

## NATIONAL WEEKLY (18 - 25 September)

### ❖ RURAL INDIA'S SEX RATIO WOMENS AS ACCESS TO SELECTION TECH WIDNES

1. At the all-India's level, rural areas continue to have higher sex ratio at birth (SRB) but several states no longer fit this pattern.
2. As many as 10 of the 22 larger states bucked this pattern in 2018

State	Sex ratio at birth		
	Rural	Urban	Total
Andhra Pradesh	890	924	912
Assam	905	914	908
Bihar	939	936	938
Chhattisgarh	950	926	939
Delhi	913	925	924
Gujarat	914	889	897
Haryana	901	904	903
Himachal Pradesh	926	929	928
Jammu & Kashmir	967	927	952
Jharkhand	885	843	871
Karnataka	951	935	938
Kerala	967	961	963
Madhya Pradesh	897	903	901
Maharashtra	902	920	916
Odisha	911	911	911
Punjab	898	891	892
Rajasthan	882	916	901
Tamil Nadu	901	939	930
Telangana	921	925	924
Uttar Pradesh	930	907	922
Uttarakhand	962	938	948
West Bengal	984	930	958
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>921</b>

### ❖ MEXICO ISSUES WORLD'S FIRST SOVEREIGN BOND

1. Mexico has become the first country in the world to issue a sovereign bond linked to the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations.

### ❖ CHIEF VIKAS KHANNA HONOURED WITH ASIA GAME CHANGER AWARD 2020

1. Chief Vikas Khanna has been honoured with the prestigious Asia Game Changer Award 2020.
2. This award is given to him for feeding millions of people across India in the COVID-19 pandemic through a massive food distribution drive 'Feed India'.
3. He is the only Indian among the six honourees named by the leading organisation. He coordinated his massive food distribution drive in India from thousands of miles away in his Manhattan home in New York.

### ❖ **IMD'S GLOBAL SMART CITY INDEX 2020**

1. The Institute for Management Development, in collaboration with Singapore University for Technology and Design (SUTD), has released the Smart City Index 2020.
2. In 2020 Smart City Index, 109 cities were surveyed. The index ranks cities based on economic and technological data, as well as by their citizens' perceptions of how "smart" their cities are.
3. The index has been topped by Singapore, followed by Helsinki and Zurich as top three smart cities.
4. In the 2020 Smart City Index, Hyderabad was the top Indian city, placed at the 85th position. The Indian cities have witnessed a significant drop in their rankings in the Smart City Index 2020.

### ❖ **INDIA HAPPINESS REPORT 2020 ANNOUNCED**

1. The first all India Happiness Report 2020 covering all States and Union Territories measuring happiness across the country, what contributes to people's happiness, the impact of COVID-19 on happiness, and insights from thought leaders. The study is based on a nationwide survey covering 16,950 people between March and July 2020 by Professor Rajesh K Pillania.
2. Overall happiness ranking of states and union territories:
  - a. Mizoram
  - b. Punjab
  - c. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
3. Maharashtra, Delhi, and Haryana have shown the worst possible impact of COVID-19 on happiness, whereas Pondicherry and Jammu and Kashmir are neutral and Manipur, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep have shown the best possible impact of COVID-19 on happiness.

### ❖ **A NEW BOOK TITLED "AZADI" AUTHORED BY ARUNDHATI ROY**

1. The essay collection includes meditations on language and roles of fiction and alternative imaginations amid global pandemic due to COVID-19.

### ❖ **UDIT SINGHAL NAMED IN UN'S 2020 LIST OF YOUNG LEADERS**

1. Indian teenager Udit Singhal has been named in the 2020 Class of 17 Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
2. He has been named in the 2020 list of young leaders who promote sustainable development goals.
3. Udit Singhal is the founder of Glass2Sand, an initiative that is based on a zero-waste ecosystem to tackle the challenge of glass waste in Delhi.
4. This initiative has prevented empty glass bottles of getting dumped into landfills and turned it into sands, making it commercially viable.

### ❖ **INDIAN BEACHES RECOMMENDED FOR 'BLUE FLAG' ECO-LABEL**

1. The eight beaches selected for Blue flag certification are
  1. Shivrajpur in Gujarat
  2. Ghoghla in Daman & Diu
  3. Kasarkod in Karnataka
  4. Padubidri beach in Karnataka
  5. Kappad in Kerala
  6. Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh
  7. The golden beach of Odisha

8. Radhanagar beach in Andaman and Nicobar
2. What is Blue Flag certification?
  - The Blue Flag certificate is an internationally recognized eco-label given by 'Foundation for Environment Education, Denmark'.
  - Blue Flag beaches are considered the benchmark for clean and hygienic beaches in the world.

#### ❖ **INDIA RANKED 116TH IN THE WORLD BANK'S HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX**

1. World Bank released the report titled "The Human Capital Index 2020 Update: Human Capital in the Time of COVID-19".
2. The Human Capital Index (HCI) 2020 is a collaboration between the Human Development Practice Group and the Development Economics Group of the World Bank.
3. India has been ranked at the 116th position among 174 countries in the Human Capital Index 2020.

#### ❖ **PM MODI TO INAUGURATE VAIBHAV SUMMIT ON 2ND OCTOBER 2020**

1. The month-long Summit will provide a platform to leverage the expertise and knowledge of global Indian researchers for solving emerging challenges and create an ecosystem of Knowledge and Innovation in the country through global outreach.
2. The VAIBHAV Summit is a joint initiative of all S&T and Academic Organisations of India (working in Research, Academic and Scientific fields) to enable deliberations on thought processes, practices and R&D culture with a problem-solving approach for well-defined objectives.

#### ❖ **PM Modi awarded Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for medical Education**

1. Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi has been awarded the Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education.
2. He has been awarded the prestigious award for "using the COVID-19 pandemic to teach the world that politicians can have a more immediate effect on life and death than scientists and doctors can".
3. PM Modi is the second Indian Prime Minister to be honoured with the Ig Nobel Prize. Prior to this, Atal Bihari Vajpayee was awarded in 1998.

#### ❖ **SIMANCHALA DASH APPOINTED AS ADVISOR TO IMF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved the proposal to appoint Simanchala Dash as an advisor to Executive Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington.
2. He has been appointed for a period of three years.
3. Headquarters of IMF: Washington, D.C., United States. Managing Director of IMF: Kristalina Georgieva.

#### ❖ **INDIAN NAVY CONDUCTS PASSAGE EXERCISE WITH ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY**

1. The Indian Navy (IN) has commenced a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in the East Indian Ocean Region.
2. The Passage Exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability, improving understanding and imbibing best practices from each other.

❖ **A BOOK TITLED “VOICES OF DISSENT” AUTHORED BY ROMILA THAPAR**

1. The book is set to publish in October 2020. The book is a historical essay that explores dissent, including its articulation and public response to its forms, with a focus on the recent protest in India against the citizenship law and the National Register of Citizens.

❖ **PM MODI IN TIME MAGAZINE’S ‘100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF 2020’ LIST**

1. Time Magazine has released the TIME 100 Most Influential People List 2020. Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi is the only politician on the list.
2. He has been named in this for the fourth time since coming in power in 2014.

❖ **INDIA’S KHUSHI CHINDALIYA APPOINTED AS UNEP REGIONAL AMBASSADOR**

1. A 17-year-old girl, Khushi Chindaliya has been appointed as Regional Ambassador for India by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)- Tunza Eco-Generation.
2. In her new role, Khushi will raise awareness about climate change and the importance of environmental conservation and the need to safeguard environmental treasures.

❖ **DRDO SUCCESSFULLY TEST FIRES ABHYAS FROM ODISHA**

1. Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted a successful flight test of ABHYAS, a High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from the Interim Test Range, Balasore in Odisha.
2. ABHYAS can be used as a target for evaluation of various missile systems. ABHYAS has been designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) of the DRDO.

❖ **‘KRITAGYA’ HACKATHON BY NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECT OF ICAR**

1. A hackathon named “KRITAGYA” has been planned by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP).
2. This hackathon has been planned to promote potential technology solutions for enhancing farm mechanization with special emphasis on women friendly equipments. Students, faculties and innovators/entrepreneurs from any university / technical institution across the country can apply and participate in the event in the form of a group.
3. “KRITAGYA” will give an opportunity to the students, faculties, entrepreneurs, innovators and other stakeholders to showcase their innovative approaches and technology solutions to promote farm mechanization in India.
4. It will also help in enhancing the learning capabilities, innovations and disruptive solutions, employability and entrepreneurial drive in Farm Mechanization sector.

❖ **GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED YUWAAH, A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PLATFORM TO MAKE YOUNG PEOPLE CAREER READY**

1. Support young people by providing entrepreneurship classes, both online and offline, with successful entrepreneurs and experts.
2. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) have signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with Generation Unlimited (GenU), a global multi-stakeholder platform in India, to establish YuWaah, to make young people career ready.

❖ **SHIVANGI SINGH**

1. Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is set to become India's first woman fighter pilot to fly the Rafale aircraft.

❖ **YAMIN HAZARIKA AWARD**

1. Historian-author Rana Safvi has been conferred Yamin Hazarika award, an award instituted in memory of Yamin Hazarika, the first woman from the Northeast to join the central police service.

## MADHYA PRADESH WEEKLY (18 - 25 September)

### ❖ MADHYA PRADESH CM TO LAUNCH MUKHYAMANTRI KISAN KALYAN YOJANA IN BHOPAL



1. The scheme has been prepared on the lines of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.
2. In the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, farmers are paid 6 thousand rupees in 3 equal installments in a year. Under the Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan yojna, the Samman Nidhi of 4 thousand rupees will be given by the state government in 2 equal installments to the beneficiary farmers of PM Kisan samman Nidhi Yojana.
3. In this way, every farmer will now get a total of 10 thousand rupees per year as samman nidhi in Madhya Pradesh.
4. Meanwhile, the state government transferred Rs 40 crore 52 lakhs to the account of more than 16 thousand meritorious students for purchasing laptops at the rate of Rs 25 thousand per student yesterday. Talented Students Promotion Scheme was started in 2009. Students who scored more than 85 percent marks in the Class XII examination are provided funds to buy laptops. This year, around 40 thousand students are being given more than Rs 101 crore in this scheme.

### ❖ MP: ELEPHANTS ENJOY WEEK-LONG REJUVENATION CAMP AT BANDHAVGARH

1. In Madhya Pradesh, fifteen elephants deployed for various tasks in the state's Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve are on a unique week-long picnic these days.
2. This picnic is organized every year as an annual Elephant Festival. The rejuvenation camp for elephants began on Monday, giving them a break from their routine work.
3. The elephants are being given their favourite food and massages by Neem and other oils during the rejuvenation week. Public participation has been limited this year in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Under this scheme, any person can adopt an elephant for a day or a month. Interested individuals will have to incur fixed expenses of medicines and food of a pachyderm for that duration.

❖ **MADHYA PRADESH CM DEPOSITS INTEREST-FREE LOAN AMOUNT OF RS 10,000 EACH IN ACCOUNTS OF RURAL STREET VENDORS**



1. The Mukhyamantri Street Vendor Scheme has been made for the street vendors residing in the villages and towns of Madhya Pradesh on the lines of the Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana launched for urban street vendors by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
2. Under the Mukhyamantri Street Vendor Scheme, working capital of up to 10 thousand rupees will be provided by the bank without any guarantee and interest for small businessmen between 18 and 55 years of age. This loan will have to be repaid within a year.
3. On payment of loan on time, interest free loans of up to 20 thousand rupees will be available under the scheme for business next year. Apart from this, the beneficiary will also get an incentive of 1,200 rupees for making digital payment.

❖ **MADHYA PRADESH: POOR & NEEDY FAMILIES BEING PROVIDED FREE FOOD GRAINS UNDER PMGKAY**



1. In Madhya Pradesh, poor and needy families are being provided free food grains under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana. In Khandwa district, lakhs of people are getting benefits of this on a large scale.
2. Khandwa District Food and Supplies Officer RK Shukla said that under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, free food grains are being distributed to about 2.5 lakh families in Khandwa district from April till now.
3. Under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat yojna, 700 families are getting free food grains. The beneficiaries are also very happy with this scheme.
4. There were 14 thousand 868 families in Khandwa who did not have ration cards, as well as 10 thousand 484 families did not have eligibility slips, but they are also being provided free food grains under this scheme.

❖ **ADB APPROVES USD 570 MN LOANS FOR URBAN PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN, MADHYA PRADESH**

1. ADB said it has approved a USD 300 million loan to develop Rajasthan's secondary towns and a USD 270 million loan for Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Project.
2. In another statement, ADB said it has approved a USD 270 million loan for construction of water supply and integrated storm water and sewage management infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh.
3. The loan is an additional financing intended to scale up the scope of the Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Project, which was approved in 2017 with a USD 275 million loan.

❖ **SHIFTING OF DEER TO MAINTAIN ECOLOGICAL PYRAMID IN NATIONAL PARKS OF MADHYA PRADESH**

1. Translocation of 3,000 spotted deer from Bandhavgarh and Pench Tiger Reserves to three other national parks and a wild sanctuary in the state has started to ensure there is prey for tigers.
2. "The decision of translocation of the spotted deer was taken in early September to cater to the tigers' prey in Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Sidhi, Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary in Damoh and Satpura Tiger Reserve in Hoshangabad. The population of tigers in these national parks and wildlife sanctuaries have risen in the past few years. But the population of their prey has not increased in equal proportion.
3. The population of deer in national parks and wildlife sanctuaries should be 40 per square (sq) kilometre (km) and 35 or less per sq km, respectively.
4. In the absence of adequate prey, the tigers can move out of their natural habitat and hunt domestic animals in adjoining villages, leading to human and tiger conflict.

❖ **NTPC PLANS INDUSTRIAL PARKS**

1. State-run NTPC Ltd wants to attract energy-intensive manufacturing units with inducements and benefits as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat or self-reliant India strategy.
2. These industrial parks, meant for Indian firms, will initially be set up on pilot basis at NTPC's plants at Solapur (Maharashtra), Kudgi (Karnataka) and Gadarwara (Madhya Pradesh). NTPC will provide electricity at competitive prices in these plants, helping cut production costs for firms that move in.

❖ **IN MP'S SAGAR DISTRICT, GOVT ORDERS REGULATION OF 'RADIUM CUTTER' SALE AFTER CRIME SPIKES**

1. Police said that between January and August 90 cases were reported in Sagar in which criminals used radium cutters to attack or terrorise people.

❖ **MP TRIBALS TO RECEIVE PATTAS: SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN**

1. Chouhan distributed vanadhikar patras and also released the Vandhikar Pustika and interacted with the beneficiaries.
2. The government is going to distribute forest rights pattas to 23,000 beneficiaries.



❖ **FOLK STORY 'RAJA BHRITRIHARI' PRESENTED UNDER ABHINAYAN SERIES ON STM'S YOU TUBE CHANNEL**

1. The folk story 'Raja Bhrithrihari' was presented under Abhinayan series on Friday at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum Youtube Channel.
2. The play was presented in Maach style under the direction of Jitendra Tattwal, Ujjain. In the traditional Loknatya style (mach) of Malwa, depict the legend of Raja Bhartrihari who became a saint after abandoning the kingdom of Ujjain.

❖ **STORYTELLING COMPETITION HELD ON 12TH DAY OF 'TOORNAYAD'**

1. The storytelling competition was organized on the 12th day of Toornayad '20. The competition was held at Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT) on Friday.
2. In the first phase under the story-telling and narration, all the participants wrote and sent their story in the form of movies. Many students from all over the country participated in this competition. The 15 contestants selected for the final phase presented several poignant and enlightening stories.

❖ **IGRMS HOLD WEB LECTURE ON 'THE MAHATMA AND THE TRIBES OF INDIA'**

1. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya on Friday organised a lecture to commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatama Gandhi.

❖ **MP GOVT REVIVES SAMBAL YOJANA, GIVES RS 80 CR TO 3,700 BENEFICIARIES**

1. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that Madhya Pradesh Government considers welfare of the poor as paramount. A practical scheme like Sambal which supports the needy and poor through equitable distribution of resources, was discontinued by the former Government. The implementation of the Sambal Yojana, which provides financial assistance from the period before birth to conditions of untimely death, will now continue.
2. Chief Minister Chouhan transferred ex-gratia amount of Rs 80 crore to the account of 3700 beneficiaries of Sambal Yojana .

❖ **CM LAUNCHES 'EK JILA EK UTPAD' SCHEME**

1. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that under the Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh, 'Ek Jila –Ek Utpad' (One District-One Product) scheme has been launched in the State. Under this, one product of each district will be promoted by publicizing it at a wide scale.
2. Chouhan said that office of the Madhya Pradesh Atmanirbhar Krishi Mission has been set up at State level to encourage the establishment of agricultural products' units.

❖ **INDIAN OIL LAUNCHES CHECK & FILL CAMPAIGN**

1. To reassure our customers about Quality & Quantity (Q&Q) of Petrol and Diesel being sold at retail outlets (ROs) Indian Oil has launched a Check & Fill campaign at its 50 automated ROs in Bhopal. It will be operated initially up to September 26, 2020 and will be further extended based on customer response.

❖ **'SANGEET PRASANG' HELD**

1. Observing the death anniversary of Pandit Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande, a one-day 'Sangeet Prasang' was organised online on Saturday. It was organised by Department of Culture, Madhya Pradesh.

❖ **POWER OF A WOMAN SHOULD NEVER BE UNDERESTIMATED'**

1. The power of a woman should never be underestimated, when she raises in power, she brings positive changes. This was seen in the play 'Kunti Ka Paritap.' The play was presented at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum Youtube Channel on Saturday marking the second day of three day theatre festival.
2. '**Kunti ki Paritap**', written by Dr. Ram Kumar Verma is about Kunti. Kunti is the lady who knows the meaning of service in the form of sacrifice and remains consumed in her service.

❖ **BHOJPURI PLAY 'BIDESIYA' SCREENED ON MPSTM'S YOU TUBE CHANNEL**

1. Bidesiya is a Bhojpuri play by Bhojpuri playwright Bhikhari Thakur. It is one of the several plays written by Bhikhari Thakur on women empowerment, migration and poverty. Owing to its popularity it becomes the folk theatre style of Bhojpuri region.

❖ **MCNUJC TO LAUNCH COMMUNITY RADIO AT NEW CAMPUS**

1. The Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal will soon establish a community radio at its upcoming new campus at Bishankhedi in Bhopal. New Vice Chancellor Prof KG Suresh announced.

❖ **CHOUHAN INAUGURATES MANY INITIATIVES ON PM'S BIRTHDAY**

1. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh while commencing the milk distribution in the State, inaugurated the statewide 'Poshan Mahotsav. Chief Minister Chouhan transferred an amount of Rs 75.55 crore by single click in the accounts of 3 lakh 56 thousand 443 beneficiaries of the Ladli Laxmi Yojana.
2. While releasing the State Level Nutritional Management Strategy, he administered a pledge of nutrition to the citizens of the state. He also dedicated 601 new aanganwadi buildings on the occasion.
3. The next whole week will be observed as 'Gharib Kalyan' Week.
4. Chouhan inaugurated the 'Gharib Kalyan' Week from the Statewide Poshan Mahotsav. The Mahotsav was celebrated simultaneously at more than 97,000 Aanganwadi centres.
5. Programmes were organized at 23,922 gram panchayat headquarters, more than 6 thousand wards of 376 urban bodies, 313 janpad panchayats and district headquarters. Village nutritional management strategy in Gram Panchayats and ward nutritional management strategy in wards were released.
6. The State Government has decided to conduct programmes for the welfare of the people under 'Gharib Kalyan' Week. Chouhan said that the work is being started on Poshan Sarkar through nutritional management strategy. We believe that it is necessary to connect the society in the fight against malnutrition. In this regard, Annapurna Panchayat will be set up in every village.

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