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Union Budget 2020-21 is being presented by FM Nirmala Sitharaman

- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** is presenting the Union Budget 2020 for the 2nd time in a row. The Union Budget is the yearly financial report estimating the income and expenditure presented to outline future policies to be adopted by the government for sustainable growth and development. The Economic Survey 2019-20 was released on 31st January 2020 by the Chief Economic Advisor of India, **Krishnamurthy Subramanian**. The GDP growth of India's forecasts at between 6 to 6.5% for the fiscal year starting April. **Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas** was the tagline of government mentioned by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her speech.
- This time 3 themes of Union Budget 2020-21:
 1. aspirational India,
 2. economic development for all, and
 3. develop a caring society

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Economic Survey 2020: Key highlights of Economic Survey

- Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** presented **Economic Survey 2019-20** in the Parliament today (31 January 2020). This year's Economic survey is being prepared by the Chief Economic Advisor, **Krishnamurthy V Subramanian**.
- The report will be followed by a press conference where the Chief Economic Advisor and his team will discuss the economic roadmap for the next fiscal. It is a review of the developments in the country's economy over the previous year. It presents a summary of the performance of the government's major development programmes undertaken during

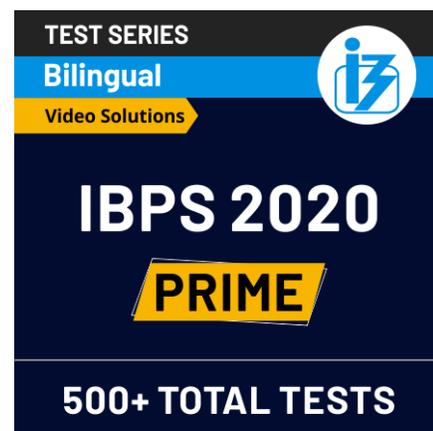
that period. It also details the main policy initiatives of the government.

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Padma Awards 2020 Announced: Check here complete list in PDF

- **Padma Awards** — one of the highest civilian Awards of the country, are conferred in three categories, namely, Padma **Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri**. The Awards are given in various disciplines/ fields of activities, viz. art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc. 'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service; 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field. The awards are announced on the occasion of Republic Day every year.
- This year the President has approved conferment of 141 Padma Awards including 4 duo cases (in a duo case, the award is counted as one) as per list below. The list comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 16 Padma Bhushan and 118 Padma Shri Awards. 33 of the awardees are women and the list also includes 18 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 12 Posthumous awardees.

[Download the PDF of Complete List of Winners of the Padma Awards 2020](#)



Grammy Awards 2020 Announced: Check the list of Winners

- The **62nd Annual Grammy Awards** announced on January 26, 2020. The Awards ceremony was held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The show was hosted by Singer-songwriter **Alicia Keys**. It recognized the best recordings, compositions, and artists of the eligibility year, running from October 1, 2018, to August 31, 2019.
- Here is the list of winners of **Grammy Awards 2020**:

| Sl. No. | Category | Winner |
|---------|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Album Of The Year | When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? (Billie Eilish) |
| 2. | Record Of The Year | Bad Guy (Billie Eilish) |
| 3. | Best New Artist | Billie Eilish |
| 4. | Best Rap Album | Igor (Tyler, The Creator) |
| 5. | Best R&B Album Winner | Ventura (Anderson .Paak) |
| 6. | Best Rap Song | A Lot |
| 7. | Best Country Album | While I'm Livin' (Tanya Tucker) |
| 8. | Song Of The Year | Bad Guy (Billie Eilish O'Connell & Finneas O'Connell) |
| 9. | Best Rock Album | Social Cues (Cage The Elephant) |
| 10. | Best Rock Song | This Land (Gary Clark Jr.) |
| 11. | Best Dance/Electronic Album | No Geography (The Chemical Brothers) |
| 12. | Producer Of The Year, Classical | Blanton Alspaugh |
| 13. | Best Music Video | Old Town Road |
| 14. | Best Country Song | Bring My Flowers Now |
| 15. | Best Folk Album | Patty Griffin |
| 16. | Best Comedy Album | Sticks & Stones (Dave Chappelle) |

Republic Day 2020: India celebrates its 71st Republic Day

- The nation celebrated the **71st Republic Day** with a grand military parade and exhibition of its history, cultural diversity and strategic weaponry at the Rajpath, Delhi. This day is celebrated by all Indians and **26th of January** has been declared as a national holiday by the government of India. The Republic Day ceremony commenced with Prime Minister Narendra Modi paying homage to martyrs at the National War Memorial instead of Amar

Jawan Jyoti. The National Flag was unfurled followed by the National Anthem with a booming 21-gun salute.

Important Facts of 71st Republic Day:

- The chief guest for this year's republic day parade is Brazilian president, **Jair Messias Bolsonaro**.
- For the first time, a contingent of women bikers of **CRPF** performed daredevil stunts.
- Jammu and Kashmir** participated in the parade for the first time as a Union Territory.

- **Meghalaya's** Tableau depicted the Double Decker Living Root Bridge which is a main tourist attraction of the state.
- Telangana's tableau brought to life its floral festival called Bathukamma.
- The Tableau of Gujarat was on the theme Rani ki Vav – Jal Mandir which is a unique piece of ancient Indian architectural style, construction work and craftsmanship.
- The Air Force tableau displayed models of the Rafale aircraft, Tejas aircraft, Light Combat Helicopter, Akash Missiles System and Astra Missiles.
- The major attraction was fly-past by the newly inducted Chinook and Apache helicopters along with Sukhoi and advanced light helicopters.
- Anti-satellite weapons: Mission Shakti, Army's battle tank Bhishma was also showcased in the parade.

Republic Day Of India: Importance

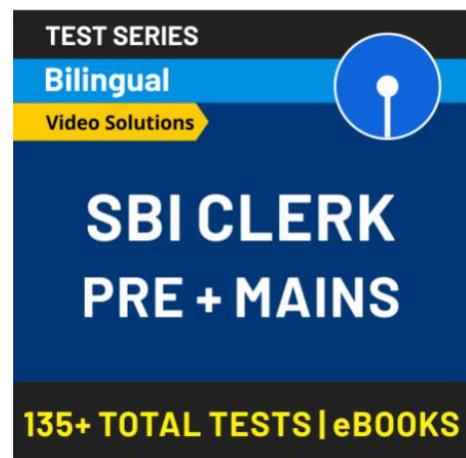
- India became independent on 15th of august, 1947. Even after independence, the country did not have a sound constitution. The laws, before the enactment of the constitution, were running on the basis of Government of India Act 1935. Having realized the need for a permanent constitution and its own governing body, the government of India appointed a Drafting Committee on 28th of August 1947 to draft it and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee.
- After almost 3 years, the 308 members of the Assembly, after many consultations and a few modifications finally signed a constitution on 24th of January 1950, which came into effect on 26th of January 1950. And, that day, is being celebrated as Republic Day in India ever since then. This day defines the importance of having a proper constitution that all the citizens must abide by.

Andra cabinet adopts resolution to abolish Legislative Council

- **Andhra Pradesh (AP) cabinet** has adopted a resolution to **abolition the legislative council**, which the government feels is a major hurdle for passing crucial bills. This cabinet chaired by the chief minister (CM) YS Jaganmohan Reddy.
- This approval came after AP government failed to pass 2 important bills (Andhra Pradesh Decentralization and Inclusive development of All Regions Bill-2020 for the tri-capital system & and the AP Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) Act (Repeal) Bill) in the upper house of the legislature.

Tableaux of Assam wins 1st prize at 71st Republic Day parade

- The **Tableaux of Assam** wins the 1st prize at the **Republic Day Parade, 2020** among the States/Union Territories. The theme of Assam's tableau was "Land of unique craftsmanship and culture", displaying bamboo and cane work and Bhortal Nritya performed by Xattriya dancers. Best Tableaux awards for Republic Day Parade, 2020 was given by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.



- **Odisha and Uttar Pradesh** won tied second prize. Odisha's tableau depicted Lord Lingaraja's Rukuna Rath Yatra whereas the tableau of Uttar Pradesh showcased the state's cultural and religious heritage.
- The **tableaux of National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) and Jal Shakti Mission** have jointly adjudged the best tableau among the Ministries and Departments. **Central Public Works Department (CPWD)** got the Special Prize for their tableau based on the theme Kashmir se Kanyakumari.

"Samvidhaan" announced as the Oxford Hindi Word of the Year 2019

- **Oxford University Press (OUP)** named "**Samvidhaan**" (Constitution) the Oxford Hindi Word of 2019. It received widespread attention in the year which was witness to the spirit of the Indian Constitution being embraced across segments of the society. The word was chosen as 2019 saw the values of democracy, secularism, justice, liberty, equality and fraternity being tested on the touchstone of the Constitution or "Samvidhaan".
- "Samvidhaan" means a "body of fundamental principles or established precedents according to which a state or other organisation is acknowledged to be governed".

National Affairs

- A festival to celebrate the spirit of India "**Bharat Parv 2020**" has begun at Red Fort Ground in New Delhi. The objective of Bharat Parv is to encourage people to visit different tourist places of the country and to inculcate the spirit of '**Dekho Apna Desh**'. The theme of this year's Bharat Parv is '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**' and '**Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi**'.
- Union Minister of State for PMO Jitendra Singh launched the **Bhuvan Panchayat V3 web Portal** in Anthariksh Bhavan, ISRO Head Quarters in Bengaluru. This web Portal will

enhance network application of gram panchayats. The Portal will function with the help of satellite technology developed by **ISRO**.

- **Indian Railways** has commissioned India's **1st governmental waste-to-energy plant** in Mancheswar Carriage Repair workshop at Bhubaneswar under the East Coast Railway zone.
- **World's largest meditation centre** was inaugurated at **Kanha Shanti Vanam** in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.

States in the News

- India's first **e-waste clinic** is being opened in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**.
- Chief Minister of **Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurates India's **1st Super Fab Lab in Kochi, Kerala**.
- Maharashtra government launched '**Shiv Bhojan**' scheme. The scheme aims to provide a meal to the poor for just 10 rupees, on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day.
- The State Government of **Odisha** has launched a virtual police station where people can lodge complaints from their respective districts without visiting Police Station.
- The state government also launched the medico-legal opinion system and road accident case document module at **Lok Seva Bhawan in the capital**.



- The Chief Minister of Maharashtra Uddhav Thackeray inaugurated 18.5 kilometre-long stretch of **Nagpur Metro Aqua line of Maha Metro Rail Network**. This Line will have six stations starting from Lokmanya Nagar to Sitabuldi Interchange Metro Station.
- President Ram Nath Kovind will inaugurate the **34th Surajkund International Crafts Fair** on February 1, 2020. The partner country of the fair is **Uzbekistan**. The state of **Himachal Pradesh** has been chosen to be the Theme State.

International Affairs

- **Britain** has unveiled a new 50 pence coin minted to mark **Brexit (British exit)**. Brexit is the withdrawal of the United Kingdom (UK) from the European Union (EU). The coin bears the inscription "Peace, prosperity and friendship with all nations".
- **Qatar's** emir has appointed **Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani** as new Prime Minister.
- **The European Union parliament** has approved United Kingdom Brexit deal.
- US President Donald Trump has signed the new United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) North American trade pact with Canada and Mexico into law.
- **World Health Organization** has declared an international emergency over the novel **coronavirus from China**. The organization has declared an emergency as the disease has spread to 18 other countries apart from China where it originated.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** has signed a licensing agreement with Intercontinental Exchange (**ICE**) **Futures Europe**. **Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) Futures Europe** is an operator of global exchanges and clearinghouses.

Books and Authors

- Former President Pranab Mukherjee released the autobiography of **Yashwant Sinha** titled '**Relentless**'. The book describes Sinha's journey from normal life to a high political powered life.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Google** announced a **1-million USD** grant to promote news literacy among Indians. According to Google, the grant will work towards building a strong network of senior reporters and journalists, who will counteract fake news in India. The funding support is part of Google's broader, **\$10-million commitment to media literacy**.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Sunil Mehta** took over as the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of the **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**. He will replace VG Kannan.
- **Taranjit Singh Sandhu** takes charge as the new Indian Ambassador to the United States. He will succeed **Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla**.
- Prime Minister of Slovenian **Marjan Sarec** announced his resignation and called for new elections as the country's coalition struggles with political deadlock.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed its Executive Director Janak Raj as member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). He will replace M D Patra.

Defence News

- **Defence PSU** Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) is set to deliver anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette INS Kavaratti to the Indian Navy.
- **Indian Navy** has launched "**Operation Vanilla**" to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief at Madagascar.
- The **Assam Rifles** has constructed a combined war memorial in Nagaland. The memorial has been built for the 357 Army and Assam Rifles personnel killed while fighting insurgency in the northeastern state.

- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** has commissioned a high-speed interceptor boat **C-448** in **Mangaluru, Karnataka**.
- The 9th edition of joint military training exercise between India-Bangladesh **SAMPRTI-IX** will be conducted at Umroi, **Meghalaya**.
- The **AN-32 aircraft of Indian Air Force** powered with **10% blend of bio-jet fuel** took off and landed successfully in **Leh airport**.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Uttarakhand, Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre** (in the institution category) and **Kumar Munnan Singh** (individual category) have been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2020.
- The chairman of **"The Hindu Group" N. Ram** has been selected as the outstanding media person in a national award instituted by Kerala Media Academy.
- **Dr N Kumar**, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, has been conferred **'Harit Ratna Award 2019'**.
- Nobel laureate **Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee** conferred the honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) by Calcutta University at its annual convocation in Kolkata.
- **Sanjana Kapoor** received the prestigious French honour of **'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters)** for her outstanding contribution to the field of theatre.

Summit and Conference

- The **3rd Global Potato Conclave-2020** begins at **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The mega event will have three major components, which include the Potato Conference, the Agri Expo and Potato Field Day.
- The **World Sustainable Summit 2020** is an annual event organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) at New Delhi. This year theme of the event is: **'Towards 2030: Making the Decade Count'**.

Science and Technology

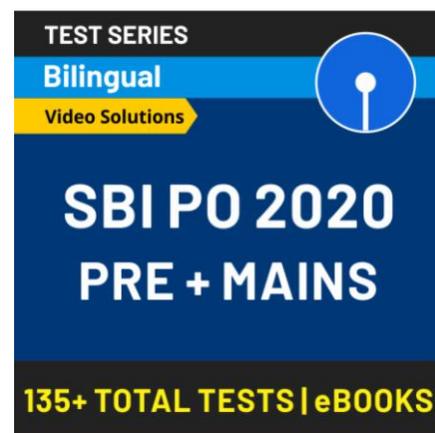
- The **'Innovation Festival'** kicked off at the Science Centre in **Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh**. The festival is being organized by the Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology in collaboration with the National Innovation Foundation.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has announced that it is preparing **low-cost satellite launch vehicles** costing around **30-35 crores each**.

Ranks and Reports

- **West Bengal** emerged as the top State in vegetable production in 2018-19. West Bengal has overtaken Uttar Pradesh. **Andhra Pradesh** continued to hold on to the pole position in fruits with **17.61 mt**, followed by Maharashtra (10.82 mt) and Uttar Pradesh (10.65 mt).

Sports News

- Indian cyclist **Esow Alben** has bagged a gold in the men's Keirin individual event of the Six-Day Berlin Tournament. Esow was honoured with the Young Athlete of the Year Award at the Sportstar Aces Awards 2020 in Mumbai earlier this month.
- Indian women's team captain **Rani Rampal** became the 1st-ever hockey player worldwide to win the **prestigious 'World Games Athlete of the Year' award 2019**.



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Important Days

- In India, **World Leprosy Day** is observed on Jan 30 every year to commemorate the death of Mahatma Gandhi who was assassinated on this day in 1948. This year theme of World Leprosy Day 2020 is “**Leprosy isn’t what you think**”.
- ‘**Rubigula**’, **Flame-Throated Bulbul**, has been unveiled as the official mascot for the **Goa 2020 National Games in Panaji, Goa**. The Flame-Throated Bulbul is the state bird of Goa. Goa will be hosting the 36th edition of the National Games from 20th October to 4th November 2020.

Obituaries

- **National Basketball Association (NBA)** legend **Kobe Bryant** passed away in a helicopter crash with his 13-year-old daughter Gianna.
- Noted artist and sculptor **Sher Singh Kukkal** passed away. He was awarded Senior Fellowship in Visual Art Photography by Union Ministry Of Culture during 2008-09.
- Eminent Assamese linguist and academician **Golok Chandra Goswami** passed away.
- Veteran South actress **Jameela Malik** passed away. She was the first Keralite woman to graduate from the prestigious Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) in Pune.
- Former Indian women’s hockey team captain **Sunita Chandra** passed away. She was a prestigious Arjuna awardee.
- Famous social worker, environmentalist, educationist & writer **Tushar Kanjilal** passed away.
- Social activist, feminist writer and journalist **Vidya Bal** passed away.

Miscellaneous News

- The government of India announced a sale of **100% stake in debt-laden Air India**. As part of the strategic disinvestment and has set March 17, as the deadline for submitting an expression of interest (EoI). Air India would also sell 100% stake in low-cost airline Air

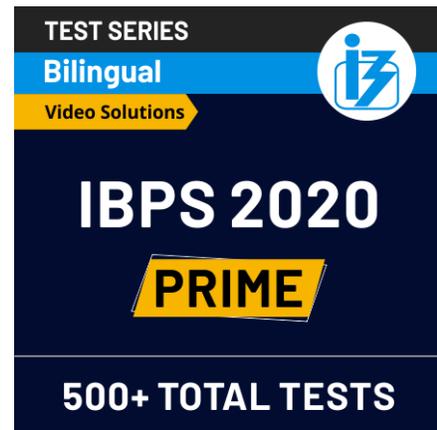
India Express and 50 per cent shareholding in joint venture AISATS.

- **Government of India** is a plan to set up a war memorial for animals in **Meerut, Uttar Pradesh**. It will be India’s first animal war memorial. The memorial will come up at the Remount and Veterinary Corps (RVC) Centre and College in Meerut, where the army breeds, rears, and trains dogs, mules and horses.
- The country’s 1st underwater metro project is set to complete its **East-West Project of Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation**, which runs partly under the Hooghly river, West Bengal, by March 2022.
- **Nepal** has created a new **Guinness World Record** for organizing highest altitude Fashion Show on the earth. The Mount Everest Fashion Runway was held at 5340 meters (17515 feet) elevation at Kala Patthar, near Everest base camp.
- Irish composer **Eimear Noone** will be the first woman to conduct an orchestra at the Oscars guest-segment.

Static Takeaways

- ISRO Director: k. Sivan; Headquarters: Bengaluru, Established: 1969.
- Union Minister of Ministry of Railways: Piyush Goyal.
- Chief Minister of Telangana: K. Chandrashekar Rao.
- Governor of Telangana: Tamilisai Soundararajan.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Kamal Nath.
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Lal Ji Tandon.
- Governor of Kerala: Arif Mohammed Khan.
- Capital of Kerala: Thiruvananthapuram.
- Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra: Uddhav Bal Thackeray.
- Governor of Maharashtra: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- Capital of Maharashtra: Mumbai.
- Deputy Chief Minister (DCM) of Maharashtra: Ajit Anantrao Pawar.

- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: Jagan Mohan Reddy.
- Governor of Andhra Pradesh: Biswabhusan Harichandan.
- Capital of Andhra Pradesh: Amaravati.
- Utkal Divas or Odisha Day falls every year on 01st April.
- CM of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- Chief Minister Haryana: Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Governor of Haryana: Satyadeo Narayan Arya.
- Prime minister of United Kingdom: Boris Johnson.
- Capital of the United Kingdom: London.
- Qatar Capital: Doha; Currency: Qatari riyal.
- European Union Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.
- European Union Founded: 1 November 1993.
- Managing Director and CEO of BSE: Ashish Kumar Chauhan.
- Chairman of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE): Vikramajit Sen.
- BSE Established: Mumbai, Maharashtra; Founded: 9 July 1875.
- President of Slovenia: Borut Pahor.
- Capital of Slovenia: Ljubljana; Currency: Euro.
- Formation of Indian Banks' Association: 26 September 1946.
- Headquarters of Indian Banks' Association: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Union Minister of External Affairs: Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.
- Indian Coast Guard founded: 18 August 1978; Headquarters: New Delhi; Motto(s): Vayam Raks amah (We protect).
- DG of Assam Rifles: Lt Gen Sukhdeep Sangwan.
- The Assam Rifles came into being in 1835.
- Chief of Navy Staff (CNS): Karambir Singh.
- Indian Navy Day: 4 December.
- DG of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) DG: Satya Narayan Pradhan.
- CM of Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor of Kerala: Arif Mohammed Khan.
- Director-General of The Energy and Resources Institute TERI: Dr Ajay Mathur
- Headquarters of The Energy and Resources Institute TERI: New Delhi; Founded of TERI: 1974.
- Founder of The Energy and Resources Institute TERI: Darbari S Seth.
- Vice-Chancellor of Indian Potato Association: S.M. Paul Khurana.
- Headquarters of Indian Potato Association: Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- Jagdeep Dhankhar is the governor of West Bengal.
- Mamta Banerjee is the CM of West Bengal.
- Capital of Germany: Berlin, Currency of Germany: Euro.
- Chancellor of Germany: Angela Merkel.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- The Oxford English Dictionary is the principal historical dictionary of the English language, published by Oxford University Press; Headquarters: United Kingdom.
- Managing Director of Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Managing Director(MD): Manas Sarkar.
- Chairman of Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation: Suneet Sharma.



- Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation founded: 2008.
- Prime minister of Nepal: KP Sharma Oli.
- President of Nepal: Bidhya Devi Bhandari.
- Speaker of Nepal: Krishna Bahadur Mahara.
- Capital of Nepal: Kathmandu; Currency of Nepal: Nepalese rupee.
- Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh: Pema Khandu.
- Governor of Arunachal Pradesh: B. D. Mishra.
- President of United States: Donald Trump; Capital: Washington, D.C.
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai; Founded: 4 September 1998.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- ISRO Director: K.Sivan; Headquarters: Bengaluru; Established: 1969.
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland; Director general: Tedros Adhanom.
- Chief Minister of Goa: Pramod Sawant; Governor of Goa: Satya Pal Malik.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju.
- Air Chief Marshal of India: Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria.
- The motto of the Indian Air Force: Nabha Sprsham Deeptam (The Glory that touches the sky)



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