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Nation celebrates 480th birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap

Nation celebrates **480th birth anniversary** of **Maharana Pratap** on **9 May**. He was Born on **9 May, 1540**. To honour of the brave king, Maharana Pratap Jayanti is celebrated every year on 9 May.

About Maharana Pratap:

Pratap Singh I, popularly known as Maharana Pratap, was born to King **Udai Singh II** and **Queen Jaiwanta Bai** of Mewar. Udai Singh II died in **1572 in Gogunda** and following his death, Maharana Pratap ascended the throne on **1 March, 1572**. Maharana Pratap had to go to a battle against Mughal emperor Akbar, shortly after his coronation. Akbar had come to Mewar in order to chart out a route to Gujarat through the Rajput kingdom. The Maharana refused Akbar's offer and went to battle against the Mughals. This led to the famous **Battle of Haldighati on 18 June 1576**. The Mughal army emerged victorious in battle, but they failed to capture Maharana Pratap who escaped to the hills. **Maharana Pratap passed away at Chavand**, which served as his capital, on **29 January 1597**.

"The Saras Collection" launched on Government e-Marketplace portal

"**The Saras Collection**" has been launched on the Government e-Marketplace portal by the Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar. The new initiative has been launched with an objective to provide Self Help Groups in rural areas with market access to Central as well as State Government buyers.

About "The Saras Collection"

"The Saras Collection" is a unique initiative of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and the Deen Dayal

Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development. Under this initiative, the daily utility products made by rural self-help groups (SHGs) are exhibited and provided with the with market access to Central and State Government buyers. According to initiative, the products of the SHG sellers can be listed in 5 product categories, i.e.:

- Handicrafts
- Handloom
- Office accessories
- Grocery and pantry
- Personal care and hygiene

Maharashtra to provide free insurance cover premium to its people

The **Maharashtra government** has announced the inclusion of state's whole population under the **Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Aarogya Yojana**. According to the announcement, state will provide free health treatment to cent per cent population of the state. With this inclusion, Maharashtra has become India's first state to provide free and cashless insurance premium to the people of the state.

At present, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana is covering **85%** of the state's population. With the latest announcement, the benefits of the scheme have been extended towards the **remaining 15% people of state**. The latest announcement enables the state government, semi-government employees as well as the white ration card holders to apply for this scheme. Under the scheme, people in the state can avail the benefits of free and cashless health insurance. People needs documents such as ration card and domicile certificate to apply for the scheme.

Indian journalists wins Pulitzer Prize 2020 in feature photography

Indian journalists namely **Dar Yasin, Mukhtar Khan** and **Channi Anand** have been honoured with the 2020 Pulitzer Prize. These journalists have won the award in the field of feature photography. All the three journalists belongs to Associated Press. They have been awarded for the lockdown coverage.

The Pulitzer announced that the Indian journalists have been awarded for the contested territory of Kashmir as India revoked its independence, executed through a communications blackout. The Pulitzer Prize is considered as the highest honour that United States-based journalists and organisations can receive.

Here is the complete list of winners

S.No.	Category	Winner
	JOURNALISM	
1	Public Service	Anchorage Daily News with contributions from ProPublica
2	Breaking News Reporting	Staff of The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.
3	Investigative Reporting	Brian M. Rosenthal of The New York Times
4	Explanatory Reporting	Staff of The Washington Post
5	Local Reporting	Staff of The Baltimore Sun
6	National Reporting	Dominic Gates, Steve Miletich, Mike Baker and Lewis Kamb of The Seattle Times and T. Christian Miller, Megan Rose and Robert Faturechi of ProPublica
7	International Reporting	Staff of The New York Times
8	Feature Writing	Ben Taub of The New Yorker
9	Commentary	Nikole Hannah-Jones of The New York Times
10	Criticism	Christopher Knight of the Los Angeles Times
11	Editorial Writing	Jeffery Gerritt of the Palestine (Tx.) Herald Press
12	Editorial Cartooning	Barry Blitt, contributor, The New Yorker
13	Breaking News Photography	Photography Staff of Reuters
14	Feature Photography	Channi Anand, Mukhtar Khan and Dar Yasin of Associated Press
15	Audio Reporting	Staff of This American Life with Molly O'Toole of the Los Angeles Times and Emily Green, freelancer, Vice News
	BOOKS, DRAMA & MUSIC	
16	Fiction	The Nickel Boys, by Colson Whitehead (Doubleday)
17	Drama	A Strange Loop, by Michael R. Jackson
18	History	Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America, by W. Caleb McDaniel (Oxford University Press)
19	Biography	Sontag: Her Life and Work, by Benjamin Moser (Ecco)
20	Poetry	The Tradition, by Jericho Brown (Copper Canyon Press)
21	General Nonfiction	The End of the Myth: From the Frontier to the Border Wall in the Mind of America , by Greg Grandin (Metropolitan Books) and, The Undying: Pain, Vulnerability, Mortality, Medicine, Art, Time, Dreams, Data, Exhaustion, Cancer, and Care , by Anne Boyer (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
22	Music	The Central Park Five, by Anthony Davis
	SPECIAL CITATIONS	
23	Special Awards and Citations	Ida B. Wells

Outbreak of African Swine Fever in India

Outbreak of African Swine Fever in India. Assam has noted the first instance of African swine fever in the country. The outbreak of African Swine Fever (AFS) amid the **COVID-19 pandemic** has claimed more than 2900 domestic pigs across **306 villages of the state**. Assam's animal husbandry minister Atul Bora has said, was detected towards the end of February this year. The minister also said that the swine fever has started in April 2019 at a village in Xizang province of **China bordering Arunachal Pradesh**. Although veterinary official said the rate of death has decreased over the last 48 hours. Earlier in April, there were reported deaths of pig die to the classical swine fever (CSF).

ASF and CSF are different from **Swine flu (HINI)** and do not affect humans. CSF can be prevented by proper vaccination but there is no vaccination for ASF. Culling of the affected pigs is the only option. The AFS mortality rate is almost 100%. The focus is on preventing the disease from spreading and we have worked out some plans in consultation with officials, veterinary experts and pig farmers. The virus that causes AFS has not been found to infect humans, but they can be carriers, passing it on to uninfected pigs.

International Energy Agency (IEA) Releases "Global Energy Review 2020"

International Energy Agency (IEA) has released its report with title "**Global Energy Review 2020**". This report comprises of estimates for **how energy consumption and carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions trends** are expected to develop over the rest of 2020.

Key findings of the Global Energy Review 2020: The report forecasts that energy demand will fall down by **6%** in 2020 i.e. seven times the decline after the 2008 global financial crisis. Due to the crisis posed by COVID-19 pandemic, demand of all fuels will be affected in the following manner:

- Oil demand is expected to drop by 9% which will return oil consumption to 2012 levels.
- Coal demand is expected to decline by 8%.
- Gas demand has been projected to fall much further across the 2020 accompanied by reduced demand in power and industry applications.
- Nuclear power demand would also face downfall of 3% in response to lower electricity demand.
- Renewables demand is expected to increase due to low operating costs as well as preferential access to many power systems. Hence, it will be the only energy source that will grow in 2020.

- It has been forecasted that global demand for biofuels is set to drop substantially in 2020 due to restrictions on transport and travel reduce road transport fuel demand, including for blended fuels.
- The report has also projected that electricity demand will fall by 5% globally.

National Affairs

- A National e-commerce marketplace '**bharatmarket**' will be launched by the traders' body Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT). The national platform '**bharatmarket**' will be launched for all retail traders, by CAIT in collaboration with several technology partners.
- **The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** under the Ministry of Jal Shakti has jointly organised an **IDEAthon on "The future of River Management" with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)**.
- A **Bamboo Conclave** was held through Video Conference and featured the participation of representatives of **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)**, the Union Ministry of Agriculture and various other stakeholders from different sectors.
- **Chandigarh government** has launched a new mobile app named "**CHDCOVID**" to provide COVID-19 related information. The app has been developed in-house by the **Society for Promotion of IT in Chandigarh (SPIC)**.
- **NITI Aayog** has virtually launched a campaign in association with Piramal Foundation to protect senior citizens during COVID-19. The campaign has been titled as "**Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan**". The "Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan" targets to cover 2.9 million senior citizens in 25 #AspirationalDistricts across various states such as Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, MP, Maharashtra, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh.

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- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Alumni Council** has launched a “**COVID-19 test bus**” in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**. The COVID-19 Testing bus will reduce 80% of the testing cost without compromising on the testing capacity.
- **Styrene gas** leaked from **LG Polymers Plant in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**. The plant was located about 15 km from the coastal city of Vizag. The changes in temperature inside a storage tank resulted in a leak.
- The **Government of India** has launched its biggest-ever evacuation exercises named the “**Vande Bharat Mission**”. In this exercise, the government bring back nearly **15,000 Indian nationals** stranded abroad due to the coronavirus lockdown.
- Union Health & Family Welfare Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan has recently launched the mobile application ‘**AYUSH Sanjivani**’ App and two AYUSH based studies related to COVID-19 situation.
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated new 80-km road in Uttarakhand which connects close to the **Line of Actual Control (LAC)** and opens a new route for **Kailash Mansarovar yatra via Lipulekh Pass**. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) achieved road connectivity from Dharchula to Lipulekh (China Border) known as **Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra Route**.
- **Uttar Pradesh government** has launched a “**Pravasi Raahat Mitra**” App to connect migrants with schemes and jobs. The app, developed in coordination with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** to keep a watch on the migrants’ health, will also connect them to government schemes and collect their data to help them get a job in accordance with their skills.
- The **Jharkhand government** has banned **11 brands of Pan Masala** for one year in the state. The order was passed by the Commissioner of Food Safety in the state, **Nitin Kulkarni**. The state had collected **41 samples** of Pan Masala belonging to different brands from different districts to test and analyse during the year 2019-20.

International Affairs

- **Russia** has planned to launch the 1st satellite named **Arktika-M** to monitor the Arctic climate and environment later this year. **Arktika-M 1 spacecraft** has been developed and is undergoing radio-electronic testing. This satellite is planned to launch at the end of 2020. The launch will take place on Soyuz - 2,1b carrier rocket with frigate booster.
- Former intelligence chief of Iraq **Mustafa al-Kadhimi** becomes new Iraqi prime minister. Former PM **Adil-Abdul Mahdi** resigned in November last year.
- **China** has successfully launched a new rocket named “**Long March 5B**” into space as it steps up **Moon landing plans**. This rocket is launched in Wenchang launch site that is located on the island of Hainan, china.
- The Government of Iran recently takes a decision of changing the name of its currency to a “**Toman**”. Under the bill, Iran national currency is going to be changed from the rial to the **Toman**, which is adequate to **10,000 rials**.

States in the News

- The cabinet of Himachal Pradesh decided to start the “**Mukhya Mantri Shahari Rojgar Guarantee Yojna**”. In this Yojna, 120 days” assured employment will be provided to people living in urban areas.
- Himachal Pradesh state government plans to launch a new programme ‘**Nigah**’. In this programme, the state government educate the family members of the people coming to the state from other parts of the country.
- An “Exit App” has been launched by the **West Bengal government**. This app has been launched for people from other states who are stucked in West Bengal amid the nationwide lockdown and desires to return to their native place.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has become the 1st state in the country to provide mid-day meal ration. Distribution of the mid-day Meal ration with the help of **Anganwadi workers, Panchayat** representatives and local teachers was taken in sending ration to the students at their home after the school closing in April.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB)**, constituent lab of CSIR, has signed a MoU with **TATA Sons** for licensing of KNOWHOW for **FELUDA** in order to execute rapid diagnosis of COVID-19.
- An Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the **PNB Housing Finance with Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi** in order to support Research & Development for reusable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be supplied to government hospitals.

- **Coal India** signed MOUs with **two Russian entities** within the areas of **coking coal mining** within the Russian Far East and therefore the Arctic Region. The first MOUs was signed with **Far Eastern Agency for Attracting Investments and Supporting Exports (FEAAISE)**, Russia and the second MoU was signed with **Eastern Mining Company (FEMC) of Russian Federation** for exploring, identifying, sourcing, negotiating and consummating interdependent investment opportunities within the mining sector within the Russian Far East.
- The **Ministry of Defence** has signed a pact with the **TATA POWER SED** to modernize infrastructure of **37 airfields of Indian Air Force**. The total cost of the project is estimated to be around Rs **1,200 crore**.
- **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** has entered into a tie-up with the **India Post** for delivery of its **coronavirus COVID-19 testing kits**. These kits are taken from ICMR 16 regional depots to 200 additional labs designated for coronavirus testing across the country.

Books and Authors

- Union Health Minister Dr **Harsh Vardhan** has launched a multimedia guide on the Covid-19 disease named 'COVID Katha'. The guide is launched on the occasion of the 50th DST (Department of Science and Technology) Foundation Day.
- The book titled '**Vijyant at Kargil: The Life of a Kargil Hero**' has been released. This book is a biography of Vir Chakra awardee (posthumously) Captain Vijyant Thapar. This book is authored by Vijyant's father Colonel **VN Thapar** and writer **Neha Dwivedi, a martyr's daughter**. This book shows the journey of Vijyant Thapar to join the Indian Military Academy and the experiences that shaped him into a fine officer.



Banking/Economy/Business News

- **HDFC Bank** has released a song titled **#HumHaarNahiMaanenge** to keep hopes up amidst the ongoing national lockdown and **Covid-19 pandemic**. The lyrics of the song has been penned by Praseon Joshi and music has been composed by AR Rahman.
- A customer engagement technology provider, Ameyo has launched video KYC engagement platform for the banking and finance sector. The newly launched platform will eliminate the businesses' requirement of physical KYC in accordance with latest RBI guidelines issued in January 2020. It is expected to decrease the customer onboarding process from the present 5-7 days to less than 3 minutes.
- The licence of The CKP Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai to carry on banking business has been cancelled by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** with effect from the close of business on **April 30, 2020**.
- **Moody's** cuts down India's Gross Domestic Product(GDP) growth to **"zero"** for the current **fiscal 2020-21**. Its previous estimate was 2.6%. In 2021-22 India's GDP growth rate will bounce back to **6.6%**.
- **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** has approved a loan worth of **\$500 million for India's 'COVID-19 Emergency Response**.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Max Bupa Health Insurance** has appointed **Krishnan Ramachandran** as its new managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO). He will replace **Ashish Mehrotra**.
- United States President, **Donald Trump** has nominated Indian-American **lawyer Ashok Michael Pinto** as US representative to World Bank's lending arm International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).
- Economic Affairs Secretary, **Tarun Bajaj** becomes new director on Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). His appointment is confirmed by the Government of India. He is a 1988 batch Indian Administration Service (IAS) officer. He will replace **Atanu Chakraborty**, who retired on April 30.
- **Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury**, Congress leader in Lok Sabha has been reappointed as chairperson of the Parliament's public accounts committee (PAC). He was reappointed the chairman of the committee by Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla**.

- **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)** under the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Art Of Living(AOL)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate in programmes of each organisation for promoting Tribal Enterprises. The Art of Living Foundation has agreed to provide Free Ration Kits to Needy Tribes India Artisans. TRIFED Regional Offices have compiled the list of needy tribal artisans and have identified 9,409 needy tribal artisans located across the country for distribution of ration kits **under “I Stand With Humanity campaign” of AOL.**

Defence News

- Lieutenant General **Raj Shukla** assumed command of the **Army Training Command (ARTRAC)**. General Shukla was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in December 1982.
- An operation named **“Samudra Setu”** has been launched by the Indian Navy. “Samudra Setu” means “Sea Bridge”. This operation is a part of India’s effort to bring back Indian citizens who are stranded overseas amid COVID-19 pandemic.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Joseph J Landsberg, Richard H Waring and Nicholas C Coops**, share the 2020 **Marcus Wallenberg Prize** for forest sector’ for 3-PG (Physiological Principles Predicting Growth), a model to predict forest growth in a changing climate. The prize 2020 will be presented by King Carl Gustaf XVI of Sweden during a ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden & the prize money is 2 million Kronor.
- **Russian President Vladimir Putin** has awarded **North Korean Leader Kim Jong-un** a commemorative **war medal** marking the 75th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany.
- **IIT Bombay Professor Saurabh Lodha** has been honoured with the **Young Career Award in Nano Science & Technology for the year 2020.**

Summit and Conference

- Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** took part in the online **Summit of Non Aligned Movement (NAM) Contact Group**. The summit was held with an objective to discuss response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic crisis as well as to promote international solidarity in the fight against the **COVID-19 pandemic**. The summit was hosted by the current Chairman of NAM, President of Republic of **Azerbaijan HE Ilham Aliyev**, with the theme **“United against COVID-19”**.

Science & Technology

- 17-year-old, Indian-origin girl, **Vaneeza Rupani** has been honoured of naming the **NASA’s 1st Mars helicopter ‘Ingenuity’**. she submitted her essay into NASA’s “Name the Rover” contest.
- An **Ultra Violet (UV) Disinfection Tower** has been developed by the **Laser Science & Technology Centre (LASTEC)**, a premier laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The UV Disinfection Tower has been developed to achieve rapid and chemical free disinfection of high infection prone areas.
- A defence public sector undertaking, **Bharat Dynamics Ltd. (BDL)**, ink pact with IIT Kanpur to make large-scale ventilators developed by **NOCCA Robotics (incubated start-up of IIT Kanpur)**.

Schemes and 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**.

Sports News

- **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)** has banned Indian discus thrower **Sandeep Kumari for 4 years** after failing a drug test. **National Dope Test Laboratory (NDTL)** had failed to detect the banned substance “steroid” which was present in her blood sample.
- Swimming world governing body, **Federation Internationale de Natation(FINA)** rescheduled the **2021 Fukuoka aquatics world championships** to May 2022 to avoid a clash with the postponed Tokyo Olympics.
- **The Tennis Integrity Unit** has banned the Egypt’s tennis player **Youssef Hossam** from professional tennis for life. He has been banned from the game following his conviction on multiple match fixing and associated corruption charges.
- The **badminton World Championships 2020** has been postponed to November 2021. The tournament is traditionally held in August but will now take place from November 29 to December 5, 2021. World Championships will be held at the **Carolina Marin Stadium in Huelva, Spain.**

Important Days

- **World Press Freedom Day** is observed globally on 3 May every year. It is also known as World Press Day. The theme of World Press Freedom Day 2020 is **“Journalism without Fear or Favour”**.

- **International Firefighters' Day** is observed globally on **May 4** every year. This day is celebrated since 1999, to recognise and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. The day was instituted, after the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a bushfire in Australia on 2 December 1998.
- **International Day of the Midwife** is observed globally on **5 May** every year **since 1992**. The theme for 2020 International Day of the Midwife is **Midwives with women: celebrate, demonstrate, mobilise, unite - our time is NOW!**
- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has marked **5 May** as World Hand Hygiene Day. The theme of the campaign is **"SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands"**.
- **World Asthma Day** is observed every year on the **1st Tuesday of May**. This year, World Asthma Day is observed on May 5, 2020. The theme for 2020 is 'Enough Asthma Deaths'.
- **Vesak Day 2020** is observed globally on **7 May**. Vesak, the Day of Full Moon is the most sacred day to the Buddhists all over the world. On this day, Lord Gautham Buddha attained enlightenment. The Day is commemorated by the United Nations every year.
- The **World Athletics Day-2020** is observed on the **7 May**. The date is subject to adjustment, the date of **World Athletics Day** is decided by **the IAAF**, however, the month stays the same as May. The first World Athletics Day was observed in 1996.
- **World Red Cross Day** is observed globally on **8 May** every year. This day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Red Cross and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) founder, Henry Dunant. Henry Dunant was born on 8th May, 1828 and also was the winner of Nobel Peace prize.
- Every year during May 8-9, the **United Nations** marks the Time of Remembrance and reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War. The day pays tribute to all the victims of the **Second World War**. This year is the **75th Anniversary of World War II**.
- **World Thalassaemia Day** is observed globally on **8 May** every year. The World Thalassaemia Day 2020 theme: **"The dawning of a new era for thalassaemia: Time for a global effort to make novel therapies accessible and affordable to patients"**.
- **The International Astronomy Day** is celebrated twice a year (bi-annual), once in the spring (in May 2, 2020) & another in autumn (in October 5, 2020).

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- **World Migratory Bird Day** is observed globally on **9 May** every year. This time the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2020 is **"Birds Connect Our World"**.

Obituaries

- Eminent historian, author and columnist **Ronald Vivian Smith** passed away. He was born in Agra in 1938. He came to Delhi in the 1950s and started working at the Press Trust of India in 1961.
- Judicial Member, Lokpal of India, Justice **Ajay Kumar Tripathi** passed away after getting infected from novel Coronavirus. He took oath as a Judicial Member of Lokpal of India in March 2019 and played an instrumental role in establishing the Institution of Lokpal of India.
- Renowned Kannada poet KS Nisar Ahmed passed away. He was popularly known as **"Nityotsava Kavi"**.
- Former Union Minister **Dalit Ezhilamalai** passed away. He was a leader of the Pattali Makkal Katchi party and was Union Minister of State, Health and Family Welfare (Independent Charge) during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government in 1998-99.
- Veteran director, story artist and writer of many Pixar films **Rob Gibbs** passed away. He was well known for successful Pixar films, including Toy Story 2, Finding Nemo, Monsters.U, Wall-E, Inside Out to Onward.
- Founder of Kodava Family Hockey Tournament, **Pandanda Kuttappa** passed away. Kuttappa conceived the idea of **Kodava family hockey festival in 1997**.

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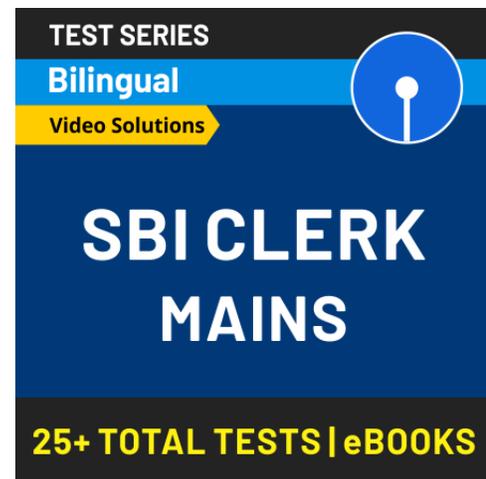
- **Kashmir saffron gets Geographical Indication (GI)** tag by the Geographical Indications Registry. The spice is grown in some regions of Kashmir, including Srinagar, Pulwama, Budgam and Kishtwar.
- **Facebook** has launched a home-to-home fundraiser concert, 'I For India'. Facebook has collaborated with some of the biggest stars in India and Bollywood for this.
- **National Gallery of Modern Art**, New Delhi has presented a virtual program "NGMA KE SANGRAH SE". For the current week, the theme of the virtual program is "ARTIST BY ARTISTS" and dedicated it to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore as it coincides with his 159th birth anniversary on 7th May 2020. During the program "NGMA KE SANGRAH SE", NGMA will display the rarely seen jewels from its repository.
- The National Gallery of Modern Art has organised a virtual tour to commemorate the **159th birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore**. The Virtual Tour has been titled as "Gurudev: Journey of the Maestro through his visual vocabulary". The virtual tour will give opportunity to have a glimpse of 102 artworks created by versatile genius.
- The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** extended the term of Bollywood actress and environmentalist **Dia Mirza** as the Goodwill Ambassador of India till 2022. The actress is also the United Nations Sustainability Development Goal Advocate. As a Goodwill Ambassador, Mirza will continue work with the UN to further spread the message on key areas including clean air, clean seas, wildlife protection and climate change.
- The Indian Meteorological Department has begun to include **Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, Ladakh and Muzaffarabad into its meteorological sub-division of Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Former Sri Lanka skipper **Kumar Sangakkara** is set to serve his **second term as the president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**. He became the first non-British President of the club when he assumed office on October 1 last year. Sangakkara is all set to enter an elite list of people who have served multiple terms.

Static Takeaways

- Union Minister for Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- Lt. Governors of Chandigarh: V.P. Singh Badnore.
- Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog: Rajiv Kumar.
- Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog: Amitabh Kant.
- Pan IIT Alumni India is an organisation representing alumni of all IIT.
- Pan IIT Alumni Headquarters: IIT Delhi, New Delhi.

- Chairman of IIT Alumni: Ramnath S Mani.
- Vladimir Putin is President of Russia.
- Moscow is the capital city of Russia.
- The Russian ruble is the currency Russia.
- CEO of PNB Housing Finance Limited: Neeraj Vyas.
- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is a department within the Ministry of Science and Technology in India.
- Department of Science and Technology Founded: May 1971.
- Department of Science and Technology Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Managing Director of HDFC Bank: Aditya Puri.
- Chief Executive Officer of Ameyo: Bishal Lachhramka.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikanta Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Max Bupa Health insurance established: 2008.
- Max Bupa Health insurance Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington D.C., US.
- World Bank President: David Robert Malpass.
- The motto of World Bank: Working for a World Free of Poverty.
- Headquarters of RBI: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Governor of RBI: Shaktikanta Das.
- 28th Chief of Army Staff: General Manoj Mukund Naravane.
- The motto of Indian Army: "Service Before Self".
- Headquarters of Indian Army: New Delhi.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- North Korean capital: Pyongyang.
- North Korea currency: North Korean won.
- Headquarters of WADA: Montreal, Canada.
- President of WADA: Witold Banka.
- President of FINA: Julio C. Maglione.
- Founded of FINA: July 29, 1908.
- Headquarters of FINA: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Badminton World Federation Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Badminton World Federation Founded: 5 July 1934.
- Badminton World Federation President: Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen.
- Secretary-General of the United Nations: Antonio Guterres.
- The United Nations (UN) is an organization between countries established on 24 October 1945 to promote international cooperation.
- Director-General of the World Health Organization: Tedros Adhanom.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Director General of National Gallery of Modern Art: Adwaita Charan Gadanayak.

- Chief Executive Officer of Facebook: Mark Zuckerberg.
- Facebook Headquarters: California, US.
- Lt. Governors of Jammu and Kashmir: Girish Chandra Murmu.
- The administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Jim Bridenstine.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- Head Office of Bharat Dynamics: Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Chairman & Managing Director (MD) of Bharat Dynamics: Siddharth Mishra.
- Capital of Iraq: Baghdad.
- The currency of Iraq: Iraqi dinar.
- The headquarters of IAAF is located in Monaco.
- President of IAAF: Sebastian Coe.
- IAAF was founded in Sweden in 1912.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister: Y. S.Jaganmohan Reddy.
- Governor of Andhra Pradesh: Biswa Bhusan Harichandan.
- President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC): Peter Maurer.
- Headquarters of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC): Geneva, Switzerland.
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Lal Ji Tandon.
- Headquarters of United Nations Environment Programme(UNEP): Nairobi, Kenya.
- Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme(UNEP): Inger Andersen.
- China Capital: Beijing; Currency of China: Renminbi.
- President of China: Xi Jinping.
- Iran Capital:Tehran; President of Iran: Hassan Rouhani.
- Headquarters of Indian Meteorological Department: New Delhi.
- Indian Meteorological Department Founded: 1875.
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH): Shripad Yesso Naik.
- Headquarters of Coal India: Kolkata.
- CEO of Coal India: Anil Kumar Jha.
- Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Founded: 1787.
- Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.
- Headquarters of Moody's: NewYork, United States.
- President & CEO of Moody's: Raymond W. McDaniel, Jr.
- Headquarters of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: Beijing, China.
- Membership of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: 78 Members.
- President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: Jin Liqun.
- Headquarters of Defence Ministry: New Delhi.
- Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence: Shripad Yesso Naik.
- Minister of Defence: Raj Nath Singh.
- Headquarters of TATA Power SED: New Delhi, India.
- TATA Power president: Natarajan Chandrasekaran.
- Director-General of ICMR: Balram Bhargava.
- Headquarters of ICMR: New Delhi.
- Indian Post Founded: 1 April 1854
- Headquarters of Indian post: New Delhi.
- Chief Minister of Jharkhand: Hemant Soren.
- Governor of Jharkhand: Droupadi Murmu.
- Ranchi is the capital of Jharkhand.
- Jharkhand was created on 15h November 2000.
- Minister of Tribal Affairs: Arjun Munda.
- Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs: Renuka Singh Saruta.
- Founder of Art of Living: Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.
- Art of Living Founded: 1981.
- Art of Living Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.



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