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...the MMDA wants to implement the no-contact form of 'arrest' for traffic violators. Is it convenient or lack of conviction to make the arrests and make them stick? Do we wait and let a traffic violator carry on with their wrong driving habits for months it not a year before we let them know they've been tagged? I say arrest them on the spot, spoil their day and make them learn as soon as possible.

Round and Round the Roundabouts...? What Roundabouts? In case you don't know or have not heard about it is the Shaw Boulevard Roundabout that used to be a major landmark between the old provincial capital, Pangasinana and Baguio. Kaputayan has been gradually removed piece by piece in order to avoid a freeways from possible oppositions. They did it so well and so slowly while motorists and pedestrians are now asking how much longer is this fide and week going to take. For starters, local and national authorities have decided on what the national or local authorities have decided on in terms of traffic management. Will there be a traffic light intersection between Shaw Boulevard, Capital Commons and Baguio Kaputayan? Or will it be one of those organic intersections maintained by human sense? People are also asking about the huge diggings around the concrete posts at various points "around the roundabouts. Violations for parking the project for



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Weekly Current Affairs: 8th to 15th October 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Legal Services Day is observed on November 9

Legal Services Day is observed on 9 November in India to raise awareness among the people where Legal Literacy is lacking. On this day, in 1995, the Legal Services Authorities Act was enforced.

Armistice Day (Remembrance Day) is observed on November 11

Armistice Day is observed on 11 November and is also known as L'armistice de la Première Guerre Mondiale in France. This day is observed in the commemoration of the end of World War I. Some countries also call it Remembrance Day. Let us tell you that on 11 November 1918, an armistice was signed between the Allied Forces and Germany at Compiegne in northern France.

Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed on November 12

Public Service Broadcasting Day is being observed today. The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947. The Father of the Nation addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition.

World Pneumonia Day is observed on November 12

World Pneumonia Day is observed on 12 November to raise awareness about Pneumonia and its prevention. It is the world's leading infectious disease due to which children below 5 years are much more affected.

World Kindness Day is celebrated on November 13

World Kindness Day is celebrated on 13 November and this day provides us an opportunity to reflect and follow the most important and one of the unique human principles. This day promotes small acts of kindness and brings people together.

World Diabetes Day is observed on November 14

World Diabetes Day is observed on 14 November to raise awareness about the impact of diabetes disease, its prevention, and education of diabetes.



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Children's Day is celebrated on November 14

Children's Day is celebrated on 14 November in India and is also known as Bal Divas. This day increases awareness in people about the rights, care, and education of children. Children are the future of the country. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Jawaharlal Nehru Jayanti is celebrated on November 14

Jawaharlal Nehru was born on 14 November, 1889 in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh. His birthday is also celebrated as Children's Day in India. He was the first Prime Minister of Independent India.

Jharkhand Foundation Day is observed on November 15

Jharkhand was established on 15 November 2000 by the Bihar Reorganisation Act as the 28th State of India.

STATE NEWS

Nagaland decides to celebrate Hornbill Festival 2020 virtually

Nagaland Tourism Department has informed that the state government decided to celebrate the Hornbill Festival 2020 in a complete virtual mode only through various audio visual media channels and Social Media platforms. The content for the virtual festival will be sourced from Government archives.

Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed on November 9

Uttarakhand was established on 9 November 2000. This year 20th Uttarakhand Foundation Day was celebrated. When it was formed its name was Uttaranchal and in 2007, it was changed to Uttarakhand formally. It is famous as the Land of Gods or "Dev Bhumi".

Uttarakhand CM launches free Wi-Fi service for govt colleges, universities

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat launched free high-speed WiFi service for all government colleges and universities in the state. He launched the service at a college in his constituency Doiwala.



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KVIC distributes 60,000 khadi masks to school children in Arunachal Pradesh

KVIC has provided double-layered, tri-color Cotton face masks to Arunachal Pradesh Government with its logo suitably placed on the masks. The face masks in tri-color also aims at instilling a sense of nationalism among the students. Thousands of school children in Arunachal Pradesh will be sporting tri-color Khadi Face Masks as they return to their schools for the first time post-COVID-19 lockdown.

Madhya Pradesh launches unique initiative- local4Diwali hashtag

In Madhya Pradesh, the Handicrafts Development Corporation has launched a unique initiative-local4Diwali hashtag under the 'Vocal for Local' campaign in the festive season. The objective of this campaign is to encourage the products of local artisans to make them self-reliant. The sale of locally produced earthen lamps, cotton and silk handloom textiles is being promoted by the Handicrafts Development Corporation under the Local4Diwali hashtag.

Karnataka makes mandatory for post graduate medical students to serve in rural areas

Karnataka Health and Medical Education minister Dr. K Sudhakar has said it will be mandatory for the post graduate medical students to serve in rural areas. The minister said 70 percent of the population resides in rural India and doctors must serve them. He further added that those who study abroad must return to the motherland and serve their own people.

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Kiren Rijiju inaugurate Hunar Haat in New Delhi

Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Hunar Haat at Dilli Haat, Pitampura in New Delhi which will continue till 22nd of this month.

Home Minister Amit Shah to inaugurate "Sarhad Vistar Vikas Utsav 2020" in Gujarat

Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate "Sarhad Vistar Vikas utsav 2020" at Dhordo village situated in the forward border area in Kutch district of Gujarat. Over 1500 Sanpanch and Gram Panchayat members from 158 border villages from Kutch, Banaskantha and Patan districts are invited to participate in this first of its kind event being organized under Border Area Development Programme (BADP).

Jharkhand Assembly unanimously passes resolution seeking separate code for Adivasis

The Jharkhand Assembly unanimously passed a resolution seeking a separate code for Adivasis. The resolution demanded provisions for a separate Adivasi/Sarna religious code for inclusion in the census register. After passage of the resolution, Chief Minister, Hemant Soren, said the religious code will enable to give an exact number of tribal communities, help document their population, preserve tribal languages, culture and history and help them avail their constitutional rights.



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Maharashtra to observe National Unity Week from Nov 19 to 25

Maharashtra will observe the National Unity Week from 19th to 25th of November. Making an announcement in this regard, Minister for Skill Development and Minority Development Nawab Malik appealed that in order to increase social harmony in the state, everyone should participate in this programme.

Manipur CM launches Oil Palm Project

In Manipur, Chief Minister N Biren Singh has launched the Oil Palm Project through video conferencing. The oil palm cultivation could be an alternative to jhum and poppy cultivation as oil palm is the highest vegetable oil yielding perennial crop with an effective income generation to farmers and beneficial to the environment as well.

Telangana govt announces 50% waiver in domestic property tax

The Telangana government announced a 50 per cent waiver in property tax to (domestic) house owners in Hyderabad and 140 other towns across the state as a Deepavali gift, in view of the financial difficulties being faced by people following the COVID-19 pandemic.

NATIONAL NEWS

PM Modi flags off Ro-Pax ferry service between Hazira and Ghogha in Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Ro-Pax terminal at Hazira and flagged off the Ro-Pax ferry service between Hazira and Ghogha in Gujarat through video conferencing. He also interacted with the local users. He renamed the Ministry of Shipping as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

PM announces change of name of Shipping Ministry to Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

The Prime Minister said, Government is changing the name of the Ministry of Shipping and it will be known as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Mr.Modi has said that to reduce the expenditure on logistics, India is fast developing multimodal connectivity.

AIM-Sirius Innovation' programme launched for Indian & Russian school children

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Sirius, Russia, launched 'AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme for Indian and Russian school children. NITI Aayog in a statement said, the AIM-Sirius programme seeks to develop technological solutions for the two countries.



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Indian Railways manufacture fifth narrow gauge locomotive for Kalka-Shimla route

Indian Railways Loco Workshop, Parel in Mumbai which falls under the Central Railway zone has manufactured the fifth narrow gauge locomotive. The locomotive will be used in the Kalka-Shimla route which is also a UNESCO World Heritage Railway. The loco will be utilised for hauling passenger and goods trains on the Kalka- Shimla Railway Section of Ambala Division which falls under the Northern Railway. The loco will travel a distance of more than 1700 km Mumbai to Shimla which is located in the foothills of the Himalayas.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for 30 development projects in Varanasi

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for 30 development projects in his parliamentary constituency Varanasi. The projects for which foundation stones were laid, include the redevelopment of Dashashwamedh Ghat and Khidkiya Ghat, barracks for PAC police force, redevelopment of certain wards of Kashi, parking facility along with redevelopment of park in Beniya Bagh, upgradation of the multi-purpose hall in Girija Devi Sanskritik Sankul, repair work of roads in the city and development of tourist places.

PM Modi to unveil life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda at JNU campus

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil the life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda at the campus of Jawaharlal Nehru University through video conferencing. Minister for Education Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank will be present on the occasion.

Rajnath Singh unveils model of Anti-Satellite Missile at DRDO Bhawan

A model of Anti-Satellite Missile installed inside the DRDO Bhawan premises was unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh yesterday. 'Mission Shakti' was the country's first ever Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) Missile Test successfully conducted on 27th March 2019 from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha, where a fast-moving Indian orbiting target satellite in Low Earth Orbit was neutralised with pinpoint accuracy.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman attends 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting under the Russian Chairmanship to discuss the BRICS Economic and Financial Cooperation agenda for 2020. During the meeting, the Finance Minister also presented India's views on discussions related to infrastructure investments and New Development Bank membership expansion.



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PM to inaugurate future-ready Ayurveda institutions at Jamnagar and Jaipur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) at Jamnagar and National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) at Jaipur via video conferencing. These institutions are expected to play global leadership roles in the growth and development of Ayurveda in the 21st Century.

Textiles ministry launches Local for Diwali campaign to support local weavers and artisans

The Ministry of Textiles has launched a campaign Local for Diwali. Textile Minister Smriti Irani has appealed to the people to celebrate Diwali by buying and gifting local textiles and handicraft items to support local weavers and artisans.

Cabinet approves PLI worth ₹2 lakh cr for 10 sectors to boost manufacturing

Union Cabinet approved a proposal to provide production-linked incentives of about ₹2 lakh crore over five years to create jobs and boost manufacturing in the country, the finance minister said. The incentives will be given to manufacturers in 10 sectors including automobiles and auto parts, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and food products to attract investment

Govt approves ₹15,000 cr to pharma sector to boost local drug production

The Cabinet announced production linked incentives for 10 sectors including auto, pharmaceuticals and textiles worth ₹2 lakh crore in a bid to boost manufacturing, make India self reliant and generate employment. India possesses the complete ecosystem for development and manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and a robust ecosystem of allied industries.

PM Modi to co-chair 17th ASEAN-India Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Xuan Phuc will co-chair the 17th ASEAN-India Summit. The leaders of all ten ASEAN Member States will virtually participate in the Summit. The Leaders will discuss ways to further strengthen ASEAN-India engagement and in this context will note the adoption of ASEAN-India Plan of Action (2021-2025).

Nirmala Sitharaman announces ₹10,000 crore to boost rural employment

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an additional ₹10,000 crore to boost rural employment and accelerate growth in the rural economy. The ₹10,000 crore is to be funnelled into the rural sector through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojna. The rural jobs programme is seen as helping in reducing rural distress during the months of the lockdown.

Navy's fifth Scorpene class submarine 'Vagir' launched at Mazagon Dock

In yet another boost for the Indian Navy, it's fifth Scorpene class submarine 'Vagir' was launched at Mumbai's Mazagon Dock. According to an official statement, Union Minister of State for Defence, Shripad Naik launched the submarine through video conferencing.



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'Perna Sthal' dedicated to work force of Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam

Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Eastern Naval Command dedicated the 'Perna Sthal' to the Work force of Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam at a ceremony attended by senior Naval Officers, Captains of the industry, dignitaries from Visakhapatnam and the WorkForce of Naval Dockyard here today at Visakhapatnam.

NRTI launches seven new courses in applied core subjects

National Rail and Transportation Institute, NRTI, Vadodara has launched seven new Programmes, two B. Tech UG Programmes, two MBA and three MSc Programmes in the core applied sector. The two B Tech Programs are focused on Rail Infrastructure, Rail Systems and Communications Engineering, while the MBA programs are focused at Transportation and Supply Chain Management. The MSc Programs are focused on Systems Engineering and Integration, Systems and Analytics, Policy and Economics.

Labour Ministry notifies draft rules under the Code on Social Security 2020

The Labour Ministry has notified Draft Rules under the Code on Social Security 2020. The draft rules provide for operationalization of provisions in the Code on Social Security, 2020 relating to Employees' Provident Fund, Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Gratuity, Maternity Benefit, Social Security and Cess in respect of Building and Other Construction Workers, Social Security for Unorganised Workers, Gig Workers and Platform Workers.

Bengaluru airport urges passengers to use bio-waste bins

The Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru has set up 139 bio-waste bins of different sizes across the airport for disposing used Personal Protective Equipment. The action is taken subsequent to incidents of PPEs found strewn across the airport campus, posing a health hazard to the passengers and staff. The Airport management has urged passengers to use bio-waste bins to ensure that bio-waste is disposed responsibly and ethically.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Joe Biden to be next US President

Democrat Joe Biden beat Republican Donald Trump to become the 46th President of the United States. In a very closely fought presidential election which witnessed many cliffhanger episodes, Biden clinched the race by securing 279 electoral votes. The winning moment was decided when the Democrats made a stamping lead in the state of Pennsylvania sealing their victory in one of the most crucial swing states.



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Kamala Harris becomes first woman in American history to be elected as Vice President

Democratic Party candidate Kamala Harris has secured her position as the first woman to be the Vice President of the USA. Ms. Harris, is also credited to be the first woman of Indian-American and African-American origin to be a member of the United States Senate.

Joe Biden announces 12 member task force to deal with COVID-19

US President-elect Joe Biden has announced a 12-member coronavirus task force to mount an effective response to the pandemic that has infected millions and damaged the US economy. The task force will be co-chaired by former Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David Kessler and Marcella Nunez-Smith, a professor of public health at Yale University. It will also include Ezekiel Emanuel, a former Obama administration health adviser.

Nepal President Bidhya Devi Bhandari releases special anthology on Mahatma Gandhi

Nepal President Bidhya Devi Bhandari has released a special anthology on Mahatma Gandhi- 'My understanding about Gandhi' - during a ceremony at Kathmandu in the presence of Indian Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra. The book has been brought out by the Embassy of India along with the BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation to cherish the values of the Mahatma's universal teachings with Nepali friends.

Indian-American Kash Patel named Chief of Staff to Acting US Defence Secretary

The Pentagon has announced that Indian-American Kash Patel has been named as the Chief of Staff to the Acting US Defence Secretary Chris Miller. Kash Patel, currently on the National Security Council staff, has been named by Acting Secretary Miller as his Chief of Staff. The Indian-American replaced Jen Stewart, who had resigned earlier in the day.

India, Nepal launch construction of third Integrated Check Post

India and Nepal have launched the construction of the third Integrated Check Post (ICP) between the two countries at Nepalgunj. India has traditionally been Nepal's largest trading partner. Presently, over 65% of Nepal's trade is with India with over 65% of Nepal's exports sent to India.

8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial meeting unanimously adopts BRICS STI Declaration 2020

The 8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial meeting unanimously has adopted BRICS STI Declaration 2020. The meeting was held through a virtual platform. Science and Technology cooperation among the member countries Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa was discussed in the meeting.



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BANKING & FINANCE

NeoBank launches Global Partners Program for innovative financial services

NeoBank, a worldwide digital payment corporation, announced the launch of its Global Partners Program that spurs wider availability and mass adoption of digital assets. NeoBank's Global Partners Program is designed to enable a full range of financial solutions and infrastructure that empowers millions of people.

Key Points About NeoBank:

- NeoBank announces a total reward distribution of \$1 Million (about Rs750 Lakh) for celebrating its official launch on 20th November. Any customer who joins NeoBank till 20th November will take part in this reward distribution.
- NeoBank Ventures, the strategic investment arm of NeoBank, last week said it sets up \$10 Million (about Rs7.5 Crore) for Indian Startups in Digital Payments.
- NeoBank announced the launch of its Global Partners Program that spurs wider availability and mass adoption of digital assets.
- NeoBank invites interested companies and individuals to apply for the Global Partners Program [here](#)

NSE to launch first agricultural commodity futures contract next month

Leading stock exchange NSE said it will launch its first agricultural commodity futures contract for crude degummed soybean oil on December 1. The contract is a monthly expiry cash settled futures contract with a trading lot size of 10 metric ton (MT) and price basis as Kandla.

Airtel Payments Bank offers car insurance in association with Bharti AXA GI

Airtel Payments Bank will offer comprehensive car insurance in association with Bharti AXA General Insurance. The 'Smart Drive Private Car Insurance' offers financial protection against damage to the vehicle due to accident, theft, and natural and man-made disasters. It also compensates for injury or damages to another person or property caused due to a car accident.

Paytm introduces Payout Links for businesses

Fintech major Paytm launched 'Payout Links' for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors without collecting their bank details. Payout Links offer seamless payment integration for businesses to quickly send incentives and refunds to customers through a simple payout link.



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AU Small Finance Bank starts operations in eastern India

AU Small Finance Bank, a scheduled commercial bank, started its operations in Eastern India with the setting up of a branch in the metropolis. Since the start of banking operations three and half years ago, AU has presently 710 touchpoints in 13 states and two UTs.

Paytm partners Uber India to offer postpaid service to riders

Financial services major Paytm said it has partnered Uber India to extend its postpaid service to riders. With this integration, users will be able to pay for their Uber rides through their Paytm Postpaid account. Paytm already has a long-standing partnership with Uber with its payment gateway allowing Uber riders to make instant payments from Paytm Wallet.

India Post Payments Bank launches doorstep service to submit Digital Life Certificate

India Post Payments Bank, IPPB have successfully launched the initiative of doorstep service for submission of Digital Life Certificate through Postman. The facility to submit life certificates online through Jeevan Pramaan Portal was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November, 2014 with the objective to provide a convenient and transparent facility to pensioners for submission of Life Certificate.

HDFC to merge its health, general insurance

Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd said insurance regulator Irdai has given the final nod for merger of HDFC ERGO Health Insurance with HDFC ERGO General Insurance. Post completion of the merger, HDFC will hold 50.58% stake in HDFC ERGO.

IFSCA approves draft Banking regulations for banking operations at IFSCs

International Financial Services Centres Authority, IFSCA has approved draft Banking regulations for banking operations at IFSCs. In its meeting yesterday, the IFSC Authority approved the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020. This will pave the way for putting in place the rules for the various aspects of banking operations that would be permissible at the IFSC.

HDFC Life launches new campaign to support Covid-hit Mumbai's 'Dabbawalas'

HDFC Life in association with Ketto India has initiated a nationwide crowdfunding campaign, #PromisewalaDabba, with an aim to help the Dabbawalas of Mumbai stand on their feet once again with a month's supply of ration delivered to their homes. The aim is to empower the community before they can bounce back resuming their deliveries across the city. The campaign kicked off with a visit to Wajawane, village of Dabbawala Service founder Mahadu Havaji Bache, where HDFC Life donated the initial batch of Dabbas to the community.



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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Bharti AXA General Insurance launches cancer awareness drive on social media

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. Observing the 'National Cancer Awareness Day', the company has embarked upon this social media campaign comprising a series of activities to be held throughout the month to highlight the significance of increased awareness about cancer prevention and early detection among the public.

Tata Steel, POSCO join hands to develop hyperloop tubes

Tata Steel Europe and South Korea's POSCO will collaborate to develop steel tubes needed for high-speed hyperloop transportation systems. Tata Steel and POSCO will develop high quality steel grades which are tailored for use in these large diameter tubes – up to 3.5m. Additionally, the companies will join their efforts in research on innovative tube concepts and designs.

Edelweiss Tokio Life launches covid life insurance policy

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. Covid Shield+ also carves out a new niche product category for the industry, which caters to people's increased protection needs, arising because of the pandemic. This insurance product carries term cover for a 1-year tenure and also offers a critical illness benefit.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu virtually presents 2nd National Water Awards

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu virtually presented the Second National Water Awards. Tamil Nadu which bagged the Best State Award. Maharashtra secured the second and Rajasthan got the third prize.



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IPL 2020 Awards

- **IPL 2020 Fairplay Award** - Mumbai Indians
- **IPL 2020 Emerging Player of the Year** - Devdutt Padikkal (Royal Challengers Bangalore)
- **IPL 2020 Super Striker of the Season** - Kieron Pollard (Mumbai Indians)
- **IPL 2020 Orange Cap (Highest Run)** - KL Rahul (Kings XI Punjab). He scored 670 runs30 in the tournament.
- **IPL 2020 Purple Cap (Highest Run)** - Kagiso Rabada (Delhi Capitals). He took 30 wickets in the tournament.
- **IPL 2020 Most Valuable Player** - Jofra Archer (Rajasthan Royals)

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Indian diplomat Vidisha Maitra elected to key United Nations committee

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. India's permanent representative to the UN, Ambassador T. S. Tirumurti expressed gratitude to the member states in reposing faith in India's candidate.

SpiceJet appoints former MIAL executive Sanjiv Taneja as CFO

No-frills carrier SpiceJet Limited has appointed former Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) and Essar Port official Sanjiv Taneja as the airline's chief financial officer (CFO). Taneja replaced Kiran Koteswar who left SpiceJet in September to join Nigeria-based airline Green Africa.

Arvind Fashion appoints Shailesh Chaturvedi as MD and CEO

Arvind Fashions Limited (AFL) appointed Shailesh Chaturvedi as managing director and chief executive officer of the company, effective 1 February, 2021, replacing veteran J Suresh who is set to retire later this year.



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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Tata Group launches test kits to detect COVID-19

Tata Medical and Diagnostics Ltd (TataMD) on Monday launched new diagnostic testing for COVID-19 claiming it to be more efficient and simpler than the existing ones with the ability to scale up tests on a large scale across the country. The government-approved test, which can provide the final result within 90 minutes, will be manufactured at Tata's plant in Chennai.

China set to start trial of nasal spray COVID-19 vaccine

Beijing Wantai Biological Pharmacy Enterprise Co Ltd plans to start a mid-stage clinical trial this month of a nasal spray coronavirus vaccine in China, clinical trial registry data showed. An alternative to the common injection in the arm, the spray vaccine can trigger specific immune responses in airways by mimicking the natural infection of a respiratory virus, researchers said.

Infosys launches integrated Applied AI offering

Infosys Ltd launched 'Infosys Applied AI', an integrated offering to help enterprises build a roadmap to scale artificial intelligence (AI) across their businesses. The offering "converges the power of AI, analytics, and cloud to deliver new business solutions and perceptive experiences. With Infosys applied AI, businesses can readily access, deploy and contextualize services from the applied AI cloud," Infosys said in a statement.

Social media start up Fishbowl launches in India

US-based social media startup Fishbowl that helps professionals to connect within their companies and industries is launching in India to tap professionals from the consulting and IT sector. The four-year-old social media platform connects professionals within the industry and community-related bowls (groups) that allow verified professionals to have candid conversations with other people working in roles and industries similar to their own.

PUBG parent to set up Indian subsidiary, launch PUBG Mobile India

The PUBG Corporation confirmed that it plans to make a whole new game for the Indian market. The new game, called PUBG Mobile India, is meant specifically for this market and is operated by PUBG Corporation, the South Korean company that owns the intellectual property rights to the game.

WHO approves 1st ever vaccine for emergency use against polio

The World Health Organization listed a polio vaccine produced by Indonesia's Bio Farma PT for emergency use, the first approval of its kind amid outbreaks in several parts of the world. Bio Farma's unlicensed nOPV2 dose is aimed at containing so-called circulating vaccine-derived polio viruses in several African and East Mediterranean countries as well as the Western Pacific and Southeast Asian regions, the WHO said in a statement.



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DRDO successfully test-fires Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile system

The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), carried out a successful test of Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile system. The missile launch took place from ITR Chandipur, Odisha coast. The missile is propelled by a single-stage solid-propellant rocket motor and uses all indigenous subsystems. The missile is canisterised for transportation and launch using a mobile launcher capable of carrying 6 canisterised missiles, the defence ministry said in a release.

SPORTS

Mumbai Indians beat Delhi Capitals by 5 wkts to clinch IPL title for record 5th time

Mumbai Indians clinched their record-extending fifth IPL title after beating Delhi Capitals by five wickets in the final at Dubai. Trent Boult was named Player of the Match. With this win, Mumbai added a fifth IPL title to their kitty, more than any other team in the 13-year history of the league.

OBITUARY

Bahrain's longest serving PM Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa passes away

The world's longest serving Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa of Bahrain, passed away. He was 84. Prince Khalifa, who took office after Bahrain gained independence in 1971, had been receiving treatment at a hospital in the US, the state media said. He was an uncle to the Bahraini King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Veteran actor Soumitra Chatterjee passes away

Veteran actor and Dadasaheb Phalke award recipient Soumitra Chatterjee passed away at a Kolkata Nursing home today. He was 85. The actor had been hospitalised on October 6, 2020, after being tested Covid positive. However, he was declared Covid negative later. But he succumbed to other ailments, the hospital sources say.



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