First Games**, a subsidiary of digital financial service platform Paytm, has appointed cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar** of India as its brand Ambassador.

237. The 77th Edition of **Italian** Open 2020 took place from September 14-21, 2020 at Foro Italico Court, Rome, Italy. Men's single winner was **Novak Djokovic** (Serbia).
238. Indian men's team goalkeeper **Gurpreet Singh Sandhu** and women's squad's mid-fielder **Sanju** were declared the winners of the **All India Football Federation (AIFF) Footballer of the Year** awards 2019-20.
239. Mercedes racer **Valtteri Bottas (Finland)** has won **Formula One Russian Grand Prix 2020**. This is his second win of the Formula One season 2020 held in **Sochi, Russia**.

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