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International

Afghanistan: Afghanistan officially the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, is a landlocked country in South Asia. It is bordered by Pakistan to the east and south, Iran to the west, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan to the north and China to the northeast. Its capital is Kabul. The currency used here is Afghan afghani (AFN).

Recently, Ashraf Ghani secured the second term as Afghan president. Afghanistan's election body declared Ashraf Ghani the winner of the 2019 presidential poll on 18th February 2020, almost five months after voting took place. Dr Abdullah Abdullah was the runner up.

Ghani and Abdullah head a fragile national unity government that was put together under the US pressure after both leaders claimed victory in Afghanistan's 2014 elections.



Bangladesh: The country of Bengal officially called the People's Republic of Bangladesh is a country in South Asia. Its capital is Dhaka. The currency used here is Bangladeshi taka. The current Prime Minister of Bangladesh is Sheikh Hasina and the President is M Abdul Hamid. Recently, on 21 February 2020, Bangladesh observed the 'Shaheed Dibash' which is also known as 'Amar Ekushey'. The day is observed annually to commemorate and to pay tribute to the martyrs of language movement. President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh commemorated the day by paying tribute to martyrs who lost their lives during Pakistani police firing on 21st of February 1952 in Dhaka.

The Bangladesh's Language Movement which started in 1948 reached to its peak when 8 people laid down their lives on February 21, 1952. The movement concluded with the adoption of Bangla as the official language of the then East Pakistan. As a result of the movement, 21st February is observed every year to commemorate the martyrs of the Bangladesh's Language Movement. UNESCO has also adopted a resolution to celebrate 21 February as International Mother Language Day. The resolution and the marking of the day is an honour bestowed by the international community on the Language Movement of Bangladesh.



World Day of Social Justice: The World Day of Social Justice is celebrated every year globally on 20 February to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication. It also focuses on the goal of achieving full employment and support for social integration. The International Labour Organization unanimously adopted the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization on 10 June 2008. On November 26, 2007, the UN General Assembly named February 20 as the annual World Day of Social Justice. The day was scheduled to be first observed in 2009.

Recently, the World Day of Social Justice (WDSJ) was observed globally on 20th February 2020. The theme of 2020 is “Closing the Inequalities Gap to Achieve Social Justice”. It focuses on social justice as it is the global mission of the UN to promote the development and human dignity.



Australia: Australia, officially the Commonwealth of Australia, is a sovereign country comprising the mainland of the Australian continent, the island of Tasmania, and numerous smaller islands. It is the largest country in Oceania and the world's sixth-largest country by total area. Its capital is Canberra. The currency used here is Australian dollar. The current Prime Minister of Australia is Scott Morrison. Recently, Australia appointed Barry O'Farrell as the next high commissioner to India. He will succeed Harinder Sidhu who has been in the office since 2016.

Mr O'Farrell served in the New South Wales Parliament from 1995-2015 and the 43rd Premier of the province. He also served as New South Wales' Special Envoy for India and made a significant contribution as the Deputy Chair of the Australia- India Council Board.



National

Arvind Kejriwal: He is a 51-year-old bureaucrat turned-politician during India Against Corruption movement in 2011. Currently, he is the national convener of the Aam Aadmi Party, which won the 2015 Delhi Assembly elections with a historic majority. In 2006, he was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership in recognition of his involvement in the grassroots level movement Parivartan using right to information legislation in a campaign against corruption. Before joining politics, Kejriwal had worked in the Indian Revenue Service as a Joint Commissioner of Income Tax in New Delhi

Recently, Arvind Kejriwal took oath as Chief Minister of Delhi for the third consecutive time in Ramlila Maidan. Ramlila Maidan served as the battleground him during the Anna Hazare-led India Against Corruption movement. President Ram Nath Kovind had on the 14th of February 2020 appointed him as the new chief minister after AAP registered a landslide victory in the national capital by winning 62 out of the 70 seats in assembly elections. Mr. Kejriwal had earlier taken the oath of Chief Minister in 2013 and 2015 in the Ramlila Maidan. Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Kejriwal and his Cabinet colleagues.



Six Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) including Manish Sisodia and Gopal Rai were sworn in as cabinet ministers along with Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal. The six cabinet ministers for Delhi is given below.

1. Manish Sisodia
2. Satyendar Jain
3. Gopal Rai
4. Kailash Gehlot
5. Imran Hussain and
6. Rajendra Pal Gautam

SCR: It refers to South Central Railway. The Indian Railways South Central Railways (SCR) zone has become the first railway zone in the country to have functional “energy neutral” railway stations on

the network. It is capable of meeting full 100% energy requirements by tapping natural solar power through Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) Panels commissioned on the station buildings. The SRC Zone has converted 13 Railway Stations as “Energy Neutral” which is the highest amongst all the Railway Zones in the Country.



Soil Health Card Day: The day is observed annually on the 19th of February since 2015. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme on this day in 2015 at Suratgarh in Rajasthan. The scheme aims at issuing soil health cards to farmers every two years so as to provide a basis to address nutritional deficiencies in soil. The scheme also ensures additional income to farmers by an increase in yields and it also promotes sustainable farming. The scheme has been introduced not only to assist State Governments to issue Soil Health Cards to all farmers in the country but also to provide information to farmers on the nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on the appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility.

Recently, on 19th February 2020 the 5th year of launch of Soil Health Card was observed across the country. On this day, the government of India (GoI) organizes various awareness and informative programs of this day for farmers. This day highlights all these benefits to the farmers.



SPMRM: It refers to Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission. The scheme was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 21 February 2016. The scheme was launched with a vision to catalytic interventions to rural areas on the threshold of growth.

The fourth Anniversary of the launch of Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) was observed on 21 February 2020. The main objective of the Mission is to transform these Rurban clusters by stimulating local economic development, enhancing basic services and creating well planned Rurban clusters. This will lead to the holistic development of the region and encourage integrated and inclusive rural development.

The mission under the scheme aims to develop 300 Rurban clusters. The Niti Aayog has proposed that these clusters are to be extended to 1000 in 3 years. Three such clusters are being developed in the South, East and West districts of Sikkims.



Indian policy News

Mandya: It is place that is 100 km away from Bengaluru, Karnataka. It is here that the researchers at the India’s Atomic Energy Commission have found Lithium Reserves of 14,100 tonnes in Mandya. Lithium is a very rare metal and is mainly used in manufacturing batteries for electric vehicles.

The reserves found are very little as compared to the world’s leading producers of Lithium. Of the major producers Chile produces 8.6 million tonnes, Australia produces 2.8 million tonnes and 1.7 million tonnes in Argentina.

India requires lithium for its energy needs as the Government of India is promoting clean-energy vehicles in India. India has imported lithium batteries worth \$1.2 billion in fiscal 2019, against \$384 million in FY17. GoI is on the path of implementing 1.4 billion USD plan to make India a manufacturing hub of electric vehicles.



National Economic Census: The process of the economic census was first held in 1978. Indian Economic Census is the census of the Indian economy counting the entrepreneurial units involved in agricultural, non-agricultural or any other economic activity. The economic census provides detailed information on operational and other characteristics such as number of establishments, number of persons employed, source of finance, type of ownership etc.

Recently, the Seventh Economic Census was launched in the National Capital Territory of Delhi by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. It is for the first time the entire census is being conducted on a digital platform by the use of an application which will ensure high accuracy and data security. The Ministry has tied up with Common Service Centres Network (CSCN) for the digital implementation of the census.

Delhi is the 26th State where the survey has been launched. The process is already on in 20 States and five Union Territories.



Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Government of India

Union Cabinet: The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi approved revamping of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS). The revamping was approved to address the existing challenges in the implementation of Crop Insurance Schemes

The changes are expected not only to help the farmers to manage risk in agriculture production but also to succeed in stabilizing the farm income. It also aims to increase coverage in the northeastern region. It will enable accurate yield estimation leading to faster claims settlement.



Science and Technology

ISRO: It refers to the Indian Space Research Organisation. ISRO was established in 1969. It is headquartered in Bengaluru. The current director of ISRO is K Sivan.

Recently, ISRO in its annual report for 2019-20 has revealed that it will launch 10 Earth Observation Satellites in 2020-21. The 10 earth observation (EO) satellites will include categories such as the first Geo Imaging Satellite, GISAT-1 along with three communication satellites and two navigation satellites. The annual report for 2019-20 plan also mentions 36 missions including satellites and their launchers.

Earth Observation Satellite: An Earth observation satellite or Earth remote sensing satellite is a satellite used or designed for Earth observation from orbit, similar to spy satellites. The Earth Observation Satellites (EO) is basically used for land and agriculture watch and also helps the military to keep an eye on the borders. The other satellites, such as RISATs carries a synthetic aperture radar on them which provides all-weather, 24-hour information to security agencies.



DoT: It refers to Department of Telecommunications. DoT under Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, manages matters related to communication mediums like telegraphs, telephones, wireless, data, facsimile and telematic services. It was founded in 1985. It is headquartered in New Delhi. Dhotre Sanjay Shamrao is Minister of State for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology.

Recently, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) launched '5G Hackathon' in association with Government, Academia and Industry Stakeholders. The 5G Hackathon is being organised in association with NITI Aayog, MEITY, Digital India, Startup India, MSME, C-DoT, DST, TCOE India, TEPC, TSDSI, COAI, India Mobile Congress, KPMG, Academic Institutions IITs/IIIT/REC, Industry, and more. The 5G Hackathon is open to developers, students, start-ups, SMEs, academic institutions and registered companies in India and NRIs. Stakeholders can participate as individuals or as a team to present use cases for the 5G network in the Indian context. It is aimed at short-listing India's focused cutting edge ideas that can be converted into workable 5G products and solutions,

The Hackathon will be spread across three phases. The event will culminate in a grand felicitation ceremony at India Mobile Congress on 16 October 2020. Winners of the various phases of the 5G Hackathon will share a total prize pool of Rs. 2.5 crore.

The 5G technology provides quantum leap over 4G in terms of speed, peak data rate, latency, spectrum efficiency, and connection density. The Hackathon will not only convert innovating ideas into products and solutions in different verticals but will also develop India specific use cases around 5G.



Environment & Climate News

Ladakh: Ladakh is the new union territory region administered by India. The name Ladakh means "land of high passes" in Tibetan.

Recently, two new bird species that is the Red Throated Thrush and Plumbeous Water Redstart have been found in Ladakh region during the Great Backyard Bird count. The three day exercise was undertaken from 14th February to 17 February 2020 by the Wildlife Conservation and Birds Club of Ladakh. Common Rose Finch and Grey Haron species arrived earlier than usual. A total of 87 various species of birds have been counted and recorded by three-group birders and wildlife experts.

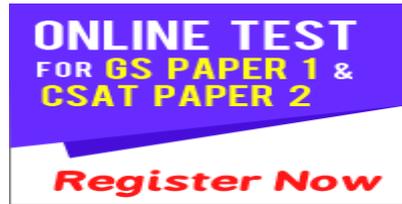
The Great Backyard Bird Count: It is a citizen science project in ornithology. It is conducted annually in mid February. The Great Backyard Bird Count is a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, National Audubon Society, and Birds Canada, and support is provided in part by founding sponsor Wild Birds Unlimited. The first annual Great Backyard Bird Count was held in 1998, and the event has continued to grow year after year.



Greta Thunberg: She is a Swedish teenager environmental activist on climate change whose campaigning has gained international recognition. To avoid flying, Thunberg sailed to North America where she attended the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit. Greta is the Winner of the Kids Rights Children's Peace Prize 2019. Not only was she named TIME's 2019 Person of The Year, but she has also been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. Recently, a team of scientists honored Greta Thunberg on her efforts to raise awareness about climate change by naming a newly discovered species of a snail 'Craspedotropis gretathunbergae' after her.

According to the study, published in the Biodiversity Data Journal, the newly discovered temperature sensitive species of snail belongs to the group Caenogastropoda. The new species Craspedotropis gretathunbergae is approximately 2mm long and 1mm wide with grey tentacles and a concave shell. It is a group of land snails that is known to be sensitive to drought, temperature extremes, and forest degradation.





Sports News

Laureus World Sports Awards: It is an annual award ceremony honoring individuals and teams from the world of sports along with sporting achievements throughout the year. It was established in 1999 by Laureus Sport for Good Foundation founding patrons Daimler and Richemont.

Recently, the 20th anniversary of the prestigious Laureus Award which celebrates the best in the world of sport was held in Berlin, Germany.

The awards in different categories were awarded to:-

*Lionel Messi and british F1 ace Lewis Hamilton were declared the joint winners of the prestigious Laureus World Sportsman of the year award in Berlin.

*Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year was awarded: Simone Biles.

*Laureus World Team of the Year: South Africa Men's Rugby Team.

*Laureus Best Sporting Moment: Carried on the shoulders of a nation: Sachin Tendulkar.

*Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year: Egan Bernal.

*Laureus World Comeback of the Year: Sophia Flörsch.

*Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability : Oksana Masters.

*Laureus World Action Sportsperson of the Year: Chloe Kim.

*Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award:Dirk Nowitzki.

*Laureus Academy Exceptional Achievement Award: Spanish Basketball Federation.

*Laureus Sport for Good Award: South Bronx United.



Cairns Cup chess tournament: The 2020 Cairns Cup was a 10-player round-robin tournament. The tournament took place from 7-16 February in the St. Louis Chess Club, USA. This was the second edition of the Cairns Cup

World Rapid champion, India's Koneru Humpy won Cairns Cup chess tournament. Humpy won the title after winning six points off nine rounds. She won the title after finishing 6 points off 9 rounds. Reigning world champion Ju Wenjun secured 2nd place while Russia's Alexandra Kosteniuk came 3rd followed by Ukrainian Mariya Muzychek for the 4th place and India's Harika Dronavalli secured 5th place.

Koneru Humpy also won the coveted '2019 women's World rapid chess championship' last year.



United by Emotion: It is the Tokyo 2020 Olympics motto. The official Games motto was revealed by the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The motto emphasizes the power of sport to bring together people from diverse backgrounds of every kind and allow them to connect and celebrate in a way that reaches beyond their differences.

This motto summarises the ideas and concepts that the host city of Tokyo wishes to share with the world. The Games will bring together athletes from more than 200 National Olympic Committees and the Refugee Olympic Team, as well as millions of spectators & media representatives.



SRFI: It refers to the Squash Rackets Federation of India. It is the Indian governmental apex body for the game of squash. It conducts the National Squash Championship, and promotes the game through the different state level squash bodies, and provides training facilities and selects the squad for the Indian team. The current President of SRFI is Debendranath Sarangi.

The 77th Senior National squash championships were recently held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Ace Indian squash player Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa won the 77th Senior National squash championships in Man's and woman's category respectively. The top-ranked Indian players justified their billing to bag the men's and women's titles for a record 13th and 18th time respectively. They both were awarded prize money of Rs. 1, 25,000 each.

With this win, Chinappa claimed the 18th title of her career and Saurav Ghosal bagged his 13th career title.



Khelo India Winter Games 2020: Khelo India winter games 2020 which will be held in the Union Territory of Ladakh later this month followed by a similar event in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in March. This announcement was made by Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju.

The competitions of the Khelo India J&K Winter Games will be held at Kongdori, Gulmarg. It will be held in four age categories for both boys and girls. Athletes in the age categories of 19-21 years, 17-18 years, 15-16 years and 13-14 years can compete in alpine skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing.

The event will feature an open ice hockey championship, figure skating and speed skating and the competition will be conducted at the block, district and UT levels. About 1700 athletes are expected to participate in the games.



Asian Wrestling Championships: Asian Wrestling Championships is the Wrestling Asian Championship organized by the Asian Associated Wrestling Committee. The men's tournament began in 1979 and the women's tournament was first staged in 1996, and it has been held every year.

Sunil Kumar wins gold in 87-kg Greco Roman category in Asian Wrestling Championships which was held in New Delhi. He beat Azat Salidinov from Kyrgyzstan in the final of the 87 kg category. Last year Kumar had made it to the final and ended with a silver medal.



ESPN India Annual Multi-Sport Awards: The Award acknowledges individuals and teams based on 10 categories. The selection of the winners is based on the vote by a 16 member panel.

Recently, on 21 February 2020, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network(ESPN) announced the ESPN India Annual Multi-Sport Awards.

The Winners are:-

1. Sportsperson of the Year (Female): PV Sindhu (Badminton)
2. Sportsperson of the Year (Male): Saurabh Chaudhary (Pistol shooter)
3. Emerging Sportsperson of the Year: Deepak Punia (Freestyle wrestler)
4. Coach of the Year: Pullela Gopichand (Badminton)
5. Team of the Year: Manu Bhaker-Saurabh Chaudhary (10m air pistol)
6. Lifetime Achievement award: Balbir Singh Sr (Hockey)
7. Comeback of the Year: Koneru Humpy (Chess player)
8. Differently-abled Athlete of the Year: Manasi Joshi (Badminton)
9. Moment of the Year: PV Sindhu's World Championships final win
10. The Courage award: Dutee Chand (Athlete)



Economic News

RBI: It refers to the Reserve Bank of India. RBI recently, launched a National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (2019-24) to include all, particularly poor and underprivileged class, under formal access to finance - a key goal of the government. It is aimed at providing access to formal financial services in an affordable manner. It also aims to promote financial literacy among customers.

The strategy has been formulated by RBI after consultation with Securities Exchange Board of India(SEBI), Pension fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India (PFRDA) and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). The report has been ratified by Financial Inclusion Advisory Committee (FSDC).

The recommendations made by the committee are:

Universal Access to Financial Services

Access to Livelihood and Skill Development

Providing basic financial services

Financial Literacy and Education

Customer Protection and Grievance Redressal

Effective Co-ordination

Every adult registered under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana should be enrolled in pension scheme and insurance scheme.



Reserve Bank of India (RBI): The RBI, which was established in April 1935, used to follow January-December as its accounting year before it was changed to July-June in March 1940.

Recently, the RBI decided to align its financial accounting year with that of the central government's fiscal year with effect from 2020-21. The Fiscal Year begins in April and ends in March and the financial year is between July and June'.

The proposal was moved at the 582nd meeting of its Central Board of Directors in New Delhi. The move will help the central bank to do away with nearly eight decades of practice. The alignment was recommended by an expert committee led by Bimal Jalan.



People in News

Sanjay Kothari: He is a 1978-batch IAS officer from Haryana. He who had retired in 2016 was picked by the President and appointed as his secretary. He will now remain as his secretary till the completion of Kovind's tenure on July 25, 2022. He was selected as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner by a high-powered committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Bimal Julka: Bimal Julka is a retired Indian Administrative Service officer who is currently serving as an Information Commissioner. He is also the former Information and Broadcasting Secretary. The committee has also chosen him as the new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) in the Central Information Commission while Suresh Patel has been appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner and Anita Pandove as Information Commissioner.

Central Vigilance Commission: Central Vigilance Commission is an apex Indian governmental body. It was created in 1964 to address governmental corruption. It is headquartered in New Delhi. In 2003, the Parliament enacted a law conferring statutory status on the CVC. Its objectives is to address governmental corruption. It also advise various authorities in planning, executing, reviewing and reforming their vigilance work. Nittoor Srinivasa Rau, was selected as the first Chief Vigilance Commissioner of India.

Central Information Commission: It was established on 12 October 2005. It was constituted under the Right to Information Act. It has jurisdiction over all central public authorities.



Sreeramakrishnan: He is an Indian politician. He is the current Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly. He was elected on 3 June 2016. He has been a member of Kerala Legislative Assembly, representing the Ponnani constituency since June 2011. He was born on 14 November 1967 in Perinthalmanna, Kerala.

Recently, Shri P. Ramakrishnan was conferred the Ideal Legislative Assembly Speaker/Ideal Legislative Council Chairman Award. It was conferred to him by the Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu at the 10th edition of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad in New Delhi on 20 February 2020.



Advisors to PM Narendra Modi: Bhaskar Khulbe and Amarjeet Sinha has been appointed as Advisors to PM Narendra Modi. They both are retired IAS Officers. Their appointment in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in the rank and scale of Secretary was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). Their appointments were made on a contractual basis initially for a period of two years, or until further orders. General terms and conditions that are applicable in the case of re-employed officers of Secretary-level in the government are applicable to them.

Bhaskar Khulbe: He is an Indian Administrative Service officer from the 1983 batch. He was from West Bengal cadre. He has served in the Prime Minister's Office.

Amarjeet Sinha: He is an Indian Administrative Service officer from the 1983 batch. He was from the Bihar cadre. He retired as the Rural Development Secretary in 2019.



Places in News

Varanasi: Varanasi also known as Benares, Banaras or Kashi is a city on the banks of the river Ganges in Uttar Pradesh. The current Governor and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh are Anandiben Patel and Yogi Adityanath respectively.

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 50 development projects worth over 1,200 crore rupees at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. During his day-long visit to his parliamentary constituency, Varanasi, he flagged off the Mahakaal Express to link Varanasi, Ujjain and Omkareshwar via video conferencing. He also dedicated Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Memorial Centre to the nation. This is the largest statue of the leader in the country.

These projects which the Prime Minister launched included a 430-bed super speciality Government hospital, a 74-bed psychiatry hospital and Centre for Vedic Research at Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya (BHU), at BHU. PM Modi also inaugurated the Chaukaghat Lehartara Overbridge in the city which will ease the traffic near the railway station.



Kochi: Kochi (also known as Cochin) is a city in southwest India's coastal Kerala state. It has been a port since 1341, when a flood carved out its harbor and opened it to Arab, Chinese and European merchants. The Governor and the Chief Minister of Kerala are Arif Mohammed Khan and Pinarayi Vijayan respectively.

Recently, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched “Yodhav” (Warrior) mobile app (application) at Kochi, Kerala. Yodhavu' (Warrior), is a mobile app through which public can inform police about drug abuse and its distribution. The app was introduced by the Kochi city police, as part of efforts to curb the growing menace in the State. The special feature of this app is that the informer’s identity can be kept secret.

The chief minister also inaugurated a most modern cyber doom cyber crime police station, the new building of the Infopark police station and regional forensic science laboratory’s upper and lower subordinate quarters at the TCS auditorium at Infopark. The chief minister also unveiled the model of Kochi city police’s new police complex being constructed at Marine Drive



Patna: It is the Capital city of the state of Bihar. The current Governor and the Chief Minister of Bihar is Phagu Chauhan and Nitish Kumar respectively.

Recently, the Bihar government’s Department of Environment and Forest launched a Pyaar ka Paudha’ (a plant of love) campaign in Patna. This campaign is launched to encourage the practice of planting trees in the state. Department of Environment, requested the people to gift one plant of love to their closed ones and provide good care so as to make a small effort to take a big step towards making Bihar land green.



Goa: Goa is a state on the southwestern coast of India within the region known as the Konkan. Its coastlines stretch along the Arabian Sea. The current Chief Minister and the Governor of Goa are Pramod Sawant and Mridula Sinha respectively.

Recently, the 5th edition of Difficult Dialogues began in Panaji, Goa. It is an annual forum examining issues of contemporary relevance in South Asia, is being held from 14 to 16 February 2020. Difficult Dialogues (DD) 2020 will focus on the “State of Law”. The conference will bring together global experts, policymakers, community-level workers and leading thinkers to deliberate on issues related to law and the legal framework.



Arunachal Pradesh: Arunachal Pradesh is the northeastern most state of India. It borders the states of Assam and Nagaland to the south. It shares international borders with Bhutan in the west, Myanmar in the east, and China in the north, with which the border is the McMahon Line. It is the largest of the Seven Sister States of Northeast India. Its capital is Itanagar. The Chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh is Pema Khandu.

Recently, Arunachal Pradesh celebrated its 34th Statehood Day. Arunachal Pradesh became a state on 20 February 1987. The celebration was held at IG Park in Itanagar. The event was attended by Home Minister Amit Shah.

The Home Minister inaugurated a bouquet of projects and schemes for the State including Launch of Arunachal Pradesh Industrial and Investment Policy 2020. He also inaugurated the Joram-Koloriang Road constructed by BRO and laid the foundation stone of the new headquarters of the state police and along with other projects.



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