

NATIONAL WEEKLY (24 - 31 October)

BASIC EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT (BECA)

1. India and the United States signed the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA).
2. BECA, along with the two agreements signed earlier — the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) and the Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) — completes a troika of “foundational pacts” for deep military cooperation between the two countries.
3. BECA will help India get real-time access to American geospatial intelligence that will enhance the accuracy of automated systems and weapons like missiles and armed drones.

DR. TULSI DAS CHUGH AWARD

1. CSIR-CDRI Scientist, Dr Satish Mishra bags "Dr. Tulsi Das Chugh Award-2020" given by National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) in recognition of his research work on Malaria parasite's life cycle.

UNITED AGAINST CORONA- EXPRESS THROUGH ART

1. A six year old Bangladeshi boy Anzar Mustaeen Ali won a special prize of USD 1000 for his artwork in the global art competition organised by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).

FENI BRIDGE

1. The bridge is being built over the Feni River and will connect Tripura with Chittagong port of Bangladesh.



INDIA-US 2+2 MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE

1. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held the third edition of the 2+2 talks with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Secretary of Defense Mark Esper.

INDIA-AUSTRALIA CIRCULAR ECONOMY HACKATHON (I-ACE)

1. AIM (Atal Innovation Mission), in association with CSIRO, is organizing a two-day hackathon on circular economy, 'India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)', on 7 and 8 December.

PM SWANIDHI SCHEME

1. Uttar Pradesh government has secured the first rank in central government's the PM Atmanirbhar Nidhi Scheme (SVANidhi Scheme) by approving the highest number of loans under the scheme in the country.

KISAN SURYODAYA YOJANA

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Kisan Suryodaya Yojana in Gujarat for providing 16 hours of power supply to farmers.

FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (or INDUSTRY 4.0)

1. IIT Kharagpur and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) have jointly developed a novel Industry 4.0 technology for remotely controlled factory operations and real-time quality correction during industrial production in a bid to deliver quality output at low costs.
2. The Fourth Industrial Revolution refers to how technologies like artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles and the internet of things are merging with humans' physical lives.

COMPARISON WITH EARLIER INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTIONS?

1. The First Industrial Revolution started in Britain around 1760. It was powered by a major invention: the steam engine. The steam engine enabled new manufacturing processes, leading to the creation of factories.
2. The Second Industrial Revolution came roughly one century later and was characterized by mass production in new industries like steel, oil and electricity. The light bulb, telephone and internal combustion engine were some of the key inventions of this era.

3. The inventions of the semiconductor, personal computer and the internet marked the Third Industrial Revolution starting in the 1960s. This is also referred to as the “Digital Revolution.”
4. The Fourth Industrial Revolution is different from the third for two reasons: the gap between the digital, physical and biological worlds is shrinking, and technology is changing faster than ever.

APURVA CHANDRA

1. After 35 years, India has assumed the Chairmanship of the Governing Body of International Labour Organization.
2. Apurva Chandra, Secretary (Labour and Employment) has been elected as the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for the period October 2020- June 2021.

NTPC RANKS 1ST AMONG INDIAN PSUS IN FORBES’ WORLD’S BEST EMPLOYER 2020

1. National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has featured on the top on the list of Indian PSUs under the ‘World’s Best Employer 2020’, published by Forbes.

UNION MINISTER HARDEEP SINGH PURI LAUNCHES ‘E-DHARTI GEO PORTAL’

1. Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the ‘e-Dharti Geo Portal’ to integrate legacy drawings such as maps and lease plans in the management information system and make its geographic information system (GIS)-enabled.

HARYANA TOPS ANEMIA MukT BHARAT INDEX IN COUNTRY

1. Haryana is the best State in Anemia MukT Bharat (AMB) Index with 46.7 among 29 states in the country. Further, in the year 2019-20, the state had achieved 93 per cent of immunization.
UP Govt to establish anti-human trafficking Police Stations
2. Uttar Pradesh Government has decided to establish anti-human trafficking Police Stations in each and every district in a major step towards the security of women and children.

KERALA BECOMES THE FIRST STATE TO FIX FLOOR PRICE FOR VEGETABLES

1. The floor price will be 20 per cent above the production cost of the vegetable. Even if the market price goes below the floor price, the product will be procured at the floor price from the farmers.
2. This is the first time in the country that the floor price is being fixed for vegetables produced in the state.

PRESIDENT LAUNCHES VIRTUAL FESTIVAL OF 'PARAMPARA SERIES 2020

1. Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu has launched the virtual festival of “Parampara Series 2020-National Festival of Music and Dance” organised by Natya Tarangini in partnership with the United Nations. Natya Tarangini has been organising this for the past 23 years.

JAPAN TO ACHIEVE ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS BY 2050

1. Japanese Prime Minister, Yoshihide Suga has stated that the country will achieve zero carbon emissions by 2050.

YASHVARDHAN K. SINHA APPOINTED AS NEW CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

1. Government of India has approved the name of Former Foreign Service officer, Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha as the new Chief Information Commissioner.

MADHYA PRADESH WEEKLY (24 - 31 October)

MADHYA PRADESH: MOBILE POLLING UNITS GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR FOR FIRST TIME FOR COLLECTION OF BALLOT PAPERS

1. In Madhya Pradesh, the Mobile Polling Units are going door-to-door for the first time for collection of ballot papers. By-elections are being held for 28 State Legislative Assembly seats in the state.
2. In view of the Corona pandemic, the Election Commission has provided the facility to the elderly people above the age of 80, Divyangjan and Corona-infected patients to vote from home through postal ballot.

EVERESTER BHAWNA DEHARIYA CREATES GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

1. Indian Mountaineer Bhawna Dehariya, who scaled Mount Everest in 2019, has created Guinness World Records by participating in various record events and promoting the Indian Himalayan Mountain range worldwide.
2. Bhawna Dehariya is an Indian mountaineer who hails from small tribal-dominated village of Tamia, Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh.
3. On May 22, 2019, she brought laurels to the country by successfully conquering Mount Everest—the tallest peak of the world. She hoisted the Tricolour atop the snow-covered Himalaya.

BHEL INAUGURATES VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK'20; VENDOR REDRESSAL SYSTEM LAUNCHED

1. The inauguration and pledge taking ceremony of Vigilance Awareness Week -2020 was organized on Tuesday at Administrative Building of BHEL Bhopal.
2. In addition, the online vendor complaint redressal system- Suvidha, Do's & Dont's based on BHEL's Purchase or Works policy and 30th edition of Vigilance E-magazine Disha was launched.

WEBINAR ON 'DHARAMPAL: BHARTIYA SHIKSHA PADDHATI KI PUNAH KHOJ KARNE WALE ITIHAASKAR' HELD

1. An International webinar on the topic 'Dharampal: Bhartiya Shiksha Paddhati Ki Punah Khoj Karne Wale Itihaaskar' was organised under the joint aegis of Madhya Pradesh Culture Department, Directorate of Swaraj Sansthan and Dharmapala Shodhpeeth, on the occasion of the 14th death anniversary of renowned Gandhian, Thinker and Historian Dharampal, on 24 October.

MADHYA PRADESH READY WITH 4 HABITATS FOR TRANSLOCATION OF AFRICAN CHEETAHS

1. A committee appointed by the Supreme Court will visit Madhya Pradesh next week to survey the suitable habitats for the cheetah as the government tries reintroduce the spotted cat almost 70 years after it was hunted to extinction in the country.
2. The Madhya Pradesh forest department, which was initially vying for translocation of the cheetahs in Kuno National Park in Sheopur district and Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary in Damoh district in 2012, has now added two more locations – Madhav National Park in Shivpuri district and Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Mandsaur district.
