

Weekly One Liners 27th April to 03rd May 2020

Most Important Current Affairs

Lockdown extended for further period of two weeks from 4th May 2020

Under Disaster Management Act, 2005, Ministry of **Home Affairs** issued an order to further **extend the lockdown** for a period of two weeks beyond 4 May 2020. The lockdown will thus now remain effective till May 17. Ministry of Home Affairs also issued new guidelines to regulate different activities in this period, based on the risk profiling of the districts of the country into Red (hotspot), Green and Orange Zones.

What are Green, Red, and Orange Zone according to MHA guidelines?

- The **Green-Zones** will be districts with either zero confirmed cases till date; or, **no confirmed case in the last 21 days**.
- The classification of districts as **Red Zones** will take into account the total number of active cases, doubling rate of confirmed cases, the extent of testing and surveillance feedback from the districts.
- Those districts, which are neither defined as Red nor Green, shall be classified as **Orange zones**.
- While States and UTs can include additional districts as Red and Orange Zones, they may not lower the classification of a district included by MoHFW in the list of Red or Orange Zones.

RBI announces Rs 50,000 crore Special Liquidity Facility for Mutual Funds

Reserve Bank of India has announced a **Special Liquidity Facility** of **Rs 50,000 crore** for **Mutual Funds** to ease liquidity pressures on the Mutual Funds. This is a measure taken by the RBI to mitigate the economic impact of COVID-19 and preserve financial stability.

- Under the Special Liquidity Facility for Mutual Funds (**SLF-MF**), **repo operations 90 days** tenor would be conducted by the RBI at the **fixed repo rate**. The SLF-MF is on-tap and open-ended.
- Under this, the banks will be allowed to submit their bids to avail funding on any day from Monday to Friday (excluding holidays). Availability of the scheme would be from **April 27, 2020 till May 11, 2020** or up to utilization of the allocated amount, whichever is earlier.

- Banks can use the funds availed under the SLF-MF exclusively for meeting the liquidity requirements of Mutual Funds by extending loans, undertaking outright purchase of and/or repos against the collateral of investment grade **corporate bonds**, commercial papers (**CPS**), debentures and certificates of Deposit (**CDs**) held by Mutual Funds
- The Reserve Bank of India also stated that the liquidity support availed under the SLF-MF would be eligible to be categorized as held to maturity even in excess of 25% of total investment permitted to be included in the held to maturity portfolio.
- Exposures under SLF-MF will not be computed under the Large Exposure Framework. Support provided to Mutual Funds under the SLF-MF shall be excluded from banks' capital market exposure limits.

SIPRI releases report "Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2019"

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has released its report "**Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2019**". The report released by SIPRI analysed the **global military spending** in 2019. The report stated that the global military spending in 2019 was **2.2%** of the global gross domestic product (GDP) i.e **7.2%** higher in 2019 than it was in 2010.

Key findings of the report "Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2019":

- The total global military expenditure rose to **\$1917 billion** in 2019 i.e. an increase of **3.6%** from 2018.
- The **top 5 largest spenders** in 2019 were: **United States** (\$732 billion), **China** (\$261 billion), **India** (\$71.1 billion), **Russia** (\$65.1 billion) and **Saudi Arabia** (\$61.9 billion).

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- This is the **first instance** when two Asian states have featured among the top three military spenders.
- **India** spent **\$71.1 billion** on defence in 2019 which is 2.4% of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP), rising from 4th position in 2018 to 3rd in 2019.

Confederation of Indian Industry releases “A plan for economic recovery”

The **Confederation of Indian Industry** (CII) has recently released a paper titled “**A plan for economic recovery**”. In this paper, CII has projected India’s GDP growth rates as well stated short term and medium term plans for sustained recovery of Indian economy. CII has estimated GDP growth under **three different scenarios**:

- **Optimistic Scenario:** When the economic activities picks-up slowly post lockdown period and continues to full capacity shortly thereafter. As per this scenario, GDP is expected to register a growth of **1.5%** in the best case.
- **Base Scenario:** It is a situation in which pick-up in economic activity is constrained by restrictions on free movement of goods and people even in post lockdown period. As per this scenario, GDP is estimated to grow at just **0.6%** on an annual basis.
- **Downside Risk Scenario:** It is a situation when COVID-19 outbreak continues and spreads further, leading to prolonged restrictions in existing hotspots while ‘new’ hotspots get identified. As per this scenario, GDP is likely to fall by **-0.9%**.

On the basis of three scenarios discussed above, CII expects GDP growth to lie between **-0.9% and 1.5%** for the Fiscal Year 2021.

India Ranks 53rd in Open Budget Index 2019

The **International Budget Partnership** has released the **7th edition** of the **Open Budget Survey 2019**. The survey was conducted by the International Budget Partnership as a part of its **Open Budget Initiative**.

In Open Budget Survey 2019, every country is given a score ranging from **0 to 100** based on the simple average of the responses to **109 questions** reflecting an assessment of **8 key budget documents** that should be accessible to the people of country during the budget cycle.

In **OBS 2019**, the global **average transparency score** was **45 out of 100**, stating that score of around 75% of the surveyed countries lying at insufficient levels.

Key Results of the Index:

- The **Open Budget Index 2019** was **topped** by **New Zealand** with a budget transparency score of 87 out of 100.

- **South Africa** was on **2nd** position with a budget transparency score 87 followed by **Sweden** scoring 86 out of 100.
- **Mexico** was on the **4th** position in index with a score of 82, followed by Georgia finishing 5th in the list after scoring 81 out of 100.
- **India** was placed at **53rd** position in the index with a budget transparency score of **49 out of 100**.

National Affairs

- **National Council for Science & Technology Communication, and Department of Science & Technology** has launched a programme ‘**Year of Awareness on Science & Health (YASH)**’ with focus on COVID-19. It is a comprehensive science and health communication initiative to promote grass-root level response on health.
- **Project Monitoring Unit** has been launched by the **Ministry of Coal** to facilitate early **operationalisation of coal mines** which have been allocated by the Central Government.
- To enhance its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Government of India** has signed a **\$1.5 billion** loan with the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**.
- **Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd**, a subsidiary of **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited** has announced Global Expression of Interest to provide **10 Hydrogen Fuel Cell based electric buses** and **10 Hydrogen Fuel Cell-based electric cars** in **Leh** and **Delhi**.
- **Unique Identification Authority of India** permits the **Common Service Centres** that operate as banking correspondents (BCs), to provide **Aadhaar updation facility** to make Aadhaar updation easier for citizens.
- **Lucknow’s** King George’s Medical University (KGMU) has become the **1st government hospital** in the country to successfully launch the **plasma therapy treatment** for COVID-19.
- **CSIR-Central Road Research Institute** has developed “**Kisan Sabha App**” to connect **farmers** to supply chain and freight transportation management system.
- **Government of India** has increased the **Minimum Support Price** for Minor Forest Produce of **49 items**. The increase in MSP across various items of minor forest produce varies from **16% to 66%**.

International Affairs

- **G-20** has launched a “**Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator**” under the **presidency of Saudi Arabia** to improve connections as well as to leverage interdependencies for collective partnership, mobilizing, problem-solving, and guiding investments for new COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics as well as vaccines.

- **Saudi Arabia's** King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud has **abolished** the **death penalty** for crimes committed by **minors**.

States in the News

- **Chhattisgarh** has **topped** the list of states in terms of providing jobs under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act** amid the nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Asian Development Bank** has approved a **USD 346 million** (around Rs 2,616 crore) loan to **Maharashtra** state government to provide reliable power connections in rural areas of Maharashtra.
- Amid the COVID-19 outbreak, the **Uttar Pradesh** Government has decided to **ban** the **public gathering** till **June 30, 2020**.
- The government hospital in **Ernakulamhere, Kerala** has deployed a robot named '**KARMI-Bot**' to serve COVID-19 patients at the medical college's COVID-19 isolation ward.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Nokia** and **Bharti Airtel** has signed a deal of about **\$1 billion** in order to enhance the network capacity of **Bharti Airtel**.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)** has launched a loan scheme '**Vikas Abhaya**' to provide some relief to **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise** borrowers.
- **Special borrowing scheme** has been launched by the **Indian Overseas Bank** for self help groups (**SHGs**) to help the SHGs in order to overcome the difficulties posed by COVID-19. Each member of a self help group can avail a maximum loan amount of **Rs 5,000** while there is a cap of **Rs 1 lakh** for the group.
- Under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, the **Banking Industry** has been declared by the Government of India as a "**Public Utility Service**" for a period of 6 months i.e. till 21st October 2020. For 6 months, the banking sector would not see any strikes by the employees or officers.
- **Axis Bank** would acquire a **29%** additional stake in **Max Life Insurance** for an estimated price of Rs 1,592 crore. It will increase the Axis Bank's stake in Max Life to 30%.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has given its approval to **Transcorp International Ltd** to issue **co-branded prepaid cards**, hence it has become one of the first non-bank companies to receive approval to enter into co-branding arrangements for Prepaid Instruments.

- **Moody's Investors Service** has cut **India's GDP growth** forecast for the calendar year 2020 to **0.2%**, from 2.5% projected in March. It has also predicted India's GDP growth rate to be **6.2%** for **2021**.
- **Rating agency CRISIL** has cut the GDP growth rate forecast for **India** for **2020-21 (FY21)** to **1.8%** from the previous prediction of 3.5%.
- In its latest report, credit rating agency **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)** has slashed **India's** Fiscal Year **2021** gross domestic product (GDP) growth to **1.9%**.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Neeraj Vyas** has been appointed as the **interim MD & CEO** of **PNB Housing Finance** Ltd. He will replace Sanjaya Gupta.
- Former Axis Bank CEO, **Shikha Sharma** named **advisor** to **Google Pay** India.
- Government of India has appointed **T.S. Tirumurti** as the next **Ambassador or Permanent Representative of India** to the **United Nations**. He will replace Sayyad Akbaruddin.
- Former Karnataka cricketer, **J. Arunkumar** has been appointed as the **head coach** of the USA national cricket team.
- The former finance secretary **Rajiv Kumar** has been appointed as the **Chairperson** of the **Public Enterprises Selection Board**. He will replace Kapil Dev Tripathi.
- **Deepak Mittal** has been appointed as the next **Ambassador** of India to the State of **Qatar**. He will replace P. Kumaran.
- **Piyush Srivastava** has been appointed as the next **Ambassador** of India to the **Bahrain**. He will replace Alok Kumar Sinha.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, additional secretary, **Shiv Das Meena** has been appointed as **chairman** and **managing** director of Housing and Urban Development Corporation (**HUDCO**).

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- **Arvind Kumar Sharma** has taken over the charge as Secretary to the **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**.
- **Giridhar Aramane** has taken over the charge as Secretary to the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**. He has replaced Sanjeev Ranjan who has been appointed as secretary in the Ministry of Shipping.

Schemes & Committees

- **Madhya Pradesh** government has launched 'Jeevan Amrit Yojana' to boost the immune system of people to fight (COVID-19) disease.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has started the 'Jagananna Vidya Deevena' Scheme. Under this scheme, fee reimbursement will be credited directly to mothers' accounts instead of college accounts in the coming academic year 2020-21.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has launched the "Jivan Shakti Yojana". Under this scheme, women in urban areas can earn by making masks at home.
- **Assam government** has launched a new scheme called "Dhanwantari" for home delivery of medicines.

Summits and Conferences

- An **Extraordinary Virtual G20 Digital Economy Ministers summit** was held under the presidency of **Saudi Arabia**. Union Minister for Law & Justice, Communications and Electronics & IT, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad represented India in the virtual summit.
- The **11th session of Petersberg Climate Dialogue** hosted by Germany and co-chaired by the **United Kingdom**.

Awards & Rewards

- IIT Madras Professor **Thalappil Pradeep** has been selected for the **Nikkei Asia Prize 2020** in the category of 'Science and Technology' for his pioneering work in nanotechnology-based water purification.
- **Ram Prasad Kadel** of **Nepal** has been selected for the **Nikkei Asia Prize 2020** in the category of **Culture and Community**.
- **Anthony Tan** (Malaysia) & **Tan Hooi Ling** (Malaysia) has been selected for the **Nikkei Asia Prize 2020** in the category of **Economic and Business Innovation**.
- **Manipuri** doctor, **Thangjam Dhabali Singh** conferred 'Order of Rising Sun' by Japan government.

- **Shobhana Narasimhan** has been elected as an **International Honorary Member** to the **American Academy of Arts and Sciences**.

Sports News

- **FIFA** has launched a campaign called "#WeWillWin". Through this campaign FIFA tribute a special video to health workers and other professionals who ensure the society continues to function among COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Deepak Agarwal** has been **banned** by the **ICC** from all cricket for a period of 2 years after he accepted one charge of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.
- **India** lost the **hosting rights** of the **men's World boxing championship 2021** to **Serbia**.
- Indian middle-distance runner, **Jhuma Khatun** was banned for 4 years for using banned substances by the **Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU)** for the doping case from 2018.
- **Pakistan Cricket Board** has **banned** Pakistan batsman **Umar Akmal** from all forms of cricket for a period of three years. He has been charged with two breaches of anti-corruption codes of Pakistan Cricket Board.
- Former **Pakistan women's** skipper **Sana Mir** announced her **retirement** from **international cricket**.

Defence News

- **Australia** has cancelled "Pitch Black 2020" premier multilateral air combat training exercise between India and Australia.

Books & Authors

- Union Culture Minister **Prahlad Singh Patel** launched an e-book titled "**Prof. B.B. Lal: India Rediscovered**" on the occasion of centenary year of great archaeologist Professor B. B. Lal.

Important Days

- **International Labour Day 2020** observed globally on **1st May** every year. It is also known as International Worker's Day and May Day.
- India celebrates **Ayushman Bharat Diwas** on **30th April** to promote affordable medical facilities in remote areas of the country based on the Socio-Economic Caste Census database.
- **International Jazz Day** is observed globally on **30 April** every year to create awareness around the world of the virtues of jazz as a force of peace, unity, dialogue, and enhanced cooperation among people, and an educational tool.

- **International Dance Day** is observed globally on **29 April** every year.
- **World Day for Safety and Health at Work** is observed globally on **28 April** every year to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally and raise awareness to ensure health and safety at the workplace.
- **World Immunization Week 2020** will be observed from **24th April to 30th April 2020**. It is observed every year in the last week of April to encourage the use of vaccines in order to protect the people of all ages against disease. The **theme** of World Immunization Week 2020 is **#VaccinesWork for All**.
- **World Intellectual Property Day** is observed globally on **April 26** every year. The **theme** of day is **"Innovate for a Green Future"**.
- **World Tuna Day** is observed globally on **2nd May** every year to raise awareness about the importance of tuna fish.
- **International Workers' Memorial Day** is observed globally on **28 April** every year. The **theme** for International Workers' Memorial Day 2020: **Coronavirus**.

Science and Technology

- **Scientists** from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre For Advanced Scientific Research has developed **"Berberine"** based **Alzheimer inhibitor**. Scientists modified berberine to **"Ber-D"** which is a soluble (aqueous) and acts as antioxidant.
- A low-cost robotic device named as **"Hospital Care Assistive Robotic Device (H-CARD)"** has been developed by **CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute**. It will be used in the collection of samples of people exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, and will also be useful in treating COVID-19 patients.
- **Scientists** who have been observing the ozone hole at **Copernicus' Atmospheric Monitoring Service** has announced that the **Ozone layer hole** is now **closed** in the North Pole.
- A low-cost mechanical **ventilator "Ruhdaar"** has been developed by team of engineering students from IIT Bombay, NIT Srinagar and Islamic University of Science & Technology, Jammu and Kashmir.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) **Hubble Space Telescope**, has completed **30th year** in orbit on 25 April 2020.
- **Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Kerala** has developed an AI Semantic search engine called **'Vilokana'** to enable researchers to get deeper insights into scientific studies, especially when they need to find an early solution to the COVID-19 crisis.

- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR's Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh has developed an **Electrostatic Disinfection Machine** which is effective in the **disinfection** and **sanitization** by reducing the spread of coronavirus and pathogens.
- A **microwave steriliser** named as **"ATULYA"** has been developed by the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune to disintegrate the COVID-19 virus with the help of differential heating in the range of 56 degree to 60 degree Celsius temperatures.

Obituaries

- Veteran South African anti-apartheid activist **Denis Goldberg** passed away.
- Former India Football captain **Chuni Goswami** passed away. He was the captain of Indian Football Team that won the 1962 Asian Games gold medal.
- Freedom fighter **Gandhian Hema Bharali** passed away. She received the Padma Shri award in 2005.
- National Film Award winning Bollywood actor **Rishi Kapoor** has passed away.
- Padma Shri award winning Bollywood actor **Irrfan Khan** passed away.
- Grammy-nominated gospel singer **Troy Sneed** has passed away due to the novel coronavirus.
- Former Liverpool striker, **Michael Robinson** passed away. He has featured in more than 300 official matches in England for five clubs, including Liverpool.
- Noted Odia Dramatist & playwrights **Bijay Mishra** passed away.
- Ex-NASA Administrator **James M. Beggs** passed away. He was the sixth administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
- Veteran politician and former Governors of Bihar, Tripura, and West Bengal, **Devanand Konwar** passed away.
- Veteran sports photojournalist **Ronojoy 'Ronny' Roy** passed away.

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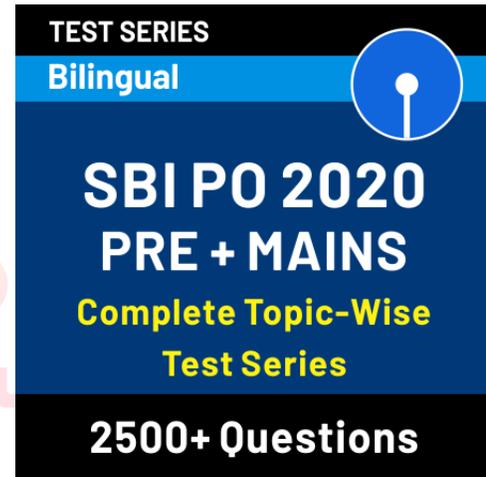
- **IIT Delhi** team has developed a web-based COVID-19 dashboard "**PRACRITI** (PRediction and Assessment of CoRona Infections and Transmission in India)" that gives detailed state-wise and district-wise predictions of COVID-19 cases in India.
- **Maruti Suzuki** has developed **low-cost ventilators** for helping the government in the fight against COVID-19.
- **Black rice** of **Manipur**, also called the **Chak-Hao**, **Gorakhpur Terracotta** of **Uttar Pradesh** and **Kadalai Mittai** of **Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu** bagged Geographical Indication tag.
- India's epic mythological saga of the 1980s, '**Ramayan**' has created the world record of **Highest Viewed Entertainment Programme Globally**.
- A joint programme was organised in New Delhi by the All India Institute of Ayurveda, under Ministry of AYUSH, and Delhi Police, with a title **AYURAKSHA "Corona Se Jung: Delhi Police Ke Sang"**.

Static Takeaways

- Prime Minister of Pakistan: Imran Khan.
- President of Pakistan: Arif Alvi.
- Capital of Pakistan: Islamabad.
- President of World Anti-Doping Agency: Witold Banka.
- World Anti-Doping Agency Headquarters: Montreal, Canada.
- President of International Boxing Association (AIBA): Dr Mohamed Moustahsane; Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Chairman of ICC: Shashank Manohar; Chief Executive: Manu Sahney; Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Headquarters: Zurich.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Adityanath.
- Governor of Uttar Pradesh: Anandiben Patel.
- CEO of the Common Service Centre (CSC): Dinesh Tyagi.
- Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology: Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- Chairman & MD National Thermal Power Corporation: Gurdeep Singh.
- Chairman of Maruti Suzuki: R.C. Bhargava.
- Managing Director & CEO of Maruti Suzuki: Kenichi Ayukawa.
- President of Asian Development Bank: Masatsugu Asakawa.
- Union Minister for Coal: Pralhad Joshi.
- Union Minister of Science and Technology: Harsh Vardhan.
- Union Minister of Home Affairs: Amit Shah.
- Capital of Saudi Arabia: Riyadh; Currency: Saudi riyal.

- Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment: Santosh Kumar Gangwar.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikanta Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Indian Overseas Bank: Karnam Sekar.
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank chairman: P Gopi Krishna.
- Qatar Capital: Doha; Currency: Qatari riyal.
- Prime Minister of Qatar: Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani.
- King of Bahrain: Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa;
- Capital of Bahrain: Manama; Currency of Bahrain: Bahraini Dinar.
- Director of Public Enterprises Selection Board: Kailash Dan Ratnoo.
- Chairman of USA cricket: Paraag Marathe.
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of USA cricket: Iain Higgins.
- Secretary-General of United Nations: Antonio Guterres.
- Sundar Pichai is the Present CEO of Google.
- Alphabet Inc. is the Parent company of Google.
- Secretary of Public Enterprises Selection Board: Kimbuong Kipgen.
- Prime Minister of Japan: Shinzo Abe.
- Capital of Japan: Tokyo; Currency of Japan: yen.
- Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Babul Supriyo.
- The members of the G20 group are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Republic of Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union (EU).
- Chief Executive Officer of Transcorp International Ltd: Amitava Ghosh.
- MD & CEO (India and South Asia) of Bharti Airtel: Gopal Vittal.
- President and Chief Executive Officer of Nokia: Rajeev Suri.
- Headquarters of Axis Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- MD and CEO of Axis Bank: Amitabh Chaudhry.
- The tagline of Axis Bank: Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi.
- Max Life Insurance Company Headquarters: New Delhi.
- MD & CEO of Max Life Insurance Company: Prashant Tripathy.
- Capital of Australia: Canberra.
- Prime Minister of Australia: Scott John Morrison.
- The currency of Australia: Australian Dollar.
- Capital of Assam: Dispur; CM of Assam: Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Governor of Assam: Jagdish Mukhi.

- Chief Minister of Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.
- Capital of Kerala: Thiruvananthapuram.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Adityanath.
- Governor of Uttar Pradesh: Anandiben Patel.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Governor: Lal Ji Tandon.
- Governor of Andhra Pradesh: Biswa Bhusan Harichandan.
- President of Asian Development Bank: Masatsugu Asakawa.
- Madhya Pradesh (CM): Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Governor: Lalji Tandon.
- Capital of Madhya Pradesh: Bhopal.
- Union Minister for Rural Development: Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel; Governor: Anusuiya Uikey.
- Headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization: Geneva, Switzerland.
- CEO of World Intellectual Property Organization: Francis Gurry.
- Director-General of World Health Organization: Tedros Adhanom.
- Headquarters of International Labour Organization: Geneva, Switzerland.
- President of International Labour Organization: Guy Ryder.
- International Labour Organization Founded: 1919.
- Headquarters of International Theatre Institute: Paris, France.
- Director-General of UNESCO: Audrey Azoulay; UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH): Shripad Yesso Naik.
- The administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Jim Bridenstine.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- Minister of State (I/C) for Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy: Shripad Yesso Naik.
- Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Parshottam Rupala.
- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs: Arjun Munda.
- Minister of State for Tribal Affairs: Renuka Singh Saruta.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways: Nitin Jairam Gadkari.
- Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises: Nitin Jairam Gadkari.



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