

## Weekly One Liners 6th to 12th of April 2020

### PM, President and MPs Salary Cut by 30% , MPLAD funds suspended for 2 years

The **Union Cabinet** approved an ordinance amending the salary, allowances and pension of **Members of Parliament Act, 1954**, to reduce the allowances and pension by **30% starting April 1, 2020, for a year. All Members of Parliament (MPs), including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Council of Ministers**, would be taking a 30 per cent salary cut due to the impact of the novel coronavirus. **Indian President, Vice President and all state governors** have voluntarily decided to take a 30 per cent salary cut for a year in view of the coronavirus outbreak and the expected downturn in the economy. The cabinet also approved temporary suspension of MPLAD (Member of Parliament Local Area Development) fund scheme during 2020-21 and 2021-22, and the funds will be used for managing health services and the adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic in the country. **Rs 7,900 crore** from the MPLADS scheme will go to Consolidated Fund of India. The Rs 10 crore from each MPLAD fund will now go to the Consolidated Fund of India for "managing health and the adverse impact of the outbreak of COVID-19 in India". India is under a 21-day nationwide lockdown to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus.

#### What is MPLADS?

The **Members of Parliament Local Area Development Division** is entrusted with the responsibility of implementation of Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS). Under the scheme, each MP has the choice to suggest to the District Collector for works to the tune of Rs.5 Crores per annum to be taken up in his/her constituency. The Rajya Sabha Members of Parliament can recommend works in one or more districts in the State from where he/she has been elected.

The Nominated Members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha may select any one or more Districts from any one State in the Country for implementation of their choice of work under the scheme. The Ministry has issued the guidelines on MPLADS Scheme including implementation and monitoring of the scheme. The Department has initiated all necessary steps to ensure that the scheme is successfully implemented in the field.

### Odisha becomes 1st state to extend lockdown till 30 April

**Odisha** has become the first state to extend the **21-day lockdown** till **April 30**. The 21-day nation-wide lockdown will end on April 14. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has requested the Centre not to start train and air services till April 30. The state has also announced that all educational institutions in the state will remain closed **till June 17**.


**Odisha** is among the states that have made face masks compulsory for people stepping out of their homes. The others are **Delhi, Mumbai, Chandigarh and Nagaland**.

### IAF airlifts essential drugs to Maldives under 'Operation Sanjeevani'

The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has launched '**Operation Sanjeevani**' and air-lifted 6.2 tonnes of essential medical supplies to the Maldives via transport aircraft C-130J as assistance in the fight against the COVID 19.

India has supplied 6.2 tonnes of essential medicines to the Maldives as assistance in the fight against The medicines were procured from various cities and delivered by a Hercules aircraft of Indian Air Force. India has also supplied essential food grains and edibles despite logistical challenges in the wake of lockdown. The neighbouring country is mostly dependent on imports from India for such supplies.

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**Jeff Bezos tops Forbes billionaires list “The Richest in 2020”**

Forbes has launched the 34th annual world’s billionaires list named as “**The Richest in 2020**”. The list titled “The Richest in 2020” has been topped by the **Amazon Founder and Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bezos**. This was 3rd time in a row that he has topped the annual world’s billionaires list released by Forbes. He has topped the list with a net worth of \$113 billion.

In the 34th annual world’s billionaires list named as “The Richest in 2020”, Jeff Bezos was followed by Bill Gates having net worth of \$98 billion while luxury goods tycoon Bernard Arnault, the Chairman and CEO of luxury magnate LVMH (LVMHF), stood on the 3rd position with a net worth of \$76 billion.

**Here is the list of top 10 billionaires of the world as per the list “The Richest in 2020”:**

Rank	Name	Net Worth (in Billion)	Country/Territory	Source
1	Jeff Bezos	\$113	United States	Amazon
2	Bill Gates	\$98	United States	Microsoft
3	Bernard Arnault	\$76	France	LVMH
4	Warren Buffett	\$67.5	United States	Berkshire Hathaway
5	Larry Ellison	\$59	United States	Software
6	Amancio Ortega	\$55.1	Spain	Zara
7	Mark Zuckerberg	\$54.7	United States	Facebook
8	Jim Walton	\$54.6	United States	Walmart
9	Alice Walton	\$54.4	United States	Walmart
10	Rob Walton	\$54.1	United States	Walmart

**Twitter CEO pledges \$1 billion to combat COVID-19 pandemic**

Chief Executive Officer of Twitter, **Jack Dorsey** has pledged to donate **\$1 billion** to charities working towards combatting the global **COVID-19 pandemic**. The donation of \$1 billion by the Twitter CEO seems to be the largest donation pledged by a private individual in the fight against **COVID-19 pandemic**.

To fulfill the donation amount of \$1 billion, Jack Dorsey will move \$1 billion of his digital payments group “Square” equity i.e. 28% of his wealth, to #startsmall LLC to fund global COVID-19 relief.

**GoI sanctions Rs. 15000 crores package to boost health infrastructure**

**Government of India (GoI)** has announced to allocate **Rs. 15000 crores** for ‘**India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package**’. The funds sanctioned will be utilized for immediate COVID-19 Emergency Response (amount of Rs.7774 crores) and rest for medium-term support (1-4 years) to be provided under mission mode approach.

**The key objectives of the package:**

- The Package includes mounting emergency response to slow and limit COVID-19 in India through the development of diagnostics and COVID-19 dedicated treatment facilities, centralized procurement of essential medical equipment and drugs required for treatment of infected patients, strengthen and build resilient National and
- State health systems to support prevention and preparedness for future disease outbreaks, setting up of laboratories and bolster surveillance activities, bio-security preparedness, pandemic research and proactively engage communities and conduct risk communication activities.
- The funds will also help in increasing the production of PPEs (Personal Protection Equipment), ventilators, ICU and other essential equipment.

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- These interventions and initiatives would be implemented under the overall umbrella of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

### 'Operation SHIELD' launched in Delhi

**Delhi Government** has launched the '**Operation SHIELD**' to curb the spread of **COVID-19** in the national capital. The Operation SHIELD will be implemented in 21 containment zones as a necessary action to protect the people of Delhi from COVID-19.

#### About Operation SHIELD:

The Operation SHIELD has been launched by the Delhi Government in order to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the national capital. This will be implemented in 21 containment areas. In the Operation SHIELD:

**S stands for: Sealing of area**

**H stands for: Home quarantine**

**I stands for: Isolation of infected patients**

**E stands for: Essential services ensured**

**L stands for: Local sanitisation**

**D stands for: Door to door survey**

**The Delhi government has made it mandatory for the people of Delhi to wear masks while stepping out of their houses.**

### National Affairs

- **Civil services officers'** associations have formed an initiative called '**Caruna**' to support and supplement the government's efforts in fighting coronavirus. The acronym 'Caruna' stands for Civil Services Associations Reach to Support in Natural Disasters.
- **IIT-Roorkee** has developed a low-cost portable ventilator called '**Prana-Vayu**' in association with **AIIMS-Rishikesh**, which can be manufactured for just **Rs 25,000**. This closed-loop ventilator equipped with state-of-the-art facilities & can prove useful in ensuring the safety of coronavirus (COVID-19) patients.

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- The **Ministry of Civil Aviation** has launched the initiative called "**Lifeline UDAN**" to help India fight against COVID-19. Under Lifeline UDAN initiative of Ministry of Civil Aviation, 132 cargo flights have been operated so far across the country to transport medical cargo including to remote and hilly areas.
- The innovation cell of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched a mega ONLINE challenge called "**SAMADHAN**" to fight against covid19.
- During the 21 days nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19, pharmacists, popularly known as "**Swasth ke Sipahi**" of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra are delivering essential services and medicines at doorstep of patients and elderly.
- The **Ministry of Human Resource Development** has designated **DigiLocker** as the sole National Academic Depository (NAD). The ministry has directed the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** to implement NAD as a permanent scheme within DigiLocker.
- Amid 21-days nationwide lockdown in India, **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has been using scientific endeavours to develop products in an accelerated manner to combat COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of its efforts, DRDO has developed **Personnel Sanitisation Enclosures (PSE)** and **Full Face Mask (FFM)** to protect primarily healthcare professionals from novel coronavirus.
- The **Government of India** has launched an **iGOT** e-learning platform to combat **COVID-19** for all front-line workers to equip them with the training and updates in coping with Pandemic.
- **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)** has collaborated with **UNICEF** for developing a digital communication strategy for promoting a digital campaign for **Self Help Groups (SHGs)**. The partnership aims to highlight the importance of Social Distancing.

### States in the News

- '**V Safe Tunnel**' has been installed in **Telangana** to sanitize people. The sanitising tunnel has been installed at the state Director General of Police's office. A unique disinfectant named 'V Safe Tunnel' sanitizes people from any possible bacteria and other microbes within 20 seconds.
- The **Chhattisgarh police** developed the app '**Rakhsa Sarv**', with the help of Noida-based startup **Mobcoder**, which enables them to track the quarantined people through Google Map.

- The **government of Telangana** invested swiftly to deploy India's first automated "**COVID-19 Monitoring System App**" by **Vera Smart Healthcare**.
- **Arunachal Pradesh government** has launched an app called "**COVIDCARE**". The newly developed "**COVIDCARE**" app is an effort of the Arunachal Pradesh government to combat COVID-19.

### International Affairs

- The **United States** has announced **\$2.9 million** aid for India through the **US Agency for International Development (USAID)**. The funds announced are going to help India in its fight against COVID-19 and to also provide care for those who are affected and help the local communities with the tools to stop the pandemic spreading in the country.
- The **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Development Fund (SDF)** has allocated **\$5 million** for COVID-19 related projects in its member states. This project will be funded by the SDF under its Social Window thematic areas. SDF's social window primarily funds projects on poverty alleviation, social development focusing on education, health, and human resource development, among others.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) assured of \$2.2 billion (about Rs 16,500 crore)** support package to India to fight against **COVID-19 pandemic**. India's needs, including emergency assistance, policy-based loans and budget support to facilitate swift disbursement of ADB funds. ADB stands ready to provide further financial assistance and policy advice whenever the situation warrants.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- An online delivery platform, **Dunzo** has partnered with packaged foods company **Britannia Industries** to deliver range of products to its consumers. Britannia Industries has launched a Britannia Essentials store that will be available to Dunzo app users.
- The **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **Bharati AXA General Insurance** to launch a **COVID-19 insurance policy**. The insurance plan can be purchased directly from the banking section of the 'Airtel Thanks App' or by visiting the nearest active banking point-of-sales (POS) of Airtel Payments Bank at a price of Rs 499 for fixed sum insured of Rs 25,000.
- **Larsen & Toubro(L&T)** signs agreement with the Indian Army for setting up an advanced IT-enabled system to operate the Armed Forces network under the **Network of Spectrum (NFS)**.

- **Hindustan Unilever** has partnered with the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** to support India to combat COVID-19. The partnership aims to initiate a mass communication campaign with an objective of informing and empowering the general public against the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Hyderabad-based **Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL)** has partnered with **Australia's Griffith University** to develop the COVID-19 vaccine. Scientists from IIL and Griffith University will jointly develop a "live attenuated SARS – CoV-2 vaccine" or COVID-19 vaccine using the "latest codon de-optimization technology".
- **Flipkart Private Limited** inks partnership with **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited & Go Digit General Insurance** to launched two health insurance policies. The name of the two policies that specifically cover coronavirus (COVID-19) are '**COVID-19 Protection Cover**' and '**Digit Illness Group Insurance**'.
- **Bharat Biotech** in tie-up with the US-based company **FluGen** and **University of Wisconsin Madison** to develop a vaccine named "**Coro-Flu**" to fight against COVID-19. CoroFlu will build on the backbone of FluGen's flu vaccine candidate known as M2SR.

### Books and Authors

- **The Pulitzer Prize-winning American** reporter for The Washington Post, **Mary Jordan** has written a book titled '**The Art of Her Deal: The Untold Story of Melania Trump**'. It is published by Simon & Schuster and is to be released on June 16, 2020.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** will facilitate **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** with emergency working capital of up to **Rs 1 crore** against their confirmed government orders. The SIDBI's new loan product i.e. **SIDBI Assistance to Facilitate Emergency response against Coronavirus (SAFE)** plus will be provided collateral free and disbursed within **48 hours at an interest rate of 5%**.
- **Punjab National Bank Housing Finance** has partnered with **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** to raise 75 million dollars. The Citibank will also **co-finance 25 million dollars** to finance the mortgage loans in the affordable housing segment. This partnership also states first debt funding by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the housing finance sector in India.

- The UN 'Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) 2020 forecast India's GDP for FY21 at 4.8%. It also warned that the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to result in significant adverse economic impact globally.
- The Reserve Bank of India launched a **twitter campaign** urging bank customers to adopt digital modes of payment that are convenient and safe. RBI emphasised on transacting digitally as it gives the convenience of making payments anytime and anywhere. Through the campaign, RBI reiterated the multiple digital payment options such as **NEFT, IMPS, UPI and BBPS that are available 24\*7**. The face of the campaign is Bollywood actor **Amitabh Bachchan**.
- **Jana Small Finance Bank** has launched "DigiGen" a digital banking platform where customers can digitally open a savings account and fixed deposit instantly, any time, anywhere.
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has approved the extension of tenure of all members and the current part-time chairman of the **Bank Board Bureau(BBB)** by 2 years, which is coming to an end on **April 11,2020**.

### Appointments/Resignations

- The term of **Madhabi Puri Buch** as a Whole Time Member (WTM) at **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has been extended by 6 months.
- **Infosys'** chief operating officer, **UB Pravin Rao** becomes the new chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom), for 2020-21. He will succeed **Keshav Murugesh**, Group CEO, WNS Global Services.
- The tenure of Justice **Shiva Kirti Singh**, as the incumbent Chairman of the **Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)** has been extended by the **Supreme Court of India**.
- A **Life Insurance company, Bharti AXA Life Insurance** has appointed **Parag Raja** as managing director and chief executive officer of the company.

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- **IFFCO Tokio General Insurance** has appointed **Anamika Roy Rashtrawar** as the new Managng Director & Chief Executive Officer of the company

### Awards and Recognitions

- Chief Minister of Odisha, **Naveen Patnaik** has been conferred with '**Hero to Animals Award**' by animal rights body **PETA India**. He has been awarded by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) for allocating funds to feed community animals in Odisha during the lockdown over the novel coronavirus pandemic.

### Ranks and Reports

- The "Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker" has identified **India's response to Covid-19** as one of the most **stringent in the world**. This data are based on tracking 73 countries. This tracker is created by researchers from Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford. The tracker is designed to systematically record government responses worldwide and aggregate the scores into a common 'Stringency Index'.
- **India** football team retained its **108th spot** in the latest **FIFA rankings**. While **Belgium** ranked first and world champion France is in 2nd place and Brazil is at 3rd spot. In the wake of the coronavirus (Covid-19) epidemic the qualifier tournaments have been postponed for the **FIFA World Cup** and other major games at the international level.

### Schemes & Committees

- The **Government of India** has constituted an Empowered Group for coordinating response activities with Private Sector, NGOs and International Organisations related to COVID-19. This group which will coordinate response activities with Private Sector, NGOs and International Organisations related to COVID-19, will be headed by the chief executive officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog **Amitabh Kant**.

### Science and Technology

- **Genrich Membranes** has developed a '**Membrane Oxygenator Equipment**' for the treatment of **COVID-19 patients**. The device has been developed to treat breathlessness which is one of the critical symptoms of COVID-19. The 'Membrane Oxygenator Equipment' is based on innovative & indigenous hollow-fiber membrane technology and can enrich oxygen in the air up to 35%.
- **NASA unveils plan** to setup Artemis, the first human base camp on **Moon's south pole by 2024**. NASA is working on the Artemis program that aims to land humans on **the moon by 2024**.

- **Google** has announced the launch of a virtual Braille keyboard for **Android users** with low vision or blindness. This new keyboard will enable these people to type on their phones without additional hardware.
- The scientists of **Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST)** have designed and developed an highly efficient superabsorbent material titled "**Chitra Acrylosorb Secretion Solidification System**".

### Sports News

- The **late Kobe Bryant** has been selected as a member of the **Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame**. He has been selected as the member of the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.
- **The Independent Member Federation Sanctions Panel (IMFSP)** of the **International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)** has banned the Malaysia & Thailand weightlifters from competing in Tokyo Olympics 2020. IMSP has imposed the disciplinary sanctions on both the countries from participating in weightlifting events at the Tokyo Olympics for doping violations.
- **FIFA**, the world's governing body for football announced that it took the decision to postpone the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup tournament due to the coronavirus pandemic. **The FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup**, which was scheduled to be played in India between November 2nd to 21st.
- England's all-rounder **Ben Stokes** has been named as the leading cricketer in the **world 2020 by Wisden**. In Women's category, Australia's **Ellyse Perry** has been named the **Wisden's Leading Female Cricketer in the World**. The other Five Cricketers of the Year by Wisden's are Jofra Archer (England), Pat Cummins (Australia), Simon Harmer (South Africa), Marnus Labuschagne (Australia) and Ellyse Perry (Australia- female).

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### Important Days

- **National Maritime Day** in India is observed on **5 April** every year. This year is **57th edition of the National Maritime Day**.
- The **United Nations** declares **April 5** as **International Day of Conscience**. This day serves to remind people to self-reflect, follow their conscience, and do the right things. April 5, 2020, will mark the first International Day of Conscience, which is a United Nations day.
- The **United Nations** celebrates **6th of April** every year as the **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace**.
- The **World Health Day** is a **global health awareness day celebrated on 7 April** every year. The Theme of World Health Day 2020: **Support Nurses And Midwives**.
- International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda observed globally on 7 April every year.
- **World Homoeopathy Day** observed globally on **10 April** every year to mark the birth anniversary of the founder of Homoeopathy, Dr Samuel Hahnemann. The theme of 2020 is "**Linking research with education and clinical practice: Advancing scientific collaborations**".
- **National Safe Motherhood Day** is observed on **April 11** every year. At the request of WRAI, an alliance of 1800 organizations, in 2003, the Government of India declared April 11th, the anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi's birth, as National Safe Motherhood Day.

### Obituaries

- American songwriter, soulful singer, guitarist & 3 time Grammy award winner **Bill Withers** passed away. He has produced 9 albums, his debut album is Just As I Am(1971) & the last album was Watching You Watching Me(1985).
- Former New Zealand wicket-keeper **batsman Jock Edwards** passed away. He had made his Test debut in the home Test series against Australia in 1976-77 as a specialist batsman.
- Former Libya Prime Minister **Mahmoud Jibril** passed away due to COVID-19.
- Veteran Malayalam Music composer, **MK Arjunan** passed away. He composed more than 600 songs, many of them among the biggest hits of all time.
- Veteran American actor **Forrest Compton** passed away due to COVID-19 complications. Compton was popular for playing the role of district attorney Mike Karr in the long-running soap opera "The Edge of Night".

- Malayalam film and theatre actor **Kalinga Sasi** passed away. His real name was V Chandrakumar. He made his debut in the film industry in 1988. He has been a part of over 500 plays and 100 movies.
- Kannada actor "**Bullet**" **Prakash** passed away. He was known for his comic roles and performances in films like Aithalakkadi and Aryan.
- James Bond film **actress Honor Blackman** has passed away. She was best known for playing the legendary Bond girl Pussy Galore in the 1964 James Bond movie 'Goldfinger' starring alongside Sean Connery.
- Indian-American journalist, **Brahm Kanchibotla**, passed away due to coronavirus. He was a former contributor to the United News of India news agency and was working as New York and UN correspondent of the United News of India.
- Former Real Madrid, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid coach **Radomir Antic** passed away.
- Former Madhya Pradesh minister **Hazarilal Raghuvanshi** passed away.
- American folk singer **John Prine** has passed away due to the COVID-19 complications.
- Renowned Hindustani classical singer and Padma Shri awardee **Shanti Hiranand Chawla** passed away.
- The former Zimbabwean cricketer **Jackie du Preez** passed away. The leg-spinner played for South Africa in Zimbabwe's pre-independence days. He played two Tests for South Africa in 1967.

### Miscellaneous News

- The Delhi Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** has launched a **5T plan** to contain the COVID-19 pandemic in the national capital. According to the Delhi government, the 5T plan consists of 5 pillars namely: **testing, tracing, treatment, teamwork and tracking**.
- 4-year-old female Malayan tiger "**Nadia**" has tested positive for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at the **Bronx Zoo, New York**. The test result was confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Iowa, US.

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- The **Ministry of Human Resource Development** has launched a campaign titled '**Bharat Padhe Online**'. The campaign has been launched for Crowd Sourcing of Ideas in order to improve the online education ecosystem of India.

### Static Takeaways

- Director of IIT-Roorkee: Ajit K. Chaturvedi.
- Headquarters of IIT-Roorkee: Roorkee, Uttarakhand.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE): Anil Sahasrabudhe.
- Union Minister of Human Resource Development: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- Minister of Human Resource Development: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- UNICEF Formation: 1946; Headquarters: New York City, U.S.
- President of UNICEF: H.E. Ms Rabab Fatima.
- Chief Minister of Telangana: K Chandrasekhar Rao; Governor: Tamilsai Soundararajan.
- CM of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel.
- Governor of Chhattisgarh: Anusuiya Uikey.
- Founder and CEO of Vera Healthcare: Dharma Teja Nukarapu.
- Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh: Pema Khandu; Governor: B.D. Mishra .
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- SAARC 8 members states include Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- Headquarters of SAARC: Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Secretary-General of SAARC: Esala Ruwan Weerakoon.
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SDF: Sunil Motiwal.
- Headquarters of USAID: Washington, D.C., United States.
- Founded of US Agency for International Development (USAID): 3 November 1961.
- USAID Administrator: Mark Green.
- Headquarters of L&T Technology Services (LTTS): Vadodara, Gujarat.
- CEO of L&T Technology Services (LTTS): Dr Keshab Panda.
- MD and CEO of Airtel Payments Bank: Anubrata Biswas.
- MD and CEO of Bharti AXA General Insurance: Sanjeev Srinivasan.
- Chairman of Britannia Industries: Nusli N Wadia.
- Managing Director of Britannia Industries: Varun Berry.

- Chairman & Managing Director of SIDBI: Mohammad Mustafa.
- Chairman of SEBI: Ajay Tyagi; Headquarter: Mumbai.
- NASSCOM Headquarters: New Delhi.
- NASSCOM Founded: 1 March 1988.
- Air Chief Marshal: Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria.
- Indian Airforce founded: 8 October 1932.
- Indian Airforce Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Capital of Thailand: Bangkok; Currency: Thai baht.
- Prime Minister of Thailand: Prayut Chan-o-cha.
- Capital of Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur; Currency: Malaysian Ringgit.
- Prime Minister of Malaysia: Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.
- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Founded: 21 May 1904.
- Headquarters: Zurich, Switzerland.
- World Maritime Day is observed on the last week of September on Thursday annually.
- This year World Maritime Day will be celebrated on September 24, 2020.
- According to the International Maritime Organization, "Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet" has been selected as the World Maritime theme for 2020.
- The Federation of World Peace and Love (FOWPAL), an international peace organization, was established by Dr Hong, Tao-Tze in the United States in 2000.
- Secretary General of the United Nations: Antonio Guterres.
- President of the World Health Organisation: Tedros Adhanom Trending.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- WHO founded: 7 April 1948.
- UNESCO formation: 4 November 1946.
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France.
- UNESCO Director-General: Audrey Azoulay.
- Managing Director of PNB Housing Finance: Sanjaya Gupta.
- The administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Jim Bridenstine.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- Minister of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH): Shripad Yesso Naik.
- Executive Director of UNICEF: Henrietta H. Fore.
- 24th October has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948.
- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.
- Mr Antonio Guterres of Portugal is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- Headquarters of Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL): Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) founded: 1982.
- Chairman of Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL): Dilip Rath.
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare: Harsh Vardhan.
- Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal.
- Lieutenant Governor of Delhi: Anil Baijal.
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai; Headquarters: California, United States.
- President of ADB: Masatsugu Asakawa.
- Formation of ADB: 19 December 1966.
- Headquarters of ADB: Manila, Philippines.
- Membership of ADB: 68 countries.
- Minister for Human Resource Development: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- White Ribbon Alliance India was launched in 1999.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- The tagline of Jana Small Finance Bank: 'Paise Ki Kadar'.
- MD and CEO of Jana Small Finance Bank: Ajay Kanwal.
- Oxford University Headquarters: Oxford, United Kingdom.
- The Oxford English Dictionary is the principal historical dictionary of the English language, published by Oxford University Press.
- Headquarters of ICICI Lombard: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- MD & CEO of ICICI Lombard: Bhargav Dasgupta.
- Digit general insurance Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Headquarters of FIFA: Zürich, Switzerland.
- President of FIFA Gianni Infantino.
- Headquarters of Bharat Biotech: Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Biotech: Krishna M Ella.
- Headquarters of Banks Board Bureau: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- In February 2016, the government formed the Banks Board Bureau and was given the responsibility of deciding candidates for the top positions in public sector banks and financial institutions.

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