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National Science Day celebrated on 28th February across India

- **National Science Day** is celebrated all over India on **28th February**. On this day, Sir **CV Raman** had announced the discovery of the Raman Effect for which he was awarded the **Nobel Prize in 1930**. Government of India designated 28 February as National Science Day (NSD) in 1986.
- The theme for this year's National Science Day is '**Women in Science**'. This theme has been chosen for the purpose of increasing public appreciation of the scientific issues involved. The main event of the National Science Day will take place at the Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. President Ram Nath will be present at the event.
- On this occasion, President Ram Nath Kovind will present awards for science communication as well as for women scientists. A total of 21 awards will be given which will include National Science and Technology and Communication Awards, Augmenting Writing Skills For Articulating Research awards and National Award For Young Woman Showing Excellence Through Application Of Technology For Societal Benefits.

India ranked 3rd in Hurun Global Rich List 2020

- Hurun Report has released the **Hurun Global Rich List 2020**. The Hurun Global Rich List 2020 is a ranking of the US-Dollar billionaires in the world. The **9th edition of the Hurun Global Rich list ranked 2,816 billionaires from 71 countries and from 2,182 companies**.

Some key facts of the list:

- Among the countries, the list has been topped by China with 799 Billionaires and USA stood on the 2nd position with 626 Billionaires.
- Among individuals, **Jeff Bezos** has topped the list of richest person in the world with the total wealth of US\$ 140 Bn.
- For the 5th time, Beijing (China) remained the capital of world's billionaire with 110 billionaires living at the place.
- Total four individuals recorded wealth of over US\$ 100 Bn.
- Mukesh Ambani stood 9th in the global rich list along with Larry Page and Steve Ballmer with a wealth of US\$ 67 Bn. Mukesh Ambani was also the only one from Asian region in the top-10 list.

Here is the list of top ten people in Hurun Global Rich List 2020:

Rank	Name	Wealth (US\$bn)	Main Company	Country of Residence
1	Jeff Bezos	140	Amazon	USA
2	Bernard Arnault	107	LVMH	France
3	Bill Gates	106	Microsoft	USA
4	Warren Buffett	102	Berkshire Hathaway	USA
5	Mark Zuckerberg	84	Facebook	USA
6	Armanio Ortega	81	Zara	Spain
7	Carlo Slim Helu & family	72	America Movil	Mexico
8	Sergey Brin	68	Google	USA
9	Larry Page	67	Google	USA
9	Mukesh Ambani	67	Reliance	India
9	Steve Ballmer	67	Microsoft	USA

Here is the list of top ten countries in Hurun Global Rich List 2020:

Rank	Country	Number of Billionaires
1	China	799
2	USA	626
3	India	137
4	Germany	122
5	UK	119
6	Russia	91

7	Switzerland	88
8	Brazil	69
9	Thailand	57
10	France	51

Elections for 55 Rajya Sabha seats to be conducted on March 26

- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** announcing the schedule of polling for **55 Rajya Sabha** seats spread over **17 States** set to be vacated in April will be conducted on **March 26**. According to the schedule for the elections, the notification would be issued on **March 6**, the last date of filing of nominations would be March 13 and polling would be on March 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The votes would be counted at 5 p.m. on the same day.
- Prominent leaders who are retiring in April, are NCP leader Sharad Pawar, Union Minister Ramdas Athawale, Congress veteran Motilal Vora, Digvijay Singh of Congress and former Union Minister Vijay Goel. Maximum seven seats are falling vacant in Maharashtra followed by six seats in Tamil Nadu.

POTUS in India: Events of 24th February 2020

- President of the United States (POTUS)** Donald Trump has arrived in India on **24th February 2020**. He was accompanied by the First Lady of the **United States Melania Trump**. With this, Donald Trump has become the first serving US President to visit Gujarat.
- After his arrival, the US president was welcomed by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. After welcome, the cavalcade of US president head towards Sabarmati Ashram. After reaching the Sabarmati Ashram, the US president and the first lady of US spun the Charkha and then head towards the Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad for "Namaste Trump" event.

"NAMASTE TRUMP" Event:

- Following the Sabarmati Ashram visit, both the leaders arrived at the world's largest cricket stadium "**Sardar Patel Stadium**" which is also known as "**Motera Stadium**" to attend and address the "NAMASTE TRUMP" event. The "NAMASTE TRUMP" event featured cultural performances.

Taj Mahal Visit:

- Following the "NAMASTE TRUMP" event, the US delegate landed at Kheria Airport, Agra, Uttar Pradesh to visit one of the 7 wonders of the world, i.e. the iconic "Taj Mahal" in Agra. At the airport, the US President and the first lady were received by Uttar Pradesh's Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Governor Anandiben Patel. The US President and the first lady arrived at the iconic Taj Mahal and admired the beauty of the historical monument. After the Taj Mahal visit, the US delegates returned to Delhi for the rest of their trip.

Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2020 announced

- Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2020** announced in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**. Actor **Ravi Dubey** served as the host of the event. **Hrithik Roshan** bagged the Best Actor award for film "**Super 30**".
- The Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival is a unique platform to honour and encourage the most creative filmmakers, and to infuse life into their career. DPIFF commemorate those deserving storyteller, creative writers, passionate filmmakers, and maverick artists who are part of great Indian cinema.

Complete List of Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2020 Winners:

S. No.	Award	Award Winner
1	Best Film	Super 30
2	Best Actor	Hrithik Roshan (Super 30)
3	Most Promising Actor	Kiccha Sudeep
4	Best Actor in Television Series	Dheeraj Dhoopar
5	Best Actress in Television	Divyanka Tripathi
6	Most Favourite Television Actor	Harshad Chopda
7	Most Favourite Jodi in Television Series	Sriti Jha and Shabbir Ahluwalia (Kumkum Bhagya)
8	Best Television Series	Kumkum Bhagya
9	Best Playback Singer Male	Armaan Malik
10	Best Reality Show	Bigg Boss 13

US becomes India's top trading partner, surpassing China

- **The United States** has surpassed **China** to become **India's top trading partner**. According to the Commerce Ministry data, the bilateral trade between the US and India stood at nearly **88 billion dollars in 2018-19 fiscal**. During the period, India's trade with China was at **87.1 billion dollars**. During April-December 2019-20, the bilateral trade between the US and India stood at 68 billion dollars against a nearly 65 billion dollars trade with China in the same period.
- The countries will finalise a free trade agreement (FTA), then the bilateral trade would reach different levels. FTA with the US will be very beneficial for India as the US is the biggest market for domestic goods and services.
- India's exports, as well as imports, are increasing with the US, while with China both are declining. America is one of the few countries with which India has a trade surplus. On the other hand, India has a huge trade deficit with China. The data showed that China was India's top trading partner since 2013-14 till 2017-18.

India & US sign defence deals worth \$3 billion

- **India and the United States** finalized **defence deals worth 3 billion dollars**. India has agreed to purchase USD 3 billion worth advanced American military equipment including Apache and MH-60 Romeo helicopters, which are the finest in the world.
- The deals were signed after delegation-level talks between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting US President Donald Trump. Under a USD 2.6 billion deal, India will buy 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters from Lockheed Martin for the Indian Navy. Another contract to acquire six AH-64E Apache helicopters for USD 800 million from aerospace giant Boeing has also been sealed.
- Defence and security ties between India and the US have been on an upswing in the last six years. The bilateral defence trade touched USD 18 billion marks in 2019, reflecting growing defence cooperation between the two sides.

ISRO to launch Geo Imaging Satellite "GISAT-1"

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation** will launch the Geo Imaging Satellite "**GISAT-1**". GISAT-1 will be launched by **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F10)** from the Second Launch Pad of **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota**. The launch of GISAT-1 has been tentatively scheduled at 17:43 Hrs IST on March 05, 2020.

About GISAT-1:

- The Geo Imaging Satellite "GISAT-1" is an agile Earth observation satellite which has been planned to be placed in a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit by GSLV-F10. The satellite weighing about 2275 kg will reach the final geostationary orbit with the help of onboard propulsion system installed on it. The GSLV flight will be carrying an Ogive shaped payload having a diameter of 4 metre.

National Affairs

- The **Indian Railways** has launched the Hindi Version of **Artificial Intelligence-based chatbot called "ASKDISHA"**. The hindi version has been launched to further enhance the customer services rendered and to further strengthen the services of the chatbot.
- The first anniversary of the iconic **National War Memorial** is being observed on **25th February**. The memorial is a fitting tribute to those heroes who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty during various wars and internal security challenges since Independence.
- The **Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC)** between India and Australia was held in **New Delhi**. This was the **16th edition** of the session.
- Union Minister of **Food Processing Industries** Harsimrat Kaur Badal has launched the- **Market Intelligence and Early Warning System (MIEWS) Web Portal**. The portal can be accessed at <http://miews.nafed-india.com>.
- A Programme for **Capacity Building of Scheduled Tribe Representatives in Local Self Governments** has been launched in Bhubhaneswar, Odisha. The programme was launched by the Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Arjun Munda.
- The **91st Annual General Meeting of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Society** was held in Delhi. The Annual General Meeting was chaired by the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.
- The **24th Meeting of the Eastern Zonal Council** will be held in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. The Meeting of the **Eastern Zonal Council** will be chaired by the Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah.

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- The **National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom)**, in collaboration with **Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, launched an **artificial intelligence (AI) based module for students of Indian schools**.
- **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** has been launched **'SPICe+ Web Form** (pronounced 'SPICe Plus') to offer 10 services by 3 Central Government Ministries/ Departments and of State Government of Maharashtra in a single web form.
- The **Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)** has approved **Rs 162 crore** under **Operation Green scheme** which has an outlay of Rs 500 crore to stabilize the supply of tomato, onion and potato (TOP) crops and to ensure their availability round the year without price volatility.

States in the News

- **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister **Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy** has launched a scheme named **'Jagananna Vasthi Deevana'**. This scheme is for students pursuing various post-Intermediate courses to meet hostel and mess expenses.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has become the **1st state in the country** to introduce the unified registration card and the 2nd state to launch the **unified driving license after Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Losar festival** was celebrated at **Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh**. The festival is celebrated on the **1st day of the lunisolar Tibetan calendar also called Tibetan New Year**. Losar is a festival in Tibetan Buddhism.
- The department of Youth and cultural Affairs, Government of Gujarat has organised cultural festival called **"Vasantotsav"**. The cultural festival "Vasantotsav" was held with the theme of "Ek Bhaart Shreshth Bharat".
- **Maharashtra government** has decided to undertake the genetic study for the conservation of the native species of domesticated animals. The genetic study aims to conserve the native species of domesticated animals in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra.
- Union Communications-Electronics IT Law and Justice Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated **BSNL FTTH and WiFi services at Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun**.
- **The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** has approved a proposal to change the name of **Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University** in Lucknow. The Cabinet has decided to rename the university as **Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Languages University**.
- The **Kerala High Court** recently passed an order and **banned all types of political movements in the college and school premises**. Banning various forms agitations like gherao and sit-in in the campuses, the High Court also said no one can be persuaded to participate in such protests.

International Affairs

- **South Sudan** rebel leader **Riek Machar** has been sworn in as first vice president. He is formally rejoining the government in the latest effort to bring peace to a nation ravaged by war.
- **Malaysian** Prime Minister **Mahathir Mohamad** has announced his resignation over political issues. He will act as an interim PM.
- **Sri Lankan Government** formally notified the United Nations that it will withdraw from the **UNHRC (United Nations Human Rights Council)** resolution for investigating alleged war crimes. The case was dealing with a decade-old clash with Tamil separatists.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Microsoft** announced a partnership with **State Bank of India** to train differently-abled people to find jobs in the banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) sector.
- **Chinese tech major Xiaomi** will bring **ISRO's Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System, NavIC** technology to its smartphones.
- The **NTPC Ltd** has signed an agreement with the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)**. According to an agreement, NTPC Ltd will provide financial support of Rs 80 Crore for installation and commissioning of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS).
- **HDFC Bank** joined hands with the country's largest airline **IndiGo** to launch a co-branded credit card, which will effectively work like a loyalty programme for the carrier. Its first travel credit card named **'Ka-ching'**-powered by **Mastercard**.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- An interactive AI Powered **ChatBot solution "LIDEA"** has been launched by Birla Estates for its customers. "LIDEA" will enable the users to access authentic information of the projects which can be used for the evaluation of the residential developments of Birla Estates.
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has allowed the use of regulatory sandbox by the market players on select customers. SEBI will also grant limited registration for such testing purposes. The decision is expected to facilitate the use of latest fintech innovations in capital markets.
- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has sanctioned **400.64 crore** rupees to the **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**. This sanction is for giving a boost to the infrastructure in the rural areas of J&K.
- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has launched an industry campaign named **"UPI Chalega"** to promote UPI as Easy, Safe, and Instant mode of payment.

- The “UPI Chalega” campaign is aimed to guide users towards the right usage of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and help create a habitual change, use of UPI in their daily life. NPCI has launched the campaign in association with the payment ecosystem players.
- The **Reserve bank of India** removes the restrictions placed on **Bandhan Bank**, allowing it to open new branches without prior permission. The RBI came up with some regulatory conditions & directed the bank to order about 25% of the total banking outlets to be opened in rural areas where banking facilities are not available.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has raised **Rs 850 crore (USD 118 million)** from a new issue of offshore Indian rupee-linked 10-year bonds.
- The **Airtel Payments Bank** has launched the **Aadhaar-enabled Payment System (AePS)**. The facility has been launched by the payment bank at over **2,50,000 banking points across India**.
- **Bharti AXA General Insurance**, a private non-life insurer becomes the 1st company in India to use **Whatsapp chatbot**. Through this service, the company started delivering policies and renewal premium to its customers. It plans to sell the private car, two-wheeler and travel insurance through a WhatsApp chatbot.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has directed all Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding RRBs), all Small Finance Banks and all Local Area Banks to link all the new floating rate loans to medium enterprises with external benchmarks. The decision has been taken by the RBI to further strengthen the monetary policy transmission.
- **Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar** inaugurated “**Baroda Startup Banking**”. It is an initiative aimed at making the Bank of Baroda (BoB) a preferred banking partner for the start-up community and establishing connect with at least 2,000 start-ups over the next two years. The initiative was launched simultaneously across 15 cities in the country.

Appointments/Resignations

- The appointment of **Sunil Gurbaxani** as **managing director and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank** has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- **Rajlaxmi Singh Deo** has been re-elected as the president of the **Rowing Federation of India (RFI)**.
- **Vijay Advani** has been appointed by the **US-India Business Council (USIBC)** as new chairman of its Global Board of Directors.
- **Hydropower giant National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)** announced the appointment of **Abhay Kumar Singh** as the company’s Chairman & Managing Director. He will replace Ratish Kumar.
- **Mastercard Chief Executive Officer Ajay Banga** will step down at the start of the next year and will be replaced by Chief Product Officer Michael Miebach.

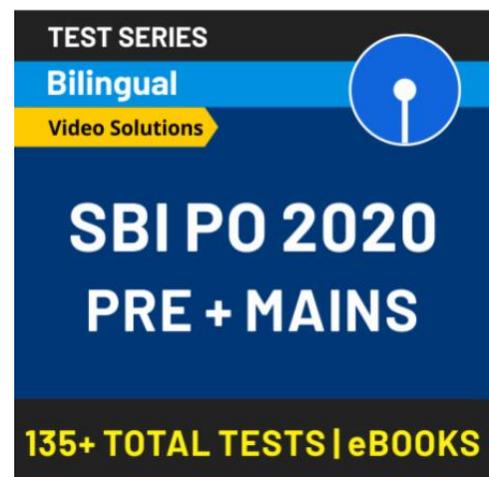
- **TransUnion Cibil**, the largest credit information bureau appointed **Rajesh Kumar of HDFC Bank** as its new managing director and chief executive.
- Five-time Grand Slam champion **Maria Sharapova** has announced her retirement from tennis.
- **Jawed Ashraf** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to France. He will succeed Vinay Mohan Kwatra.
- **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** will become the next Ambassador of India to Nepal, he will succeed Manjeev Singh Puri.
- **Abhishek Singh** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**.

Defence News

- The 5th edition of the Exercise **Indra Dhanush 2020** commenced on **24th February**. It is a joint air force exercise between Indian Air Force (IAF) and British Royal Air Forces (RAF) has commenced at Air Force Station Hindan in Uttar Pradesh (UP).
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the new **Light Combat Helicopter (LCH)** Production Hangar at Helicopter Division in Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Complex at **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- The **6th Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) “VAJRA”** has been launched in Chennai. The Coast Guard’s Offshore Patrol Vessel is expected to strengthen the efforts Indian Coast Guard in securing the vast coastline of over 7500 km, including an exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of over **20 lakh sq kms**.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Dr Niti Kumar**, a Senior Scientist from Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow will be honoured with the **SERB Women Excellence Award-2020**.
- Veteran actor **Manoj Kumar** has been honoured by the **World Book of Records, London** with the WBR Golden Era of Bollywood.



- **Adline Castelino** has been crowned as the winner of **LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020** competition. **Aavriti Choudhary** of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh crowned as LIVA Miss Diva Supranational 2020.
- **Sreekar Prasad**, a veteran editor has entered the Limca Book of Records for **'films edited in the most number of languages'**. **Sreekar Prasad** has received the certification from the Limca Records for editing films in 17 languages. The 17 languages includes: English, Hindi, Punjabi, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, Odia, Sinhalese, Bengali, Assamese, Nepali, Pangchenpa, Karbi, Mishing, Bodo, and Marathi.
- The **Raja Ravi Varma** State Award was conferred on veteran painter from Kalaburagi, Prof. **J.S. Khanderao** (for the year 2019) and senior artist from Mumbai, **Vasudev Kamath (2020)**. Prof. J.S. Khanderao was awarded for his art that defines the history of human culture as the art is a form of human expression. The painting dates back to the ages of primitive times. The art form has undergone rapid transformations over centuries. Vasudev Kamath was awarded for his more expressive form of art.
- Forest Man of India **Jadav Payeng** will be awarded **Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi Award 2020** in New Delhi.

Summit and Conference

- **NITI Aayog** will organize **Sustainable Development Goals Conclave 2020: Partnerships, Cooperation and Development of North Eastern states in Guwahati, Assam**.
- **New Delhi** hosts the **International Judicial Conference** which was addressed by PM Modi. The conference was held with the theme of "Gender Just World". The topic of the one-day conference is "Judiciary and The Changing World".
- A 3-day international conference on Ensemble Methods in **Modelling and Data Assimilation (EMMDA)** was organized by **National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF)**, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- The **9th Defence and Security Expert Working Group (EWG)** meeting of **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** was held in **Islamabad, Pakistan**.
- **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)** is working on a project of connecting about **3,000 kilometre-long power grid** from Myanmar-Thailand to India.
- The Government of India (GoI) announced the mega event, **RAISE 2020- 'Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020,'** to be held from April 11-12 in New Delhi.

Books and Authors

- The Vice President of India **M Venkaiah Naidu** released the book titled **'Death- An Inside Story: A book for all those who shall'** authored by **Jaggi Vasudev**, but famously known as **Sadhguru, Founder of Isha Foundation**.

Sports News

- **FC Goa** has become the first Indian club to qualify for the **Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Champions League group** stage.
- Indian Grandmaster **D Gukesh** defeated **Harutyun Bargseghyan** of France to win the **34th Cannes Open** in France. Siva Mahadevan of India secured the 10th place with six points.
- **Russia** will host the International Boxing **Association (AIBA) Team World Cup 2020**. The tournament will be coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the victory in World War II under the motto "Boxing for peace". This format is expected to make boxing more attractive to spectators and sponsors.
- 1st edition of the **Khelo India University Games** was launched at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium at Cuttack, Odisha**. The tournament will feature the participation of about 3,400 athletes from 159 universities across the country across 17 disciplines.
- **India** will host the **Commonwealth Shooting and Archery Championships** in January 2022. The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) announced this decision after the Executive Board meeting in London.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** banned Oman player **Yousuf Abdulrahim Al Balushi** from all forms of cricket for 7 years.

Important Days

- **Central Excise Day** is celebrated every year on **February 24** across India. The day is being celebrated to honour the service of **Central Board of Excise and Custom (CBEC)** to the country.
- **World NGO Day** is observed globally on **27 February**. The day aims to raise awareness about the **Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)** sector.
- Right to Protein, a national-level public health initiative has launched India's first **'Protein Day'** on **27th February**. The aim of the day is to draw public attention, raise awareness, and educate India on the health benefits of protein. The theme of India Protein Day 2020 is set to act as a reminder for all Indians to daily ask themselves and others **"ProteinMeinKyaHai"**.

Obituaries

- Former Indian footballer **Ashok Chatterjee** passed away. He made his international debut when he came on as a second-half substitute for PK Banerjee against Japan in the Merdeka Cup in 1965.
- Former Lok Sabha **MP Krishna Bose** passed away. She joined politics in the mid-1990s. She was close to Trinamool Congress chairperson and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.
- Egypt's former President **Mohammed Hosni Mubarak** passed away. He ruled the country for 30 years.

- Famous NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) mathematician **Katherine Johnson** passed away at the age of 101. Johnson's calculations helped put the first man on the Moon in 1969, but she was little known until the Oscar-nominated 2016 movie that told the stories of three black women who worked at NASA.
- Centenarian freedom fighter and Vedic scholar **Sudhakar Krishna Rao**, widely known as Sudhakar Chaturvedi passed away.
- The world's oldest man, **Chitetsu Watanabe** of Japan, has passed away at 112.

Miscellaneous News

- On the occasion of 1st anniversary of the launch of **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme**, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched PM KISAN mobile application for the further expansion of the scheme.
- **India's first floating jetty** has been inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya at a cruise terminal in **Vasco at Goa**.
- **J&K Advisor** to Lieutenant Governor, **Farooq Khan** has flagged off a youth exchange programme '**Watan Ko Jano**'.
- **Jiya Rai**, the 11-year-old girl created a world record by becoming the youngest and the fastest specially-abled girl to swim 14 kilometres in open water in 3 hours 27 minutes and 30 seconds.
- The **Central Board of Secondary Education** has launched an Exam center locator app "**CBSE ECL**" as well as an Online Exam Center Management System "**OECMS**".
- Britain's oldest man, **Bob Weighton**, who is 111, has now become the oldest person in the world.
- **The Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL)** has announced the launch of the world's largest airport-based temperature-controlled facility known as the '**Export Cold Zone**' for processing and storage of agro and pharma products.

Static Takeaways

- Union Minister of Ministry of Railways: Piyush Goyal.
- Headquarters of Dhanlaxmi Bank: Thrissur, Kerala.
- Dhanlaxmi Bank founded: 14 November 1927.
- Rowing Federation of India founded: 30 August 1976.
- Headquarters of Rowing Federation of India: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Headquarters of US-India Business Council: Washington, D.C., United States.
- US-India Business Council founded: 1975.
- Chairman of SEBI: Ajay Tyagi; Headquarter: Mumbai.
- NITI Aayog: National Institution for Transforming India.
- NITI Aayog CEO: Amitabh Kant, Vice Chairman: Rajiv Kumar.
- Secretary-General of SCO: Vladimir Norov.
- SCO founded: 19 September 2003; Headquarters of SCO: Beijing, China.

- President of Asian Football Confederation: Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa.
- Headquarters of Asian Football Confederation: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- International Boxing Association AIBA Founded: 1946; AIBA Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland; AIBA President: Dr Mohamed Moustahsane.
- Utkal Divas or Odisha Day falls every year on 01st April.
- CM of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- Pramod Sawant is the current CM of Goa.
- Satya Pal Malik is present Governor of Goa.
- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir: Girish Chandra Murmu.
- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh: Radha Krishna Mathur.
- South Sudan Capital: Juba.
- South Sudan Currency: South Sudanese pound.
- Capital of Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur; Currency of Malaysia: Malaysian Ringgit.
- The Vice President of India: Venkaiah Naidu is the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
- President of United States: Donald Trump; Capital: Washington, D.C.
- Chairman of NABARD: Harsh Kumar Bhanwala.
- Headquarters of NABARD: Mumbai.
- Chairman of ICC: Shashank Manohar; Chief Executive: Manu Sahney; Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Chairman of Central Board of Excise and Custom: M. Ajit Kumar.
- Headquarters of Central Board of Excise and Custom: New Delhi.
- Chairman of Swimming Federation of India: Glenn Saldanha.
- Swimming Federation of India Headquarters: Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Swimming Federation of India established: 1948.
- Biswabhusan Harichandan is the current Governor of Andhra Pradesh.
- Capital City of Andhra Pradesh: Amaravati.
- MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI): Dilip Asbe; Headquarters of NPCI: Mumbai, Maharashtra; NPCI Established: 2008.
- Union Minister of Defence: Raj Nath Singh.
- Egypt President: Abdel Fattah El-Sissi.
- Egypt Currency: Egyptian pound; Egypt Capital: Cairo.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Kamal Nath.
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Lal Ji Tandon.
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Microsoft: Satya Nadella.
- Microsoft Founded: April 4, 1975; Headquarters of Microsoft: Washington, United States(US).
- Chairperson of SBI: Rajnish Kumar; Headquarters of SBI: Mumbai; SBI Founded : 1 July 1955.
- ISRO Director: K. Sivan, Headquarters: Bengaluru; Established: 1969.
- National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Founded: 1975.

- National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Headquarters: Faridabad, Haryana.
- CM of Gujarat: Vijay Rupani; Governor of Gujarat: Acharya Dev Vrat; Capital: Gandhinagar.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington, D.C.
- NASA Established: July 29, 1958.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- Australia Capital: Canberra; Currency: Australian Dollar.
- Prime Minister of Australia: Scott Morrison.
- President of Mastercard South Asia: Porush Singh.
- Mastercard Founded: 1966; Headquarters: New York, US.
- Headquarters of CIBIL: Mumbai.
- CIBIL founded: August 2000.
- Air Chief Marshal: Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria.
- Indian Airforce founded: 8 October 1932.
- Indian Airforce Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Bandhan Bank Non-Executive Chairman: Anup Kumar Sinha
- MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank: Chandra Shekhar Ghosh.
- Bandhan Bank Founded: 23 August 2015.
- Bandhan Bank Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal
- Bandhan Bank Tagline: Aapka Bhalai, Sabki Bhalai.
- Formation of ADB: 19 December 1966.
- Headquarters of ADB: Manila, Philippines.
- Membership of ADB: 68 countries.
- President of ADB: Masatsugu Asakawa.
- President of France: Emmanuel Macron.
- Capital of France: Paris.
- Currency of France: Euro, CFP Franc.
- Minister of Science and Technology and Minister of Earth Sciences: Harsh Vardhan.
- United Nations Development Programme Headquarters: New York, United States.
- United Nations Development Programme Head: Achim Steiner.
- United Nations Development Programme Founded: 22 November 1965.
- ISRO Director: K. Sivan, Headquarters: Bengaluru; Established: 1969.
- Governor of Karnataka: Vajubhai Vala.
- Chief Minister of Karnataka: BS Yediyurappa
- Karnataka Capital: Bengaluru.
- Headquarters of Bharti AXA General Insurance: Mumbai, India.
- MD & CEO of Bharti AXA General Insurance: Sanjeev Srinivasan.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Headquarters of Bank of Baroda: Vadodara, Gujarat.
- MD and CEO of Bank of Baroda: Sanjiv Chadha.
- Chairman of Bank of Baroda: Hasmukh Adhia.
- Tagline of Bank of Baroda: India's International Bank.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat; Governor: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Founded: 1940(As Hindustan Aircraft) & 1964 (Renamed).
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Headquarters: Bangalore, Karnataka.
- Chairman and managing director of HAL: R Madhavan.
- Union Minister of Food Processing Industries: Harsimrat Kaur Badal.
- Currency of Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan rupee.
- President of Sri Lanka: Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- Prime Minister of Sri Lanka: Mahinda Rajapaksa.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- President of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Society: Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: Uddhav Thackeray; Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- NITI Aayog: National Institution for Transforming India.
- NITI Aayog CEO: Amitabh Kant, Vice Chairman: Rajiv Kumar.
- Chairman of NASSCOM: Keshav Murugesu.
- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Managing Director of HDFC Bank: Aditya Puri.
- Capital of Venezuela: Caracas.
- Currency of Venezuela: Petro Bolivar Soberano.
- President of Venezuela: Juan Gerardo Guaido Marquez.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Adityanath.
- Anandiben Patel is the current Governor of Uttar Pradesh.
- Chief Minister of Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan
- Governor of Kerala: Arif Mohammed Khan.
- Capital of Kerala: Thiruvananthapuram.
- Union Minister of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Union Minister of Food Processing Industries: Harsimrat Kaur Badal.

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