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## RBI's 2nd Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement 2020-21 Released

The Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India met on 4th, 5th and 6th August for its second meeting of 2020-21. During the second Monetary Policy meet, the MPC analysed the current & evolving macroeconomic and financial conditions and has decided to continue with the accommodative stance to revive growth as well as to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. With its decisions, MPC aims to keep inflation within the target and hence to preserve financial stability.

Also, for the year 2020-21, as a whole, real GDP growth is expected to be negative.

**The key decisions taken in the Monetary Policy Committee meeting are:**

- The repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) has been kept unchanged at **4.00%**.
- The reverse repo rate under the LAF has been kept unchanged at **3.35%**.
- The marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate have been kept unchanged at **4.25%**.

**About Monetary policy:**

**What is Monetary policy?**

Monetary Policy is the central bank's policy which uses the monetary instruments like Repo rate, Reverse repo rate, Liquidity Adjustment Facility and many others, to achieve the goals stated in the Act. In India, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been given the responsibility of conducting monetary policy as mandated under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

**Objectives of monetary policy?**

- The monetary policy has the prime objective of maintaining the price stability in India along with the objective of growth. Price stability is stated as a necessary precondition to achieve the sustainable growth.
- The Reserve Bank of India is also given the task of flexible inflation targeting framework along the Government of India as per the amendment in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act, 1934 which was done in May 2016. This is done once in every five years. Government of India has notified the 4 per cent Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation as the target for the period from August 5, 2016 to March 31, 2021 in the Official Gazette. The target is stated with the upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent and the lower tolerance limit of 2 per cent.

**The Monetary Policy Framework:**

The amendment in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act, 1934 provides the Reserve Bank of India a legislative mandate to operate the monetary policy framework of the country. This framework aims to set the policy (repo) rate after the assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation, and modulation of liquidity conditions to anchor money market rates at or around the repo rate.

**What is the Composition of the Monetary Policy Committee?**

The Central Government has constituted the six-member monetary policy committee (MPC) in September 2016, according to the Section 45ZB of the amended RBI Act, 1934.

**The composition of the Monetary Policy Committee is as follows:**

1. Governor of the Reserve Bank of India – Chairperson, ex officio: Shri Shaktikanta Das
2. Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, in charge of Monetary Policy– Member, ex officio: Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra
3. One officer of the Reserve Bank of India to be nominated by the Central Board – Member, ex officio: Dr. Mridul K. Saggar
4. Dr. Chetan Ghate, Professor, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI): Member
5. Dr. Pami Dua, Director, Delhi School of Economics: Member
6. Dr. Ravindra H. Dholakia, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad: Member.

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**Some important instruments of Monetary Policy:**

The RBI's Monetary Policy has several direct and indirect instruments which is used for implementing the monetary policy. Some important instruments of Monetary Policy are as follows:

**Repo Rate:** It is the (fixed) interest rate at which banks can borrow overnight liquidity from the Reserve Bank of India against the collateral of government and other approved securities under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF).

**Reverse Repo Rate:** It is the (fixed) interest rate at which the Reserve Bank of India can absorb liquidity from banks on an overnight basis, against the collateral of eligible government securities under the LAF.

**Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF):** The LAF has overnight as well as term repo auctions under it. The term repo helps in the development of the inter-bank term money market. This market sets the benchmarks for pricing of loans and deposits. This helps in improving the transmission of monetary policy. As per the evolving market conditions, the Reserve Bank of India also conducts variable interest rate reverse repo auctions.

**Marginal Standing Facility (MSF):** MSF is a provision which enables the scheduled commercial banks to borrow additional amount of overnight money from the Reserve Bank of India. Bank can do this by dipping into their Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) portfolio up to a limit at a penal rate of interest. This helps the banks to sustain the unanticipated liquidity shocks faced by them.

**Accommodative stance of RBI's Monetary Policy Statement:**

Accommodative stance is taken by the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee to expand the overall money supply to boost the economy when the growth is slowing down.

**India-UN Development Partnership Fund: India contributes USD 15.46 mn**

India gives USD 15.5 million to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, under its commitment to supporting developing nations in their developmental priorities across all the **Sustainable Development Goals**. This fund of USD 15.46 million including USD 6 million for the overall fund, in which all developing countries are eligible for partnership, and USD 9.46 million is dedicated to Commonwealth countries. The cheque was handed over by India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti to the United Nations Office for

South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) Director Jorge Chediek.

**About India-UN Development Partnership Fund:**

- The India-UN Development Partnership Fund was formed in 2017, to promote multilateralism and shared prosperity to support developing countries towards the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- The fund is supported and led by the Government of the Republic of India, managed by the **United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)**, and implemented in collaboration with the United Nations system.
- Till date, 55 projects and proposals have been approved with a total contribution of USD 41.8 million towards a USD 150 million multi-year pledge to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund.

**PM Modi addresses on New Education Policy 2020**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has addressed the nation on 7th August to deliver his speech on the **New Education Policy 2020**. PM's speech began with address at the conclave on **'Transformational Reforms in Higher Education under National Education Policy'** is being organised by the University Grants Commission and Ministry of Education. The new National Education Policy was approved in the Cabinet on July 29. It replaces 34-year-old National Policy on Education framed in **1986** and is aimed at paving the way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems to make India a global knowledge superpower.

**Key highlights and updates on PM's speech:**

- **National Research Foundation** will work closely with National Educational Technology Forum (NETF) to enable scientific steps to include technology in the education system.
- **K Kasturirangan**, an Indian space scientist who has played a crucial role in drafting the New Education Policy 2020.
- National Education Policy was approved after extensive discussions over **3-4 years and deliberation over lakhs of suggestions**
- New Education Policy is the foundation of strengthening **the 21st century India**. Every student will be future-ready and will contribute to nation-building.

- The holistic approach was needed to improve education in India and NEP is doing this successfully.
- Multidisciplinary course Multiple entry and exit options will allow the students to study what they want to study and how much to study. Students can leave the course whenever they want.
- Students can re-skill and upskill. NEP allows the student to learn the skill they are interested in.
- India has the capacity to provide talent and technology to the world. Technology has given us the medium to reach even the last person in the country. Technology will help in better content and course.
- New education policy will help curb the gap between education and research.
- Government has started giving autonomous status to various institutions. We will give autonomy to many more institutions in future.
- NEP focusses on upskilling of teacher and teacher-training. When a teacher learns, a nation leads.

### Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network: Strengthening Immunization Supply Chain Systems

The **Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN)** is an innovative technological solution implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) by **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)**. This innovative technological solution has strengthened the immunization supply chain systems across India during the COVID pandemic. It also ensured the delivery of essential immunization services and protecting our children as well as pregnant mothers against the vaccine preventable diseases.

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### The Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network solution combines the following three resources for its better implementation:

- It utilizes the Human Resources to empower the state cold chain network by setting up the capacities of government cold chain handlers. It also uses the vaccine and cold chain managers deployed in every district for constant assistance to evaluate the vaccine requirements, supervise cold chain handlers and synchronize with cold chain technicians across the district.
- It utilizes the technology to offer evidence-based decision-making by providing online real-time information about vaccine stocks and storage temperature with the help of eVIN application software and temperature loggers.
- It also takes advantage of the governance to ensure efficient vaccine logistics management with systemized record keeping via standardizing stock and distribution registers.

### Nation observes 100th death anniversary of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak

A two-day international webinar on **‘Lokmanya Tilak – Swaraj to Self-Reliant India’** was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah. The webinar was organized on the occasion of 100th death anniversary of great freedom fighter Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak. The webinar was organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in New Delhi.

#### Contribution to Indian Struggle for Independence:

- One of the earliest and the most vocal proponents of **complete independence or swarajya (self-rule)**.
- Gave the slogan of **“Swaraj is my birthright and I shall have it!”** during Indian struggle for independence.
- Along with **Lala Lajpat Rai and Bipin Chandra Pal**, he was part of the Lal-Bal-Pal trio of leaders with extremist outlooks.
- A book **‘Indian Unrest’** written by Valentine Chirol, an English journalist, stated Tilak the ‘father of Indian unrest’.
- Joined **the Indian National Congress (INC) in 1890**.
- Propagated **swadeshi movements** and encouraged people to boycott foreign goods.

- Indian Home Rule Movement was started in 1916, it is believed to have set the stage for the independence movement under the leadership of Annie Besant and Bal Gangadhar Tilak for the educated English speaking upper class Indians.
- The **All India Home Rule League** was founded by Tilak in April 1916 at Belgaum.
- It worked in **Maharashtra (except Bombay), the Central Provinces, Karnataka and Berar. Lucknow Pact (1916)** was signed between the INC headed by Tilak and All-India Muslim League led by Muhammad Ali Jinnah for hindu-muslim unity in nationalist struggle.
- Started newspapers namely, **Kesari (Marathi) and Mahratta (English)** and wrote books namely, Gita Rhasya and Arctic Home of the Vedas.

### Nation observes 78th anniversary of Quit India movement

The **78th anniversary** of the **August Kranti Din or Quit India Movement**, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the history of freedom struggle of our country, is being observed. On **8 Aug 1942, Mahatma Gandhi** gave a clarion call to end the British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the session of the All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai. After the failure of Cripps Mission, Gandhiji gave the call to **“Do or Die”** in his Quit India speech delivered at the **Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai**. The grateful country is paying homage to the freedom fighters and remembering the supreme sacrifices of the martyrs during the freedom struggle.

### Nation observes 79th Death Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore

**Rabindranath Tagore** is one of those great masters of literature whose works hardly left any human emotion untouched. The poet, novelist, essayist, philosopher and musician is being remembered on his 79th death anniversary on 7th August 2020. Tagore’s thoughts and ideas motivate people and keep their love for the country alive even now. Tagore’s death anniversary is known as **‘Baishe Shrabon’ (Shravan 22, in the Bengali calendar) in Bengal**.

Rabindranath Tagore has penned over 2000 songs, which are known as **‘Rabindra Sangeet’**. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in **1913 for his collection Gitanjali published in London in 1912**. His works include hundreds of novels, short stories, dance-dramas, poems, essays and travelogues. **Gora, Gitanjali, Rakta Karabi, Ghare Baire, Shesher Kobita, Raja O Rani, Tasher Desh, Dena Paona**, Shanchayita are some of his best works, many of which have been translated into several languages. He composed the National Anthems of two nations – **“Jana Gana Mana Adhinayaka Jaya He” for India and “Amar Shonar Bangla” for Bangladesh**.

### National Affairs

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** has launched **‘Vidyarthi Vignyan Manthan, 2020-21’**. It is a national programme which has been launched to popularize science among school students of Class 6th to 11th.
- A two-day international webinar on **‘Lokmanya Tilak – Swaraj to Self-Reliant India’** was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah.
- In Himachal Pradesh, Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has laid the foundation stone of **Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Dhaulta Kuan in Sirmour district**.
- The Indian railways begin its **“Kisan Rail”** services to transport perishable goods. India’s first ‘Kisan Rail’ will run between **Devlali in Maharashtra’s Nashik and will reach Danapur in Bihar**. The train will cover the journey of **1,519 kilometres in over 31 hours**.
- **Indian Railways** has launched an **Overhead Equipment (OHE) Inspection app** which will help in minimizing the train delays and long waits due to technical snags. The app has been rolled out on an all over India basis.

### States in the News

- **Madhya Pradesh** Urban Development and Housing Minister, **Bhupendra Singh** has launched a public awareness campaign **“Ek Mask-Anek Zindagi”** from August 1-15. The Scheme will spread awareness about wearing masks as prevention from Covid-19 infection.

- **Andhra Pradesh** government has launched an innovative virtual cybercrime awareness programme named as **'E-Raksha Bandhan'**. The programme aims to create awareness among the public on Cyber crimes across the State.
- **"Bharat Air Fibre Services"** has been inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for HRD, Electronics, Communication, and IT, Govt Of India, Shri Sanjay Dhotre. The services were inaugurated at Akola in Maharashtra.
- The **"Thenzawl Golf Resort"** Project has been virtually inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (I/C) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel. The project has been implemented under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel has launched a social security scheme **"Shaheed Mahendra Karma Tendupatta Sangraha Samajik Suraksha Yojana"** for tendu leave collectors in the state.
- **Maharashtra** government has tied up with **Google** to provide online education to students in the state. Maharashtra is the first state in the country that is launching such a project.

### International Affairs

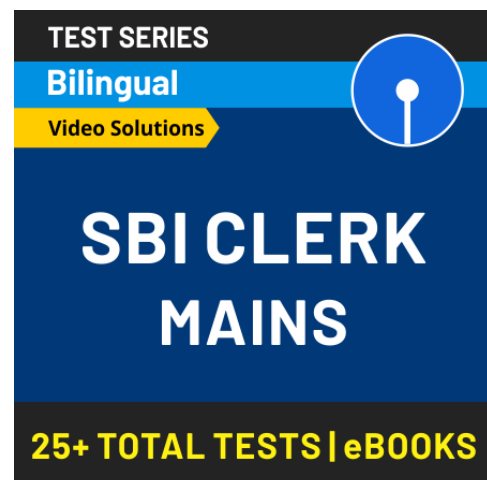
- The **United Arab Emirates** became the first Arab country to open a nuclear power plant, when the Unit 1 of the Barakah Nuclear Plant in Abu Dhabi, got operational on **31 July 2020**. It will produce **5.6 gigawatts** of electricity and meet up to 25% of the UAE's electricity needs.
- Former Guyanese housing minister, **Mohamed Irfaan Ali** has been named as the President of the country. He is a member of the opposition People's Progressive Party (PPP). He succeeds **David Arthur(A.) Granger**.
- Former Chief-of-Staff of the Guyana Defence Force, Brigadier (retired) **Mark Anthony Phillips** has been sworn in as Prime Minister of Guyana.
- The **United States Senate** has unanimously passed a bill banning the Chinese-owned video-sharing app **TikTok** on government devices. The bill will now go to President Donald Trump to be signed into a law, which will prohibit federal employees from downloading or using TikTok.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Department of Defence (DoD) Ministry of Defence (MoD)** has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK)**. The MoU will support the MoD in identifying the cause and nature of grievances and to introduce systemic changes and policy interventions wherever required.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **Bharti AXA General Insurance** to offer **"Smart Plan Shop Package Policy"** for the financial protection of the bank's retailers and merchants. The policy will provide financial protection in case of damage to assets inside the shop due to fire and allied perils and burglary, among others, as covered in the product.

### Books and Authors

- **Bihar** Chief Minister, **Nitish Kumar** has released a book titled **"Siyasat Mein Sadasyata"** authored by Bihar Assembly **Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary**. The book is a compilation of the author's views, three dozen articles on different important issues and his life journey. The book was published by Bihar Assembly Secretariat.
- The book, titled **"Vishesh: Code To Win"**, has been written by sportswoman-turned-author **Nirupama Yadav** and published by the publishing house Bluerose. The book is set to be released on August 29, the National Sports Day.



- The book, titled “**RAW: A History of India’s Covert Operations**” has authored by investigative journalist and author **Yatish Yadav**. A new book gives a peep into the heroic covert operations carried by India’s external spy agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) and thereby narrates a gripping account of what actually happens behind the grey walls of the secret society.
- The book titled ‘**Amazing Ayodhya**’ has been authored by **Neena Rai**. The book offers “**authentic information**” about the city, which will not only help understand the life and times of ancient Hindus but also the revered figures of Rama and Sita. The book is publishing by **house Bloomsbury**.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has announced the launch of a two-month-long campaign called ‘**Kona Kona Umeed**’ with huge offers and discounts to lift up hope and optimism among its customers in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Private sector lender **Axis Bank** has launched an Automated Voice Assistant ‘**AXAA**’. AXAA is an artificial intelligence-powered conversational voice BOT. The Automated Voice Assistant will function like a humanoid and has the ability to change the paradigm of customer experience from conventional Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system.
- **National Bank of Bahrain (NBB)** has **selected Infosys Finacle** to digitally transform its transaction banking business. NBB will be implementing the Finacle Liquidity Management Platform, and upgrading its existing Finacle Corporate Online Banking platform to a full-fledged Digital Engagement Suite – with the latest versions of the Finacle Corporate Online and Mobile Banking solutions, along with the **Finacle Digital Engagement Hub**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has set up an expert committee under **veteran banker KV Kamath** to suggest financial parameters for resolution of **Covid-19 related stressed assets**. The committee will submit its recommendations to the RBI, which will notify them along with modifications, in **30 days**.

### Appointments/Resignations

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has approved the appointment of **Sashidhar Jagdishan** as the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HDFC Bank. He will replace **Aditya Puri**.
- The Lieutenant-Governor of Jammu Kashmir, **Girish Chandra Murmu** has **resigned** from his post. Murmu’s resignation on the first anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 which gave special status to the erstwhile state.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed former Union minister **Manoj Sinha** as the next Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir. He will replace Girish Chandra Murmu who resigned.
- Former Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor, **Girish Chandra Murmu** has been appointed as the new **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India**. **He is the 14th CAG of India**.
- Educationist Professor, **Pradeep Kumar Joshi** has appointed as the **chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**. He will succeed Arvind Saxena who completes his term as UPSC chairman.
- Odisha cadre IPS officer, **P S Ranipse** has been appointed as **Inspector General (IG), in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**. He will hold the post on Central deputation for a period of five years from the date of joining.
- **PNB Housing Finance** has announced the appointment of the former SBI Card head, **Hardayal Prasad** as its new managing director and chief executive officer.

### Schemes and Committees

- Unique employment generation program “**Khadi Agarbatti Aatmanirbhar Mission**” has been approved by the Union Minister for MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari. The programme has been proposed by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to make India Aatmanirbhar in Agarbatti production.

### Defence News

- **India** will take part in the multilateral military “**Russian Kavkaz 2020**” strategic command-post exercise to be held in Astrakhan, Russia. The Indian contingent includes **150 Army personnel** and a smaller number of personnel from the Navy and Air Force.

### Summit and Conference

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Piyush Goyal** has inaugurated the National Digital Conference on “**Easing Doing Business for Atmanirbhar Bharat**”. This conference is organized by the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** with the **Department for Promotion of Investment and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** to improve the business environment of India.

### Sports News

- Mercedes driver, **Lewis Hamilton** has won the Formula One **British Grand Prix 2020** held at the Silverstone Circuit, United Kingdom.
- **India** has withdrawn from the **women’s world team Squash championship** scheduled in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 15th to 20th December**, due to lack of preparation, time and match-readiness of its players.
- **The Indian Government** has provisionally granted permission for the **13th edition of Indian Premier League’s (IPL’s) 2020 to be rescheduled in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** from September 19 to November 10, 2020, due to COVID-19 outbreak. BCCI has also decided to host a Women’s T20 Challenge to be held from November 1 to 10 in UAE.
- World Cup winner German footballer, **Benedikt Howedes** has retired from football. He was part of the 2014 world-cup winning Germany team.
- Former Real Madrid and Spain goalkeeper, **Iker Casillas** have retired from football. He made 725 appearances for Real during a 16-year career at the Bernabeu, winning three Champions League titles and five La Liga crowns.



- The **International Cricket Council** has confirmed that **the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2020** that was postponed due to Covid-19 will be held in **Australia in 2022**. India will host the **ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2021** as planned. ICC has also decided to postpone **the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2021** in **New Zealand** till February-March 2022 because of the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on cricket globally.

### Important Days

- **World Sanskrit Day**, (also known as Sanskrit Diwas), is celebrated every year on Shraavanapoornima, that is the Poornima day of the Shraavana month in the Hindu calendar, which is also marked as **Raksha Bandhan**. In 2020, this day is being observed on **3 August 2020**.
- The **World Breastfeeding Week** is marked every year in the first week of August, between 1 to 7 August to raise awareness on the importance of breastfeeding for mothers and infants. The theme of World Breastfeeding Week 2020 is “**Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet**”. The annual week is organized by WABA, WHO and UNICEF since 1991.
- **Annually 6th of August** marks the anniversary of the atomic bombing in **Hiroshima during World War II**. The horrific incident took place on August 6, 1945, when the United States dropped an atomic bomb named “**Little Boy**”, on the town of Hiroshima in Japan.
- Nation observes “**National Handloom Day**” on **7th August** every year. This day is celebrated to honour the handloom weavers in the country and also highlight the handloom industry. The Day highlights the contribution of handloom to the socio-economic development of the country and increases the income of the weavers.

### Obituaries

- Cabinet Minister in the Government of Uttar Pradesh, **Kamal Rani Varun** passed away due to COVID-19. She was MLA from Ghatampur in Kanpur.
- Former Andhra Pradesh Minister, **Pydikondala Manikyala Rao** passed away due to COVID-19.
- Theatre doyen and legendary teacher **Ebrahim Alkazi** passed away. He was the longest serving director of the National School of Drama.

- The prominent Northern Ireland politician and former Nobel Peace Prize winner, **John Hume** passed away. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998, along with David Trimble, for his role in ending the conflict in Northern Ireland. He was a founding member of the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) in 1970 and led the party from 1979 until 2001.
- The American computer engineer who co-invented the world's first computer mouse, **William Kirk English** passed away.
- Former Arunachal Pradesh Governor **Ram Pradhan** passed away. The veteran IAS officer also served as a trustee of the **Y B Chavan Pratishthan** in Mumbai and also headed a two-member committee established in December 2008 to investigate the security forces' response to the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.
- Former Maharashtra Chief Minister, **Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar** passed away. He was a senior Congress leader, served as the Maharashtra CM between June 1985 and March 1986.
- Renowned TV actor, **Sameer Sharma** passed away. The 44-year-old actor committed suicide on 5 August 2020, by hanging.
- The famous fiction writer and Pulitzer Prize-winner, **Shirley Ann Grau** passed away. She was born on July 8, 1929, in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States. Shirley won the Pulitzer Prize for her fourth book, "**The Keepers of the House**" in 1965.

### Miscellaneous News

- **Indian Market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** is planning to set up a **virtual museum** of the securities market to highlight achievements and milestones in the Indian capital market. Sebi has invited Expression of Interest (EoI) from agencies to develop the virtual museum.
- Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), **Shri Nitin Gadkari** has launched the **Khadi's Gift Box of Silk Mask**. The Gift Box has been developed by **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**.
- The **Sahakar Cooptube NCDC Channel** has been launched by the Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**. The channel is a new initiative by **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)**.

- **E-Gyan Mitra** mobile app has been launched by the **Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu**. The "E-Gyan Mitra" mobile app has been launched to provide online education.
- A webinar series on "**Hydro-Meteorological Hazards Risk Reduction**" has been organised by the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) in collaboration with India Meteorological Department**.
- A sports gaming platform, **WTF Sports** has appointed cricketers **Harmanpreet Kaur and Suresh Raina** as its global brand ambassadors. Raina is also joining the brand as a Strategic Partner.
- **Delhi government** has launched the "**Electric Vehicle Policy**" for the national capital under which will waive registration fee, road tax, and provide an incentive of up to ₹1.5 lakh for new cars. The government aims to generate employment to give a boost to Delhi's economy and reduce pollution levels in the national capital.

### Static Takeaways

- Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh: **Jai Ram Thakur**.
- Governor of Himachal Pradesh: **Bandaru Dattatraya**.
- President of UAE: **Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan**.
- Capital of UAE: **Abu Dhabi**; Currency: **United Arab Emirates dirham**.
- Capital of Guyana: **Georgetown**.
- The currency of Guyana: **Guyanese dollar (GYD)**.
- President of Guyana: **Mohamed Irfaan Ali**.
- Tiktok is developed by **ByteDance Company**.
- Tiktok founded: **2012**.
- Tiktok founder: **Zhang Yiming**.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**; Governor: **Anandiben Patel**.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy**; Governor: **Biswa Bhusan Harichandan**.
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: **Uddhav Thackeray**; Governor: **Bhagat Singh Koshyari**.
- Chief Minister of Mizoram: **Pu Zoramthanga**; Governor: **P.S. Sreedharan Pillai**.
- Governor of Chhattisgarh: **Anusuiya Uikey**.
- Union Minister of Defence: **Raj Nath Singh**.
- Airtel Payments Bank MD and CEO: **Anubrata Biswas**.
- Airtel Payments Bank Headquarter: **New Delhi, Delhi**.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance MD and CEO: **Sanjeev Srinivasan**.



- Bharti AXA General Insurance Headquarter: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Chief of RAW: Samant Goel.
- Headquarters of RAW: New Delhi.
- RAW founded: 21 September 1968.
- Capital of Bihar: Patna.
- Governor of Bihar: Phagu Chauhan.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- King of Bahrain: Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa;
- Capital of Bahrain: Manama; Currency of Bahrain: Bahraini Dinar.
- Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Infosys: Salil Parekh.
- Headquarters of Infosys: Bengaluru.
- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We Understand Your World.
- Comptroller and Auditor General Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Comptroller and Auditor General Founded: 1858.
- President of Squash Rackets Federation of India: Debendranath Sarangi.
- Headquarter of Squash Rackets Federation of India: Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Chairman of SEBI: Ajay Tyagi; Headquarter: Mumbai.
- Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission: Vinai Saxena.
- Administrator of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu: Praful Patel.
- Headquarters of CRPF: New Delhi.
- The motto of CRPF: Service and Loyalty.
- CRPF founded: 27 July 1939.
- CEO of ICC: Manu Sawhney.
- Headquarters of ICC: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Chairman of ICC: Imran Khwaja (Interim).
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: Uddhav Thackeray; Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal; Governor of Delhi: Anil Baijal.
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