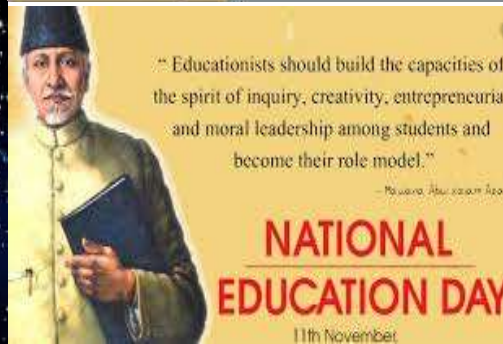


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## Important Days

Date	Day	Extra Info
Maharashtra state education department asked schools in the state to celebrate Children's week between November 8 and 14.		
Maharashtra observed the National Unity Week from 19th to 25th of November in order to increase social harmony in the state.		
Lung cancer is the most common cancer worldwide, and is observed during the entire month of November every year.		
November 1	World Vegan Day	
November 2	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists	Theme 2020 - "Protect Journalists, Protect the Truth"
November 2 - 6	International Stress Awareness Week	
November 4 2020 (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday in Nov)	National Stress Awareness Day	
November 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day	This year's observance promotes the "Sendai Seven Campaign"
November 7	National Cancer Awareness Day	
November 8	World Urbanism Day	
November 8	International Day of Radiology	Theme 2020 – "Radiologists and radiographers supporting patients during COVID-19"
November 9	National Legal Services Day	
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Theme 2020 - "Science for and with Society in dealing with Covid-19"
November 12	Public Service Broadcasting Day	
November 12	World Pneumonia Day	Theme 2020 – "Every Breath Counts"
November 13	National Ayurveda Day	Theme 2020 – "Ayurveda for COVID-19 pandemic"
November 13	World Kindness Day	Theme 2020 – "Kindness: The World We Make – Inspire Kindness"
November 14	Children's Day	It is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of the country.
November 14	World Diabetes Day	Theme 2020 – "The Nurse and Diabetes"
Nov 15 – Nov 21	International Fraud Awareness Week 2020	
Nov 15 – Nov 21	National Newborn Week 2020	
November 15	Tribal Pride Day	Madhya Pradesh commemorated the birth anniversary of martyr Birsu Munda
November 15 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Nov)	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	Theme 2020 – "First Responders"
November 16	National Press Day	
November 16	International Day for Tolerance	
Nov 16 – Nov 22	National Pharmacy Week	Theme 2020 – "Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals"
November 18 (3 <sup>rd</sup>	World COPD (Chronic	Theme 2020 – "Living Well with COPD –

Wednesday of Nov)	Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Day	Everybody, Everywhere”
November 18	National Naturopathy Day	
Nov 18 – Nov 24	World Antimicrobial Awareness Week	Theme 2020 – “United to preserve antimicrobials”
November 19	Women’s Entrepreneurship Day	
November 19	International Men’s Day	Theme 2020 – “Better health for men and boys”
November 19 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Nov)	World Philosophy Day	Theme 2020 – “Importance of philosophy in times of crisis”
November 19	World Toilet Day	Theme 2020 – “Sustainable sanitation and climate change”
Nov 19 – Nov 25	World Heritage Week	Theme 2020 – “Shared Cultures, Thread Heritage, Shared Responsibility”
November 20	World Children’s Day	Theme 2020 – “Investing in our future means investing in our children”
November 21	World Television Day	Theme 2020 – “TV makes a difference”
November 21	World Fisheries Day	Theme 2020 – “Social Responsibility in the fisheries value chain”
Nov 23 – Nov 27	Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020	
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	Theme 2020 – “Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!”
November 26	National Milk Day	To honour Dr. Verghese Kurien, who is considered to be the father of India’s White Revolution.
November 26	Indian Constitution Day	Also known as National Law Day

### **MOU/Agreement Countries**

- ⇒ Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Sirius, Russia, launched ‘AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme for Indian and Russian school children.
- ⇒ India and the Maldives signed four agreements, including one for a \$100-million grant for a connectivity project, as visiting foreign secretary Harsh Shringla and the Maldivian leadership discussed ways to boost economic recovery amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **MOU Industry/States/Others**

- ⇒ The railways is set to go big with artificial intelligence and data analytics to improve its operational efficiency and has tied up with the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad to analyse the data generated by the national transporter.
- ⇒ The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in partnership with American India Foundation, Dell Technologies and University of Mumbai has launched ”Project Future Ready” to equip students with career skills.
- ⇒ TRIFED and JD Centre of Arts have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaborating on joint socio-cultural research work and anthropological study of tribal art and tradition in tribal dominated regions of India.
- ⇒ In order to provide a measure of the growth and strength of the MSME sector in India, TransUnion CIBIL in partnership with Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched MSME Credit Health Index.
- ⇒ FLO, the women wing of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), said it has

signed an agreement with Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong and Incubation and Enterprise Support Centre (IESC) to mentor entrepreneurs.

## Appointments and Resignations

Name	Post	Other Info
Indian comic book character, Chacha Chaudhary has been named the brand ambassador for the Namami Gange project. It was announced at the Ganga Utsav 2020 by Union Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.		
India's Vidisha Maitra was elected to the UN body – Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) with strong support of the member states.		
Nitish Kumar	Chief Minister of Bihar	7 <sup>th</sup> time and for 4 <sup>th</sup> straight term
Tarkishore Prasad	Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar	
Renu Devi	Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar	
Rajkummar Rao	Brand Ambassador of SYSKA Group	
Gyanendro Ningombam	Hockey India president	first person from the Northeast to be appointed in the top post of India's national hockey team. Succeeds Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad
Harpreet A De Singh	CEO of Alliance Air (becomes first woman to head an Indian air carrier)	
Rajiv Jalota (IAS)	Chairperson of Mumbai Port Trust	
Dilip Rath	Elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF)	He is chairman of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
PVG Menon	Chief Executive Officer of Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI)	
Jagbir Singh	Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Vodafone Idea Ltd(VIL)	
Sanjay Kumar Mishra	Director of Enforcement Directorate (ED)	
Sonu Sood	State icon of Punjab by Election Commission of India	
Ramesh Lakshminarayanan	Chief Information Officer (CIO) of HDFC Bank	
Navneet Munot	MD and CEO of HDFC Mutual Fund	
Girish Chandra Murmu	External Auditor of Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva	He is Comptroller & Auditor General of India
Achyuta Samanta	President of Volleyball Federation of India	
Lt Gen Harpal Singh	Engineer-in-Chief of Indian Army	
New Zealand's Greg Barclay	Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)	
Indian-American Kash Patel	Chief of Staff to the Acting US Defence Secretary Chris Miller	
Portugal's Duarte Pacheco	President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	



Priyanka Radhakrishnan	First Indian-Kiwi woman to become a minister in New Zealand	
Roch Marc Christian Kabore	President of Burkina Faso	
Maia Sandu	President of Moldova	
Francisco Sagasti	Interim president of Peru	
John Magufuli	Tanzania's president	
Alassane Ouattara	President of Ivory Coast	
Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.	46th President of the United States	
Kamala Devi Harris	First woman and first Indian- and African-American Vice-President of USA	
Indian American Pia Dandiya	White House Fellow for the year 2020-21	

## **Awards and Recognitions**

<b><i>Award Name</i></b>	<b><i>Person/Institution</i></b>
Filmmaker Zoya Akhtar's drama "Gully Boy" has bagged the best original music award for musician Karsh Kale and the Salvage Audio Collective at the 14th Annual Asian Film Awards.	
Indian Army chief General M M Naravane was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army by President Bidya Devi Bhandari at a special ceremony, a decades old tradition that reflects the strong ties between the two militaries.	
Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, Queen Mother of Bhutan, was announced as the individual laureate for the 2020 United Nations Population Award. HelpAge India was announced as the award's institutional laureate.	
Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award	Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
28th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, the highest literary honour of the Kerala government	Paul Zacharia (Malayalam)
2020 Emmett Leahy Award	Dr. Dinesh Katre
2020 JCB Prize for Literature	Moustache, authored by Malayalam writer S. Hareesh and translated to English by Jayasree Kalathil
JC Daniel Award for 2019	Hariharan (for his contribution to Malayalam cinema)
Lifetime Achievement Award at the 11th Times Lit Fest for his outstanding contribution in the field of literature	Author Ruskin Bond
International Children's Peace Prize 2020	Bangladeshi teen, 17-year-old Sadat Rahman
Emporis Skyscraper Award 2019	Lakhta Center in St Petersburg, Russia
2020 Booker Prize	Shuggie Bain (Novel by Douglas Stuart)
Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar	Naseeruddin Shah
Aditya Vikram Birla Kalakiran Puraskars	Neel Choudhary and Irawati Karnik

## **Recognitions**

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, District Udhampur has been conferred with National Award for water conservation under Jeevika Project launched by the District Administration.

To recognize the significant contributions towards defining the survival tactics of Leishmania donovani, Society of Biological Chemists (India) has chosen Dr. Susanta Kar, Senior Scientist, Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow for this year's Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award.

Critically-acclaimed books by three Indian writers have featured among this year's '100 Notable Books' list of The New York Times that also includes former US president Barack Obama's newly released memoir 'A Promised Land'.

The prestigious list also includes the work of fiction 'A Burning' by India-born Megha Majumdar. 'Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line' by Deepa Anappara, who grew up in Kerala, also features on the list. Samanth Subramanian's 'A Dominant Character: The Radical Science and Restless Politics of J. B. S. Haldane' is a nonfiction work in a major feat and a first of its kind in the state, North Police Station Kohima in Nagaland has been awarded an ISO certification.

Uttar Pradesh was awarded as best performing state in inland fisheries sector while Odisha got the award of the best Marine state on the occasion of 'World Fisheries Day' observed by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India.

Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala presented Doctor of Science honorary doctorate upon ISRO Chairman K Sivan.

Vinisha Umashankar, a 14-year-old studying in 9th grade at a private school in Tiruvannamalai, has won the prestigious Children's Climate Prize for designing a mobile ironing cart using solar panels to power a steam iron box rather than conventional charcoal.

Netflix's India Original series "Delhi Crime", helmed by Indian-Canadian director Richie Mehta, has bagged the best drama series honour at the 48th International Emmy Awards.

The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR) and the Uttar Pradesh Forest department have bagged the first-ever international award, TX2, for doubling the number of tigers in four years against a target of 10 years.

Indo-Japan cooperation has won the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Mutual Agreement Procedure 2019 Award for highest agreement ratio for a pair of jurisdictions for transfer pricing cases.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) launched the Lilavati Award to acknowledge efforts undertaken to empower women in the country. The award was launched by the Minister of Education, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank via a virtual conference.

The award will be given to individuals and institutes affiliated with AICTE on their contribution in the area of women empowerment.

## Conference and Summits

<i>Summit</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Extra Knowledge</i>
International bird festival	Gorakhpur, UP	Will be held in Feb 2021
World Health Expo	Wuhan, China	
8th BRICS STI Ministerial Meet	Russia	Held virtually
15th East Asia Summit 2020	Vietnam	Held virtually
2020 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting	Malaysia	Held virtually Theme - "Optimising Human
		Potential Towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity: Pivot. Prioritise. Progress"
15th G-20 Leaders Summit	Saudi Arabia	Theme – Realising the Opportunities of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century for All.

## International News

- ⇒ After more than a decade of planning, work has begun on the world's longest immersed 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.
- ⇒ Super Typhoon Goni, the world's most powerful storm in four years, crashed through the Philippines main island of Luzon, smashing buildings, toppling trees, and causing floods and mudslides.
- ⇒ About 30 Indian cities will face increasing "water risks" in the next few decades according to a new report released by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).
- ⇒ The United States formally left the Paris Agreement, a global pact forged five years ago to avert the threat of

catastrophic climate change.

- ⇒ China successfully launched the world's first 6G experimental satellite. The satellite was launched into the orbit aboard a single rocket along with 12 other satellites using a single Long March 6 rocket that took off from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern Shanxi province.
- ⇒ In line with the Budget announcement, the government has allowed income-tax exemption to Abu Dhabi's sovereign wealth fund (SWF), MIC Redwood 1 RSC, for making long-term investments in India in specified priority sectors of infrastructure.
- ⇒ It is the first foreign SWF to get 100 per cent tax exemption in the case of income from interest, dividend, and long-term capital gains for its investment in infrastructure. This was part of the Finance Act, 2020.
- ⇒ The world's largest pink diamond mine has shut its doors after exhausting its reserves of the expensive gems, global mining giant Rio Tinto said.
- ⇒ The Argyle mine, in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia, churned out more than 90% of the world's pink diamonds – sought after for their incredible rarity.
- ⇒ Guadalajara (Mexico) was named World Book Capital for the year 2022 by the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, on the recommendation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee. Tbilisi (Georgia) was named as the World Book Capital 2021 and Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) for 2020.
- ⇒ PM Narendra Modi announced \$1 million aid to ASEAN Covid-19 Response Fund at the 17th ASEAN-India Summit which was held virtually.
- ⇒ 2020 Physics Nobel Laureate Prof. Andrea Ghez had worked closely with Indian astronomers on the design of backend instruments and possible science prospects of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project being installed at Maunakea in Hawaii, which can revolutionized the understanding of the universe and the enigmas in it.
- ⇒ The World Health Organization (WHO) launched the global strategy to fast track the eradication of cervical cancer. WHO aims to reduce more than 40% of new cases and 5 million related deaths by 2050, with a combination of vaccination, screening and treatment.
- ⇒ Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison have signed a landmark defence deal in a bid to counter China's growing influence in the South China Sea and over the Pacific island nations.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Boris Johnson has confirmed the UK will ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in 2030, before banning new hybrid sales in 2035.
- ⇒ India announced a new phase of over 100 high-impact community projects in Afghanistan worth USD 80 million (Rs 592 crore) as the country's development portfolio in the war-ravaged nation has reached over USD 3 billion (Rs 22,200 crore) so far.
- ⇒ China successfully launched its first unmanned space mission 'Chang'e-5 lunar probe' to collect samples from the moon's surface and return to earth, the country's maiden attempt to retrieve materials from an extra-terrestrial body.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ The United Arab Emirates is set to become the first Arab Gulf country to generate electricity from coal.

### **National News**

- ⇒ The cabinet committee on economic affairs approved a Rs 10,211-crore project to improve the safety and performance of select dams across India.
- ⇒ The dam rehabilitation and improvement project (DRIP)—phase II and phase III—is financially supported by the World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
- ⇒ The Union Ministry of Shipping is being renamed as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, in line with how it functions in most of the developed nations. With more clarity in name, there will be more clarity in the work.
- ⇒ Government has approved 21 projects, leveraging investment worth 443 crore rupees supported with a grant of 189 crore rupees under the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition said by Minister for

Food Processing Industries Narendra Singh Tomar.

- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) at Jamnagar and National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) at Jaipur on 5th Ayurveda Day via video conferencing.
- ⇒ The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will organise 'Bharat Darshan–Dakshin Bharat Yatra' from Hyderabad and Secunderabad from December 12 to 18.
- ⇒ The theme of the yatra, which will cover Sri Rangam (Ranganathaswamy temple), Brihadeswara temple at Thanjavur, Rameswaram, Madurai Meenakshi and Kanyakumari, is to 'Show India to Indians'.
- ⇒ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced stimulus measures to aid job creation, and boost the key real estate and infrastructure sectors, under the government's Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0 package, aimed at rescuing the economy out of a historic contraction.
- ⇒ The total outlay of the new package is over Rs 2.65 lakh crore.
- ⇒ Finance Minister announced new job scheme called Atma Nirbhar Rozgar Yojana to create jobs in the country. The new scheme will be effective from 1 October 2020.
- ⇒ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also announced that Rs 3 lakh crore existing emergency credit line guarantee scheme is extended till March 31, 2021. The tenure of additional credit to be 5 years, including one year moratorium on principal repayment.
- ⇒ Rs 1.46 lakh crore boost for Atmanirbhar Manufacturing Production-linked incentive for 10 champion sectors. A total amount of nearly 1.5 lakh crore has been earmarked across sectors, for the next five years.
- ⇒ The Modi government announced an additional outlay of Rs 18,000 crore for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), which will be provided over and above the budget estimate which was mentioned in the Budget 2020-21.
- ⇒ To provide ease of doing business and relief to contractors whose money otherwise remains locked up, performance security on contracts will be reduced to 3%, the Modi government announced. The EMD for tenders will be replaced by bid security self-declaration for which the relaxations will be applicable till December 31, 2021.
- ⇒ The Union government has announced tax relief for developers and home buyers for houses up to Rs 2 crore.
- ⇒ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government would make a Rs 6,000 crore equity infusion into the debt platform of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), which will help the NIIF in raising Rs 1.1 lakh crore by 2025 for infrastructure projects financing.
- ⇒ The Modi government also announced that Rs 65,000 crore fertiliser subsidy will be provided to farmers.
- ⇒ An additional outlay of Rs 10,000 crore is being provided for PM Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojana, announced Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The Modi government has allowed these funds to be used for MGNREGA or for Gram Sadak Yojana aiming at helping accelerate rural economy.
- ⇒ An additional Rs 3,000 crore that will be released to EXIM Bank for the project exports through IDEAS scheme. About 811 export contracts amounting to \$10.50 billion being financed under LoCs.
- ⇒ The Modi government has also allocated Rs 10,200 crore additionally to give impetus to capital and industrial expenditure. The amount will be spent towards domestic defence equipment, industrial incentives, industrial infrastructure, and green energy.
- ⇒ Finally, to fight the coronavirus pandemic, the centre has announced Rs 900 crore fund for Covid Suraksha Mission for Research and Development to the Department of Biotechnology.
- ⇒ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the revamped viability gap funding (VGF) scheme envisaging a total outlay of Rs 8,100 crore for encouraging investment in social as well as economic infrastructure projects.
- ⇒ A three-month marketing campaign to give attention to consciousness technology and early intervention with regard to childhood pneumonia, enabling caregivers throughout the nation to establish vital signs at earlier phases and set off immediate care-seeking with certified suppliers, was launched by the Union Ministry of Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- ⇒ The initiative targets to reduce lower than 5 pneumonia deaths, per a 1000 reside births, to lower than three deaths by 2025 via the accelerated SAANS (Social Action and Awareness to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) initiative.



- ⇒ Larsen & Toubro has delivered the first hardware, a booster segment, for the Gaganyaan Launch Vehicle to the Indian Space Research Organisation ahead of schedule, in a virtual flag-off ceremony presided by Isro chairman K Sivan.
- ⇒ India has become the fourth country in the world to have its independent regional navigation satellite system recognised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) as a part of the World Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS).
- ⇒ The other three countries that have its navigation systems recognised by the IMO are the US, Russia and China.
- ⇒ Aiming at providing Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) services to the communities closer to their homes, 1.5 lakh Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) are to be established by December 2022.
- ⇒ Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad released a “My Stamp on Chhath Puja”. My Stamp is an innovative concept initiated by the Department of Posts.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Karnataka’s flagship annual technology event- 23rd edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020 via video-conferencing. He shared the significance behind the Digital India mission launched by the Centre five years ago.
- ⇒ Theme - “Next is Now”
- ⇒ G20 leaders announced that India will host the summit of the high-profile grouping in 2023. G20 leaders look forward to next meetings in Italy in 2021, Indonesia in 2022, India in 2023 and Brazil in 2024,” said a declaration of G20 Riyadh Summit leaders, issued at the conclusion of the two-day conference of the world’s top 20 economies.
- ⇒ Fixed line users will have to add a “0” before dialing any mobile number in the country from January 15 informed by the Ministry of Communications.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a commemorative Rs 100 coin of the centennial foundation day of the University of Lucknow through a video conference.
- ⇒ The Union Cabinet approved equity infusion of Rs 6,000 crore in NIIF Debt Platform sponsored by National Investment and Infrastructure Fund. This was informed by information and broadcasting minister Prakash Javadekar after the Cabinet meeting.
- ⇒ 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 committee has NITI Aayog member V. K. Saraswat as its Chairman and Adviser (Infrastructure Connectivity, NITI Aayog) Sudhendu Jyoti Sinha as its convener.
- ⇒ On the completion of three years of the UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) app, the international version of the app has been launched.
- ⇒ The UMANG international version is for select countries including US, UK, Canada, Australia, UAE, Netherlands, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand, and will help Indian international students, NRIs and Indian tourists abroad to avail government of India services anytime.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3rd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo (RE-INVEST 2020) to woo investors for investing in clean energy in India. India has set an ambitious target of having 175GW of renewable energy by 2022 and 450GW by 2030.
- ⇒ The summit is organised by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The theme for RE-Invest 2020 is ‘Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition’.
- ⇒ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar unveiled Sahakar Pragya. The 45 new training modules of Sahakar Pragya of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas of the country along with Lakshmanrao Inamdar National Cooperative Research and Development Academy.
- ⇒ The Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry launched a National portal for transgender persons to apply for certificates and identity cards.
- ⇒ The portal transgender.dosje.gov.in would enable the applicant to track their application and register their grievances in case of delays.

- ⇒ The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has approved the construction of the Song Dam Drinking Water Project worth Rs 1100 crore in Dehradun.
- ⇒ Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar launched the India Climate Change Knowledge Portal.
- ⇒ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched five Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) for producing honey which will be set up with the help of NAFED in East Champaran (Bihar), Morena (Madhya Pradesh), Bharatpur (Rajasthan), Mathura (Uttar Pradesh) and Sunderbans (West Bengal).
- ⇒ The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and IBM India announced a collaboration to create a robust education and skilling ecosystem that creates critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and next generation innovators through the Common Services Centre Academy.
- ⇒ Markets regulator Sebi launched the Securities Market Trainers (SMARTs) program, an initiative aimed at enhancing investor education and awareness. The launch of SMARTs program comes amid World Investor Week being celebrated across the country.

## **State News**

### **Andhra Pradesh**

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the Jagananna Thodu scheme under which an amount of ₹905 crore was deposited into the bank accounts of 9.05 lakh small traders towards provision of interest-free loan.

### **Arunachal Pradesh**

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) was dedicated to the people of Arunachal Pradesh by Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
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- ⇒ He also launched the “Arunachal Jal Sankalp”, a state government dedicated flagship programme to supplement the Jal Jeevan Mission and to sustain the drinking water systems.
- ⇒ Pakke Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Arunachal Pradesh has become the first in the eight-State northeast to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for “green soldiers”.

### **Assam**

- ⇒ In Assam, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation near Guwahati in presence of Israeli Ambassador Dr. Ron Malka.
- ⇒ Tezpur Litchi of Assam has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. Now Tezpur Litchi has been protected from the production of the fruit in other places.
- ⇒ In Assam, the Education department has launched a toll free tele education helpline number - 18003453578 - for government school students.
- ⇒ A cow shelter in Assam's Dibrugarh inaugurated Northeast's first-ever cow hospital, on the occasion of Gopashtami.
- ⇒ The hospital, Surbhi Aarogyashala, is set up by Shree Gopal Gaushala at a cost of Rs 17 lakh.

### **Chandigarh**

- ⇒ The Governor of Punjab & the Administrator of UT Chandigarh V. P. Singh Badnore launched the Mobile Based Application (App) for online monitoring of rescue, reporting and release of the wildlife in Chandigarh.

### Chhattisgarh

- ⇒ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched a scheme for distribution of fortified rice through Public distribution System (PDS) and other welfare initiatives for the people of Kondagaon district of the state on a pilot basis.

### Delhi

- ⇒ The Delhi government launched the Jeevan Seva app to aid Delhi's Covid patients and their families for a safe commute to hospitals and healthcare facilities in the city.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a statue of Swami Vivekananda in the JNU campus in New Delhi through video conferencing.

### Goa

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched a Whatsapp helpline 7875756177 for women in distress in the state at Police Headquarters, Panaji.

### Gujarat

- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a seaplane service between the Statue of Unity near Kevadiya in Gujarat's Narmada district and Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad.
- ⇒ The Gujarat High Court became the first high court in the country to live-stream its court proceedings on Youtube in order to enhance access to courts, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ⇒ PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Ro-pax ferry services between Hazira near Surat and Ghogha in Bhavnagar district, through video conferencing.

### Haryana

- ⇒ Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar unveiled 'Project Air Care' in Gurgaon to combat rising air pollution in the NCR and surrounding region. .

### Himachal Pradesh

- ⇒ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA approved 1 thousand 8 hundred 10 crore rupees investment proposal of 210 Mega Watt Luhri Stage-I Hydro Power Project on river Satluj which is situated in Shimla and Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh.
- ⇒ Himachal Pradesh government launched 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' to sensitize the people regarding Covid-19 pandemic and also to collect information regarding symptoms of diseases like TB, Leprosy, sugar and blood pressure by door to door campaign throughout the State.

### Karnataka

- ⇒ The country's very first sandalwood museum is likely to come up later this month in Mysuru in Karnataka.
- ⇒ The Karnataka minister for Cooperation, S T Somasekhar has informed that the Central Government has sanctioned an amount of 1700 crore rupees under Special Liquidity Facility.
- ⇒ This amount was released by NABARD to the District Cooperative Banks in the state to provide loans to the farmers in distress due to the pandemic.
- ⇒ Vijayanagara, which will be carved out of Ballari district, is set to be Karnataka's 31st district after Cabinet nod.
- ⇒ The Karnataka government announced that it has set a target to become a USD 50 billion biotechnology market by 2025, contributing to half of the national bio-economy projected to be achieved by then.
- ⇒ The government released its first draft of the Bio-economy Report 2020 at the Bengaluru Tech Summit, highlighting achievements and earmarking targets for the next five years.
- ⇒ The Karnataka government notified the naming of Haveri Railway Station after the freedom fighter Mailara Mahadevappa.

- ⇒ At a time when climate change and infrastructural projects are wreaking havoc on forests, an exhaustive study commissioned by the Karnataka Biodiversity Board and National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has revealed that 23 rare medicinal plants in various forests of the state are on the verge of extinction and listed as 'endangered' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) list.
- ⇒ Karnataka government has renamed the Government Medical College and Research Centre in the premises of Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Bengaluru after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ⇒ The medical college will now be called 'Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Centre'.

### Kerala

- ⇒ Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" in Kerala.
- ⇒ The facility has been constructed under the project "Development of Guruvayur, Kerala" under PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism at the cost of Rs. 11. 57 Crores.
- ⇒ A solar energy-driven miniature train, billed as the country's first of its kind, was inaugurated at the Veli Tourist Village by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.
- ⇒ The Government of Kerala launched a pioneering environmental program called 'Parivartanam' to improve the livelihood of the fishing community.
- ⇒ The State government of Karnataka entered into an agreement with Tata Technologies Ltd. , Pune, to upgrade 150 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) at a cost of ₹4,636. 5 crore.
- ⇒ Finance Minister T. M. Thomas Isaac launched Green Innovation Fund, a fund-linked accelerator programme for social impact start-ups, as a joint initiative of Kerala Startup Mission, Haritha Keralam Mission and United Nations Development Programme, India.
- ⇒ The Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at Kottor 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.

### Ladakh

- ⇒ The Union Territory of Ladakh has got the largest solar power project setup 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.
- ⇒ Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched a roadmap to Aatma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh. The Mukhya Mantri Rural Street Vendor Scheme has been launched by the state government, on the line of Pradhanmantri street vendor scheme.
- ⇒ Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that, the state government has decided to set up a Gau Cabinet for the protection and promotion of cows in the state.
- ⇒ In Madhya Pradesh, a digital museum has been opened at Maharaj Bada in Gwalior for the public. The museum is developed by Gwalior Smart City and entry for the public is being made free for a few days.

### Maharashtra

- ⇒ Chief Justice of India, Sharad Arvind Bobde inaugurated India's first-ever E-resource centre Nyay Kaushal at Judicial Officers Training Institute in Maharashtra's Nagpur.
- ⇒ In Maharashtra, the first solar power-enabled Textile Mill in Asia is coming up in Parbhani district.
- ⇒ The Jai Bhawani women's cooperative textile mill will be the first in Asia that will operate on solar power.
- ⇒ Mumbai has become the first city in India to design a plan for development of designated spaces for women's needs. The city has designed an urban plan with gender-focus on reserving physical and social infrastructure for women.

### Manipur

- ⇒ Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh launched "Scheme for Chief Minister's Award for Good Governance" to recognise and reward progressive and extraordinary work executed by authorities officers that promotes good governance.

### Meghalaya



⇒ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned over Rs 74 crore for the construction of 6 new roads and improvement of 24 existing roads in Meghalaya.

### Odisha

⇒ With an aim to provide hassle-free services regarding irrigation to farmers in Odisha, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched 'Secha Samadhan' app so that they can bring the Water Resources Department's notice about the issues.

### Puducherry

⇒ The Puducherry government has rolled out a free breakfast scheme for school students named after the late DMK President M Karunanidhi, for government and government aided school students at Jeevanandham Government Higher Secondary School.

### Punjab

⇒ In a bid to empower persons with disabilities, the Punjab Cabinet approved a new scheme Punjab Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojna (PDSY), to be implemented in a phased manner across the state.

⇒ 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.

### Rajasthan

⇒ Rajasthan government is planning to make a law on wearing face mask mandatory to prevent the spread of coronavirus in the state.

⇒ If the Bill gets the nod in the state assembly then Rajasthan will become the first state in the country to enact a law for making masks mandatory.

⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveils the "Statue of Peace" in Rajasthan's Pali district via video-conferencing to mark the 151st birth anniversary celebrations of Jain monk Acharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj.

⇒ 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.

⇒ A Letter of Understanding (LoU) has been signed between the Rajasthan government and United Nation's World Food Programme (WFP) for proposed participation to achieve food and nutritional security goals.

### Tamil Nadu

⇒ Tamil Nadu government and HCL will set up a Disaster Management – Data Analytics Centre to strengthen the State's disaster management efforts in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic.

⇒ 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.

⇒ 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.

⇒ MSME financier Sidbi signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Tamil Nadu to set up a Project Management Unit (PMU) that will design training and capacity building programs.

### Telangana

⇒ Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao inaugurated the State's first Rythu Vedika in Jangaon agriculture cluster.

⇒ The Telangana State government has launched two mobile applications for effectively monitoring the works undertaken by the gram panchayats and improving their efficiency.

⇒ The launch of the two apps – Palle Pragati PS App (panchayat secretary app) and Monitoring App – is aimed at enhancing the performance of the officials at the grass root level and enable supervision of the works taken up by the inspection officers concerned on a daily basis.

⇒ A new online single window system for sanctioning approvals to new buildings based on self- certification

by the applicants was launched in Telangana by Municipal Administration Minister K T Rama Rao.

- ⇒ Under the Telangana State Building Permission Approval and Self-Certification System (TS-bPASS), no permission was required for constructing a house in plots area up to 75 square yards and building height up to 7 meters.

### **Uttar Pradesh**

- ⇒ 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.

### **Uttarakhand**

- ⇒ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat launched free high-speed WiFi service for all government colleges and universities in the state.
- ⇒ Uttarakhand is the first state in the country to provide free internet to all government colleges and universities.
- ⇒ CM inaugurated the 725-metre long Dobra-Chanthi suspension bridge in Tehri-Garhwal district.
- ⇒ This project is the longest motorable single lane suspension bridge in India. It has been built at a cost of Rs 2. 96 crores.
- ⇒ 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 first moss garden has been developed at Khurpatal in Nainital district, Uttarakhand. The main aim behind developing the garden was to conserve the various species of moss and other bryophytes.

### **West Bengal**

- ⇒ West Bengal will soon feature "India's first" 'Tyre Park', where artworks made from scrap and defective parts will be on display.
- ⇒ The world's first library for children on a tram would be launched in Kolkata on Children's Day, which is celebrated to commemorate first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's birth anniversary.
- ⇒ 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.

## **Finance and Banking News**

- ⇒ India-based private sector lender RBL Bank has launched instant payouts for fintech firms by partnering with payments giant Visa.
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) allowed Facebook-owned messaging platform WhatsApp to start its payments service in the country in a "graded" manner.
- ⇒ In a bid to strengthen capital base, the union government has provided Rs 670 crore to Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) considering their importance in agriculture finance during these difficult times. This round of infusion would take care of capital needs till March 31, 2021.
- ⇒ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) unveiled discounts up to 65 per cent on purchase of various branded items using RuPay card.
- ⇒ The 'RuPay Festive Carnival' will provide compelling benefits and attractive discounts to RuPay users, aimed at encouraging safe, contactless and cashless payments.
- ⇒ The markets regulator, SEBI has introduced a 'flexi-cap category' for mutual funds (MFs), which will be required to invest at least 65% of the corpus in equity but will have no restrictions on investing in large-, mid- or small-cap company stocks. Unlike the new multi cap funds, there is no restriction in terms of allocation to any market cap.

- ⇒ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) enhanced the foreign investment limit for mutual funds to \$600 million from \$300 million with immediate effect, while capping the overall industry limit at \$7 billion.
- ⇒ Bank of Baroda (BOB) has introduced Employee Assistance Program, a new employee Central initiative to help employees to deal with personal and professional issues in psychological consulting and counselling.
- ⇒ Aegon Life Insurance, the pioneer of digital insurance in India, announced the launch of 'Life + 36 critical illness Insurance' on Flipkart at the starting premium of just Rs. 153 for a life cover of Rs 1 lakh plus Critical Illness cover of Rs. 10,000.
- ⇒ The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government announced extending the time window for businesses to seek sovereign-guaranteed loans under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by one month till November 30 or "or till such time that an amount of Rs 3 trillion is sanctioned under the Scheme, whichever is earlier.
- ⇒ Visa recently announced the first successful live deployment of a PCI certified Tap to Phone card acceptance solution, in partnership with DigitSecure and HDFC Bank.
- ⇒ AU Small Finance Bank entered into agreement with Care Health Insurance Company for health insurance products as Corporate Agent.
- ⇒ SBI Cards and Payment Services (SBI Card) said it has launched credit cards in partnership with the digital payment platform Paytm.
- ⇒ ICICI Bank has launched a banking stack for millennial customers which offers an instant savings account, a feature-driven iMobile application that offers investment guidance, curated credit and debit card, instant personal loans and overdrafts, and an experiential branch with social engagement space.
- ⇒ ICICI Bank has launched a fully digital mode of payment at leading retail stores. Titled as 'ICICI Bank Cardless EMI' (Equated Monthly Instalments), the facility will help lakhs of its pre-approved customers in buying their favourite gadgets or home appliances with the help of their mobile phone and PAN.
- ⇒ Karnataka Bank Ltd. launched the National Common Mobility Debit Card. This Rupay card is a contact-less debit-cum-prepaid and interoperable transport card.
- ⇒ Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance has launched India's first individual Covid-19 life insurance product, 'Covid Shield+' to secure people's dreams and aspirations from the financial impact of a Covid-19 diagnosis.
- ⇒ MobiKwik has partnered with card network American Express (Amex) to launch its first prepaid payments card with flexible credit limit.
- ⇒ SBM Bank India, which is the wholly-owned subsidiary of State Bank of Mauritius, is focussing on technology to reach out to customers and is set to launch a neo banking platform.
- ⇒ Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA Life), one of India's leading providers of Pure Protection Solutions, announced that it has partnered with PayBima, the digital arm of Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd. , as a Broker to distribute its industry-leading life insurance solutions.
- ⇒ Paytm has launched Payout Links for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors, without collecting their bank details.
- ⇒ The private sector lender, HDFC Bank announced the launch of SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0, India's first comprehensive banking and payment solution for merchants .
- ⇒ Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked banks to ensure all accounts are Aadhaar-seeded and linked with Permanent Account Number (PAN) by March 31, 2021.
- ⇒ Giving relief to exporters, the finance ministry has approved allocation of Rs 39,097 crore under the incentive scheme MEIS for exports during 2019-20.
- ⇒ In view of its weak financials, the Reserve Bank placed the Lakshmi Vilas Bank Limited under moratorium with immediate effect. The moratorium will be effective for thirty days with a view to protect depositors' interest.
- ⇒ RBI appointed the former Non Executive Chairman of Canara Bank, T. N. Manoharan as the banks' administrator for the moratorium period.
- ⇒ 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.

Equitas Small Finance Bank also announced Smriti Mandhana – an Indian Woman cricketer as the new brand ambassador.

- ⇒ Reserve Bank of India has announced the names of two startups that have been selected as a part of its regulatory sandbox programme.
- ⇒ The two companies are Jaipur based Natural Support Consultancy Services Private Limited and New Delhi based Nucleus Software Exports Limited.
- ⇒ While the former has named its product ‘eRupaya’, which will facilitate offline Person-to-Merchant transactions and offline digital payments in remote locations. The second company’s product ‘PaySe’, proposes to help in digitisation of payments in rural areas, starting with Self Help Groups, through an offline payment solution and a digitised SHG-centered ecosystem.
- ⇒ For the first time in history, India’s economy has entered a “technical recession” in the first half of 2020-21, a team of economists, including Michael Patra, Reserve Bank of India’s deputy governor in charge of monetary policy, stated.
- ⇒ HDFC Bank Ltd. announced the launch of “Mooh Band Rakho,” a campaign to increase awareness on cyber frauds and preventing them.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Karnataka Bank launched CASA (current account, savings account) mobilisation campaign which will run from November 17 to March 4, 2021.
- ⇒ Yes Bank said it has launched a co-branded prepaid card named ‘Yes Bank Neokred Card’, in partnership with Neokred Technologies to facilitate cashless payments.
- ⇒ YES Bank in partnership with Worldline introduces SMS Pay on POS terminals
- ⇒ The Centre has said that over 27 lakh 33 thousand applications have been received under Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor’s Atma-Nirbhar Nidhi- PM- SVANidhi Scheme.
- ⇒ Out of the total applications received, over 14 lakh and 34 thousand have been sanctioned and about 7. 88 lakh loans disbursed.
- ⇒ Bank credit grew by 5. 67 per cent to Rs 104. 04 lakh crore, while deposits increased by 10. 63 per cent to Rs 143. 80 lakh crore in the fortnight ended November 6, according to RBI data.
- ⇒ RBL Bank has selected Amazon Web Services (AWS) as its preferred cloud service to drive digital transformation. At present, around 40 per cent of the bank’s mission-critical applications are on the cloud.
- ⇒ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has allocated \$20. 3 million in technical assistance to help its developing members access vaccines for Covid-19 and establish systems to enable equitable and efficient vaccine distribution.
- ⇒ To enable women entrepreneurs to launch, grow and thrive, Mastercard and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced their partnership to launch Project Kirana.
- ⇒ A two year programme, the project will first be rolled out in select cities of Uttar Pradesh – Lucknow, Kanpur and Varanasi.
- ⇒ State Bank of India (SBI) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSe).
- ⇒ The MoU will help SBI and LuxSE set up a long-term cooperation mechanism, and promote ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) and green finance.
- ⇒ A Reserve Bank of India (RBI) panel has recommended raising the cap on promoter shareholding in private sector banks to 26 per cent of the paid up equity after 15 years of operation from 15 per cent. The committee, led by PK Mohanty, also proposed converting of payments banks into a small finance bank.
- ⇒ State run Punjab National Bank said the RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on it for contravention of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act.
- ⇒ Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company has launched Kotak ESG Opportunities Fund. Kotak ESG Opportunities Fund will be managed by Harsha Upadhyaya.
- ⇒ KMAMC is the first asset management company to sign the United Nation’s Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI).
- ⇒ Life Insurance Corporation of India launched its first Digital Application, ANANDA, an acronym for Atma



Nirbhar Agents NewBusiness Digital Application.

- ⇒ ANANDA is a first of its kind in the Indian Life Insurance industry with LIC of India pioneering the process through its in-house IT enabled systems.
- ⇒ The cabinet approved DBS India's plan to take over capital-starved Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB), paving the way for the first such rescue by a foreign lender.
- ⇒ HDFC Life and HDFC Ergo joined hands to launch a combi insurance product 'Click 2 Protect Corona Kavach'.
- ⇒ Private lender HDFC Bank has joined hands with ICCI (Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce and Industries) in its endeavour for supporting SMEs and Start-ups.
- ⇒ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has joined hands with PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited to launch Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Indian FinTech unicorn Razorpay announced the launch of RazorpayX Corporate Cards, in collaboration with Visa.

### **Business News**

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Procter & Gamble (P&G) India has announced a growth fund of Rs 400 crore to give a hand to the government's vision of a self-reliant country.
- ⇒ This new fund is part of P&G India's 'vGROW' program that focuses on identifying and collaborating with start-ups, small businesses, individuals or large organisations offering innovative industry-leading solutions.
- ⇒ Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) said the company signed a contract worth Rs 400 crore with Tech Mahindra for implementation of enterprise resource planning (ERP) to support its project Parivartan.
- ⇒ Private lender Axis Bank Ltd said that it will acquire up to 19% in Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd. through various Axis entities since the Reserve Bank of India has turned down the bank's earlier proposal to directly buy a stake of 17% in the life insurer.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ The private lender Axis Bank has executed an agreement for subscribing to 57,743 equity shares of face value of Rs 1,000 each to be issued by CSC e-Governance Services India for Rs 6,300 each.
- ⇒ The transaction is for 9.91% equity stake for a cash consideration of Rs 36.38 crore in CSC e-Governance Services India as a strategic investment by the bank.
- ⇒ HDFC ERGO General Insurance, India's third-largest non-life insurance company in the private sector, announced the launch of the AI tool IDEAS (Intelligent Damage detection Estimation and Assessment Solution) for motor claim settlements.
- ⇒ [www.iffcobazar.in](http://www.iffcobazar.in), the e-commerce arm of IFFCO has announced its integration with the SBI YONO Krishi, which is the dedicated portal catering to the farmer's needs.
- ⇒ One of the biggest enterprise solutions providers in India, Marg ERP, with over 50 per cent market share in Pharma and FMCG sector nationally, has come together with Paytm to facilitate seamless transactions for MSMEs.
- ⇒ Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Bharti AXA General Insurance to offer Smart Drive Private Car Insurance, a comprehensive car insurance to the payments bank's customers.
- ⇒ Bharti AXA General Insurance has launched #CancerSendsNoNotifications campaign – a special initiative to increase awareness and spread knowledge on detecting the disease early among people in India.

- ⇒ Building on its diversity, equity and inclusivity efforts, Amazon India announced the launch of its first all-women Virtual Customer Service (VCS) site in Bengaluru with 60 women.
- ⇒ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced an agreement under which the company will acquire 100% of the shares of Postbank Systems AG (PBS) from Deutsche Bank AG.
- ⇒ TCS, India's largest information technology (IT) services company, will acquire the shares of Postbank Systems AG, the technology services unit of Frankfurt-based Deutsche Bank AG and absorb its 1,500 employees.
- ⇒ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has said that it has approved Google picking up 7.73% stake in Mueskh Ambani-led Jio Platforms for ₹33,737 crore, facilitating the internet major and Jio Platforms Ltd (JPL) to develop and launch Android smartphones in India.
- ⇒ Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, DIPAM signed an agreement with World Bank. Under the agreement, World Bank is to provide advisory services to DIPAM for asset monetization.
- ⇒ Flipkart Group has announced acquisition of Augmented Reality (AR) startup called Scapic for an undisclosed sum.
- ⇒ Reliance Retail has acquired a majority stake in furniture and decor platform Urban Ladder, making a broader push into e-commerce as the largest retail chain in India gears up to fight Amazon and Flipkart.
- ⇒ BSE, the leading stock exchange has launched 'Corp Direct – A Direct Investment Portal for Corporates', with more features which will further simplify and provide end-to-end value-based services to the asset management companies (AMCs), distributors, investors, and mutual fund industry participants.
- ⇒ As part of its ongoing efforts to foster an ecosystem that enhances India's digital talent with the right set of skills, the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) launched FutureSkills PRIME Beta Platform.
- ⇒ According to the report "Opens Doors 2020", Indian students contributed USD 7.6 billion to the US economy in the academic year 2019-20, even though there was a 4.4 per cent drop in the total number of Indian students.
- ⇒ IBM said that it has acquired TruQua, an IT services and consulting company focused on SAP's finance and analytics technologies.
- ⇒ Luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz has partnered with the State Bank of India, to offer attractive financial benefits, on owning a Mercedes-Benz.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Insurance Regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) gave in-principle approval to proposed arrangement between ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd. and Bharti AXA General Insurance Co. Ltd., according to an exchange filing.

### **Economy News**

- ⇒ India's unemployment rate in October rose to 6.98% from 6.67% in September, according to data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- ⇒ Fitch Solutions has revised its estimate for India's fiscal deficit to 7.8% of GDP for 2020-21 from 8.2% projected earlier. This was mainly driven by a strong recovery in tax revenues during Q2FY21.
- ⇒ Rating agency Moody's Investors Service has raised India's GDP forecast for the calendar year 2020 upwards to -8.9 per cent contraction from -9.6 per cent contraction forecast earlier.
- ⇒ India's GDP to contract 10.3% in FY21: Goldman Sachs.
- ⇒ The UBS has projected India's real GDP to contract 10.5% in FY21, in its Global Economics & Markets Outlook 2021-2022 report.
- ⇒ Barclays has modestly revised its FY21 GDP forecast downwards to -6.4 per cent from -6 per cent earlier, to reflect the marginally weaker incoming data than it had earlier anticipated.
- ⇒ Global forecasting firm Oxford Economics revised downwards its India growth forecast over the medium term to an average 4.5 per cent over 2020-25, from its pre-pandemic projection of 6.5 per cent.
- ⇒ India's gross domestic product or GDP contracted 7.5% in the quarter ending September in comparison to the same period last year, data released by the Union ministry of statistics and programme implementation

(Mospi) showed.

- ⇒ GDP Contraction Likely to Have Narrowed to 9. 5% in September Quarter: Iera
- ⇒ Moody's Investors Service has revised its GDP projection for India in 2020-21 to a 10. 6% contraction compared to a 11. 5% drop it had estimated.
- ⇒ The rating agency has also marginally elevated its forecast for 2021-22 GDP growth from 10. 6% to 10. 8%.
- ⇒ According to Consumer Price Index (CPI) data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, inflation stood at 7. 61% in October — the highest since May 2014.
- ⇒ According to RBI, GDP is likely to contract by 8. 6 per cent for the July-September period.
- ⇒ India can attract \$120-160 billion FDI annually by 2025: CII-EY report

## **Science & Technology**

- ⇒ A five-member team of researchers at 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).
- ⇒ With the pandemic adding to the stress of students, IIT Bombay launched a selfhelp website to assist them through the tough time and enhance their emotional wellbeing.
- ⇒ The website – 'Bandhu' (a friend in need), iitb-bandhu. com – is an initiative of IIT Bombay's batch of 1992.
- ⇒ A fisherman from the Ramanathapuram district's Pamban town has started 'Kadal Osai FM 90. 4', India's first and only radio channel for fisherfolk.
- ⇒ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the 51st mission of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ⇒ The carrier vehicle PSLV C49 will deliver 10 satellites in all with EOS-01 as the primary one.
- ⇒ Virgin Hyperloop has "successfully" completed the first-ever human trial in the hyperloop pod at the DevLoop test facility in the US, where the company has previously run over 400 un-occupied tests.
- ⇒ India successfully test-fired the Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) system at an integrated test range in Chandipur off the Odisha coast. The successful test-firing of the QRSAM, having a range of around 30 km, paves the way for its commercial production.
- ⇒ A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launched an advanced ocean-mapping satellite into orbit for NASA and the European Space Agency in a stunning morning launch from California.
- ⇒ The Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite is named for Michael Freilich, the former head of NASA's Earth science division who died of cancer in August.

## **Defence News**

- ⇒ The Bangladesh and US navies launched the 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Bangladesh 2020' to expand relationships and broaden maritime awareness between the two countries.
- ⇒ The navies of India, the US, Japan and Australia held a series of complex manoeuvres in the Bay of Bengal, kick-starting the four-day-long first phase of the Malabar naval exercise, seen as a prelude to future military cooperation among the member nations of the Quad or Quadrilateral Coalition.
- ⇒ The Indian Ministry of Defence has announced the start of the second phase of Exercise Malabar 2020 in the Northern Arabian Sea.
- ⇒ The armed forces conducted a joint tri-service exercise 'Bull Strike' at the Teresa Island in the Nicobar group of islands located close to the strategic Strait of Malacca.
- ⇒ A model of Anti-Satellite Missile installed inside the DRDO Bhawan premises was unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- ⇒ Union minister of state for defence, Shripad Naik launched the fifth Scorpene class submarine 'Vagir' of Project 75 in Arabian sea waters at Mazagon Dock, in Mumbai through video conferencing.
- ⇒ The Indian Navy received the ninth Poseidon 8I maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare aircraft from the US at its naval airbase in Goa, under a USD 1. 1 billion deal. It is the first of the four additional planes ordered.
- ⇒ The 30th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and

the Royal Thai Navy took place from November 18-20.

- ⇒ Indian Navy Ships including indigenously built ASW corvette Kamorta and missile corvette Karmuk are participating in the 2nd edition of India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise SITMEX-20 in Andaman Sea.
- ⇒ Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO, G. Satheesh Reddy, flagged off the first Varunastra, the heavy weight torpedo, which was delivered to the Indian Navy, at a ceremony held at BDL, Visakhapatnam unit.
- ⇒ Russia successfully test-fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile in the Arctic, the country's Defence Ministry has announced.

## Sports News

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Jio Women's T20 Challenge title	Trailblazers (beat Supernovas)
5th Indian Premier League (IPL) title	Mumbai Indians (MI) (defeated Delhi Capitals)
MMA championship title in Singapore	Ritu Phogat
French Boxing Tournament (52 kg)	Amit Panghal
French Boxing Tournament (75 kg)	Ashish Kumar
French Boxing Tournament (91 kg)	Sanjeet
ITTF Women's World Cup title	Chen Meng
Erste Bank Open	Andrey Rublev
2020 Rolex Paris Masters title	Daniil Medvedev
Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020	Lewis Hamilton
Turkish Grand Prix 2020	Lewis Hamilton

## Sports

- ⇒ Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced Reliance Jio as the title sponsor of the Women's T20 Challenge 2020.
- ⇒ Sudeep Tyagi, who played for the Indian national cricket team in four ODIs and a lone T20I as a fast bowler, announced his retirement from all forms of the game.
- ⇒ Marlon Samuels, the West Indies batsman who top-scored in both of their T20 World Cup final victories, announced his retirement from professional cricket.
- ⇒ Australian all-rounder Shane Watson announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- ⇒ Former West Indies fast bowler Michael Holding has been appointed as a new patron of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Foundation.
- ⇒ Tennis star Novak Djokovic has equalled Pete Sampras's record of winning six year-end number one trophies. The Serbian player achieved the feat as he was given the ATP Tour Number One trophy for finishing as the year-end number one.
- ⇒ The Women's Under-17 football World Cup in India, which was initially postponed to next year due to COVID-19 pandemic, was cancelled by FIFA, but India was handed the hosting rights of the 2022 edition. The FIFA cancelled both the women's U-17 World Cup and U-20 World Cup which were scheduled to be held in India and Costa Rica respectively but handed both the countries the hosting rights of the 2022 editions.
- ⇒ Mobile Premier League's sports merchandise brand MPL Sports will be the new sponsor of kit for the Indian cricket team under a three-year deal until 2023, the country's cricket board (BCCI) announced.
- ⇒ Italian teenager Jannik Sinner has become the youngest man to capture an ATP Tour title in more than 12 years after his title win at the Sofia Open.
- ⇒ Russian Daniil Medvedev claimed the biggest title of his career as he stormed back to beat Dominic Thiem 4-6 7-6(2) 6-4 in an absorbing climax to the ATP Finals in London.
- ⇒ 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.



- ⇒ The elite football body, FIFA, has released the international rankings for November 2020, India has moved up to 104, a significant rise of four spots, in the recent FIFA rankings. Belgium is at the top.
- ⇒ Indian cricket team skipper Virat Kohli scripted another record in the game. The 32-year-old batsman has become the fastest to 22,000 international runs. He surpassed Sachin Tendulkar, Brian Lara, and Ricky Ponting who took 493, 511, and 514 innings respectively to record the same feat.

### Committee

<i>Head of Committee</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
M M Kutty	Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas.
Shashi Shekhar Vempati	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has constituted a committee to review guidelines on Television Rating agencies in India. He is Prasar Bharti CEO
R Chandrasekaran	Insurance sector regulator IRDAI has set up a working group to revisit product structures of engineering tariffs relevant for the retail category in the wake of continuous advancement in technology.
Sandip Bhagat Partner at S&R Associates	Markets regulator Sebi has set up an expert group to review the framework of share-based employee benefit and issue of sweat equity.

### Rankings

<i>Index</i>	<i>India's Rank</i>	<i>Other Information</i>
India has been ranked 196th among 200 countries with respect to Body Mass Index (BMI) as per a global analysis of data spanning 34 years, according to the review published in the international medical journal 'The Lancet' led by Imperial College London.		
India was among six countries with the highest number of infants who had not received the vaccine against measles — while the contagious viral disease surged worldwide in 2019 reaching the highest number of reported cases in 23 years, according to a new report of the World Health Organisation and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.		
Global list of trade bribery risks of 2020	77th	1st – North Korea

### Rankings (Persons, Cities, Organisations and Others)

- ⇒ Madhya Pradesh topped the list of states for providing employment under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during Corona pandemic.
- ⇒ Chandauli district of Uttar Pradesh has topped the rankings of aspirational districts by government think-tank Niti Aayog for September.
- ⇒ Bokaro and Purbi Singhbhum (both in Jharkhand) have been placed at second and third positions, respectively, announced by Niti Aayog. Sonbhadra (Uttar Pradesh) has been ranked fourth.
- ⇒ HDFC Bank Ltd has been voted 'Most Outstanding Company – Financial Sector' in India, in a poll conducted by the well-known publication Asiamoney. HDFC Bank has bagged this honour for the 2nd consecutive year.
- ⇒ Tamil Nadu leads Indian states in attracting investments during the first half of FY21, having managed to grab 16 per cent of the funds that came into India during the period, according to CARE Ratings.
- ⇒ Tamil Nadu has bagged the first place in the best State (normal) category followed by Maharashtra and Rajasthan in the National Water Awards, 2019, presented by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- ⇒ Under the best district category in the south zone, Vellore and Karur were awarded the first and second spots respectively in the sub-category of revival of river. Perambalur came second in the water conservation category.
- ⇒ The Sasthavinathur village panchayat, Thoothukudi, stood first in the water conservation category. The Madurai

Municipal Corporation was awarded the first place in the best urban local body category.

- ⇒ Telangana has been adjudged as a ‘top-performing’ state in the country followed by Bihar and Goa for providing a high number of functional tap water connections. The latest data shows that Telangana has ensured 69.56 per cent of its households in the rural belt have access to water.
- ⇒ While Goa, among the small states have topped the chart by provided tap connections to 100 per cent to households after the launch of Jal Jeevan mission in August 2019.
- ⇒ The states of Kerala, Goa, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have been most successful in integrating migrant workers, while crucial migrant receiving states, including Delhi, have done poorly, shows the Interstate Migrant Policy Index (IMPEX) that seeks to measure integration of interstate migrants.
- ⇒ With a donation of ₹7,904 crore, Azim Premji, the founder-chairman of Wipro, topped the list of philanthropists in India for 2020. He donated ₹22 crore per day.
- ⇒ Delhi Airport has become the first airport in Asia Pacific Region to achieve Level 4+ accredited airport under Airport Council International’s (ACI) Airport Carbon Accreditation program.
- ⇒ Bhubaneswar (Odisha) becomes the 1st city in the entire country to receive the ISO-9001:2015 certification for effective Faecal Sludge & Septage Management FSSM services.
- ⇒ Vancouver-based Resonance Consultancy Ltd., which deals in real estate, released its “World’s Best Cities for 2021” list, naming London as the best city.
- ⇒ London was followed by USA’s New York. Only one Indian city Delhi, made it to the list, taking the 62nd position.
- ⇒ India’s Artificial Intelligence supercomputer Param Siddhi has achieved 63rd rank among top 500 most powerful non-distributed computer systems in the world. Supercomputer Fugaku from Japan topped the list.
- ⇒ 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. The report was released by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner.
- ⇒ Manipur, which recorded the lowest sex ratio, was followed by Lakshadweep at 839 and Daman & Diu at 877, Punjab at 896 and Gujarat at 896.
- ⇒ According to Global Employability Ranking and Survey (GEURS) 2020 results, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has been ranked as the best institute in India and 27th globally, in terms of employability of its students. The GEURS 2020 was released by the Times Higher Education and French HR Consultancy group ‘Emerging’.
- ⇒ Globally, India has been ranked among the 15 best-performing countries in employability, improving from its 23rd rank in 2010.
- ⇒ The COVID-19 pandemic has reordered the world’s most expensive cities list, putting Hong Kong, Zurich, and Paris in the top three spots.
- ⇒ According to the Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL) annual report from the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) revealed that Singapore and Osaka, which were joint first in 2019, have slid down the rankings to fourth and fifth place respectively.

### Loans from Banks/Countries

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Asian Development Bank	India	\$132.8 million	To improve and upgrade the power distribution network in Meghalaya.
Asian Development Bank	India	\$50 million	To improve operational efficiencies and resource planning and management in West Bengal
German state-owned development bank KfW		€545 million (Rs 4,767 crore)	To the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for infrastructure projects in Mumbai.
New Development Bank	India	\$500 million	For the ‘Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System Project’

World Bank	India	\$120 million	To improve and modernise the transport sector of Meghalaya
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⇒ Indian Ambassador to Nepal Vinay Mohan Kwatra handed over a cheque of NPR 1 billion to the Nepal government as reimbursement of Nepal Housing Reconstruction Project.

### Deadlines/ Important Dates

⇒ Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a notification making FASTags mandatory for all four wheel vehicles from 1st January 2021. This will apply to old vehicles as well as M and N category of motor vehicles sold before 1st December, 2017.

### Books

<b>Book</b>	<b>Author</b>
Till We Win	Randeep Guleria
Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy	Tamal Bandyopadhyay
Archaeology and the Public Purpose: Writings on and by M N Deshpande	Nayanjot Lahiri
Your Best Day Is Today!	Anupam Kher
Jugalbandi: The BJP Before Modi	Vinay Sitapati
How To Be A Writer	Ruskin Bond
Biography of New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern	Supriya Vani and Carl A Harte
Majhi Bhint (My Wall)	Rajendra Darda
Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender	Sasindran Kallinkeel
I Am No Messiah	Sonu Sood's autobiography (The book will be co-written by Meena Iyer. )
Boskiyana	New Book on Gulzar from Radhakrishna Prakashan
Insomnia: Army Stories	Rachna Bisht Rawat
The Battle of Belonging	Shashi Tharoor
Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu launched the book titled, Thavaasmi: Life and Skills through the lens of ramayana.	
A pictorial anthology on Mahatma Gandhi in the Nepali language was released by President Bidya Devi Bhandari to mark his 151st birth anniversary and bring the Nepalese youth closer to the revered global peace icon.	
The book titled Maile Bujheko Gandhi or the Gandhi as I understood was released at a special function at Rashtrapati Bhawan in Kathmandu in the presence of Ambassador of India to Nepal, Vinay Mohan Kwatra.	
Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a book on the life and ideals of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism and first of its 10 gurus.	
The book has been penned by Kirpal Singh, who is based in Chandigarh.	

### Obituaries

<b>Name</b>	<b>Profession</b>
Ramraoji Maharaj	Religious leader of Banjara community at Poharadevi in Washim district of Maharashtra
TN Krishnan	Violin maestro and Padma awardee
P G Kakodkar	Former chairman of State Bank of India
Bhanwar Lal Meghwal	Politician (Rajasthan's Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment)
R. Duraikannu	Politician (Tamil Nadu agriculture minister)

Nar Bahadur Bhandari	Politician (Former CM of Sikkim)
Satish Prasad Singh	Politician (6th & shortest served CM of Bihar)
LG Chandrawati	Politician (Haryana's First Woman MP and Former Puducherry LG)
Tulsi Ram	Politician (Former Himachal Pradesh Speaker)
Mridula Sinha	Politician (first woman Governor of Goa)
Tarun Gogoi	Politician (Former CM of Assam)
Ahmed Patel	Politician
Ravi Belagere	Writer and Journalist
Shaik Khaja Hussain	Noted Telugu poet, journalist, scriptwriter
Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ	Author and Gujarati columnist
Sudarshan Rattan	Filmmaker
Ashish Kakkad	Filmmaker and actor
Vishwa Mohan Badola	Actor
Faraaz Khan	Actor
Asif Basra	Actor
Ashiesh Roy	TV Actor
Soumitra Chatterjee	Bengali Actor
Satyajit Ghosh	Football Player
Arjun Prajapati	Sculptor
M L Dhar	Former IIS officer
Vice Admiral John Thomas Goslin Pereira	Ex-Navy Officer
Sushila Devi	Wife of Odisha Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal
Maulana Kalbe Sadiq	Educationist, Islamic scholar (He was also All India Muslim Personal Law Board vice president.)
Faqir Chand Kohli	Businessman (Father of Indian Software Industry)
James Wolfensohn	Former World Bank president
Aly Zaker	Bangladeshi actor and Liberation War fighter
David Prowse	Bodybuilder and British Actor
Diego Maradona	Former Argentine footballer
Ray Clemence	Former England footballer
Masatoshi Koshihira	Japanese physicist
Jerry Rawlings	Ghana's former president
Sean Connery	American Actor (most famous for his portrayal of James Bond)
Don Talbot	Australia's Swimming Coach
Ken Spears	American television writer (He was co-creator of the animated series Scooby-Doo)
Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa	Bahrain's long-serving PM