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## Cabinet approves RBI's proposal to merge Lakshmi Vilas Bank with DBS Bank

Union Cabinet has approved the merger of capital-starved **Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)** with **DBS Bank India**. The Reserve Bank of India on 17 November proposed the merger of the lender with the Indian arm of **Singapore's DBS Bank**.

The 94-year-old LVB will now cease to exist and its equity completely wiped out. Its deposits will now be on the books of DBS India. Lakshmi Vilas is the second bank to need a rescue this year, and the third collapse of a major deposit-taking institution in 15 months and the first since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

As part of the amalgamation, DBIL will infuse fresh capital of **Rs 2,500 crores** into LVB. This also marks the first instance when India has turned to a foreign entity to bail out a struggling domestic bank. Under the deal, DBS got **563 branches, 974 ATMs and a \$1.6 billion franchise in retail liabilities**. Earlier, the RBI had placed LVB under a one-month moratorium till December 16, during which withdrawals for depositors have been capped at **Rs 25,000**.

### About DBS Bank:

DBS was the first foreign bank to receive a banking licence after the central bank allowed foreign banks to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary in **2014**. "With DBS likely to use digital capabilities to enhance its physical footprint in India, the proposed deal could lead to a **30-40%** increase in Indian assets of DBS.

## Delhi Crime bags Best Drama Series at the International Emmy Awards

The Netflix show, **Delhi Crime** has won the Best Drama Series award at the **48th International Emmy Awards 2020**. Delhi Crime is the **first web-series from India** to win an **International Emmy Award**. The show is written and directed by **Richie Mehta** and features actress **Shefali Shah** as the main character.

### The complete list of 2020 International Emmy Awards winners:

- Best Drama Series: Delhi Crime (India)
- Best Comedy Series: Ninguem Ta Olhando (Nobody's Looking) (Brazil)
- Best Actress: Glenda Jackson, Elizabeth Is Missing (United Kingdom)
- Best Actor: Billy Barratt, Responsible Child (United Kingdom)

- Best TV Movie/Mini-Series: Responsible Child (United Kingdom)
- Best Short-Form Series: #Martyisdead (Czech Republic)
- Best Non-English Language US Primetime Program: 20th Annual Latin GRAMMY Awards and Reina Del Sur – Season 2
- Best Telenovela: Orfaos Da Terra (Orphans Of A Nation) (Brazil)
- Best Documentary: For Sama (United Kingdom)
- Best Arts Programming: Vertige De La Chute (Ressaca) (France)
- Best Non-Scripted Entertainment: Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds (Australia)

## Department of Fisheries presents first Fisheries Awards

Department of Fisheries presents Fisheries Sector Awards for the first time on the occasion of the 'World Fisheries Day', to recognise their accomplishments in the field and their contribution into the growth of the sector. The Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying awarded best performing States, Organisations and Districts for 2019-20.

### Top States

- Marine states – Odisha
- Inland states – Uttar Pradesh.
- Hilly and NE states – Assam.

### Top Organisations

- Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd. (for Marine).
- Telangana State Fishermen Cooperative societies Federation Ltd (for Inland).
- Assam Apex Cooperative Fish Marketing and Processing Federation Ltd. (for Hilly region).

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**Top Districts**

- Best Marine District – Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.
- Best Inland District – Kalahandi, Odisha.
- Best Hilly and NE District – Nagaon, Assam.

**Indian Constitution Day: 26 November**

In India, 26 November is celebrated as Constitution Day or Samvidhan Diwas. On this day in 1949, the constitution was adopted which came into force on January 26, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India. On 19th November 2015, during the year-long celebration of the 125th birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar, Government of India declared November 26th as the Constitution Day. Previously this day was celebrated as Law Day. 26 November was chosen to spread the importance of the constitution and to spread thoughts and ideas of Ambedkar.

**Martyrdom Day of ‘Guru Tegh Bahadur’**

Every year, November 24 is celebrated as Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Guru of Sikhs of Sikh religion. The day is celebrated as Shaheedi Divas of Guru Tegh Bahadur across the country. It was on 24 November 1675, Guru Tegh Bahadur sacrificed his life for the sake of people who did not even belong to his community. to protect religion, human values, ideals and principles.

**About Guru Tegh Bahadur:**

- Guru Tegh Bahadur had resisted forced conversions of non-Muslims to Islam during Aurangzeb’s rule
- He was publicly killed in 1675 on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in Delhi.
- Gurudwara Sis Ganj Sahib and Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Sahib in Delhi are the sites of his execution and cremation.
- Guru Tegh Bahadur’s term as Guru ran from 1665 to 1675.
- In the Guru Granth Sahib, there are one hundred and fifteen hymns of Guru Tegh Bahadur.
- Guru Tegh Bahadur is remembered for his selfless service to people. He travelled across the country with the teachings of Guru Nanak – the first Sikh Guru.
- Guru Tegh Bahadur had set up community kitchens and wells for the local people wherever he went.
- Anandpur Sahib, the famous holy city and a global tourist attraction in the foothills of Himalayas, was founded by Guru Tegh Bahadur.

**Thaawarchand Gehlot e-launches National Portal for Transgender Persons**

Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, **Thaawarchand Gehlot** has e-launched a ‘**National Portal for Transgender Persons**’ and e-inaugurated a ‘**Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons**’ in Vadodara, Gujarat.

**About the National Portal for Transgender Persons:**

- This National Portal for Transgender Persons has been developed within 2 months of Notification of Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 on 29 September 2020.
- This highly useful Portal would help a transgender person in applying for a Certificate and Identity card digitally from anywhere in the country.
- The most important benefit is that it helps the transgender person to get the I-Card without any physical interface and without having to visit any office.
- Through the Portal, they can monitor the status of their application that ensures transparency in the process. The issuing authorities are also under strict timelines to process the applications and issue certificates and identity cards without any necessary delays.
- Once the Certificate and I-card are issued, the applicant can download them from the Portal itself. In case of delay or rejection, the applicant has the options to submit grievances through the Portal which are forwarded to the concerned person and will be resolved at the earliest.
- This portal will help a lot of people from the community to come forward and get Transgender Certificate and Identity Cards as per their self-perceived identity which is an important provision of The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

**‘Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons’**

- ‘**Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons**’ will be run in association with Lakshya Trust, a Community based organisation entirely run by the Transgenders.
- The purpose of the Shelter Home is to provide shelter to Transgender persons, with basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and recreational facilities.
- Besides, it will provide support for the capacity-building/skill development of persons in the Community, which will enable them to lead a life of dignity and respect.

- The Scheme of 'Shelter Home for Transgender Persons' includes shelter facility, food, clothing, recreational facilities, skill development opportunities, yoga, meditation/prayers, physical fitness, library facilities, legal support, technical advice for gender transition and surgeries, capacity building of trans-friendly organizations, employment and skill-building support, etc.
- The Nodal Ministry has taken the first step in improving the conditions of Transgender persons and has identified 10 cities to set up the **13 Shelter Homes** and extend the facilities to Transgender persons, in association with selected **13 CBOs** in the country on a pilot basis.
- The cities include **Vadodara, New Delhi, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur, Kolkata, Manipur, Chennai, Raipur, Mumbai, etc.** The scheme will rehabilitate a minimum of 25 transgender persons in each home identified by the Ministry.
- This is a pilot project, and on its successful completion, similar schemes will be extended to other parts of the country.

### National Affairs

- The **Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS)** has been recognised by the **International Maritime Organisation (IMO)** as a part of the **World Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS)** for operation in the **Indian Ocean Region**. India has become the **fourth** country in the world to have its independent regional navigation satellite system recognised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). The other three countries that have its navigation systems recognised by the IMO are the **US, Russia and China**.
- **India** will host the **Summit of the G20 Group in 2023**. India was earlier slated to host the summit in 2022. India and Indonesia have swapped their respective hosting year of G20 as Indonesia would also chair the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 2023**. However, now the G20 Summit be hosted by **Italy in 2021, Indonesia in 2022, India in 2023 and Brazil in 2024**.
- Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched the **UMANG mobile app International version** in coordination with Ministry of External Affairs for select countries that include **USA, UK, Canada, Australia, UAE, Netherlands, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand**.

- The **2020 Afghanistan Conference** was organized in Geneva from 23-24 November 2020 virtually. The External Affairs Minister of India, **Dr S. Jaishankar** led the Indian delegation at the conference. India has introduced a brand new section of over 100 high-impact neighbourhood initiatives in Afghanistan value USD 80 million (Rs 592 crore) because the nation's growth portfolio within the war-ravaged nation has reached over USD three billion (Rs 22,200 crore) to this point.
- The **Union Territory of Ladakh** has got the largest solar power project set up under the Centre's 'Make In India' initiative at Leh IAF station to provide sustainable energy alternative to fossil fuel and traditional methods of energy generation. The project namely **'Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW'** has been completed within 12 months well before the completion deadline of **March 31, 2021**.
- Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of **16 National Highway projects in Uttar Pradesh**. The construction cost of these infra projects is estimated to be around **Rs 7477 crore**.
- Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Prakash Javadekar** has launched the **"India Climate Change Knowledge Portal"**. The portal will have all the major steps the Government is taking at both national and international levels to address the climate change issues.

### States in the News

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has laid the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in **Mirzapur and Sonbhadra** districts of **Vindhyachal region in Uttar Pradesh** via video conference. The total estimated cost of the projects is around **Rs 5,555.38 Crore**.

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- The **5th India International Cherry Blossom Festival** has been cancelled due to **COVID-19** pandemic. The festival is held every year in **Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya**, to celebrate the unique autumn flowering of the Himalayan cherry blossoms and mark the beginning of India's version of autumn.
- **Himachal Pradesh government** has launched '**Him Suraksha Abhiyan**' to sensitize the people regarding **Covid-19 pandemic** and also to collect information regarding symptoms of diseases like **TB, Leprosy, sugar and blood pressure by the door to door campaign throughout the State.**
- Union Food Processing Industries Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** has virtually inaugurated the Rs 107.83 crore **mega food park** at **Phagwara in Kapurthala district of Punjab.** So far, 37 mega food parks have been sanctioned across the country, of which 20 have started functioning.
- The **Uttarakhand forest department** has dedicated the newly-built **Moss Garden** to the people, claiming that it is the country's first such garden, spread over 10 hectares in Kumaon's **Nainital district.**
- **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** has cleared the proposal to rename the **Ayodhya airport** as **Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport**, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. The proposal for the same will be sent to the **Ministry of Civil Aviation** after it is passed by the state Assembly.

### International Affairs

- **China** has launched a historic mission '**Chang'e 5**' to the moon to collect '**first lunar samples**'. The mission aims at the investigation of the landing area to obtain the on-site analysis data related to the lunar samples, as well as systematic and long-term laboratory analysis of the lunar samples. It is the world's first moon-sample mission in more than **40 years.** Till date, only two nations, the **US and the Soviet Union** have been able to collect the lunar sample. The last mission was undertaken by Soviet Union's Luna 24 mission in 1976.
- The US space agency **NASA** and the **European Space Agency (ESA)** successfully launched '**Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite**', to monitor the rising global sea level. The joint US-European satellite lifted off on a **SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket** from Space Launch Complex 4E at **Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.**
- **Russia** successfully test-fired a **Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile** in the **Arctic.** the frigate Admiral Gorshkov in the White Sea fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile, hitting a naval target **450 km away** in the **Barents Sea at a speed of over Mach 8.**

- Cambridge Dictionary has named 'quarantine' as Word of the Year 2020. The word has been named the word of the year based on data that showed that it was one of the most highly searched words on the **Cambridge Dictionary this year.**

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency, **Invest India** has partnered with **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India** to develop the first-ever '**SDG Investor Map for India**'. The map lays out 18 **Investment Opportunities Areas (IOAs)** in six critical SDG enabling sectors, that can help India to move forward on Sustainable Development path. This initiative is an instrumental stride in India's development trajectory.
- **HDFC Bank** has signed an MoU with **Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI)** to support **SMEs and Start-ups.** Through this association, ICCI will engage, enrol and support various **Startups /SMEs /MSMEs** to facilitate inter-alia financial and other facilities to/from HDFC Bank. ICCI and HDFC Bank jointly conduct diverse networking activities, awareness camps and interactive sessions, Business Events.
- **Mercedes-Benz** has joined hands with **State Bank of India (SBI)** to offer financial benefits to the lender's **High Net Worth Individual (HNI) customers.** This collaboration will give the luxury automobile manufacturer access to State Bank of India's High Net Worth Individual (HNI) customer base, while the bank's customers will enjoy exclusive benefits at the time of booking a Mercedes-Benz car.

### Books and Authors

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has released a book on the life and ideals of **Guru Nanak Dev**, the founder of Sikhism and **first of its ten gurus.** The book has been penned by **Kirpal Singh Ji.** Minority Affairs Minister **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** was also present during the book release.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has banned the **Manta Urban Cooperative Bank** in **Jalna district of Maharashtra** for **six months** for payment of money and loan transactions. The central bank has given some instructions to this bank, which will be effective for six months since the bank closed on 17 November 2020.

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India** has launched a digital application for agents for onboarding to get a life insurance policy. The Digital Application is called “ANANDA”, which is an acronym for **Atma Nirbhar Agents NewBusiness Digital Application**. The Digital application is a tool for the onboarding process to get the life insurance policy through a paperless module with the help of the agent or intermediary.
- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has launched a low-cost insurance scheme ‘**Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)**’ for its customers to bring large sections of the underserved and unserved population into the financial mainstream. IPPB has collaborated with **PNB MetLife India Insurance Company** for this product.
- The **National Statistical Office (NSO)** has released the estimates of **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** for the second quarter (**July-September**) Q2 of 2020-21. The GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q2 of 2020-21 is estimated at Rs 33.14 lakh crore, as against Rs 35.84 lakh crore in Q2 of 2019-20, showing a contraction of **7.5%** as compared to **4.4% growth in Q2 2019-20**.

### Appointments/Resignations

- Auckland-based commercial lawyer and director of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) since 2012, **Greg Barclay** has been elected as the new **chairman** of the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**, after the second round of voting.
- **Lt Gen Harpal Singh** has appointed new **Engineer-in-Chief of Indian Army**. He is presently the Director-General of **Border Roads Organisation** and would take over his new appointment on 1 December.
- **Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary** has been appointed as the new Director-General of the **Border Roads Organisation**. The BRO is responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads along the borders with China and Pakistan.

### Defence News

- The **2nd** edition of **India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise SITMEX-20** was conducted from in the **Andaman Sea**. The 2020 edition of the exercise is being hosted by **Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)**. Indian Navy (IN) Ships including indigenously built ASW corvette **Kamorta** and missile corvette **Karmuk** participated in the exercise.

- **Indian Navy** has got its ninth Boeing **P-8I long-range maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare aircraft**, part of the nearly \$1 billion deal with the US for four additional planes signed in 2016.
- The **27th edition of India - Singapore Bilateral Maritime Exercise SIMBEX-20** has been organised from 23 to 25 November 2020 in the **Andaman Sea**. Indian Navy (IN) is the host for the 2020 edition of SIMBEX. The SIMBEX series of exercises are being held between the **Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)**, annually since **1994**.
- **Indian Army** successfully test-fired a land-attack version of the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands territory**. The supersonic cruise missile successfully hit its target, which was on another island.
- The **Defence Research and Development (DRDO)** Chairman **G Satheesh Reddy** has flagged off the first Production unit of **Heavy Weight Torpedo (HWT), Varunastra**. The Varunastra has been designed and developed by **Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL)** of DRDO while **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)**, Vishakhapatnam has manufactured the torpedo for the Indian Navy.
- **Konark Corps of Indian Army** has launched a **1971 kilometres** cycling expedition in **Gujarat and Rajasthan** to commemorate the commencement of the Golden Jubilee Victory Celebrations of Indian Armed Forces in the **Indo-Pak War of 1971**.

### Awards and Recognitions

- Veteran actor **Naseeruddin Shah** has been honoured with the **2020 Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar** at annual **Sangit Kala Kendra Awards**. Alongside, two emerging stars, in the firmament of theatrics - **Neel Choudhary** and **Irawati Karnik** were awarded the Aditya Vikram Birla Kalakiran Puraskars. “**Theatre**” is the central theme, for this year’s awards.

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- Karnataka Governor **Vajubhai Vala** presented Doctor of Science honorary doctorate upon ISRO Chairman **K Sivan**. The **Visvesvaraya Technological University** has conferred the doctorate to him.
- The **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR)** and the **Uttar Pradesh Forest department** have bagged the first-ever international award, “**TX2**” for doubling the number of tigers in four years against a target of 10 years. TX2 stands for ‘**Tigers times two**’, signalling the goal to double wild tigers. In 2014, PTR had **25 tigers** which went up to **65 in 2018**.

**Summit and Conference**

- The **15th G20 Summit** was held under the chairmanship of **Saudi Arabia**. King **Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud** of Saudi Arabia chaired the Summit through video-conferencing, due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**. The two-day Summit was held under the theme “**Realising the Opportunities of the 21st Century for All**”.
- The 2020 **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders’ Meeting** was held under the Chairmanship of Malaysian Prime Minister **Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin**. The APEC Summit 2021 will be hosted by New Zealand. This is the second time Malaysia hosted an APEC meeting, having hosted one in 1998. The theme of the APEC Malaysia 2020 was “**Optimising Human Potential Towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity: Pivot. Prioritise. Progress**”.
- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **3rd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo (RE-Invest 2020)** through video conferencing. The summit is organised by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The theme for RE-Invest 2020 is ‘**Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition**’. The first two editions of RE-Invest were held in **2015 and 2018**.

**Ranks and Reports**

- The **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)** has released its biannual ‘**Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL)**’ report of the **World’s Most Expensive Cities in 2020**, based on their cost of living. **Hong Kong (China), Paris (France) and Zurich (Switzerland)** share the top spot as the **most expensive cities** in the list, which comprises of 133 cities. **Damascus (Syria), Taskent (Uzbekistan), Lusaka (Zambia)** ranked the last three spot as the **most cheapest cities in the list**, which comprises of **133 cities**. The report took into account the price of 138 items, used in every day for survival, and the falling or rising value of that country’s currency due to Covid to rank the cities accordingly.

- The **Indian national team** have moved up a spot to **104** in the latest FIFA Rankings. The Indian team were ranked **108th** in the October 2020 rankings. In two months, India has climbed 5 spots after being **109th** in September. Meanwhile, on the global scene, the top six remain unchanged. **Belgium** continues to lead the rankings followed by **France, Brazil, England, Portugal and Spain**. **Argentina** is seventh, having interchanged spots with eighth-placed **Uruguay**. **Mexico and Italy** complete the top 10.

**Sports News**

- In Tennis, **Daniil Medvedev (Russia)** beat **Dominic Thiem (Austria)** to win the **2020 ATP Tour Finals**, held in London. This is the biggest title of his career. The 24-year-old will finish the year at fourth position in the world rankings. In the doubles final, Dutch-Croatian duo **Wesley Koolhof and Nikola Mektic** claimed their first title together after surpassing Jurgen Melzer and Edouard Roger-Vasselin.
- Sports Minister **Kiren Rijiju** has launched the **2nd edition** of the “**Fit India School Week**” program in the presence of **Fit India Mission**. Sports Minister encourages school children to participate in the **Fit India movement**.

**Important Days**

- The **59th National Pharmacy Week (NPW)** was celebrated throughout the country from November 16-22, 2020. The theme of the NPW 2020 is “**Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals**”.
- **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** is observing the **Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020** from **23 November to 27 November 2020**. The week-long celebration is being observed at all airports and ANS locations managed by AAI across India.
- The United Nations designated **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** is celebrated worldwide on **November 25**. The day is celebrated to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to various forms of violence and the true nature of the issue is often hidden.
- This year’s theme for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is “**Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!**”.
- In India, **November 26** is celebrated as **National Milk Day**, since **2014**, to commemorate the birthday of the father of India’s White Revolution, **Dr Verghese Kurien** (also nicknamed as Milkman of India). The day was fixed by all the dairy majors of the country including the **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), the Indian Dairy Association (IDA)**, along with 22 state-level milk federations.



## Obituaries

- Noted Telugu poet, journalist, scriptwriter, and Kendra Sahitya Academy award winner **Shaik Khaja Hussain**, popularly known as **Devi Priya**, passed away. He was born in **Tadikonda in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh**. He bagged the Sahitya Akademi Award 2017, for his book **Gaali Rangu**.
- Three-time Assam Chief Minister from Congress party **Tarun Gogoi** passed away. Tarun Gogoi had served as the Chief Minister of Assam between **2001 and 2015**. He was the longest-serving chief minister of Assam.
- Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP, **Ahmed Patel** passed away. He was Lok Sabha MP for three terms from **1977 to 1989** and Rajya Sabha MP since **1993** representing **Gujarat**. He also served as the political secretary to Congress president Sonia Gandhi and was one of the party's top negotiators during the UPA regime.
- Television actor **Ashiesh Roy** has passed away. The actor had appeared in a number of TV shows and films in his long acting career which began in **1997**.
- One of the greatest footballers of all time, **Diego Maradona** passed away. He was captain when **Argentina** won the **1986 World Cup**, producing a series of sublime individual performances. Maradona's most iconic moment was arguably his infamous 'Hand of God' moment during Argentina versus England match in the 1986 FIFA World Cup. His second goal in the match is regarded as the "Goal of the Century".
- Founder of **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**, **Faqir Chand Kohli**, better known as the **Father of the Indian IT industry**, passed away. Besides being the founder, he was also the first CEO of TCS.

## Miscellaneous News

- A cow shelter in **Assam's Dibrugarh** inaugurated Northeast's first-ever cow hospital, on the occasion of Gopashtami. The hospital, **Surbhi Aarogyashala**, is set up by Shree Gopal Gaushala at a cost of **Rs 17 lakh**. The hospital will provide services in 30 km radius. There are 368 cows in the shelter.
- The Deep Depression over the **South West Bay of Bengal** has intensified into the Cyclonic Storm "**Nivar**". The cyclone is currently located **410 km east-southeast of Puducherry** and **450 km southeast of Chennai**. As per the **India Meteorological Department**, Cyclone Nivar is very likely to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm in the next 24-hours.

- The **10th edition** of prestigious **National science film festival** kicked off on 24th November 2020 in a virtual mode. The four-day long film festival has been jointly organized by Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous agency under the **Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India and the Tripura State Council of Science and Technology, Govt. of Tripura** from 24 to 27 November 2020.
- Malayalam film "**Jallikattu**", directed by **Lijo Jose Pellissery**, has been selected as India's official entry for the **Best International Feature Film category** for the **93rd Academy Awards**. Jallikattu is the third Malayalam film after **Guru (1997)** and **Adaminte Makan Abu (2011)** to be chosen as the country's official entry for the Oscars.
- **SpiceJet** has launched dedicated freighter services connecting **Leh** with the rest of the country. This is the first time a civil airliner has started freighter services to Leh. Accordingly, the airline operated its first freighter flight from **Delhi to Leh** carrying **13 tonnes of cargo supplies**. **SpiceXpress**, the dedicated cargo arm of SpiceJet, will deploy its **Boeing 737 freighter** on this route.
- Infrastructure major **Larsen and Toubro (L&T)** has bagged an order worth over **Rs 7,000 crore** to construct a part of the **Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR)**, also known as the **Bullet Train Project**.
- The **Bowring and Lady Curzon Medical College and Research Institute** in Bengaluru have been named after former **Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**. The institute was set up in 2018-19 on the campus of Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Shivajinagar in the heart of Bengaluru.

## Static Takeaways

- Afghanistan Capital: Kabul.
- Afghanistan President: Ashraf Ghani.
- Afghanistan Currency: Afghan afghani.
- Afghanistan Official languages: Pashto, Dari.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Aditya Nath; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister: Conrad Sangma.
- Meghalaya Governor: Satya Pal Malik.
- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong.
- Chief Minister of HP: Jairam Thakur; Governor of HP: Bandaru Dattatraya.
- Chief Minister of Punjab: Capt. Amarinder Singh; Governor: V.P. Singh Badnore.

- Invest India is a non-profit venture under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Invest India MD and CEO: Deepak Bagla.
- Invest India Established: 2009.
- Invest India Headquarter: New Delhi.
- ICCI Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- President of ICCI: Ritika Yadav.
- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- MD and CEO of HDFC Bank: Sashidhar Jagdishan(Succeeds Aditya Puri).
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We understand your world.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India Chairperson: M R Kumar.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India Founded: 1 September 1956.
- Managing Director & CEO of DBS Bank India Ltd: Surojit Shome.
- DBS Bank India Limited Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- DBS Bank India Limited Established: 2014.
- Lakshmi Vilas Bank Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Lakshmi Vilas Bank Founded: 1926.
- Managing Director & CEO of IPPB: J Venkatramu.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched IPPB in 2018.
- Governor of RBI: Shaktikanta Das.
- Deputy Governors of RBI: BP Kanungo, MK Jain, MD Patra and Rajeshwar Rao.
- Headquarters of RBI: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- CEO of ICC: Manu Sawhney.
- Headquarters of ICC: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Prime Minister of Thailand: Prayut Chan-o-cha.
- Thailand Capital: Bangkok.
- Thailand Currency: Thai baht.
- Singapore Currency: Singapore dollar.
- Singapore Capital: Singapore.
- Prime Minister of Singapore: Lee Hsien Loong.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying: Giriraj Singh.
- APEC headquarters: Singapore.
- APEC Founded: November 1989.
- Malaysia Capital: Kuala Lumpur.
- Malaysia Currency: Malaysian Ringgit.
- Economist Intelligence Unit Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.

- Economist Intelligence Unit Founded: 1946.
- Founder of FIT India: Suparno Satpathy.
- Indian Pharmaceutical Association President: T.V. Narayana.
- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) founded in 1939.
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Airports Authority of India Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Airports Authority of India Founded: 1 April 1995.
- Airports Authority of India Chairman: Arvind Singh.
- World Milk Day is observed on 1 June every year by the United Nations.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Chief Minister of Assam: Sarbananda Sonowal; Governor: Prof. Jagdish Mukhi.
- Folk Dance of Assam: Bihu dance, Bagurumba, Bhortal Dance, Jhumur dance.
- The administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration: Jim Bridenstine.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh: Radha Krishna Mathur.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Aditya Nath; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- SpiceJet Founded: 2004.
- SpiceJet Headquarters: Gurugram.
- Chairman & Managing Director of SpiceJet: Ajay Singh.
- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Founded: 21 May 1904.
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- Larsen and Toubro CEO: S. N. Subrahmanyam.
- Larsen and Toubro Founded: 7 February 1938.
- Larsen and Toubro Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

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