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NATIONAL

Science and Technology Empowered Committee

- ❖ The Government of India has constituted a Science and Technology Empowered Committee to make speedy decisions on research and development of COVID-19.
- ❖ The Committee is to be chaired by Niti Aayog member Vinod Paul and K Vijay Raghavan.
- ❖ Raghavan is the principal scientific advisor to the Government of India.

Amtitab Kant Committee

- ❖ The Government of India constituted an empowered group under the chairmanship of NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant.
- ❖ The group will coordinate with NGOs, private sector and international organizations for COVID-19 related response activities.
- ❖ The Group consists of three branches of stakeholder.
- ❖ In the first group, the stakeholders are from UN Agencies, Asian Development Bank and World Bank.
- ❖ The second group is from civil society organizations and the third group is from FICCI, CII, NASSCOM, ASSSOCHAM, etc.

INTERNATIONAL

Spring Shield Operation

- ❖ It was a cross-border military operation conducted by the Turkish Armed Forces against the Syrian Armed Forces in the Idlib District of northwest Syria.
- ❖ In particular, Hezbollah has incurred losses that have not been seen in years of fighting on behalf of the Syrian government.
- ❖ It is a Shia Islamist political party and militant group based in Lebanon.



Political declaration on women's rights

- ❖ The Political Declaration adopted is the outcome of the 64th Commission on the Status of Women held at New York in USA.
- ❖ It is the largest annual gathering on gender equality and the empowerment of women at the UN.
- ❖ A UN declaration on women is approved every five years.
- ❖ It is commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995.
- ❖ The declaration itself noted that 25 years after the Beijing summit, "no country has fully achieved gender equality."
- ❖ Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of 1995 seeks to promote women's emancipation and advancement around the world.
- ❖ It is considered the most visionary blueprint on women's rights.



Inclusive Internet Index 2020

- ❖ India secured 46th rank in the Inclusive Internet Index 2020 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
- ❖ This list includes 100 countries of the world.
- ❖ In this index, Sweden ranks first, New Zealand is second and America is third.
- ❖ The worst countries are Burundi (100), Liberia (99), Madagascar (98), Malawi (97) and Burkina Faso (96).



Economic freedom index

- ❖ Singapore overtook Hong Kong as the world's freest economy for the first time since 1995.
- ❖ The Index was first published in 1995 and Hong Kong has topped the charts ever since.
- ❖ Created by the Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal, the annual index measures the degree of economic freedom in the world's nations.

- ❖ The World Index of Economic Freedom covers 12 freedoms including property rights, financial freedom, government integrity, labour freedom, trade freedom, investment freedom and business freedom.
- ❖ Altogether the study encompasses 186 countries.
- ❖ India is ranked in 120th position in the study.

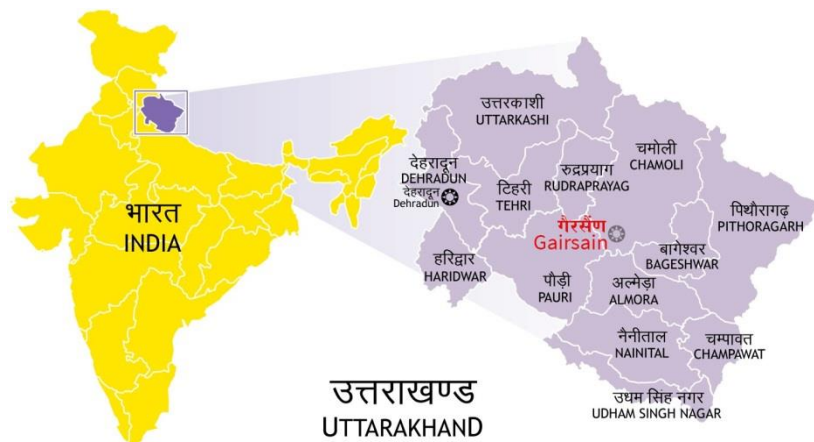
STATES

CM of Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ BJP's Shivraj Singh Chouhan was sworn in as chief minister of Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ This is the fourth time Shivraj Singh Chouhan has been administered the oath of office as CM.
- ❖ Shivraj Singh Chouhan is the 32nd Chief Minister of the state.
- ❖ Earlier, Kamalnath from the Indian National Congress Party resigned the CM post.

Summer capital of Uttarakhand

- ❖ Gairsain was recently declared the summer capital of the Uttarakhand state.
- ❖ Its winter capital is Dehradun.
- ❖ On 9 November 2000, Uttarakhand became the 27th state of the Republic of India, being carved from the Himalayan districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It is often referred to as the "Devabhumi".





NIGHA mobile App

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh State Government launched NIGHA Mobile App to Curb Electoral Malpractices in the Local Body Polls.
- ❖ It empowers citizens to report illegal distribution of money and liquor, and has provisions to upload photos and videos as well.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Pritzker Architecture Award 2020

- ❖ Veteran architect duo- Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara were recently selected as the recipients of the 2020 Pritzker Prize.
- ❖ The Dublin-based architects are the first two women to share the prestigious global award.
- ❖ Their remarkable projects include the University of Engineering and Technology in Lima, Peru, which also won the RIBA International Prize.
- ❖ It is referred to as “modern-day Machu Picchu”.
- ❖ The Pritzker Architecture Prize is awarded annually to honour a living architect or architects.
- ❖ It is often referred to as the Nobel Prize of architecture.
- ❖ Founded in 1979 by Jay A. Pritzker and his wife Cindy, the award is funded by the Pritzker family and sponsored by the Hyatt Foundation.



Commonwealth Points of Light Award

- ❖ The Environmental activist Jadav Payeng, also called the ‘Forest Man’ of India, was named as the winner of the 128th Commonwealth Points of Light Award.

- ❖ The award recognizes people across the 53 Commonwealth nations for their exceptional contributions towards the community.
- ❖ Payeng of Assam had transformed a treeless sandbar along the Brahmaputra river into a vast wildlife shelter.
- ❖ He was born in the indigenous Mising tribe of Assam.



SPORTS

2020 Indian Super League

- ❖ Two times Champions ATK won the final after beating Chennaiyin held at Goa.
- ❖ It was the sixth season of the Indian Super League.
- ❖ ATK are the most successful team in the tournament's history having won the title thrice.
- ❖ ATK is an Indian professional football club based in Kolkata, West Bengal.

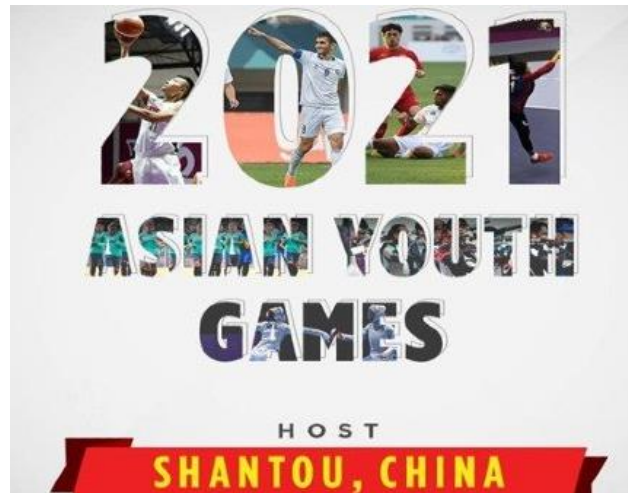
FIFA Under 17 Women World Cup

- ❖ The International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) has postponed the Under-17 Women's world cup to November 2020.
- ❖ The FIFA Federations decided that the Under-17 and Under-20 Women's World Cup be postponed.

- ❖ The Under-20 women's FIFA world cup was planned to be conducted in Panama Costa Rica.
- ❖ The Under-17 Women's FIFA world cup was scheduled to be conducted in Indian cities such as Guwahati, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar and Kolkata.

Asian Youth Games

- ❖ The Olympic Council of Asia announced that the third Asian Youth Games is to be held in China in November 2021.
- ❖ The Asian Youth Games is held once in four years.
- ❖ It is organized by the Olympic Council of Asia.
- ❖ It is the second largest sports games after the Asian Games.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Army Medical Corps Day – April 03

- ❖ On April 3, 2020, the Army Medical Corps Raising Day was celebrated under the Motto: “Survey Santu Nirmaya”.
- ❖ The meaning of “Survey Santu Nirmaya” is “Let all the humans be free from disabilities and diseases”.
- ❖ The Indian Medical Service was the major contributor of the Army Medical Corps.
- ❖ It was formed in 1612 when East India Company was formed.
- ❖ The Army Medical Corps was established in 1943 amalgamating Indian Medical Services, Indian Hospital and Nursing Corps and Indian Medical Department.

World Health Day – April 7

- ❖ The day is marked to celebrate the work of midwives and nurses for their role in keeping the world safety and healthy.
- ❖ Theme for this year - Support Nurses and Midwives.
- ❖ The WHO chose the year 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse and Midwife” to honour the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.
- ❖ On the world health day, the First State of World Nursing Report, 2020 is to be released.
- ❖ The WHO held the first world health assembly on this day in 1948.

