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RBI Releases Annual Report of Ombudsman Schemes for 2019-20

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the **Annual Report of the Ombudsman Schemes** for the year 2019-20. There was an increase of around **65 per cent** in the receipt of complaints out of which almost **92 per cent** have been disposed of. RBI has three **Ombudsman-Banking, Non-Banking Finance Company (i.e. NBFC) and digital transactions**. A common man can approach this Ombudsman for their grievances.

As per the RBI's report, all three received in total **3,30,543 complaints** in 19-20 as compared to **2,00,362 in 18-19**. Banking Ombudsman received major complaints regarding ATM & Debit Cards, Mobile & Electronic Banking while NBFC's Ombudsmen received most complaints about non-observance of regulatory guidelines, lack of transparency in contract/ loan agreement and levy of charges without notice.

Important Points:

- The Banking Ombudsman received major complaints regarding **ATM & Debit Cards, Mobile & Electronic Banking**.
- NBFC's Ombudsman received most complaints about non-observance of regulatory guidelines, lack of transparency in contract/ loan agreement and levy of charges without notice.
- Digital Transactions Ombudsmen received most complaints about fund transfer. RBI has taken various measures for creating awareness among various stakeholders to minimise the grievances.

- As announced in the Monetary Policy Statement last week, the three Ombudsman Schemes are being merged and integrated into a single scheme which will be rolled out starting from June this year.

Steve Smith claims Allan Border Medal for third time in his career

Former Australian captain **Steve Smith** won the **third Allan Border Medal** of his career at the Australian Cricket Awards for the period 2020-21. The Allan Border Medal recognises the most outstanding male Australian cricketer of the past season as voted by his peers, the media and umpires.

Apart from this, **Beth Mooney** bagged Belinda Clarke Award, the top honour for a female player at the Australian Cricket Awards. This is the maiden Belinda Clarke Award for Mooney.

List of 2021 Australian Cricket Awards:

- Belinda Clark Award: Beth Mooney.
- Allan Border Medal: Steve Smith.
- Men's Test Player of the Year: Pat Cummins.
- Women's One Day International Player of the Year: Rachel Haynes.
- Male One Day International Player of the Year: Steve Smith.
- Female International Twenty20 Player of the Year: Beth Mooney.
- Male International Twenty20 Player of the Year: Ashton Agar.
- Female Domestic Player of the Year: Elyse Villani.
- Male Domestic Player of the Year: Shaun Marsh.
- Betty Wilson Young Cricketer of the Year: Hannah Darlington.
- Bradman Young Cricketer of the Year: Will Sutherland.
- Community Impact Award: Joshua Lalor.
- Hall of Fame inductions: Johnny Mullagh, Merv Hughes, Lisa Sthalekar.

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World Unani Day: 11 February

World Unani Day has observed every year on **11th February**. The main objective of World Unani Day is to spread awareness about health care delivery through the Unani system of medicine through its preventive and curative philosophy. This day is celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of great Unani scholar and social reformer **Hakim Ajmal Khan**. The first Unani Day was celebrated in **2017** at **Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM), Hyderabad**.

What is the Unani system of medicine?

- The Unani system of medicine has a long and impressive record in India. It was introduced in India by the Arabs and Persians sometime around the eleventh century.
- It has the largest number of Unani educational, research and health care institutions.
- The Unani system of medicine originated in Greece. Its foundation was laid by Hippocrates.
- The system owes its present form to the Arabs who not only saved much of the Greek literature by rendering it into Arabic but also enriched the medicine of their day with their own contributions.

About Hakim Ajmal Khan:

Hakim Ajmal Khan was an eminent Indian Unani physician who was a versatile genius, a great scholar, a social reformer, a noted freedom fighter, an Unani medical educationist and founder of scientific research in Unani System of Medicine. He was one of the founders of the **Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi**.

Samarpan Diwas: Deen Dayal Upadhyay Death Anniversary

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** pays floral tribute to former **Bharatiya Jana Sangh** leader **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya** on his **53rd death anniversary** as part of 'Samarpan Diwas', in New Delhi on Feb. 11, 2021. Deendayal Upadhyaya was an Indian politician and thinker of right-wing Hindutva ideology espoused by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, and leader of the political party Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the forerunner of Bharatiya Janata Party.

National Affairs

- As per the recent data by the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**, four more states have completed the reforms in the '**Ease of Doing Business**', as stipulated by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The four states are- **Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab**.
- The Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, **Kailash Choudhry** has inaugurated the **National Horticulture Fair (NHF) 2021** on February 08, 2021, in **Bengaluru via virtual mode**. The five-day-long event has been organised by the **Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR)**, from February 8 to February 12 at its IIHR campus situated in **Hesaraghatta, Bengaluru**. The theme of NHF 2021 is '**Horticulture for Start-Up and Stand-Up India**'.
- The **Government of India** will organise the first-ever '**The India Toy Fair, 2021**' from February 27, 2021, to March 02, 2021, on a virtual platform. The official website for India Toy Fair-2021 is **www.theindiatoyfair.in**. This initiative is in line with the Prime Minister's vision of making India a global hub for the Toy Industry.

States in the News

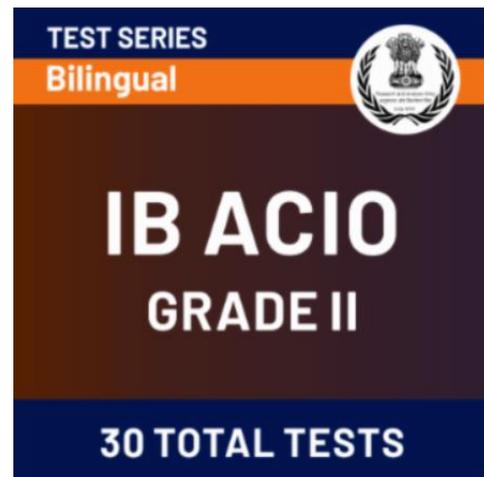
- The glacier burst took place at the **Rishiganga power project** after a portion of **Nanda Devi glacier** broke off in **Tapovan** area of **Joshimath** in **Uttarakhand's Chamoli district** on 7th February morning and damaged the **Rishiganga dam on Alaknanda river**. National Thermal Power Corporation's (NTPC) **Tapovan Vishnugad project** on **Dhauliganga river** and **Rishi Ganga Power Corporation Ltd's** project, with a planned capacity of **520 MW** and **13.2 MW**, respectively, have been nearly washed away.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the '**Asom Mala**' programme in Dhekiajuli of **Sonitpur district, Assam**. As per the PMO, this initiative will boost the state's road infrastructure and contribute to Assam's economic progress and improve connectivity.

- **Uttar Pradesh government** has introduced a system of issuing a unique **16-digit Unicode** to mark all kinds of landholdings in the state. The main purpose of the system is to check the cases of land disputes, put an end to fake registries of the disputed land and save people from falling into the trap of fraudsters.
- The health department in **Madhya Pradesh** has launched the **Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully ('SAANS') campaign**. The main purpose of the campaign is to reduce the death rate due to pneumonia among infants a strategy is being chalked out under the Social awareness campaign in which medical staff is being trained.
- The **Central government** has given its approval for the creation of a **fifth tiger reserve** in **Tamil Nadu** that will encompass the **Meghamalai and Srivilliputhur Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuaries**. It will be the **51st Tiger Sanctuary of India**.
- The **Karnataka government** issued an official gazette notification to declare **Vijayanagara** as the **31st district of the state**. The new district has been carved out of **Ballari** and named after the Vijayanagara empire that ruled from this region.
- A **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** was signed between the **Meghalaya police** and the **State Bank of India** for implementation of the e-Challan within the jurisdiction of the **Shillong Traffic Police (STP)**. The e-Challan system which will be launched in the days to come is a digital traffic enforcement solution whereby, imposing penalties on violators of traffic rules and generating of challan will be done digitally.
- **Indian Govt** and **Chhattisgarh Govt** has signed a **\$100 million** for **CHIRAAG (Chhattisgarh Inclusive Rural and Accelerated Agriculture Growth)** project with the **World bank**. The main purpose is to develop sustainable production systems that allow tribal households in remote areas of Chhattisgarh to practice round-the-year production of diversified and nutritious food.
- The state government of **Madhya Pradesh** has launched a water conservation campaign called '**Jalabhishekam**', under which more than **57,000 water structures** has been constructed. The campaign was inaugurated by the Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** virtually.

- In order to recognize the sacrifice and services rendered by the **Covid warriors** who lost their lives fighting the pandemic, the government has decided to construct a **Covid Warrior Memorial in Odisha**. The **Biju Patnaik Park** in Bhubaneswar has been selected for this purpose.

International Affairs

- President **Moon Jae-in-led**, South Korea Government has approved a plan to build the world's largest **wind power plant** in the country by **2030**. Currently, the world's largest offshore wind farm is **Hornsea 1 in Britain**, which has 1.12 GW capacity. The project will help to foster an environmentally-friendly recovery from the **COVID-19** pandemic and fasten the step to achieve the target of becoming carbon neutral by **2050**.
- The **14th International Children's Film Festival of Bangladesh (ICFFB)** came to an end in Dhaka. A total of **12 awards** were presented to the winners at the concluding ceremony. Dutch Film **Jackie and Oopjen** were awarded the **Best International Feature Film Award**. Bangladeshi film **Maati** got **The Young Talent Award** while Lottery won the Special mention under the Young Talent Award.
- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** has put a probe called Hope in the orbit around the **MARS**. UAE has become the fifth country to launch the spacecraft into the orbit of MARS after **United States, Soviet Union, Europe and India**. With the successful launch of spacecraft in orbit, UAE scientists can now study the planet's atmosphere.



- The **Pakistan Army** conducted a successful test-firing of a short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile '**Babar**' on February 11, 2021. This test was the third missile test carried out over the past three weeks.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **defence ministry** has signed a contract with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** to procure a **software-defined radio tactical (SDR-Tac) ship-borne system** worth over **Rs 1,000 crore**. The procurement of SDR-Tac (software-defined radio tactical) "will bring strategic depth to the armed forces.
- India's first-ever **geothermal power project** will be implemented by state-owned **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** at Puga village of eastern **Ladakh**. The project, known as **Geothermal Field Development Project**, will be implemented in three phases and is planned to commission by the end of **2022**.
- **Skyroot Aerospace** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Bellatrix Aerospace** to make use the **Orbital Transfer Vehicle**, being developed by Bellatrix Aerospace, in the upper stage of **Vikram series** of launch vehicles, being developed by **Skyroot**. The vehicle is expected to launch to low earth orbit in **2023 on the Vikram rocket**. The vehicle is expected to help global operators reduce time and costs for launching communication and earth observation satellites.
- **India and Afghanistan** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding MoU** over video-conferencing (VTC), for the construction of the **Shahtoot Dam (Lalander Dam)** on a tributary of the **Kabul river in Afghanistan**. The project, which costs nearly **\$ 300 million**, is a part of the New Development Partnership between India and Afghanistan.
- Digital payments platform, **PhonePe** has announced that it has partnered with **Axis Bank** on a **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** multi-bank model. The partnership will provide PhonePe users with the option to create and use multiple UPI IDs with **Axis Bank's "@axl" handle**. This collaboration with PhonePe strengthens our commitment towards digitisation of the **Indian payment ecosystem**. It

will help expand our reach to customers and the merchant community while offering secure and seamless payment experiences.

Books and Authors

- A book titled '**By Many a Happy Accident: Recollections of a Life**' has been authored by **M Hamid Ansari**. Mohammad Hamid Ansari was the **vice president of India and chairman of the Rajya Sabha** for two consecutive terms from **2007 to 2017**. A former diplomat, he served as ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan, Iran, and Saudi Arabia, as high commissioner to Australia and as permanent representative to the United Nations in New York.
- A Book titled '**Platform Scale: For a Post-Pandemic World**' has been authored by **Sangeet Paul Choudhary**. It is published by **Penguin Random House India**. It explains the importance of inner workings of platform business models and their ability to scale rapidly. The 1st edition of Platform Scale was published in **2015**.
- Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Defence and MP **Jual Oram** has launched '**Turn Around India: 2020- Surmounting Past Legacy**', a book on creating economic awareness among masses. The book is authored by **RP Gupta**.
- Actor-producer **Priyanka Chopra Jonas** officially turned author with the release of her first book, "**Unfinished: A Memoir**", which she described as "honest, raw and vulnerable". The end result is a book, published by the Michael Joseph imprint, which covers her dual-continent 20-year-long career as an actor and producer and her work as a **Unicef Goodwill Ambassador**.

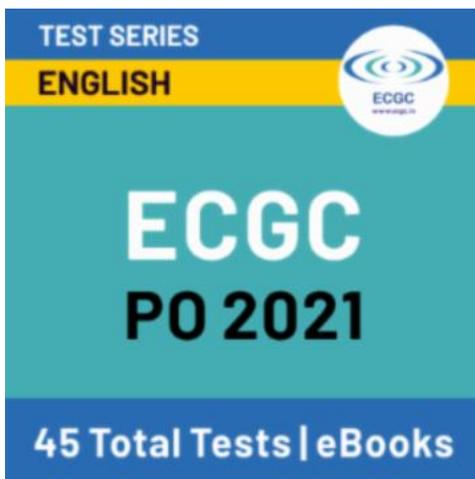
Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced that it will purchase four government securities (G-Secs) that amount to **₹20,000 crores**. The central bank will purchase it on February 10, 2021, under the **open market operations (OMOs)**. This move was announced in aftermath of the yields that were moving up to touch the intra-day high of **6.1634 per cent recently**. The RBI was concerned about the higher government borrowing.

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has launched the **Financial Literacy Week (FLW)** from February 8-12, 2021, to propagate financial education. RBI conducts Financial Literacy Week (FLW) every year **since 2016** to propagate financial education messages on a particular theme every year across the country, through a focused campaign. The theme for 2021 FLW is **"Credit Discipline and Credit from Formal Institutions"**.
- The **State Bank of India's (SBI) Economic Research Department** has revised GDP estimates of India for FY21 to **contract 7.0%**. Earlier this was estimated GDP at **-7.4%**. The SBI Research Report has retained its GDP forecast for FY22 at **11 per cent**.
- **India's growth** would bounce back to **10.4%** in the upcoming fiscal according to **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)**. FY22 would broadly be covering the lost ground of FY21. Regarding this reduced allocation to the **rural employment guarantee scheme**. The rating agency expects GDP growth to turn positive at **0.3 per cent** in the January-March quarter of FY21 after shrinking in the first nine months of the year.
- The **New Development Bank (NDB)** has committed to invest **USD 100 million** (Rs 727.6 crore), into the **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIF) Fund of Funds (FoF)**. With NDB's investment, the total commitments secured by the FoF has reached **\$800 million (about Rs 5,820 crore)**. This investment marks NDB's first equity investment into India and its first-ever investment into a Fund of Funds.
- The **Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)** will provide **USD 400 million** to the **Maldives** through **Line of Credit (LoC)** to fund the **Greater Male Connectivity Project**. The agreement under the LoC will be effective from **January 28, 2021**. The **6.7 km Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP)** will be the largest civilian infrastructure project in the Maldives, connecting Male with three neighbouring islands - **Villingili, Gulhifahu and Thilafushi**.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Google Cloud** has appointed **Bikram Singh Bedi** as the new **Managing Director** for its India Business. He will succeed **Karan Bajwa**, who has been elevated as **Vice president for the Asia Pacific (APAC) region** cloud operations at Google Cloud. At Google, Bikram Bedi will be responsible for leading Google Cloud's sales and operations teams in this dynamic market.
- Nigerian economist **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** has been chosen as the next **Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO)**. She would be the first woman as well as the first African nation to lead the organization. Okonjo-Iweala, the former finance minister of Nigeria, will succeed **Roberto Azevedo**, who stepped down in August 2020.
- The **United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** re-appointed **Michael Bloomberg** as his **Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions**. Bloomberg is the founder and owner of Bloomberg LP, the parent company of Bloomberg News. He was previously appointed as the U.N. special envoy for climate action between March 2018 and November 2019.
- **Aegon Life Insurance**, India's first digital-only life insurance company, elevated **Satishwar Balakrishnan** to be the **Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer**. Prior to joining Aegon Life, he has worked with IndiaFirst Life, Reliance Life and ICICI Prudential Life. He is a Chartered Accountant by qualification.



Defence News

- The **India-US joint military exercise "Yudh Abhyas 20"** commenced in Mahajan Field Firing Range of **Bikaner district in Rajasthan**. This is the **16th edition** of an annual bilateral joint exercise of both the armies. It will continue till the 21st of this month.
- A maiden contingent of **34 CRPF women personnel** has been inducted into its specialized **jungle warfare commando force CoBRA**. The contingent will soon be deployed in the anti-Naxal operations grid of the country. This women's contingent will undergo pre-induction training for 3 months and then deployed with the units in Naxal violence-affected districts of Chhattisgarh like Dantewada, Sukma, and Bijapur. The members of the 34 CRPF women personnel contingent have been chosen from the 6 all-women battalions of CRPF.
- The **Indian Navy** is carrying out a mega war game involving almost all operational assets like warships, submarines and aircraft over a vast geographical expanse in the **Indian Ocean Region** to test the force's combat readiness in a complex multi-dimensional scenario. The biennial **"Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX)"** aims to validate the Navy's offensive as well as defence capabilities and safeguard national interests in the maritime domain besides promoting peace and stability in the Indian Ocean.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Robert Irwin**, an **Australian** wildlife photographer, has won the first prize in the **Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award** Contest. Robert won the award for the image titled **'bushfire'**, which is the picture of the devastating **Australian Bushfire in 2020**, he captured using a drone, near the **Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve in Cape York, Queensland**. The image shows a line of fire burning in between the bushes, dividing it into parts.

- The **Bangalore International Airport Limited's (BIAL) or Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru** has bagged global recognition from the **Airports Council International World's 'Voice of the Customer' award**. The 'Voice of the Customer' recognises airports that continued to prioritise their customers and remained committed to ensuring that their voice was heard during the **Covid-19 pandemic in 2020**.
- The Tamil film **"Koozhangal"** has won **"Tiger" award**, at the **50th edition of the International Film Festival Rotterdam 2021**. The Tiger award is the top honour of the festival, given for best film. Koozhangal (meaning Pebbles) has been Produced by **Nayanthara** and directed by **Vinod Raj PS**.
- Telangana-based **Manasa Varanasi** has been crowned as the winner of **VLCC Femina Miss India World 2020**. Manasa Varanasi was crowned by the winner of Miss India 2019, **Suman Ratan Singh Rao** from Rajasthan. The 23-year-old will now represent India at the **70th Miss World pageant** in December 2021. Born in Hyderabad, Manasa Varanasi is an engineer by profession and works as a financial information exchange analyst. **Manika Sheokand** of Haryana: **Miss Grand India 2020**, **Manya Singh** of Uttar Pradesh: **Miss India 2020 runner-up**

Summit and Conference

- The **first India-European Union High-Level Dialogue** was co-chaired by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Piyush Goyal** from India side and the European Union Executive Vice-President & Trade Commissioner **Mr Valdis Dombrovskis**, from the EU side. This Dialogue was organised in line with the commitment made at the **15th India-EU Leader's Summit held in July 2020**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **World Sustainable Development Summit 2021** through video conferencing. The theme of the Summit is **'Redefining our common future: Safe and secure environment for all'**. 2021 WSD Summit is the 20th edition of the flagship event organised by **'The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)'**.

Science and Technology

- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has selected spaceflight company, **SpaceX** to launch its **SPHEREx Mission**. Through this mission, NASA aims to perform an all-sky survey to measure the near-infrared spectra of approximately **450 million** galaxies across the universe and **100 million stars inside** our **Milky Way galaxy**.
- The newly constituted **Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) Council** has approved for the establishment of the **world's largest radio telescope**. The telescope will enable astronomers to monitor the sky in unprecedented detail and survey the entire sky much faster than any system currently in existence. To look into some of the unexplored areas of the universe and seek answers about its history and evolution, study fundamental physics in extreme environments and know about galaxies over cosmic time.
- The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has announced to set up the first '**Thunderstorm Research Testbed**' of the country at **Odisha's Balasore district**. The main objective of the "Thunderstorm Research Testbed" is to minimise human fatalities and loss of property due to lightning strikes.
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has opened its **UR Rao Satellite Centre** for testing satellites developed by the private sector for the first time in its history. Two satellites, developed by the Indian startups **SpaceKidz India** and **Pixxel (incorporated as Sygyzy)** were tested at the **UR Rao Satellite Centre**.

Sports News

- **Joe Root**, the England captain, sent India on a leather hunt, becoming the **first player** in history to **score a double century in his 100th Test match**. In the process, Root also surpassed former Pakistan captain **Inzamam-Ul-Haq** as the player with the highest individual score playing the 100th Test match of his career. Inzamam had hit **184** against India in a Test match in Bengaluru in 2005, which Pakistan had won by 168 runs.

- The Indian wicketkeeper-batsman **Rishabh Pant** has won the inaugural **ICC Player of the Month award 2021**. Apart from this, **Shabnim Ismail** of **South Africa** has been named the **ICC Women's Player of the Month** following her performances across three ODIs and two T20Is in January 2021.
- Indian fast bowler **Ishant Sharma** became the **sixth Indian and third pacer** from the country to take **300 wickets** in Test cricket. The 32-year-old Ishant reached the milestone in **98 matches**, more than the other Indian bowlers in the club. Besides **Anil Kumble (619)** and **Kapil Dev (434)**, **Ravichandran Ashwin (377)** before this game), **Harbhajan Singh (417)**, and **Zaheer Khan (311)** are the other bowlers from the country who have reached the landmark.

Important Days

- The **United Nations** designated **World Pulses Day** is observed every year on **10 February**. The day has been established by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** of the United Nations to recognize the importance of pulses (dry beans, lentils, dry peas, chickpeas, lupins) as a global food. The theme, "**Nutritious Seeds for a Sustainable Future**," was decided back in 2016 when the year was nominated to be celebrated as International Year of Pulses. Since then, the theme has remained the same from 2019 to 2021.
- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** is observed globally on **11 February**. International Day of Women and Girls in Science to recognize the critical role of women and girls play in science and technology.



- The **International Epilepsy Day** is observed on the **second Monday of February** every year across the world. In 2021, the International Epilepsy Day was observed on **February 08**. The day is organised jointly by the **International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE)** and the **International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)** to raise awareness about epilepsy and highlight the kinds of problems faced by victims, their friends and family.
- In India, the **National Women's Day** is observed every year on **13 February** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Sarojini Naidu**. This year Nation celebrates its **142nd** Birth Anniversary. She was born on **February 13, 1879**. She was famous for her nickname '**Nightingale of India**' or '**Bharat Kokila**' because of her poems.
- **World Radio Day** is celebrated on **13 February** each year to recognize radio as a powerful medium, which brings people together from every corner of the globe, to promote diversity and help build a more peaceful and inclusive world. The theme of World Radio Day 2021 is "**New World, New Radio**".
- **National Productivity Day** is observed every year in **India** on **February 12**. The objective of National Productivity Council is stimulating and promoting productivity and quality consciousness across all sectors in the country.

Obituaries

- Oscar-winning actor **Christopher Plummer**, who rose to prominence for his critically-acclaimed film '**Sound of Music**', has passed away. He won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor at the age of 82 for **Beginners** (2010), becoming the oldest person to win an acting award.
- Tennis legend **Akhtar Ali**, a father figure in Indian tennis, passed away. He represented India in eight Davis Cup ties against Pakistan, Malaysia, Iran, Mexico, Japan and Monaco between 1958 and 1964.
- Founder of **Rang Vidushak** and theatre director Padma Shri **Bansi Kaul** passed away. He was born in 1949 in a Kashmiri Pandit family, Bansi Kaul was a Hindi theatre director and the founder of Rang Vidushak, a theatre group and theatre institute in Bhopal.

- Bollywood actor and Raj Kapoor's son **Rajiv Kapoor** passed away. He made his acting debut with **1983 movie Ek Jaan Hain Hum**. He gained recognition with his father's last directorial **Ram Teri Ganga Maili (1985)**.

Miscellaneous News

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has inaugurated a museum, dedicated to the life of former Army **Chief General Kodandera Subayya Thimayya**, in Karnataka. General Thimayya served as the Chief of Army Staff from 1957 to 1961. The ancestral house of General Thimayya called "**Sunny Side**" at Madikeri in Kodagu district of Karnataka has been renovated and converted into a museum.
- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has restricted the permissible amount of industrial **Trans Fatty Acid (TFA)** in food products to **2 per cent**. The latest amendment will come into effect from January **01, 2022**. Currently, the permissible limit for trans fats in food products in 2021 is **3 per cent**, cut down from the previous limit of **5 per cent**.
- The **Indian Army** has laid the foundation stone of the tallest '**Iconic National Flag**' at the famous ski-resort of **Gulmarg** in **Jammu and Kashmir**. The flag will be on a **100 feet-high pole**, the highest Tricolour in the Valley. The Indian Army in collaboration with the Solar Industry India will install the '**Iconic National Flag**' at Gulmarg.
- The **Delhi cabinet** has approved "**Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha**" in which Rs **5,000** will be provided to **1,000** meritorious students of **Class 9** in schools of Delhi as a science scholarship. The scholarship will provide a boost to science education in secondary classes at the school level. According to the release, the students studying in Delhi schools who have secured more than 60 per cent in Class 8 are eligible for the examination. Students belonging to SC, ST, PH, or OBC category will be given a relaxation of up to 5 per cent of marks.

Static Takeaways

- ICAR Director: Trilochan Mohapatra.
- Headquarters of ICAR: New Delhi.
- ICAR founded: 16 July 1929.
- South Korea Capital: Seoul.
- South Korea Currency: South Korean won.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- President of Bangladesh: Abdul Hamid.
- President of UAE: Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- Capital of UAE: Abu Dhabi; Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham.
- President of Pakistan: Arif Alvi.
- Prime Minister of Pakistan: Imran Khan.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Assam CM: Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Assam Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow.
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister: Edappadi K. Palaniswami.
- Tamil Nadu Governor: Banwarilal Purohit.
- Tamil Nadu State Dance: Bharathanatyam.
- Chief Minister of Karnataka: B.S. Yediyurappa; Governor: Vajubhai Vala.
- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong.
- Meghalaya Governor: Satya Pal Malik.
- Meghalaya Chief minister: Conrad Sangma.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington DC, United States.
- World Bank President: David Malpass.
- World Bank Founded: July 1944.
- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel; Governor: Anusuya Uikay.
- Bharat Electronics Limited Chairman & Managing Director: M V Gowtama.
- Bharat Electronics Limited Headquarters: Bengaluru.
- Bharat Electronics Limited Founded: 1954.
- ONGC Energy Centre Chairman & Managing Director: Shashi Shanker.
- ONGC Energy Centre Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh: Radha Krishna Mathur.
- Founder and CEO of Skyroot Aerospace: Pawan Kumar Chandana.
- Skyroot Aerospace Founded: 12 June 2018.
- Skyroot Aerospace Headquarters location: Hyderabad.
- Afghanistan Capital: Kabul.
- Afghanistan President: Ashraf Ghani.
- Afghanistan Currency: Afghan afghani.
- Afghanistan Official languages: Pashto, Dari.
- CEO of Phonepe: Sameer Nigam
- Headquarters location of Phonepe: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- MD & CEO of India Ratings and Research: Rohit Karan Sawhney.
- India Ratings and Research Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Sujoy Bose.
- National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- New Development Bank Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Anton Siluanov (Russia).
- New Development Bank Headquarters: Shanghai, China.
- Export-Import Bank of India CEO: David Rasquinha.
- Export-Import Bank of India Founded: 1 January 1982.
- Export-Import Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- President of the Maldives: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.
- Capital of Maldives: Male; Currency of the Maldives: Maldivian Rufiyaa.
- CEO of Google: Sundar Pichai; Headquarters: California, United States.
- World Trade Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.

- World Trade Organization Founded: 1 January 1995.
- Aegon Life Insurance is headquartered in Mumbai.
- Aegon Life Insurance Founded in 2008.
- Central Reserve Police Force Director-General: AP Maheshwari.
- Central Reserve Police Force Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- European Union (EU) Headquarters location: Brussels, Belgium.
- European Union (EU) Founded: 1 November 1993.
- European Parliament President: David-Maria Sassoli.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Head: Qu Dongyu.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Established: 16 October 1945.
- UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France.
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay.
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945.
- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.
- Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- FSSAI Chairperson: Rita Teatota.
- FSSAI Chief Executive Officer: Arun Singhal.
- FSSAI Founded: August 2011.
- FSSAI Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal; Governor of Delhi: Anil Bajjal.
- Acting Administrator of NASA: Steve Jurczyk.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.
- India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director-General: Mrutyunjay Mohapatra.
- India Meteorological Department Founded: 1875.
- India Meteorological Department Headquarters: Mausam Bhavan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik.
- Odisha Capital: Bhubaneswar.
- Odisha Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- Director-General of National Productivity Council: Arun Kumar Jha.
- National Productivity Council of India established: 1958.
- National Productivity Council of India HQ: New Delhi.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- ISRO Chairman: K. Sivan.
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ISRO established: 15 August 1969.



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