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**01-07-2020**

India announced that it will contribute USD 10 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) over the coming two years and asserted that capacity enhancement through training and building durable institutions is a major plank of its developmental assistance to Palestine.

The Union Cabinet decided to extend the tenure of the OBC Commission by six months, Union minister Prakash Javadekar said.

Vijay Khanduja has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

A low-cost indigenous ventilator, Prana Vayu, was successfully tested at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh.

The UK Atomic Energy Authority's Chitra Srinivasan is among five Indian-origin engineers to be named among the UK's Top 50 Women in Engineering for 2020.

As part of the 6th International Yoga Day commemorations, the world's first yoga university outside India has been launched in Los Angeles.

India's economy is likely to shrink by 5.3 per cent this fiscal, the lowest GDP growth in Indian history and the sixth instance of economic contraction, India Ratings and Research said.

Adani Power Ltd will acquire US-based The AES Corporation's 49 per cent equity stake in Odisha Power Generation Corporation for USD 135 million (around Rs 1,019 crore).

New Zealand wicketkeeper-batswoman Rachel Priest has announced her retirement from international cricket.

China successfully launched the last satellite of its BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS), taking another step to becoming a major space power.



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The government announced a Rs 15,000 crore infrastructure development fund with an interest subsidy scheme to promote investment by private players and MSMEs in dairy, meat processing and animal feed plants, a move which is expected to create 35 lakh jobs.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Atma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Abhiyan' through Video-Conference in presence of the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

The Centre extended the deadline for filing income tax returns (ITR) for FY 2018-19 by a month to July 31, 2020, and for linking biometric Aadhaar with PAN till March 31 next year.

India has become a founding member of an Alliance for Poverty Eradication at the UN, launched by the President of the General Assembly, aimed at focussing on efforts to boost global economy in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched a channel selector application which will facilitate consumers to view their TV subscription and choose the channels of their interest while removing the unwanted ones.

European aviation major Airbus has appointment Rémi Maillard as President of Airbus India and Managing Director of South Asia region.

Air-conditioners company Carrier Midea India Pvt. Ltd has appointed Sanjay Mahajan as the new Managing Director.

South-based lender Federal Bank will be paying over Rs 80 crore to buy additional four percent stake in its life insurance joint venture IDBI Federal Life Insurance.

Cleared of the dope taint, two-time Commonwealth Games gold-winning weightlifter Sanjita Chanu will finally get the coveted Arjuna award which has been on hold since 2018.

Former England captain Clare Connor is set to become the first female president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), guardian of the laws of the game, in its 233-year history.



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NITI Aayog, in partnership with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Centre for Social and Behavioural Change (CSBC), Ashoka University, and the Ministries of Health and WCD, launched a behaviour change campaign called 'Navigating the New Normal', and its website.

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare launched the 'eBloodServices' mobile App developed by The Indian Red Cross Society (ICRS), through a video conferencing.

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), in a first of its kind initiative has begun exploring the untapped but highly profitable venture of sandalwood and bamboo tree plantation for monetization of its assets.

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan along with the Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik inaugurated a Product Application & Development Centre (PADC) setup by Indian Oil at Paradip, through video conference.

Sqn Ldr Parvez Jamasji (retd), who was awarded the Vir Chakra for gallantry during the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war, has died. He was 77.

India has moved down three places to 77th rank in terms of money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss banks at the end of 2019, while the UK has retained its top position, as per the latest data from Switzerland's central bank.

Sterling and Wilson Solar Ltd said its US subsidiary has bagged a contract worth USD 99 million (around Rs 747 crore) to construct a solar project in the United States of America.

Leading FMCG player Hindustan Unilever (HUL) has completed the acquisition of female intimate hygiene brand V Wash from pharma major Glenmark Pharmaceuticals.

IndiGo airline's largest shareholder company InterGlobe Enterprises has signed an agreement to participate in the sale of Virgin Australia.

Australia and New Zealand will co-host the Women's World Cup in 2023, with the following edition possibly set to take place just two years later.



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**04-07-2020**

The Madhya Pradesh government has formed a 'Madhya Pradesh State Migrant Labourer Commission' to create employment opportunities for the migrant labourers, who have returned to the state from different parts of the country during the coronavirus-induced nationwide lockdown.

Anti - Submarine Warfare capability of the Indian Navy has received a major boost with the conclusion of a contract for Advanced Torpedo Decoy System Maareech capable of being fired from all frontline warships.

In pursuance of the commitment to ensure safety of depositors across banks, the President has promulgated the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy launched a mobile app to monitor the services being rendered by Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs) to farmers from time to time.

President Donald Trump has signed an executive order to protect monuments, memorials and statues facing new scrutiny amid fresh debate over the nation's racist beginnings.

The Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIR-CSIO) has developed a technology for precision manufacturing of safety goggles for the healthcare professionals involved in treating high-viral load patients as in the case of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A virus obliterating conveyor for baggage disinfection has been developed by the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), a Kochi based lab of the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

Navin Kumar Choudhary, a senior IAS officer from Bihar, has become the first bureaucrat to get domicile rights in the Union territory.

India's Davis Cup tie against Finland was postponed to 2021 as the International Tennis Federation announced that all matches, including the Finals in Madrid, were pushed to next year owing to coronavirus pandemic.

YES Bank announced the launch of a full service digital savings account eliminating the need for a branch visit, physical documentation or any in-person interaction.



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As part of its mission to "reach out globally and engage actively", IIT-Kharagpur has collaborated with University of Alberta, Canada, to launch a Joint Doctoral Degree Program (JDP) - aimed at facilitating academic exchanges between the faculty members and students of the two countries.

The Yogi Adityanath government has decided to launch a door-to-door survey across all 75 districts to screen and detect 'hidden' cases for capping coronavirus spread.

The Goa government has allotted land to the consortium of 49 Goan MSME units for setting up Goa Maritime Cluster with an aim to create world class facilities for ship building.

IDBI Bank said its board has approved the sale of more than half of the bank's 48 per cent stake in IDBI Federal Life Insurance Co Ltd (IFLI) to current joint venture partners for Rs 595 crore.

State Bank of India (SBI) has sanctioned loans to over 4 lakh accounts under the ₹3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for MSME sector, hit hard by the coronavirus-induced lockdown.

The Brazilian Ministry of Health announced an agreement with the UK to acquire technology to locally produce a vaccine against Covid-19 that is currently being developed by the University of Oxford and British pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca.

Hitachi and Microsoft have announced a multi-year strategic alliance to accelerate the digital transformation of the manufacturing and logistics industries across Southeast Asia, North America and Japan.

Reddit Co-founder Alexis Ohanian is leaving Initialized Capital, the investment firm he co-founded in 2011 with Garry Tan.

US-based private equity firm Carlyle Group has agreed to buy a 20% stake in Piramal Enterprises' pharmaceutical business for about \$490 million (around ₹3,700 crore).

Amazon announced that it has agreed to acquire California-based self-driving car startup Zoox.



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**06-07-2020**

India figures among the top-three countries getting detailed information from Switzerland about bank accounts and beneficiary ownership of entities established by their residents in the Alpine nation, according to the latest study by OECD's Global Forum on transparency and exchange of information for tax purposes.

The government has approved an additional Rs 1,691 crore for highway works by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand for 2020-21.

The country's first lichen garden has been developed in Munsiyari, a picturesque hill station in Uttarakhand's Kumaun region, by the research wing of the state's forest department.

Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel has been given the additional charge of Madhya Pradesh.

Incumbents Swapn Banerjee and Istiyak Ali were re-elected as president and secretary general of Hockey Bengal in its annual general meeting.

Dustin Johnson won the Travelers Championship to end a long drought and extend his career-long season victory streak to 13.

Mumbai terror attacks mastermind Hafiz Saeed's India-born counsel Abdullah Khan Dogar has passed away. He was 86.

Kelly Asbury, the director of Shrek 2, has died at the age of 60.

The World Bank said its Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 500 million (about Rs 3,700 crore) loan to improve quality and governance of school education in six Indian states.

The Indian auto components industry should look at enhancing exports and target at least 5 per cent of the total global trade, in the next five years, according to a Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA).



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**07-07-2020**

The Council for Leather Exports (CLE) will sign a pact with Washington-based Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America and the United States Fashion Industry Association, with an aim to tap emerging opportunities in that market for domestic exporters.

India banned 59 apps with Chinese links, including hugely popular TikTok and UC Browser, saying they were prejudicial to sovereignty, integrity and security of the country.

India's Nitin Menon was included in the International Cricket Council's Elite Panel of Umpires for the upcoming 2020-21 season, replacing England's Nigel Llong.

K K Venugopal has been re-appointed as Attorney General of India for a period of one year.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray launched convalescent plasma therapy-cum-trial project for treatment of critical COVID-19 patients.

Jindal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL) has donated Rs 2 crore to the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister's Relief Fund to help the state fight the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

Indian-American Medha Raj has been named by Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden as his digital chief of staff, a key role in his election campaigns which are entirely going virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the US.

A group of Indian-Americans have launched a political action committee to actively campaign for President Donald Trump.

The G20 countries imposed as many as 59 trade-restrictive measures such as import bans and stricter customs procedures during mid-October 2019 and mid-May 2020, according to a WTO report.

To promote balanced use of fertilisers, state-owned National Fertilisers Ltd (NFL) launched five mobile soil testing labs for providing free services at doorsteps of farmers.

Ashwini Kumar Singh took over as the new Inspector General of BSF's south Bengal frontier.



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**08-07-2020**

AI enabled MyGov Corona Helpdesk bagged two awards under categories (1) “Best Innovation for Covid-19 - Society” and (2) “People’s Choice Covid-19 Overall Winner”, at the recently held CogX 2020, which is a prestigious Global Leadership Summit and Festival of AI & Emerging Technology held annually in London.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till the end of November.

Union Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar today flagged off a Bell Helicopter with spray equipment from a helipad facility at Gautam Buddh Nagar, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

The growth rate of Index of Eight Core Industries for May 2020 declined by 23.4% (provisional) compared to decline of 37 percent (provisional) in previous month of April 2020.

The Government of India, the Government of Tamil Nadu and the World Bank signed legal agreements to help low-income groups in the state of Tamil Nadu get access to affordable housing.

The Union Minister of HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ virtually launched World’s first ever online B.Sc. degree in Programming and Data Science.

A MoU was signed on Waste to Energy plant at Okhla, Delhi, between Indian Oil, NTPC Ltd and South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC).

The Centre declared the entire Nagaland as "disturbed area" for a further period of six months till December-end.

Madhya Pradesh has recorded the highest infant mortality rate of 48 for every 1,000 live births while Kerala has registered the lowest -- just seven, according to the latest data of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.

Popstar Beyonce will be honoured with the Humanitarian Award at the 20th edition of the 'BET Awards'.



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**09-07-2020**

Reinforcing commitment to strengthening national security and Modi Government's policy of zero tolerance to terrorism, Union Home Ministry under leadership of Home Minister Amit Shah declared nine individuals as designated terrorists under provisions of UAPA Act.

Government-owned Power Finance Corporation (PFC), India's leading NBFC, announced the appointment of Parminder Chopra as Director (Finance) of the company. She succeeds N.B. Gupta, who superannuated on June 30 2020.

Seasoned diplomat Indra Mani Pandey has been appointed as India's next Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva.

The tenure of Deputy Election Commissioner Sudeep Jain has been extended by six months, till mid-December this year.

E S Ranganathan took over as the new director (marketing) of state-owned gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd.

The government launched a Rs 30,000-crore scheme under which non-bank lenders will be provided short-term liquidity through a special purpose vehicle (SPV) set up by SBICAP, a subsidiary of the State Bank of India.

Estimated cost for distribution of foodgrains (Rice and Wheat) and pulses under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana during April – November 2020 is around Rs 1,48,938 crore.

To provide a single platform for research internships, capacity building programs, and workshops across the country, the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) has launched a new scheme called 'Accelerate Vigyan' (AV).

Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar IITGn has developed an Artificial Intelligence-based tool to detect COVID-19 from Chest X-ray.

The World Bank will provide USD 750 million budget support to 15 crore MSMEs in the country to increase liquidity access for viable small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Former Singapore Cricket Association president Imran Khwaja will be the interim chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).



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**10-07-2020**

Telecom industry body COAI announced the appointment of Bharti Airtel chief operating officer for India and South Asia, Ajai Puri, as its new chairman and Reliance Jio president P K Mittal as vice-chairman for 2020-21.

President of India, Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Dhamma Chakra Day celebrations on Asadha Purnima on July 4 , 2020.

Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved capital acquisition of various platforms & equipment worth Rs 38,900 crore.

Indian Air Force Senior Air Staff Officers' (SASOs') Conference was inaugurated by Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhaduria PVSM AVSM VM ADC on 02 Jul 20.

Unique Urban Forest inaugurated at the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in New Delhi.

Union Minister for Human Resource Development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', and, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched Drug Discovery Hackathon through online platform.

Veteran journalist Bishnu Prasad Kumar, who had covered the Bangladesh Liberation War and the turbulent Naxalite movement in the 70s, died. He was 85

Senior bureaucrat Sukhbir Singh Sandhu was given six months extension, till mid January 2021, as the chairman of National Highways Authority of India.

For Lt Col Bharat Pannu, celebration after pedalling over 4,000 km on an indoor trainer to complete the Race Across America (RAAM) meant sleeping once again like normal people.

The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) announced that the iconic West Indies batsman Sir Everton Weekes will have a prominent place in its proposed museum.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated India's first convalescent plasma bank for coronavirus disease (Covid-19) patients at the Vasant Kunj-based Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS).



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**11-07-2020**

The government department and agencies, procuring goods and services from government e-marketplace (GeM) platform, will have to pay one per cent interest on late payments made to vendors, according to the department of expenditure.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakhs each for next of kin of persons who lost their lives due to the floods that has wreaked havoc in Assam.

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the toolkit for Swachh Survekshan-2021.

President Vladimir Putin ordered amendments that would allow him to remain in power until 2036 to be put into the Russian Constitution.

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju said that his government will soon launch Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) for junior athletes in the country with an aim to produce Olympic champions by 2028.

Reliance Jio has opened the JioMeet app for the general public, which can support up to 100 users in a session, according to its website.

Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani announced that US-based Intel's investment arm Intel Capital will invest Rs 1894.50 crore for 0.39 per cent stake in Jio Platforms.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the Andhra Pradesh Corporation for Outsourced Services (APCOS) to recruit employees for various government departments in the state.

After a long stint of 10 years, Rajan Mathews resigned as the Director General of the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).

Olympic bronze medal-winning distance runner Wilson Kipsang was banned for four years for anti-doping violations by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU).



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**12-07-2020**

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has launched Aatmanirbhar Bharat Innovation Challenge, to identify the best Indian Apps that are already being used by citizens and have the potential to scale and become world class Apps in their respective categories.

Debt-ridden Jaiprakash Associates informed that its Managing Director (Cement) Sunny Gaur has resigned from the company.

French President Emmanuel Macron named Jean Castex as the next Prime Minister of the country as part of a government reshuffle.

Two-time Olympic champion and Chinese badminton legend Lin Dan announced his retirement.

Legendary West Indies batsman Sir Everton Weekes has died at the age of 95.

Calcutta High Court additional judge Justice Protik Prakash Banerjee died.

Veteran Bollywood choreographer, Saroj Khan, passed away. She was 71.

Amid the COVID-19 lockdown, "Sufiyum Sujatayum", starring Jayasurya and Aditi Rao Hydari, has become the first Malayalam film to be released on the over-the-top (OTT) platform as theatres remain shut in Kerala due to the pandemic.

Three Indian documentaries, among 22 projects, have been shortlisted by Hong Kong - Asia Film Financing Forum (HAF) for its 4th Work-In-Progress (WIP) programme.

The Mars Colour Camera (MCC) onboard ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission has captured the image of Phobos, the closest and biggest moon of Mars.



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**13-07-2020**

BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis released a book "Atmanirbhar Maharashtra-Atmanirbhar Bharat" penned by him on the Rs 20 lakh crore economic package announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The central government has approved an annual plan worth Rs 574.16 crore for national highway works in Jammu and Kashmir for 2020-21

Delhi LG Anil Baijal inaugurated the world's largest COVID Care Centre at Radha Soami Satsang Beas in Chhatarpur.

The Madhya Pradesh government sanctioned Rs 781 crore for construction of the Chambal Express Way.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated 98 exercise centres through video link.

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala inaugurated the state's first multi-storeyed sports complex in Sirsa.

South Africa's limited-overs captain Quinton de Kock was named the men's player of the year while 21-year-old Laura Wolvaardt won the women's player of the year at Cricket South Africa's (CSA) virtual award ceremony.

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has been named as one of the directors of the merged Indian Super League franchise ATK-Mohun Bagan ahead of the upcoming season.

Bengal senior women's team coach Shib Sankar Paul was given additional responsibility of the under-23 side, the Cricket Association of Bengal said.

Former Australia batsman Michael Hussey has named ex-India skipper MS Dhoni as captain of his IPL XI.



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**14-07-2020**

The World Bank and the Government of India signed the \$750 million agreement for the MSME Emergency Response Programme to support increased flow of finance into the hands of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

New administrative and academic building of IARI Jharkhand named after Late Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee on his birth anniversary.

A new four-storey school building built with Indian assistance of Rs 1.94 crore for students pursuing both vedic and modern education was inaugurated in Nepal's Ilam district.

Dr. Bishnu Prasad Nanda has taken over as Director General Railway Health Services(DG RHS) Railway Board.

Adani Transmission has entered an agreement with Kalpataru Power Transmission Ltd (KPTL) for acquisition of Alipurduar Transmission Ltd.

Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country where 100 per cent households have LPG connections, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said.

Former Mumbai leg-spinner Pravin Tambe is set to become first Indian player to play in the Caribbean Premier League after being picked up by Trinbago Knight Riders in the players' draft.

Israel announced the successful launch of a new spy satellite that will help it monitor Iran's nuclear activities.

The researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar have developed a compact and affordable 'ventilation support' for the less critical COVID-19 patients.

The Hotel Association of India (HAI), the apex body of the hotel industry in India has inducted former tourism secretary Madan Prasad Bezbaruah as its secretary general.

Gagandeep Kang, a noted clinical scientist and the executive director of the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) has resigned citing personal reasons.

A nano-coated filter for healthcare workers treating COVID-19 patients has been developed by researchers at IIT-Madras.



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**15-07-2020**

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister E. Palaniswami laid the foundation stone (through video-conferencing) for the construction of a Government Medical College Hospital in Ariyalur district, and inaugurated several other infrastructures in various hospitals across the State.

The government has appointed senior bureaucrat Injeti Srinivas as the first chairman of the International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA).

India's Global Real Estate Transparency Index ranking has improved by one notch to 34 on the back of regulatory reforms, better market data and green initiatives, according to property consultant JLL.

Filmmaker Harish Shah passed away in Mumbai at the age of 76.

The world's longest-surviving conjoined twins died July 4 at the age of 68.

Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science & Technology (DST), joined hands with the Government of Uttar Pradesh to combat COVID-19 in the state.

In West Bengal, the first ever Plasma Bank for treatment of COVID patients has come up at Kolkata Medical College and Hospital. The State Chief Minister Ms Mamata Banerjee inaugurated this.

A Chinese company Gezhouba signed a USD 1.5 billion agreement with Pakistan to set up a hydropower project in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Krishna Holdings, a subsidiary of UltraTech Nathdwara Cement, will sell its entire 92.5 per cent stake in China's Shandong Binani Rongan Cement for around \$129 million.

Greaves Cotton's electric mobility subsidiary Ampere Vehicles has acquired Noida based E-3Wheeler company Bestway Agencies, subject to customary closing conditions.



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**16-07-2020**

The Government has said the World Bank will provide 400 million dollars to enhance support for rejuvenating the Ganga. The Finance Ministry said, the World Bank and the Government signed a loan agreement in this regard.

Union Health Ministry said, according to World Health Organization Situation Report, India's cases per million population is around 505 while the global average is at over one thousand 453.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has rationalised the syllabus up to 30 per cent for classes 9 to 12 to make up for academic loss during COVID-19 lockdown.

In Jammu and Kashmir, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan sanctioned financial assistance worth 4.67 crore rupees in favour of construction workers and dependants of such workers.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has unveiled several new and modern testing equipment inducted into the Central Revenues Control Laboratory.

The government has extended the tenure of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT) acting chairperson Justice B L Bhat for the next three months.

Housing Development and Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL) said its chief financial officer and company secretary Darshan Majmudar has resigned.

India's squash star Joshna Chinappa has broken back into the top-10 of the PSA world rankings following the shock retirement of Egyptian world number one Raneem El Welily.

Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar inaugurated a Plasma Therapy Unit for treating COVID-19 patients at the Seven Hills Hospital in suburban Andheri.

Augmented reality startup Magic Leap has appointed Microsoft Executive VP of Business Development Peggy Johnson as its new CEO.



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The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has approved the capital infusion for an overall value of Rs.12,450 crore; (including Rs. 2,500 crore infused in FY 2019-20) in the three Public Sector General Insurance Companies namely Oriental Insurance Company Limited, National Insurance Company Limited and United India Insurance Company Limited.

Veteran actor-comedian Jagdeep, who immortalised the role of Soorma Bhopali in Sholay, passed away at 81 in Mumbai.

The Union Cabinet has given approval for extending Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for five more months.

The Government has extended the time limit for availing three free gas cylinders by beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval to a new pan India Central Sector Scheme-Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.

A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for data exchange between the two organizations.

Bahadur Singh exits from Indian athletics chief coach's publish after 25 years Indian athletics chief coach Bahadur Singh's 25 year-long reign on the prime publish has ended with the Sports activities Authority of India (SAI) denying him a contract extension on the grounds of age restrictions.

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as given its approval for extending the contribution both 12% employees' share and 12% employers' share under Employees Provident Fund, totaling 24% for another 3 months from June to August, 2020.

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has given its approval for developing of Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (AHRCs) for urban migrants / poor as a sub-scheme under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY – U).

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL) has collaborated with Axis Bank to offer easy vehicle financing options for potential car buyers.



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Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, has signed an agreement with the New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) to promote electric vehicles and install public EV charging stations & related infrastructure.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the 750 MW Solar Project set up at Rewa, Madhya Pradesh on July 10, 2020.

Ushering in a new revolution in the connectivity of roads and bridges in sensitive border areas close to the International Border (IB) and Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh dedicated six major bridges to the nation through video conferencing.

The Ministry of Culture has taken up the project of reprinting of 108 volumes of Mongolian Kanjur under the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM).

German drug and agrochemicals major Bayer has partnered with a Tata Trusts agency, CInI, to promote agri-entrepreneurship and market-oriented interventions to benefit smallholder farmers and rural farming communities in India.

Indian Institute of Technology - Hyderabad is collaborating with NVIDIA, a multinational technology company, to establish India's first "NVIDIA AI Technology Centre" (NVAITC) to accelerate research on Artificial Intelligence and its commercial adoption.

G Narendra Kumar has been appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi.

A government search-cum-selection committee chose Alok Kumar Gupta to head ONGC Videsh Ltd.

Ruchi Soya Industries, which is owned by Baba Ramdev-led Patanjali Ayurved, has appointed Sanjeev Asthana as its CEO.

Microsoft India has appointed Navtez Bal as the Executive Director of its public sector business.

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) postponed the Asia Cup tournament, scheduled for September this year, until June 2021 owing to an upsurge in COVID-19 cases in the region.



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**19-07-2020**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition (i) in Escorts Limited (Escorts) by Kubota Corporation (Kubota) and (ii) in Kubota Agricultural Machinery India Private Limited (KAI) by Escorts, under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launched Aatamanirbhar Skilled Employee-Employer Mapping (ASEEM) portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Prominent Indian-American scientist Dr Parag Chitnis has been appointed the Acting Director of the prestigious National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

Foreign and Indian coaches for training Indian Athletes will now have a four-year contract.

Adani Power announced the appointment of Anil Sardana as new Managing Director and Additional Director while incumbent Rajesh Adani will become a non-executive director on the board of the company.

Retail firm Shoppers Stop said its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Rajiv Suri has resigned citing personal reasons.

IRDAI has given green signal to 29 general and health insurers to launch short-term 'Corona Kavach' health insurance policies to cover medical expenses of coronavirus disease.

State-run engineering firm BHEL has successfully commissioned a 1.7 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) plant at Bina in Madhya Pradesh for the Indian Railways.

India invested in 120 projects and created 5,429 new jobs in the UK to become the second-largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI) after the US in 2019, according to new UK government figures released

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami laid the foundation stone for the Rs 447.32 crore medical college in Ooty.



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**20-07-2020**

The fourth cycle of the All India Tiger Estimation 2018, results of which were declared to the nation on Global Tiger Day last year by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has entered the Guinness World Record for being the world's largest camera trap wildlife survey.

Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) gives Nod for Restricted Emergency Use to Itolizumab for moderate to severe COVID-19 patients.

In a major step towards revving up the Indian Mobile App Development innovation ecosystem, NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) today launched the 'ATL App Development Module' for school children all across the country.

Hawkins Cookers Ltd Promoter Chairman Brahm Vasudeva passed away. He was 84.

Prominent Indian-origin journalist and former head of the Hindi division of BBC World Service, Kailash Budhwar, passed away in London. He was 88.

England's World Cup-winning footballer and former Ireland coach Jack Charlton died at the age of 85.

The entire 2020 season of the Caribbean Premier League will be played in Trinidad and Tobago from August 18 to September 10.

Entrepreneur Rik Mehta has become the first Indian-American to win the Republican primary for the Senate seat from the US state of New Jersey.

The Hockey India Executive Board has elected Gyanendro Nigombaum, Senior Vice President of the Federation and hailing from Manipur as the Acting President in place of Mohammad Mushtaq Ahmed.

The 31-year-old Egyptian Squash player, Raneem El Welily announced her retirement.



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**21-07-2020**

VNIR Biotechnologies Private Limited, a spinoff by Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) launched indigenous fluorescence probes and Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) mix for Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) detection which are molecular probes used in COVID-19 test kits.

The Government extended relief to gems and jewellery sector by relaxing the requirement of re-import of cut and polished diamonds, which have been sent abroad for certification and grading, by three months.

The Income Tax Department has facilitated a new functionality for Banks and Post offices through which they can ascertain the TDS applicability rates on cash withdrawal of above Rs.20 lakh in case of a non-filer of the income-tax return and that of above Rs. 1 Crore in case of a filer of the income-tax return.

NTPC Ltd, a central PSU under Ministry of Power and India's largest power generation company, has won the prestigious CII-ITC Sustainability Award 2019, under Outstanding Accomplishment in Corporate Excellence Category.

The FICCI Economic Scenario Survey has estimated that the country's economy will go down by 4.5 percent in 2020-21.

Actor-singer Divvy Chouksey passed away. She was 28.

Padma Shri awardee and renowned columnist Nagindas Sanghavi died in Surat in Gujarat. He was 100.

Noted actor Shadi Lal Kaul, popularly known as 'comedy king of Kashmir', died. He was 66.

President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden have won Louisiana's twice-postponed presidential primary.

Scientists from the Institute of Nano Science & Technology (INST), Mohali have formulated nanoparticles with chitosan and loaded these nanoparticles with zinc gluconate for reducing the severity of rheumatoid arthritis.



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**22-07-2020**

Russian track federation president Yevgeny Yurchenko resigned after less than five months in the job amid a stalemate with World Athletics regarding the country's longstanding doping suspension and an unpaid USD 5 million fine.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid foundation stones for economic corridor projects worth ₹20,000 crore in Haryana.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced an investment of Rs. 75 thousand crore in India over the next 5 to 7 years through Google for India Digitisation Fund.

Hemant Harishchandra Kotalwar has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Czech Republic.

Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal has accorded approval to set up 3 new medical colleges in the State. These three new medical colleges would come up in Sirsa, Kaithal and Yamunangar districts.

The Railways has set a target of going completely green by becoming a 'net zero' carbon emitter by 2030 through various initiatives.

Renowned cartoonist Avad Bin Hassan Jami, popularly known as "Jami" passed away in Jamnagar. He was 77.

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) announced Rs 5,000 crore of refinance scheme for banks and financial institutions for providing finance to the beneficiaries of its 2,150 watershed development projects.

Polish President Andrzej Duda, narrowly won a second five-year term in a bitterly fought election, defeating the liberal Warsaw mayor.

India's retail or consumer price index (CPI) stood at 6.09 per cent in June 2020, official data showed.



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**23-07-2020**

Indian Railways has developed a Post Covid Coach to fight Covid 19. This Post Covid Coach is designed with hands free amenities, copper-coated handrails and latches, plasma air purification and titanium dioxide coating for Covid-free passenger journey.

The 15th meeting of the India-European Union Summit was held in virtual mode. The Summit co-chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President of European Council Charles Michel and President of European Commission Ursula von der Leyen.

Union Minister of State (I/C) for Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya has approved Rs. 107 Crore for augmentation of firefighting facilities on five jetties of Haldia Dock Complex, Kolkata Port.

Reliance Industries Limited Chairman Mukesh Ambani has become the sixth richest man in the world after surpassing Alphabet Co-founder Larry Page, according to data on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (BBI).

Jawed Ashraf, India's envoy to France, has been concurrently accredited as India's next Ambassador to Monaco

The Rajya Sabha Secretariat has launched an employees' welfare scheme in the name of late Arun Jaitley, which will be funded by the pension his family receives as he has been a member of the upper house.

Globally, about 13.3 million jobs will be available by the year 2022, including jobs related to human effort, machines and algorithms. A NGO Wadhvani Foundation gave this information.

National airports operator AAI has inked a pact with Navratna defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) to work in close cooperation in the civil aviation space in the Asia Pacific and other parts of the globe.

NCDEX has established an investor protection fund that will be used to compensate investors in the event of defaulter's assets not being sufficient to meet the admitted claims, and for other purposes.

NephroPlus has launched "Dialysis on Wheels" initiative to provide dialysis to patients inside an ambulance that comes to their homes.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that the Bagli tehsil of Dewas district will be made district.



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**24-07-2020**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves acquisition by Aceso Company Pte. Ltd. (Aceso) in HealthCare Global Enterprises Limited (HCG), under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

Multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa as vice-president for private sector operations and public-private partnerships.

Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and Minister of State for HRD Sanjay Dhotre have launched the most affordable COVID-19 test Kit.

Drug Controller General of India has given approval to the first fully indigenously developed Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine.

The Government has taken a decision to allow Invalid Pension to Armed Forces Personnel with less than 10 years of qualifying service.

The Defence Acquisition Council delegated the powers for progressing urgent Capital Acquisition Cases upto Rs 300 crores to the Armed Forces to meet their emergent operational requirements.

A digital conclave was organized to mark 5 glorious years of the Skill India Mission and the World Youth Skills Day.

The National President of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Jagdeoram Oraon, died in Chhattisgarh's Jashpur district. He was 70.

Reliance Industries has developed a Made-in-India 5G solution that can be ready for field deployment next year, and has teamed up with Google for developing affordable smartphones.

Search engine giant Google will buy a 7.7% stake in Reliance Industries Limited's Jio Platforms for Rs 33,737 crore.

The RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group has acquired a majority stake in video-based news app Editorji, a move that marks its foray into the digital news media space.

Indian-origin American politician Sara Gideon has won the Democratic primary for the US Senate seat from the state of Maine and will face incumbent Republican Senator Susan Collins in the November elections.



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**25-07-2020**

NTPC Ltd has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, acting through National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited, to explore opportunities for investments in areas like renewable energy, power distribution among other areas of mutual interest in India.

Purushottampriyadasji Swamishree Maharaj, head of the "Maninagar Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan" in Ahmedabad, died. He was 78.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) celebrated its 92nd foundation day on 16 July 2020.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur OPD Block of AIIMS, New Delhi.

A first-of-its-kind footwear training centre for the marginalised community was inaugurated in Delhi by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh e-inaugurated a five-day orientation program at Indian Institute of Management, Jammu.

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi signed contracts for construction and supply of Two nos Autonomous Electric Ferry for ASKO Maritime AS, Norway with an option to build 2 more identical vessels.

FMCG firm Marico has appointed its executive vice president & head – finance, Pawan Agrawal as its next CFO.

IT company L&T Technology Services will acquire 100 per cent stake in Texas-based Orchestra Technology, which provides engineering services and solutions for telecom network management.

Former BBC journalist Dr Samir Shah and Lord Ajay Kakkar, Professor of Surgery at University College London (UCL), both of whom are of Indian origin will be part of the new commission announced by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson in the wake of the Black Lives Matter protests.



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**26-07-2020**

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh launched the revamped PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration and the web portal [www.pmawards.gov.in](http://www.pmawards.gov.in).

A mobile application of PM Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi, PM SVANidhi was launched in New Delhi to bring micro-credit facility for street vendors at their door steps.

In order to control spread of infection through baggage, International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad and Vehant Technologies, Noida have co-developed KritiScan® UV Baggage Disinfection System.

The maternal mortality ratio in India declined from 122 in 2015-17 to 113 in 2016-18, a 7.4 per cent decline, according to a special bulletin released by the Registrar General of India, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said.

Public sector banks have sanctioned Rs 19,668.87 crore to 71 MSME hubs across the country under the Rs 3-trillion Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS).

The country's richest woman Roshni Nadar Malhotra became the first woman to head a listed Indian IT company as she took over as the Chairperson of HCL Technologies.

Indian-origin poet, writer and human rights lawyer Mona Arshi was appointed Honorary Professor of English and Law by the University of Liverpool.

Tech major SAP SE has appointed Kulmeet Bawa as President and Managing Director for SAP Indian subcontinent.

Former South African President Nelson Mandela's fight for freedom and human rights makes him the most influential person among Africa's youth. The results of the survey were released by the Ichikowitz Family Foundation.

The Mumbai Cricket Association shortlisted former India players Lalchand Rajput, Sameer Dighe and Raju Kulkarni for its Cricket Improvement Committee.

The "queen of the skies" will no longer don the red, white and blue of the Union Jack after British Airways retired its fleet of Boeing 747s.



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**27-07-2020**

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Administrative Council approved life insurance cover of Rs 25 lakh to all elected Block Development Council Chairmen, Sarpanchs, Panchs and all elected members of Municipal Bodies of Jammu and Kashmir in case of death occurs due to terror related incident.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 3rd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting to discuss the global economic outlook amid evolving COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Padma Bhushan awardee and one of the world's most eminent mathematicians, Conjeevaram Srirangachari Seshadri, passed away. He was 88 years old.

Veteran actor Hulivana Gangadharaiah has passed away due to novel Coronavirus at the age of 70.

Adelaide Former Australia Test wicketkeeper and former International Cricket Council match referee Barry Jerman has passed away. He was 84 years old.

Former world junior pairs figure skating champion Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya has died in Moscow.

Atlanta John Louis , the MP who agitated for civil rights, died. He was 80 years old.

Supertech group chairman R K Arora has been elected the president of Uttar Pradesh unit of realtors' body Naredco.

Quadrasystems.net India Private Limited (Quadra) has won the Microsoft Global Partner of the Year Award for the 16th consecutive year.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia inaugurated the first public e-vehicle charging station in East Delhi in his constituency Patparganj.



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**28-07-2020**

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has decided to procure 198 body scanners for 63 Indian airports that will replace the existing door frame metal detectors and hand-held scanners, besides pat-down searches of passengers to detect metallic objects.

CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur, unveiled the COVID Protection System (COPS) for Workplace as a game-changer in the current Pandemic Scenario.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan inaugurated a plasma donation campaign jointly organised by Delhi Police in AIIMS, New Delhi.

John Lewis, a pioneer of the civil rights movement and long-time member of the US House of Representatives, died. He was 80.

Filmmaker Rajat Mukherjee, who was known for his films like 'Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya', 'Road' and others, has passed away. He was 58.

A Dubai-based Indian girl Samridhi Kalia has smashed a world record for doing a 100 yoga poses in a small box within three minutes.

Indian Grandmaster P. Harikrishna finished on top in the ACCENTUS Chess960 tournament, part of the 53rd Biel Chess Festival 2020.

Brazilian Deiveson Figueiredo defeated American Joseph Benavidez to win the UFC flyweight title in Abu Dhabi.

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has placed a four-term limit on its President's position besides approving the introduction of "geographical and gender representation" in its Council during the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The American Music Awards (AMAs) will be held on November 22 this year.



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**29-07-2020**

Lionel Messi scored two goals during Barcelona's 5–0 win over Alaves in the final round to record the 'Golden Boot' for the record seventh-most goals in a season in the Spanish Football League La Liga.

Madhya Pradesh Governor Lalji Tandon passed away in Lucknow. He was 85.

Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated the Zoram Mega Food Park Ltd at Kolasib in Mizoram through virtual conference.

The newly enacted Consumer Protection Act comes into force from 20th July 2020, replacing more than three decades old Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Professor Rishiksha T Krishnan took charge as Director of Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore following the superannuation of Professor G Raghuram.

Retail inflation for farm and rural workers in June eased to 7.16% and 7%, respectively, as compared to May this year, a labour ministry statement said.

British officials say they have signed a deal to buy 90 million doses of experimental coronavirus vaccines being developed by the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer and others.

Auto component maker Steel Strips Wheels has received orders worth USD 1.5 million (about Rs 11.25 crore) for over 1.45 lakh wheels for the US caravan trailer market.

Google announced the appointment of Oracle veteran Mitesh Agarwal as Director of Customer Engineering for Google Cloud India.

Tamil Nadu government signed eight Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) involving an industrial investment of about Rs 10,339 crore.

Struggling with consistency since upsetting Paris Saint-Germain to win the French league three years ago, Monaco has appointed Niko Kovac as coach.

Former Sri Lankan all-rounder Chandika Hathurusingha has joined Cricket New South Wales as Blues' new assistant coach for this year's domestic season.



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**30-07-2020**

England star Ben Stokes has outdone West Indies captain Jason Holder to become the world's top-ranked Test all-rounder while also attaining a career-best third position among batsmen in the ICC Test Player Rankings, following a match-winning performance at Old Trafford.

Union HRD Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched Manodarpan, an initiative under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, to provide psychosocial support to students for their Mental Health and Well-being.

Senior bureaucrat P Amudha has been appointed as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Keshav Chandra as the Director of Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle.

Former Union Minister Shiv Pratap Shukla and BJP MP Rakesh Singh have been appointed the party's chief whips in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha, respectively.

SBI General Insurance Company Limited Prakash has appointed Chandra Kandpal as its new managing director and chief executive officer.

Professor R Narayanaswamy, faculty of the Finance & Accounting area, IIM Bangalore, has been appointed Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA).

Karur Vysya Bank has appointed Ramesh Babu Boddu as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

The Copa Libertadores will restart on Sept. 15 after being suspended for almost six months due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The men's 2021 Rugby League World Cup will kick off on October 23 next year with holders Australia facing Fiji at the KCOM stadium.

The United Arab Emirates' historic first mission to Mars is underway, after a successful lift-off in Japan. The Hope probe launched on an H2-A rocket from Tanegashima spaceport and is now on a 500-million-km journey to study the planet's weather and climate.



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**31-07-2020**

In a massive jolt to India's Olympic preparations, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has extended the suspension of the country's National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) by another six months citing non-conformation to international standards.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for Manipur Water Supply Project through a video conferencing.

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu unveiled a statue of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar at CAG office, in New Delhi.

The flight trials of India's anti-tank guided missile 'Dhruvastra' were successfully conducted at the Interim Test Range (ITR) in Odisha recently.

Ministry of Railways has organized Pre application conference on Private Train Project.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) for data exchange between the two organisations.

India and Maldives have signed an agreement for establishment of 'Emergency Medical Services' in capital Male.

Senior India opener Shikhar Dhawan signed an exclusive worldwide marketing and management agreement with IMG Reliance.

BJP leader Jyotiraditya Scindia took oath as the member of Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh.

Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani has become the world's fifth richest person with \$74.6-billion fortune, according to Forbes.