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01-05-2020

Private sector lender Axis Bank would acquire an additional 29 per cent stake in Max Life Insurance for an estimated price of Rs 1,592 crore, raising its total holding in the life insurer to 30 per cent after the completion of the deal.

Suresh N Patel took oath as the Vigilance Commissioner. The oath was administered by Central Vigilance Commissioner Sanjay Kothari by video conferencing in New Delhi.

Padma Shri award winning Bollywood actor Irrfan Khan passed away.

Former Karnataka batsman J Arun Kumar was appointed coach of the USA cricket team.

India has become the third largest military spender in the world, after the US and China, according to a Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report.

Grammy-nominated gospel singer Troy Sneed died of complications from COVID-19 in Florida. He was 52.

Finnish telecom equipment maker Nokia Oyj has won a multi-year deal from Bharti Airtel Ltd. to provide 4G network equipment and services. The Nokia-Airtel deal is worth around Rs 7,500 crore.

The Asian Development Bank has approved \$1.5 billion loan to India to help fund its fight against coronavirus pandemic.

Middle distance runner Jhuma Khatun has been banned for four years by the Athletics Integrity Unit of the world governing body for testing positive for a banned substance - steroid.

Distinguished scientist Prof S. Ayyappan has been appointed Chairman of the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy.



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Walmart-owned Flipkart has partnered with cab operator Meru to deliver grocery and essential items to customers in Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR and Hyderabad amid the nationwide lockdown.

Deepak Mittal has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Qatar, while Piyush Srivastava goes to Bahrain in the same capacity.

Seasoned diplomat T S Tirumurti was appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

National Film Award winning Bollywood actor Rishi Kapoor has passed away.

Opener Tom Latham has won the Redpath Cup as New Zealand's best batsman, breaking a seven-year streak in which the trophy was won by either Kane Williamson or Ross Taylor.

Former finance secretary Rajiv Kumar was appointed as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions made it compulsory for all central government employees to download the government's COVID-19 app 'Aarogya Setu'.

The Delhi government launched a dedicated website to provide information on all the COVID-19 related updates.

Freedom fighter and Gandhian Hema Bharali, died. She was 101.

The Reserve Bank extended restrictions imposed on city-based The Needs of Life Co-op Bank Ltd for another six months till October 31.



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According to the 7th edition of 'Open Budget Survey 2019' conducted by International Budget Partnership (IBP), India has been ranked at 53rd position among 117 nations in terms of budget transparency and accountability with the score of 49 out of 100.

Ex-India football captain and first-class cricketer Chuni Goswami passed away. He was 82.

Vaneeza Rupani, a 17-year-old Indian-origin girl from the US, has named NASA's first Mars helicopter 'Ingenuity'.

Indian doctor Thangjam Dhabali Singh has been conferred the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays' by Japan for promoting friendship between Japan and India.

Pradeep Kumar Shukla has been selected for the appointment of Director (Finance) in the Central Water Commission.

Indian-American Niraj Antani has won the Republican primary for the US state of Ohio's sixth Senate district.

The Reserve Bank of India decided that regulatory benefits announced under the SLF-MF scheme will be extended to all banks, irrespective of whether they avail funding from the central bank or deploy their own resources.

Tennis star Sania Mirza became the first Indian to be nominated for the Fed Cup Heart Award.

Former US Olympic coach Maggie Haney has been suspended for eight years by USA Gymnastics for verbal and emotional abuse of athletes.

Chhattisgarh has topped the list of states in terms of providing jobs under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) amid the nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic.



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The badminton world championship slated for August next year in Spain will now take place from November 29 to December 5, the sport's apex body said, postponing its showpiece to avoid a clash with the Olympics.

Veteran batsman Ross Taylor has won the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal as New Zealand's cricket player of the year, claiming the top award for the third time in its 10-year history.

Tarun Bajaj assumed charge as the Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA).

The Asian Development Bank has approved a USD 346 million (around Rs 2,616 crore) loan to Indian government to provide reliable power connection in rural areas of Maharashtra.

PNB Housing Finance has appointed Neeraj Vyas as its interim Managing Director and CEO.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the 'Jagananna Vidya Deevena' scheme, in order to provide 100 percent fee reimbursement to all students across the state.

Hotel startup OYO has appointed former Starbucks Chief Operating Officer Troy Alstead as an independent member of the board of directors.

Ramanand Sagar's 'Ramayan' has become the world's most watched entertainment show with 7.7 crore viewers on April 16.

Producers Guild of India CEO Kulmeet Makkar, aged 60, passed away.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) banned Deepak Agarwal, an Indian businessman who owned a franchise in the 2018 T10 League held in the UAE.



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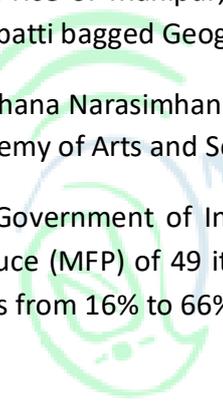
An IIT Madras Professor Thalappil Pradeep has been selected for the Nikkei Asia Prize 2020. Professor Thalappil Pradeep will be conferred with the Nikkei Asia Prize 2020 in the category of 'Science and Technology'.

The US Navy announced recently that it will host the world's largest maritime exercises in Hawaii again this year. The drills will be held only at sea.

Former Axis Bank CEO, Shikha Sharma named advisor to Google Pay India. Google Pay is one of the leading apps on Unified Payments Interface (UPI), battling with the likes of Amazon Pay, Paytm, etc.

Arvind Kumar Sharma has taken over the charge as Secretary to the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

4A microwave steriliser named as "ATULYA" has been developed by the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune.

The Department of Science & Technology (DST) has commenced a new programme named as Year of Awareness on Science & Health (YASH)'.


Black rice of Manipur, also called the Chak-Hao, Gorakhpur Terracotta and Kadalai Mittai of Kovilpatti bagged Geographical Indication tag.

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

The Government of India has increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) of 49 items. The increase in MSP across various items of minor forest produce varies from 16% to 66%.



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Professor Shobhana Narasimhan from the Theoretical Sciences Unit (TSU) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science & Technology, has been elected as an International Honorary Member to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Sir Ralf Speth, the Chief Executive of Tata Motors' owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) and Professor Vikram Deshpande from the Cambridge University have been elected as new Fellows of the prestigious Royal Society in the UK.

Yes Bank has appointed Neeraj Dhawan as its chief risk officer with immediate effect.

Discus thrower Sandeep Kumari has been slapped with a four-year ban by WADA's Athletics Integrity Unit for flunking a dope test , nearly two years after her sample was deemed clean by the NDTL.

Two students of Government College of Engineering, Kannur, won the first prize of USD 10,000 in a global competition for developing a virtual classroom amid the coronavirus lockdown.

Maharashtra has announced to provide free health cover to all its citizens under the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana.

Dwayne Johnson and Dove Cameron have won favourite movie actor and actress awards, respectively, at Kids' Choice Awards 2020.

Former Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court and Lokpal member Ajay Kumar Tripathi passed away.

The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the banking licence of Mumbai-based CKP Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Aiming to connect farmers to the supply chain and freight transportation management system during the covid-19 lockdown, CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI), has launched 'Kisan Sabha' app.



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Australia restricts the use of saliva & sweat to shine ball under COVID-19 guidelines. Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in consultation with doctors has come up with guidelines, restricting the utilization of saliva and sweat to shine the ball.

Noted Kannada poet and Padma Shri awardee, K S Nissar Ahmed died at the age of 84.

Nilaya Mitash, a Karnataka cadre IAS officer of the 1991 batch, has been posted at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as principal operations coordination specialist.

Game of Thrones actor Hafthor Bjornsson set a deadlift world record by lifting 501 kilograms (1,104 pounds).

Reliance Industries Limited announced that US private equity firm Silver Lake will invest Rs 5,655 crore (nearly \$750 million) into Jio platforms.

Berkshire Hathaway sold its entire stakes in Delta Air Lines, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines, the four largest US airlines in April.

Sam Lloyd, known for his role as lawyer Ted Buckland in TV show 'Scrubs', passed away aged 56.

Pune-based Defence Institute of Advanced Technology has developed a microwave steriliser called 'ATULYA' to "disintegrate" COVID-19.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the Virtual Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit through Video Conferencing.

Former World Snooker Champion Peter Ebdon has announced his retirement from professional snooker. He has announced his retirement after suffering from various neck and back injuries.



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Chhattisgarh East West Rail Ltd (CEWRL) has entered into a pact with a consortium of banks led by State Bank of India for a sanctioned loan of Rs 3,976 crore to develop a 135-km double rail line for coal evacuation.

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an Ultra Violet (UV) Disinfection Tower for rapid and chemical free disinfection of high infection prone areas.

The Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, launched "The Saras Collection" on the Government e Marketplace (GeM) portal at Krishi Bhavan in New Delhi.

Noted Indian economist and academician Deepak Nayyar has been appointed as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) based at the University of Sussex in the UK.

US President Donald Trump nominated an Indian-American attorney Saritha Komatireddy as a judge to a federal court in New York.

The Abu Dhabi T10 tournament, which is being endorsed by some of the top cricketers including England's World Cup-winning skipper Eoin Morgan, will be held in the capital of the United Arab Emirates from November 19 to 28.

Dubai's Expo 2020 world's fair will be postponed to October 1, 2021, over the new coronavirus pandemic, a Paris-based body behind the events said.

The postponed-World Swimming Championships will be held in Fukuoka, Japan, on May 13-29, 2022, the international swimming federation (FINA) said.

Ecommerce platform Flipkart has appointed Sriram Venkataraman as chief financial officer (CFO) of Flipkart Commerce (Flipkart and Myntra) with immediate effect.

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has appointed Rolando Alexandre de Souza as the new director general of the Federal Police (PF).



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Mukhtar Khan, Yasin Dar and Channi Anand -- three photojournalists working with the Associated Press (AP) -- were awarded the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in feature photography for their work during the shutdown in the region following abrogation of Article 370 in August last year.

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has been reappointed as chairperson of the Parliament's public accounts committee (PAC).

Tata Steel Ltd has withdrawn its membership from the Indian Steel Association (ISA), an apex steel industry body.

US President Donald Trump has nominated senior Indian-American diplomat Manisha Singh as his envoy to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

US President Donald Trump has nominated Indian-American Ashok Michael Pinto as a US representative to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has awarded Kim Jong Un a commemorative war medal marking the 75th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany.

Max Bupa Health Insurance has appointed Krishnan Ramachandran as its new managing director and chief executive officer.

Standard Chartered Bank, India has appointed Kusal Roy as the new head of Retail Banking, effective May 5, 2020.

A 47-year-old Indian classical dancer Deepa Nair, who was a prominent face in the UAE's cultural circuit, died.

The government has nominated Tarun Bajaj, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, as a Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India.



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A “Compendium of Indian Technologies for Combating COVID-19 (Tracing, Testing and Treating)” prepared by National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) was launched by Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, Director General, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR, Govt. of India at CSIR Headquarters, New Delhi.

Indian Economic Services officer D P S Negi took charge as Director General of Labour Bureau in the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

PNB Housing Finance has signed a pact with IIT-Delhi for developing sustainable and reusable personal protective equipment (PPE) kits for healthcare workers.

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) allowed employers to register their digital signatures online through e-mail.

The government has extended the last date for filing annual GST return for the financial year 2018-19 by three months till September 2020.

Former head of the Intelligence Agency Mustafa al-Qadimi was cursed as the country's next prime minister amid a severe economic crisis created by the Coronavirus global epidemic in Iraq.

A Pakistani youth, Rahul Dev, has become the first Hindu to join the Pakistan Air Force (PAF), having been recruited as a General Duty Pilot Officer.

The Madhya Pradesh government has re-launched the ambitious Sambal Yojana aimed to strengthen the lives of the poor and the SC and ST communities by providing them social security cover, right from birth to death.

Professor Saurabh Lodha from Electrical Engineering, IIT Bombay, has received the Young Career Award in Nano Science and Technology for the year 2020 instituted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

Lt Gen Raj Shukla assumed the command of the Army Training Command (ARTRAC).



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India is projected to record the highest number of births in the 9 months since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic in March, with more than 20 million babies expected to be born in the country between March and December, according to a United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Health & Family Welfare Minister launched the 'AYUSH Sanjivani' App and two AYUSH based studies related to COVID-19 situation.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) extended environmentalist and actor-producer Dia Mirza's term as its National Goodwill Ambassador for another two years till the end of 2022.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the abolition of 9,304 posts in military engineering services.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) launched a scheme offering interest-free loans to its affiliated cricket leagues which are reeling from the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

GlaxoSmithKline Plc (GSK) has offloaded its 5.7 percent stake in Indian FMCG major Hindustan Unilever for around Rs 25,480 crore.

The United Nations has launched an updated COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan that requires \$6.69 billion to help fragile countries cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Zoom announced that it has acquired Keybase, an encryption and security service platform, as part of its 90-day plan to "further strengthen" its security.

Ratan Tata, the Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, has invested an undisclosed amount in 18-year-old entrepreneur Arjun Deshpande's pharma startup Generic Aadhaar.

Facebook's proposed digital currency Libra Association has appointed HSBC's current Chief Legal Officer Stuart Levey as its CEO.



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Two exchanges at International Financial Services Centre in Gift City, India INX and NSE IFSC, launched trading in rupee-USD derivative contracts to enable participants to hedge, trade and settle in the dollar.

TRIFED under Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Art of Living Foundation (AOL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in respective programmes of each organisation for promoting Tribal Enterprises.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh through video-conferencing inaugurated the strategically important Ghatiabagar-Lipulekh motor road that connects the last Indian post on the Indo-China border in Uttarakhand's Vyas valley.

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a loan of USD 500 million to support India's efforts to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

Credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service said it estimated India's Gross Domestic Product growth to "hit zero" in the 2020-'21 financial year due to the lockdown to combat the coronavirus pandemic.

Pandanda Kuttappa, co-founder of Kodava Hockey Festival, passed away. He was 86.

British rapper Ty, real name Ben Chijioke, has died from complications due to the novel coronavirus. He was 47.

The Defence Ministry has signed a deal worth ₹1,200 crore with Tata Power SED to modernise infrastructure of 37 airfields for Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

Greece's former health minister, cardiologist and university professor Dimitris Kremastinos, died of coronavirus. He was 78.

Andhra Pradesh government sanctioned ₹30 crores towards ex-gratia and financial assistance for victims of Visakhapatnam gas leak incident.



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Tesla has entered into an agreement with a Chinese bank for working capital loan of up to \$565.51 million for its Shanghai car plant, filings revealed. The loan, to be provided by Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, will be used only for expenditures related to production at plant.

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President Narinder Batra's tenure as the chief of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has been extended till May next year after its annual congress was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The WHO and the UN's postal agency have released a commemorative postage stamp on the 40th anniversary of the eradication of smallpox.

The TCS World 10K Bengaluru run will be held on November 22 as the organisers announced the new date for the rescheduled event.

Tokyo Olympics quota holder Yashaswini Singh Deswal and teen prodigy Rudranksh Patil claimed top spots in 10m air rifle and 10m air pistol finals respectively in the third edition of the International Online Shooting Championship.

The Tamil Nadu government set up a high-level committee headed by former Reserve Bank of India governor C Rangarajan to examine fiscal challenges facing the state owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and suggest the way forward to improve its fiscal position.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Bharat Biotech International Limited announced their partnership to develop indigenous vaccine for COVID-19.

The government has raised its gross market borrowing estimate for the current financial year by 54% as it seeks more funds to deal with the economic impact of COVID-19.

The government decided to put Shri Ram Janambhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust under section 80G of the Income-tax Act.

In view of the unprecedented humanitarian and economic crisis, the CBDT has decided that the implementation of new procedure for approval/ registration/ notification of certain entities shall be deferred to 1st October, 2020.



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Shafiqullah Shafaq was handed a six-year ban from all forms of cricket by the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) after the wicket-keeper batsman accepted his involvement in corrupt activities during the APLT20 and Bangladesh Premier League (BPL).

Mary Pratt, who played for the Rockford Peaches and Kenosha Comets in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, has died. She was 101.

Eminent historian Hari Shankar Vasudevan died. He was 68.

Senior Congress leader and former minister Juvvadi Ratnakar Rao passed away in Karimnagar district. He was 92.

A UAE based 3D printing company has transformed its laboratories into a manufacturing hub to produce more than 1,000 reusable personal protective equipment for the frontline workers battling the deadly coronavirus in the country.

Top-seed and favourite China were crowned champions at the FIDE Chess.com Online Nations Cup by virtue of superior points tally despite their final match against the USA ending in 2-2 draw.

Former Kolkata Knight Riders spinner Brad Hogg recently picked Virat Kohli as the captain of his all-time Indian Premier League XI.

Batting great Sachin Tendulkar was the only Indian who found a place in former Sri Lanka batsman Tillakaratne Dilshan's all-time ODI XI.

National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, has successfully developed India's first indigenous antibody testing kit -- ELISA -- to combat COVID-19.

Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt who was a member of Alphabets board for over 18 years has finally resigned from the company.



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The food ministry said the deadline for seeding of Aadhaar with ration cards has been extended till September and stressed that all beneficiaries will continue to get their quota of foodgrains even if they do not possess the biometric identifier.

Google Cloud has appointed former Microsoft executive Anil Bhansali as Vice President of Engineering in India.

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport was voted by customers as the best regional airport in India & Central Asia for the third time in four years at the 2020 World Airport Awards.

Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi has assumed charge as Secretary in the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE).

A Chandigarh-based laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation has developed an automatic, high-pressure- mist-based, contact-less sanitizer dispenser.

French cyclist Remy Di Gregorio has been hit with a four-year doping ban related to a positive drugs test for EPO in 2018.

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel has selected IT companies IBM and Red Hat to build its new network cloud to support 5G operations and applications around emerging technologies on its network.

The Sports Ministry granted recognition to 54 national federations till September this year, continuing to leave out the governing bodies for paralympics and rowing from the list.

Paralympics silver medallist Deepa Malik announced her retirement to hold her post as the President of the Paralympic Committee of India in accordance with the National Sports Code.

Screenwriter Shafique Ansari, who starred in the TV show 'Crime Patrol', passed away aged 52.



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Senior IAS officer Manoj Ahuja has been appointed as the CBSE chairman and Anurag Jain, the vice-chairman of Delhi Development Authority (DDA), as part of a major bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a Rs 20 lakh crore financial package to deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

China successfully launched two satellites to test the space-based Internet of Things (IoT) communications technology.

National carrier Air India's anti-corruption officer Arti Bhatnagar and national intelligence grid (NATGRID) chief Ashish Gupta have been promoted to additional secretary level.

T-Works, a Telangana government start-up incubator for hardware industry, entered into an agreement with Bhagwati Products Ltd, part of Micromax group, for manufacturing mechanical ventilator being developed for Covid-19 patients

Ewie Cronje, father of former South African captain Hansie Cronje and a pioneer of women's cricket in the country, died aged 80.

Former national table tennis champion Manmeet Singh Walia, has died in Montreal, Canada. Manmeet was 58.

Ukraine forward Artem Biesiedin has been banned from soccer for one year in a doping case, UEFA said.

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in India to be held from 17 February to 7 March in 2021.

Former Commonwealth Games gold-winning boxer Akhil Kumar has been re-inducted into the National Anti-Doping Agency's (NADA) Disciplinary Panel.



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Four domestic pharma firms -- Cipla, Jubilant Life Sciences, Hetero and Mylan -- have entered into non-exclusive licensing agreements with drug major Gilead Sciences Inc for manufacturing and distribution of remdesivir, a potential therapy for COVID-19.

The PM CARES Fund Trust decided to allocate ₹3,100 crore for fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and the amount will be used, among other things, to purchase ventilators and caring for migrant workers.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced Rs 3 lakh crore of collateral-free loans for small businesses.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a 25 per cent reduction in TDS (tax deducted at sources) and TCS (tax collected at source) rate for the current financial year.

The Chhattisgarh Cabinet decided to launch "Rajiv Gandhi Kisaan Nyay Yojana" from May 21 to provide good returns to the farmers for their produce and encourage crop production.

Wipro Limited has been cited as a "Leader" in IDC MarketScape: Worldwide Cloud Professional Services 2020 Vendor Assessment.

The Pakistan Cricket Board appointed former Test left-arm spinner Nadeem Khan as its new Director High Performance to replace former all-rounder Mudassar Nazar who has resigned from the post.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) named Babar Azam as the nation's new ODI captain.

Sai Gundekar, who acted in films like PK and Rock On, died in the US. He was 42.

Professional sumo wrestler Shobushi died at 28 from the coronavirus.



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To offset the economic impact of Covid-19 on Dairy Sector, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has introduced a new scheme "Interest subvention on Working Capital Loans for Dairy sector" for Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities (SDC&FPO) for implementation during 2020-21.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family dedicated the COBAS 6800 testing machine to the nation. This is the first such testing machine that has been procured by the Government for testing of COVID-19 cases and is installed at the National Centre for Disease Control.

Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced short term and long-term measures for supporting the poor, including migrants, farmers, tiny businesses and street vendors.

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has nominated rifle ace Anjum Moudgil for the Khel Ratna -- the country's highest sporting honour -- while recommending Jaspal Rana for the Dronacharya Award for the second year in a row.

European cross-country champion Robel Fsiha of Sweden has been banned for four years after "artificial testosterone" was found in his sample.

Manoj Jain, the chairman and managing director of national gas major GAIL, has been appointed as the head of the city gas distributor Mahanagar Gas as well.

Padma Bhushan recipient and Bangladesh's National Professor Anisuzzaman died in Dhaka. He was 83.

The ICMR has signed a "non-exclusive agreement" with Zydus-Cadila, an innovation-driven health company, for producing indigenous antibody detection kit for COVID-19.

WTO chief Roberto Azevedo to step down on August 31 before the term expires.

CONCACAF has suspended its men's Under-20 Championships scheduled to conclude with the group and knockout rounds in Honduras June 20-July 5.



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Scientists at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), an autonomous research institute under the Department of Science and Technology, have recently developed an injectable Silk fibroin-based hydrogel for sustained insulin delivery in diabetic patients.

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sachet and two interceptor boats (IBs) C-450 and C-451 in Goa via video conference.

The Government of India, the Government of West Bengal and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) signed a loan agreement for a US\$145 million project to improve irrigation services and flood management in the Damodar Valley Command Area (DVCA) in West Bengal.

Pace sensation Kyle Jamieson's "outstanding" performance against India in his debut Test series early this year earned him a central contract from New Zealand Cricket (NZC) for the 2020-21 season.

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh approved a scheme under which centers will be built at a cost of Rs 400 crore for testing military hardware (equipment) developed and manufactured in the country by the domestic defense industry.

Austria's culture minister Ulrike Lunacek, resigned amid mounting criticism and disappointment with her performance in the coronavirus crisis.

Social media giant Facebook has acquired Giphy, the largest website for GIFs at a reported price of \$400 million.

Govt will launch the Rs 20,000 crore Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana for development of marine and inland fisheries.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund worth ₹15,000 crores.

The World Bank approved USD 1 billion 'Accelerating India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Program' to support the country's efforts for providing social assistance to the poor and vulnerable households, severely impacted by the pandemic.



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Scientists at the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI) and Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram both autonomous institutes under the Department of Science & Technology (DST) have jointly developed new generation Iron-Manganese based alloys for biodegradable metal implants for use in humans.

The Union government has decided to raise the limit for foreign direct investment (FDI) for defence manufacturing from 49 to 74 per cent under the automatic route.

The Government has announced a 1.63 lakh crore rupee package for agriculture and allied sectors.

HDFC Bank's Senior Vice President Zubair Iqbal has been appointed as the Managing Director of the J&K Bank.

India has moved up two positions to rank 74th on a global 'Energy Transition Index' with improvements on all key parameters of economic growth, energy security and environmental sustainability, the World Economic Forum (WEF) said.

Shiv Das Meena, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has been appointed as the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board.

Scientists at CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur, have developed two mobile indoor Disinfection Sprayer units to combat COVID-19.

Researchers from the History Museum of Denmark have discovered a new parasitic fungus species via Twitter.

Iran's representative at Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Hossein Kazempour Ardebili passed away.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has won the Israeli national election, securing a record fifth term in office.



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Under Atma Nirbhar Bharat package, Government of India has decided that food grains will be provided free of cost at the rate of 5 Kg per month for two months i.e. May and June 2020, to about 8 Crore migrant labour who are not covered under NFSA or State scheme PDS cards.

The govt will launch PM eVIDYA programme immediately for multi-mode access to digital/online education.

The Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman announced the launch of 'Manodarpan' - an initiative for providing psychological support to students, teachers and families for their mental health and emotional well-being.

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has approved an ex- gratia of Rs. 2 lakh each from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the next of kin of those who have lost their lives due to the road accident in Auraiya, Uttar Pradesh.

Former Australian rugby league captain Arthur Summons, who is immortalized on the National Rugby League trophy, has died. He was 84.

A Landing Craft Utility (LCU) Mark IV warship built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Port Blair.

Actor-turned-photographer Sachin Kumar, who acted in TV show 'Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii', died

Former Pakistan captain Ramiz Raja named Virender Sehwag and Sunil Gavaskar as openers of his India-Pakistan XI.

In a major relief for businesses, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that no fresh insolvency case will be admitted for the next one year in view of the coronavirus pandemic.

Sunil Gavaskar picks Hanif Mohammad and Virender Sehwag to open in his India-Pakistan XI.



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Two sets of Indian-origin siblings dominate the annual tally of Britain's wealthiest as the Hinduja and Reuben brothers share the second spot with a fortune of 16 billion pounds each, while British inventor-entrepreneur James Dyson tops 'The Sunday Times Rich List 2020' with 16.2 billion pounds.

Veteran Marathi writer and playwright Ratnakar Matkari passed away at the age of 81.

Noted spiritual leader Dev Prabhakar Shastri, popularly called "Daddaji", died at "Daddadham" in Katni in Madhya Pradesh. He was 82.

Billionaire Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta Ltd's oil and gas division Cairn CEO Ajay Dixit has decided to hang up his boots at month-end, the fifth chief executive to quit the firm since it was taken over by the mining baron eight years back.

Chinese billionaire Jack Ma is stepping down from the board of SoftBank Group Corp.

Israel's new government was sworn in under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, bringing an end to the longest political deadlock in the country's history.

Britain's Indian-origin business minister Alok Sharma announced a new 93-million pounds investment to accelerate construction of a new vaccine manufacturing facility as part of wider plans to combat the coronavirus pandemic.

The Reserve Bank of India has directed HDFC Limited to bring down its stake in its subsidiaries HDFC Ergo and HDFC Life Insurance to 50 percent or below.

Chinese smartphone maker OPPO announced a partnership with telecom major Vodafone to boost 5G adoption in the world.

Former South Africa all-rounder Lance Klusener has been roped in as the new team director of Bangla Tigers, a franchise of Abu Dhabi T10 cricket tournament.



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A team of researchers and academicians in Pune in Maharashtra developed a nano material-based eco-friendly and non-toxic handwash and water-based disinfectant which can be used to clean edible items and toys amid the coronavirus outbreak.

The BSE and the National Stock Exchange (NSE) decided to reduce the listing fee for their small- and medium- enterprise (SME) platforms by 25 per cent, amid challenges due to Covid-19.

After a hiatus of over a decade, the Stanely Reservoir, the lifeline of Cauvery delta farmers in Tamil Nadu, will be opened on June 12, the annual customary date, for the 'Kuruvai' (short-term) paddy crop in view of comfortable water storage.

Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) said it will acquire the stake of PepsiCo in their joint venture NourishCo Beverages.

The UK's "historic" new strategy for visas and immigration, which is pitched as a points-based system established on skills rather than the country of origin, returned to the House of Commons.

Walt Disney Co's top streaming executive, Kevin Mayer appointed as TikTok Chief Executive Officer from June 1.

Microsoft announced the availability of its collaboration device Surface Hub 2S in India.

Chinese President Xi Jinping said that his government will provide \$2 billion over two years to help the countries most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Kerala government has started free distribution of grocery kits to families from the non-priority Above Poverty Line (APL) category as part of COVID-19 relief.

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot initiated 'Indira Priyadarshini Baby Kit' distribution program amid coronavirus pandemic.



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Walmart-owned Flipkart has partnered with retail store chain, Vishal Mega Mart for home delivery of essential items in 26 cities in the country, including Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru and Kolkata.

The Indian Railways' most powerful 12000 HP Made in India locomotive made its maiden commercial run between Deen Dayal Upadhaya and Shivpur stations in Uttar Pradesh.

Dilip Oommen, CEO, Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) has taken over as President of the Indian Steel Association (ISA).

Govinda Rajulu Chintala has been appointed the chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has decided to cover landless agro-labourers under the second phase of the "Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana".

Swiss firm Zurich Airport International AG has got security clearance from the Centre for developing Jewar airport in western Uttar Pradesh.

Nepal's Cabinet has endorsed a new political map showing Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura under its territory, amidst a border dispute with India.

The Dublin Marathon, which was due to take place on October 25, has been called off due to COVID-19 pandemic.

India has contributed \$2 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees to support the agency's core programmes amid the coronavirus crisis.

In a major development, Kotak Mahindra Bank (Kotak) announced the introduction of Video KYC to open a full-fledged Kotak 811 savings account - a first in Indian banking.



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India and Bangladesh added five more ports of call that would augment bilateral trade and provide stimulus to the economic development of the new locations and their hinterland.

Union Cabinet has approved additional funding of up to Rs. three lakh crore through introduction of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS).

Union Government has launched scheme for 100 per cent solarization of Konark Sun Temple and Konark town in Odisha.

Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for the Jammu and Kashmir (Adaptation of State Laws) Second Order, 2020 issued under Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019.

Leading agri-commodity bourse NCDEX will launch the country's first agri-futures index, NCDEX AGRIDEX, on May 26.

Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval to the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Package for allocation of foodgrains from Central Pool to approximately eight crore migrants.

The Union Cabinet extended the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY), a social security scheme for senior citizens, for three years till March 2023.

Reliance Industries-owned Nowfloats announced its foray into tele-medicine vertical with initial target to bring 1 lakh doctors on board in the next 3-4 months.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced the government will pay interest of education loans taken by students for three months.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).



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Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar, the National Hydrographer to the government of India, has been honoured with the 2019 Alexander Dalrymple Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Indian hydrography and across the wider Indian Ocean region.

Ministry of Defence has approved procurement of 26 defence items only from local suppliers to boost Make in India.

Delhi High Court judge, Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal has tendered her resignation from the post following her appointment as President of the Delhi State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission.

Samsung India has partnered with social media giant Facebook to train then offline retailers to go digital.

Colombia's Jarlinson Pantano has been banned for four years by cycling's world governing body after testing positive for the blood booster EPO last year.

The Chinese city of Wuhan, where coronavirus was first detected, has imposed a ban on wildlife trade and consumption for five years.

Cambridge University has become the first university in Britain to cancel all face-to-face lectures for the 2020-21 academic year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Microsoft announced the acquisition of robotic process automation provider Softomotive which will become a part of its Power Automate platform.

Facebook has launched a new feature called 'Shops' to let small businesses set up a single online store on the platform and Instagram for free to help them amid the COVID-19 crisis.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan took charge as the chairman of the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board on May 22.



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Six prominent Indian-Americans from diverse fields have been named to the Biden-Sanders unity task forces announced by former vice president Joe Biden, who is the presumptive presidential nominee of the opposition Democratic Party.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das announced a cut in the repo rate by 40 basis points to 4 per cent, while the reverse repo rate was simultaneously reduced to 3.35 per cent.

The Reserve Bank on India (RBI) said India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth will be in negative territory in 2020-21 as the outbreak of COVID-19 has disrupted economic activities.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a Rs 15,000-crore line of credit to the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM), to help the sagging foreign trade.

Reliance Industries announced the sale of a 2.32 per cent stake in its digital unit to US private equity giant KKR for Rs 11,367 crore.

Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 440 metre-long tunnel, constructed below the busy town of Chamba as part of the Chardham Connectivity Project.

World Bank Group President David Malpass announced that Harvard University professor, Carmen Reinhart has been appointed as its new vice president and chief economist.

Athletic Club Bilbao's veteran striker, Aritz Aduriz, has announced his retirement from the game with immediate effect.

India's top oil and gas producer ONGC and country's biggest electricity generator NTPC have signed a preliminary agreement to set up a joint venture company for renewable energy projects.

Bharti Airtel has acquired 10 per cent stake in Gurgaon-based start-up Voicezen, which focusses on conversational artificial intelligence technologies.



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Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Secretary General Rajeev Mehta remains convenor of the IOA's Legal Committee and Senior Vice President R.K. Anand continues as its Chairman. The Committee was reconstituted for 2020-21.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced an interim assistance of Rs 1,500 crore for West Bengal and Odisha after reviewing the situation caused by cyclone 'Amphan'.

Assam-based entrepreneur Jahnabi Phookan has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO).

Ashley Cooper, who won four Grand Slam singles titles including the Australian, Wimbledon and U.S. championships in 1958, has died. He was 83.

Renowned vocalist Shyamala G Bhave, who had an equal command over Hindustani and Carnatic music, died. She was 79.

Former Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Minister and former BJP MP Dr. Nepal Singh passed away in Moradabad. He was 79.

Former Inter Milan coach Luigi Simoni, who led the club to the UEFA Cup title in 1998, died in Pisa at the age of 81 years.

To give a boost to the sports sector in the state, the Mizoram Cabinet granted industry status to sports.

Infrastructure consultancy and engineering company RITES has signed an agreement for acquiring 24 per cent stake in Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) for Rs 48 crore.

The Vodafone Group has named Heineken CEO Jean-Francois Van Boxmeer as its new chairman.



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After a gap of about 5 months due to the Corona pandemic, “Hunar Haat”, which has become “Empowerment Exchange” of artisans and craftsmen from across the country, will restart from September 2020 with the theme of “Local to Global” and comparatively larger participation of artisans.

Indian economist Abhas Jha has been appointed by the World Bank to a key position on climate change and disaster management in South Asia region.

Staff Selection Commission (SSC) chairman B R Sharma has been appointed as the chief of Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission.

Actor Mohit Baghel, who is best known for playing Chhote Amar Chaudhary in Salman Khan’s film Ready (2011), passed away in Mathura. He was 26.

Former Tamil Nadu football player and coach R Shanmugam died. He was 77.

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) announced the launch of 'Gold Options' in the commodity derivatives segment.

Pacer Shardul Thakur became the first India cricketer to resume outdoor training after a two-month coronavirus-forced break.

Japan’s Naomi Osaka has surpassed Serena Williams as the world’s highest-paid female athlete, raking in \$37.4 million in prize money and endorsements over the last year, according to Forbes.

In order to meet the temporary liquidity mismatch arising out of COVID-19 outbreak, Canara Bank has announced 'CANARA CREDIT SUPPORT' for all of their borrowers who have been affected by COVID-19.

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Shram Siddhi campaign in every Panchayat to provide job to every labourer.



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According to the Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF) and the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), The top five US billionaires – Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Warren Buffett and Oracle's Larry Ellison – grew by \$ 75.5 billion, or 19 percent, in total assets.

The government said it has extended the validity of various motor vehicles related documents till July 31.

The Chhattisgarh government will observe May 25 as "Jhiram Shraddhanjali Diwas" to pay tribute to Congress leaders who were killed in a Maoist attack in Bastar district on this day in 2013 as well as other victims of Naxal violence.

Hockey legend and winner of three Olympic gold medals, Balbir Singh Sr died at the age of 95.

The US announced that it will provide \$6 million aid to Pakistan to support its effort in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Diversified business entity ITC Ltd said it will fully acquire spices manufacturer Sunrise Foods Private Ltd (SFPL).

The World Bank has agreed to grant Pakistan a \$500 million loan to help it reduce the impact of coronavirus crisis and improve healthcare quality.

Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar has presented a seven-point model for India's development.

India's retail trade lost business of around Rs 9 lakh crore during the past 60 days of the nationwide lockdown, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) said.

Hall of Fame college basketball coach Eddie Sutton has died. Sutton was 84.



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Major Suman Gawani and Brazilian Naval Officer Commander Carla Monteiro de Castro Araujo received the prestigious United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award (2019) during an online ceremony on May 29, the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

The Centre has decided to bring to zero import of coal for blending purpose by domestic coal-based power plants in the current fiscal, and has asked state-owned CIL to enter into a pact with power generation companies for domestic supply of coal.

Indian Olympic Association president Narinder Batra nominated joint secretary Rakesh Gupta as the official "minutes recorder" for its Executive Committee and General Body meetings.

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has introduced Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (Modified -2020).

India and Israel will put in joint research and development efforts for rapid testing of coronavirus to enable normalisation of life amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the embassy of Israel said.

Superstar Salman Khan has launched his own grooming and personal care brand FRSH.

Luca Zaia, governor of Veneto, said that the Venice Film Festival, which was due to take place September 2-12, will be held as planned, reported Variety.

The Cotton Association of India has increased its estimates of cotton export from 42 lakh bales to 47 lakh bales in the current cotton season 2019-20 (October-September) as weakness in the domestic currency may boost export demand.

Foodtech unicorn Zomato has promoted its CEO for Food Delivery, Mohit Gupta, to the position of Co-Founder.

India has handover the war game centre named as "INDIA" to Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF).