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Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Awards announced

Union Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** has presented the **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Awards**, including a cash award of **Rs 50,000 and Rs 30,000** respectively, to both awardees. The nominations were called for the first time for the year 2018.

First Prize:

- **Sreenivas Karanam**, Bengaluru was selected for the **FIRST** prize for his contribution in developing a cost-effective customized technical solution under the brand '**C mobile**', for deep-sea communication, operating along the Kerala coast, facilitating communication among fishermen and issue of weather alerts etc.
- The service enables the fishermen to have one-one voice calls, group calls, SMS, Location services and Emergency services while they are out of GSM coverage area. The service is available from Thiruvananthapuram to Calicut, almost 500km along Kerala coast, with devices installed in nearly 900 motorboats.

Second Prize:

- **Subrat Kar**, New Delhi was selected for the **SECOND** prize for his innovative solution on development & deployment of a large scale sensor network and devices to avoid a **train-animal collision**, which works without interfering with natural movements/behaviour of animals, thereby helping in wildlife conservation.
- The system under the pilot phase is installed in **Rajaji National Park** in Uttarakhand, to prevent elephant deaths by train-elephant collision.

About Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Awards:

This award is given to motivate the Telecom Skill ecosystem, DoT launched Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Awards scheme in **2017**, to reward the successful telecom skilled people for their special contributions in the areas of Telecom Skilling, Telecom Services, Telecom Manufacturing, Telecom Applications in deploying telecom dependent sectoral solutions for different fields such as agriculture, commerce, health, education etc. The award was named after **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Ji** to commemorate his birth centenary.

Prakash Javadekar releases 'Status of Leopards in India 2018' report

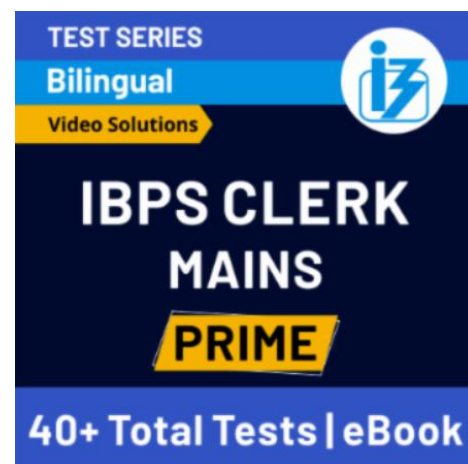
The Union environment minister, **Prakash Javadekar** has released a report titled the '**Status of Leopard in India 2018**'. As per the report, the population of leopard in India has increased by 60 per cent in four years since 2014. **India** now has 12,852 leopards as per 2018 estimate, compared to the previous estimate of 7910 conducted in 2014. The States of **Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Maharashtra** recorded the highest leopard estimates at 3,421, 1,783, and 1,690 respectively.

Indian Boxers bag 3 Gold at Cologne Boxing World Cup

Indian boxers have bagged **9 medals** including **three gold, two silver and four bronze** at the **Cologne Boxing World Cup 2020**, held in **Cologne, Germany**. India finished **2nd** in the overall Medals List, **Germany** topped the list with 16 medals. The Cologne Boxing World 2020 was hosted by the **European Boxing Confederation (EUBC)**.

List of Medal Winners

- **Gold:** The three gold medals for India were bagged by Amit Panghal (52kg), Manisha Moun (57kg) and Simranjit Kaur (60kg) in their respective categories.
- **Silver:** Silver medals were claimed by Sakshi Choudhary (57kg) and Satish Kumar (91kg).
- **Bronze:** Sonia Lather (57kg), Pooja Rani (75kg) Gaurav Solanki (57kg) and Mohamed Hussamudin (57kg) claimed the bronze medal in their respective categories.



World Bank approves several projects to support development in India

The **World Bank** has approved **4 India** projects worth over **\$800 million**. The projects will support a range of development initiatives that supports the efforts of India to rebuild itself by creating a sustainable and resilient economy.

The projects that have been approved are:

1. **\$400 million** Second Accelerating India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Program.
2. **\$100 million** Chhattisgarh Inclusive Rural and Accelerated Agriculture Growth Project (CHIRAAG).
3. **\$68 million Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources Project.**
4. **\$250 million** Second Dam Improvement and Rehabilitation Project (DRIP-2).

In Brief:

\$400 Million Second Accelerating India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Program:

- The Government of India and the World Bank signed a \$400 million Second Accelerating India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Program.
- The project supports and protects India's efforts to provide social assistance to poor and vulnerable households, severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It is the 2nd operation in a programmatic series of 2. The 1st operation of \$750 million was approved in May 2020. The Program builds on the outcomes achieved by the 1st operation.

CHIRAAG project:

- Amount sanctioned: **USD 100 million**
- CHIRAAG aims at promoting nutrition-supportive agriculture for tribal households in Chhattisgarh
- It will develop sustainable production systems that allow tribal households in remote areas of Chhattisgarh to practice round-the-year production of diversified and nutritious food.
- It will be implemented in the southern tribal-majority region of the state where a large population is undernourished and poor.
- The project will benefit over **180,000 households** from about **1,000 villages** in eight districts of Chhattisgarh.

Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources Project

- Amount approved: **USD 68 million**
- It will improve classroom instruction; create opportunities for the professional development of teachers, and build technology systems to provide students and teachers with more access to blended and online learning as well as allow better monitoring of policies and programs.
- It will enhance overall quality education in the state

Dam Improvement and Rehabilitation Project (DRIP-2):

- Financial aid approved: **USD 250 million.**
- DRIP-2 will improve the safety and performance of existing dams across various states of India, and strengthen dam safety by building dam safety guidelines; bring in global experience; and introduce newer technologies.

Good Governance Day: 25 December

In India, **Good Governance Day (Sushasan Divas)** is observed annually on **25th December**. In this day nation celebrates the birth anniversary of **Bharat Ratna** and former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Good Governance Day was established in **2014** to honour Prime Minister Vajpayee by fostering awareness among the Indian people of accountability in government. In keeping with this principle, the Good Governance Day has been declared to be a working day for the government.

About Atal Bihari Vajpayee:

Atal Bihari Vajpayee served as the Prime Minister of India for **three times**. His first term was for only 13 days in **1996**. He served his second term for a period of thirteen months from **March 1998 to April 1999** and then a full term from 1999 to 2004. His first entry into parliament was in 1962 through the Rajya Sabha. He was elected to the **Lok Sabha seven times**. In **2015**, Mr Vajpayee was conferred the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award.

National Affairs

- The Minister of State for Skill Development, **Raj Kumar Singh** has inaugurated the first Centre of Excellence (CoE) for 'skill development in the power sector' in **Gurugram**. The CoE has been established in the campus of **National Institute of Solar Energy, Gurugram, Haryana**.

- The Union Power Ministry, **R. K. Singh** has framed the new **'Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020**. These rules shall empower the consumers of electricity and added that these Rules emanate from the conviction that the power systems exist to serve the consumers and the consumers have rights to get the reliable services and quality electricity.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will launch **'SEHAT' – Health Insurance Scheme** for the entire Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir** on 26th December. This scheme will cover the remaining One crore population which was not covered under Ayushman Bharat Scheme. Under **Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)**, eligible beneficiaries were covered under Health Cover of **Rs 5 Lakh**.
- The **Government of India** and the **World Bank** signed a **\$500 million project** to build safe and green national highway corridors in the states of **Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh**. The project will also enhance the capacity of the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** in mainstreaming safety and green technologies. The \$500 million loans from the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development** a lending arm of World Bank Group, has a maturity of **18.5 years including a grace period of five years**.
- The **Union Cabinet** approved revised guidelines for **Direct-to-Home (DTH) broadcasting services**, allowing **100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI)** as well as increasing the licence period to **20 years**.
- The **Cabinet** approved the merger of four government-run film and media units — **the Films Division, the Directorate of Film Festivals, the National Film Archives of India and the autonomous body Children's Film Society, with the National Film Development Corporation**.

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched **E-Sampada**, a new web portal and mobile app on **Good Governance Day**. The new application provides a single-window for all the services including an allotment for over one lakh government residential accommodations, office space allotment to government organisations in **45 office complexes** in **28 cities** and booking of **1,176-holiday homerooms**.

States in the News

- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has launched a special campaign **'Varasat' (natural succession)** to curb property & land-related disputes in rural areas. This is a first of its kind campaign in the state which aims to put an end the land-related issues in the rural areas and eradicate the exploitation of the villagers over succession rights by land mafias, who generally target disputed properties. The two-month-long special drive will continue **till 15th February 2020**.
- Union Petroleum & Natural Gas Minister, **Dharmendra Pradhan** has dedicated West Bengal's first oil and gas reserve, **'Bengal Basin'**, to the nation. The Bengal Basin is explored and owned by **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**. It is the **eight** producing basins of India by ONGC.
- **Karnataka government** has unveiled the **Farmer Registration and Unified beneficiary Information System (FRUITS)**, an e-governance portal, to create a repository of farmland information and farm loan details on a single platform. All farmers will be registered and given an identification number on the portal. **Canara Bank** has agreed to run FRUITS on a pilot basis.
- Punjab Chief Minister Captain, **Amarinder Singh** has launched Mobile Application and web portal called **'PR Insight'**, to improve the delivery of citizen-centric services, based upon the feedback of its citizens on government policies. The basic objective of PR Insight is to re-orient the existing schemes and programmes of the state government to the people's satisfaction after meticulously monitoring their feedback.
- **Himachal Pradesh** Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** has unveiled an **18-feet tall statue** of late former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** on the occasion of his **96th birth anniversary** at the historic Ridge in the state capital. The statue has been built at a cost of **Rs 1.08 crore**. The Ridge Maidan also houses statues of **Mahatma Gandhi** and former prime minister **Indira Gandhi**.

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International Affairs

- The **Hawker Culture of street food in Singapore** has been inducted by **UNESCO** in its prestigious '**Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity**'. The Hawker Culture is a popular Singaporean style of street dining and culinary practices in a multicultural urban environment.
- FIFA has cancelled men's **U-20 and U-17 World Cup tournaments in 2021** for the novel coronavirus. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bureau of the FIFA Council has decided to cancel the 2021 editions of the men's **FIFA U-20 World Cup and FIFA U-17 World Cup**, and to appoint **Indonesia and Peru** respectively, who were due to host the tournaments in 2021, as the hosts of the 2023 editions.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Central Bank of India** has launched a unique variant of a contactless debit card under the name '**RuPay Select**', in association with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**. Central Bank RuPay Select Debit cardholders will be able to avail complimentary membership and concessional access to **golf courses, gyms, spas and restaurants**.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has announced to provide **Rs 2,100 crore loan** to the **Tripura** government for the development of urban areas and tourism in the northeastern state. From the total fund of **Rs 2,100 crore**, **Rs 1600 crore** will be for **urban development** and **Rs 500 crore** for the tourism sector.
- The **UN Women and Kerala government** have collaborated to establish **India's first Gender Data Hub**. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in this regard in the presence of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Three key areas of co-operation, as specified in the MoU, will be setting up the Gender Data Centre at The Gender Park, launching the second edition of the International Conference on Gender Equality, and increasing engagement on the global normative frameworks on gender equality and empowerment of women.
- **PayU with Google Pay** has introduced tokenised payments flow for **Indian merchants**. With the digital token linked to the phone and card information tokenised, Google Pay users can make repeat

payments seamlessly and securely. Through the option of one-click payment, one doesn't need to re-enter the payment data, as the OTP is read automatically and the payment is processed instantaneously.

Books and Authors

- Maharashtra former Chief Minister and present leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, **Devendra Fadnavis** has released the book '**Ayodhya**' written by **Madhav Bhandari**. The book will serve as a key reference document summarising the protests held for the cause of a **Ram temple in Ayodhya**.
- **VP Venkaiah Naidu** virtually released the book '**Oh Mizoram**', written by Governor of Mizoram, **Shri P S Sreedharan Pillai**. Pillai is a lawyer, an orator, a prolific writer, a philanthropist, and a thinker.
- Nobel laureate **Kailash Satyarthi's** new book titled '**Covid-19: Sabhyata ka Sankat Aur Samadhan (Covid-19: Crisis of Civilisation and Solutions)**' was launched by former Chief Justice of India **Dipak Misra** and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman **Harivansh Narayan Singh**.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Reserve Bank of India** has further extended the restrictions on crisis-ridden **Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank** by three months till **31 March 2021**. The bank has also received four **Expression of Interest (EoI)** for its revival. To examine them, the bank would need some more time. These proposals will be examined by the bank with regard to their viability and feasibility taking into account the best interest of the depositors.
- **ICICI Bank** has launched an online platform '**Infinite India**' to support foreign companies to establish or expand business in India. The one-stop portal will offer banking solutions as well as value-added services such as the incorporation of a business entity, corporate filings, licences and registrations, HR services, compliances and taxation among others.
- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard** under which the bank would offer customised services along with a host of facilities to account holders. The bank has also renewed its existing MoU with the Indian Army to offer specially customised banking services through "**Baroda Military Salary Package**".

- The **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)** has projected the Indian economy to contract **7.3 per cent** in FY21, compared to **-12.6% forecast in September 2020**. The Delhi based economic think tank released its mid-year review of the Indian economy virtually on 21 December 2020.
- **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)** has revised India's GDP estimate for the current financial year 2020-21 (FY21) to **-7.8 per cent** from **-11.8 per cent** estimated earlier. This lower contraction rate is mainly due to the easing of COVID-19 curbs and better-than-expected recovery in the second quarter. Ind-Ra has also estimated the GDP to grow by **9.6%** in **2021-22 (FY22)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has cancelled the **banking licence** issued to **Subhadra Local Area Bank Ltd., Kolhapur, Maharashtra** to carry on banking business in India. The Reserve Bank cancelled the licence of the Subhadra Local Area Bank Ltd as it had breached the **minimum net worth requirement** for two quarters in the financial year 2019-20.
- The **United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** has announced to invest **\$54 million** in India to support the development of **critical infrastructure projects** in the country in the wake of the **COVID-19 pandemic**. The DFC will invest this \$54 million in equity for the **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) in India**.

Appointments/Resignations

- Senior IPS officer, **Satyendra Garg** has assumed **Andaman and Nicobar DGP charge**. Garg, a 1987-batch IPS officer was posted as joint secretary in the Union home ministry. He was handing the North East division in the home ministry as a joint secretary before being repatriated to his cadre. Among other top-level reshuffle IPS officer, **Ranvir Singh Krishna** is named the police chief of **Puducherry**. He will replace 1988-batch IPS officer **Balaji Srivastava** who will assume charge in **Delhi**. Srivastav has been transferred to the Delhi Police.
- Managing Director of logistics major Transport Corporation of India Limited, **Vineet Agarwal** has taken over as the new President of **The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham)**. **Sumant Sinha**, Chairman and Managing Director of ReNew Power, is the new Senior **Vice-President of Assocham**.

Defence News

- The Defence Minister, **Rajnath Singh** recently handed over three indigenously developed high technology systems to chiefs of the three armed forces: the **Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force**. The three systems namely, **Border Surveillance System (BOSS), Indian Maritime Situational Awareness System (IMSAS) and ASTRA Mk-I Missile, have been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**.
- Union Minister of Defence, **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated the **advanced Hypersonic Wind Tunnel (HWT) test facility of the DRDO in Hyderabad, Telangana**. The state-of-the-art HWT Test facility has made India as the only third country in the world, after the US and Russia, to have such a huge facility in size and capability.

Awards and Recognitions

- Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** addressed the **'ASSOCHAM Foundation Week 2020'** via video conferencing. The week-long Associated Chambers of Commerce of India (ASSOCHAM) Foundation Week was organised from 15 to 19 December 2020. The theme of the programme was **'India's resilience: Atmanirbhar roadmap towards \$5 trillion economies.'** As a part of the celebration, PM Modi also presented the **'ASSOCHAM Enterprise of the Century Award'** to **Shri Ratan Tata**, on behalf of the TATA Group, for his distinguished contributions to the country.



- US President **Donald Trump** has presented America's highest military decoration, **'The Legion of Merit'**, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The prestigious Legion of Merit was given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his leadership in elevating strategic partnership of the two countries.
- Srinagar based **Amar Singh College** has been recognized with the **'Award of Merit'** in the **2020 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards** for Cultural Heritage Conservation. The restoration of the Amar Singh College brought back one of the most prominent institutional buildings in Kashmir to its former glory.
- The winners of the **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay New India Foundation Book Prize 2020** for the best non-fiction book on contemporary/ modern India were announced. The Prize was given jointly to **Amit Ahuja** for his **Mobilizing the Marginalized: Ethnic Parties without Ethnic Movements (Oxford University Press)** and to former Union minister **Jairam Ramesh** for his **A Chequered Brilliance: The Many Lives of VK Krishna Menon (Penguin Random House)**, a biography of politician and diplomat **VK Krishna Menon**.
- Country's largest power producer, **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)** has been conferred **"Excellence"** in the prestigious **CII-ITC Sustainability Awards 2020 in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Domain**. NTPC has been honoured in the Corporate Excellence Category, Commendation for Significant Achievement.
- The **5th edition** of the annual **Global Technology Summit (GTS)** was organised virtually by the **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)**, Government of India in collaboration with **Carnegie India (CI)**. The theme of the 2020 GTS was **"The Geopolitics of Technology"**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has addressed the sixth edition of the **India-Japan SAMVAD conference 2020**, via virtual conferencing. The purpose of this Samvad Conference is to discuss the need to build the future of Asia on the positive influence of traditions of non-violence and democracy in Asia.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**, jointly addressed the **India-Vietnam Virtual Summit**, via video conferencing. During the Summit, a **'Joint Vision for Peace, Prosperity and People'** document was adopted to guide the future development of the India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- The **12th GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) Summit** was held virtually. It was inaugurated by Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu virtually. The Summit provides a platform to deliberate on innovative technologies and solutions to help in creating robust mechanisms for developing sustainable and resilient solutions for the benefit of the entire community. The theme of the Summit was **"Rejuvenating Resilient Habitats"**.

Summit and Conference

- The **20th edition** of the **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting** via video conferencing under the Chairmanship of the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. The theme of the meeting was **"Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean"**. The Indian delegation was led by **V. Muraleedharan**, MoS, Ministry of External Affairs. **Sri Lanka** has assumed the charge of Vice-Chair of IORA for the period 2021-23.

Ranks and Reports

- **HDFC Bank** is the top-ranked company among the 100 **Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI)** companies in the country, as per the **BFSI Movers and Shakers 2020** report by **Wizikey**. **ICICI Bank** and **State Bank of India (SBI)** are ranked second and third, respectively. Other top 10 banks in 2020 Wizikey's BFSI Movers and Shakers report are **Yes Bank, PNB, HSBC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bank of Baroda, Deutsche Bank, and IDBI**.

Sports News

- The **Sports Ministry** has approved the inclusion of four indigenous Games to be a part of **Khelo India Youth Games 2021**, which is scheduled to be held in **Haryana**. The four new games are, **Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba**.
- Formula 1 world champion, **Lewis Hamilton** has won the **BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2020**. This is the second time that the 35-year-old Hamilton has been crowned Sports Personality of the Year. Prior to this, he won the award in 2014.

Important Days

- **International Human Solidarity Day** is observed globally on **20 December** every year to celebrate unity in diversity and raise awareness about the importance of solidarity.
- **India** observes the **National Mathematics Day** every year on **22 December since 2012**. The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. This year nation celebrates his **133rd birth anniversary of Ramanujan**.
- **National Farmer's Day (Kisan Diwas)** is observed every year on **23 December** in India to remember the role of Indian farmers in the economy. The day is observed to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister **Chaudhary Charan Singh**.
- **National Consumer Rights Day** is observed every year on **December 24**. On this day in 1986, the **Consumer Protection Act 1986** received the Presidential assent and thus came into force. The Act aims to provide consumers with effective safeguards against different types of exploitation, such as defective goods, deficiency in services and unfair trade practices.

Obituaries

- Senior Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) ideologue, **MG Vaidya** has passed away. He was a veteran journalist, a Sanskrit scholar and the first official spokesperson of the RSS. He became a member of the RSS in 1943.



- Veteran Congress leader, **Motilal Vora** has passed away following **post-COVID-19** complications. He was born at Jodhpur in Rajasthan and began his career as a journalist. The late Congress leader served as the **chief minister of Madhya Pradesh twice**, once from 1985 to 1988 and then again in 1989 for 11 months.
- Renowned poet and activist, **Sugathakumari** passed away, after testing positive for the coronavirus. She was one of the most active campaigners of the **Save Silent Valley Movement** when it took shape in the 1970s.
- Former English first-class batsman **John Edrich** has passed away. He was amongst the best players of his generation, during a career that ran from 1956 to 1978.
- Legendary Urdu poet and critic, **Shamsur Rahman Faruqi** has passed away, a month after recovering from **COVID-19**. He received Saraswati Samman in 1996 for his work '**She'r-e Shor-Angez**', a four-volume study of the eighteenth-century poet **Mir Taqi Mir**. The Government of India awarded him the civilian honour of **Padma Shri in 2009**.

Miscellaneous News

- The **Union Government** has decided to constitute a **High-Level Committee (HLC)** to commemorate the **125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**. The High-Level Committee will be headed by the Union Home Minister, **Amit Shah**. This HLC will decide on the activities for a one-year-long commemoration beginning **23 January 2021**, as a tribute and mark of gratitude to the contribution made by Netaji in India's freedom struggle.

- **NITI Aayog** has launched indigenously developed India's first **Digital Asset Management and Storage platform**, called '**DigiBoxx**'. The initiative will give a boost to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of '**Atmanirbhar Bharat**', as India now has its own cloud storage platform. DigiBoxx offers free **20GB cloud storage space, and 100GB space per month at just Rs 30**.
- **Odisha** Chief Minister, **Naveen Patnaik** has announced that **India's biggest hockey stadium** is being set up in **Rourkela city** of Odisha. The stadium will be constructed in the **Biju Patnaik University of Technology campus, Rourkela**.
- India's first **Lithium refinery** is soon going to be set up in **Gujarat. Manikaran Power Limited**, one of the country's largest power trading and renewable energy company will invest around **Rs 1,000 crore** to set up this refinery. The refinery will process Lithium ore to produce battery-grade material. Lithium is a rare element and is usually not found in India.

Static Takeaways

- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington DC, United States.
- World Bank President: David Malpass.
- World Bank Founded: 1944.
- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways: Nitin Jairam Gadkari.
- Minister of Information and Broadcasting: Prakash Javadekar.
- UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France.
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay.
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945.
- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow.
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath.
- Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamata Banerjee; Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Chief Minister of Karnataka: B.S. Yediyurappa; Governor: Vajubhai Vala.
- National Payments Corporation of India MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe.

- National Payments Corporation of India Headquarters: Mumbai.
- National Payments Corporation of India Founded: 2008.
- Central Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Central Bank of India CEO: Pallav Mohapatra.
- Central Bank of India Founded: 21 December 1911.
- President of ADB: Masatsugu Asakawa; Headquarters: Manila, Philippines.
- ADB Established: 9 December 1966.
- Chief Minister of Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.
- The Administrator Of PMC Bank: AK Dixit.
- PMC Bank Founded: 1984.
- PMC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ICICI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ICICI Bank MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi.
- ICICI Bank Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka.
- Bank Of Baroda Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat, India.
- Bank Of Baroda Chairman: Hasmukh Adhia.
- Bank Of Baroda MD & CEO: Sanjiv Chadha.
- CEO of Google: Sundar Pichai; Headquarters: California, United States.
- PayU Founded: 2006.
- PayU CEO: Laurent le Moal.
- Assocham Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Assocham Founded: 1920.
- Andaman and Nicobar Island (Lieutenant Governor): D K Joshi.
- Minister of Communications and Electronics & IT: Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- NTPC MD & CEO: Gurdeep Singh.
- NTPC Founded: 1975.
- NTPC Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- European Boxing Confederation Founded: 2009.
- European Boxing Confederation President: Franco Falcinelli.
- European Boxing Confederation Headquarters: Assisi, Italy.
- Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution: Piyush Goyal.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington DC, United States.

- World Bank President: David Malpass.
- World Bank Founded: 1944.
- 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.
- Subhadra Local Area Bank Ltd MD & CEO: Sanjay Agrawal.
- National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Headquarters: Mumbai, India.
- National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Founded: February 2015.
- National Investment and Infrastructure Fund MD and CEO: Sujoy Bose.
- Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog: Amitabh Kant.
- Chairperson of NITI Aayog: PM Narendra Modi.
- Chief Minister of Punjab: Capt. Amarinder Singh; Governor: V.P. Singh Badnore.
- Chief Minister of HP: Jairam Thakur; Governor of HP: Bandaru Dattatraya.
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