
NATIONAL WEEKLY (08 - 13 November)

HUNAR HAAT

1. Hunar Haat will restart from November 11, 2020 after a gap of about seven months due to the Corona pandemic.
2. Minority Affairs Minister will inaugurate the Hunar Haat at Delhi Haat at Pitampura. The theme of this event is Vocal for Local where indigenous exquisite products made from Maati (clay), Metal and Machiya (wooden and jute products) will be the major attraction.
3. **Objective:** Hunar Haat is being organised across the country by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under a mission to provide market and opportunity to master artisans and craftsmen.

INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL (ITAT)

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the state-of-the-art office-cum-residential complex of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) at Cuttack on 11th November, 2020.

15th FINANCE COMMISSION

1. The Fifteenth Finance Commission (XVFC) led by Chairman N K Singh, submitted its Report for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 to the President of India.
2. As per the terms of reference (ToR), the Commission was mandated to give its recommendations for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26 by 30 October, 2020.
3. Terms Of Reference (TOR):
 - The Commission was asked to give its recommendations on many unique and wide-ranging issues in its terms of reference.
 - Apart from the vertical and horizontal tax devolution, local government grants, disaster management grant, the Commission was also asked to examine and recommend performance incentives for States in many areas like power sector, adoption of DBT, solid waste management etc.
 - The Commission was also asked to examine whether a separate mechanism for funding of defence and internal security ought to be set up and if so how such a mechanism could be operationalised.

U.S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

1. Democrat Joe Biden has been declared the winner of the 2020 US presidential election, defeating Donald Trump, to become the 46th President of the United States.
2. With the declaration of Joe Biden as the President-Elect based on the projections of the electoral votes, Democratic Party candidate Kamala Harris has also secured her position as the first woman to be the Vice President of the USA.
3. Harris, is also credited to be the first woman of Indian-American and African-American origin to be a member of the United States Senate.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S LIST OF TOP 2 PER CENT SCIENTISTS

1. Stanford University has recently released a list that represents the top 2 per cent of the most-cited scientists in various disciplines. The exhaustive list has 1,59,683 persons with nearly 1,500 Indians in it.
2. In the exhaustive list of 1,59,683 persons, 1,492 Indians have found a place, with a majority of them being from IITs and IISc and other top institutes.
3. There were 16 Indian scientists who are ranked 30 or higher in the world, in their respective fields.

4. In the field of Nuclear & Particle Physics, there are two Indians: Ashoke Sen (ranked 13) and T. Padmanabhan (ranked 24).
5. There are two Indian in the field of Inorganic and Nuclear Chemistry: Prof Gautam Desiraju, (ranked 2) and CNR Rao (ranked 3) close to the top.
6. Biotechnology also has two names: Dr Ashok Pandey, (ranked 8) and Dr S Venkata Mohan, (rank 29).

BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)

1. India ranks third and fifth from the bottom respectively among countries where 19-year-old girls and boys have a low Body Mass Index (BMI), according to a study in The Lancet to be published.
2. BMI is measured as the weight in kg divided by the square of the height in metres. World Health Organization guidelines define a normal BMI range as 18.5 to 24.9, overweight as 25 or higher, and obesity as 30 or higher.
3. The mean BMI of 19-year-old boys is 20.1 in India, compared to a high of 29.6 in the Cook Islands and a low of 19.2 in Ethiopia. For Indian girls, the mean BMI is again 20.1, compared to a high of 29.0 in Tonga and a low of 19.6 in Timor-Leste.
4. The mean height of Indian 19-year-olds is 166.5 cm for boys and 155.2 cm for girls, well below the high of Netherlands boys (183.8 cm) and girls (170 cm).

GOV-TECH-THON 2020

1. Gov-Tech-Thon 2020, a 36 hours, pan-India virtual hackathon organized by IEEE, National Informatics Centre (NIC) and Oracle, under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, witnessed a successful conclusion on 1st November, 2020.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM

1. Union Minister of Education announced the Centre of Excellence for Indian Knowledge System to be set up at IIT Kharagpur.

• MANIPUR'S GYANENDRO NINGOMBAM BECOMES NEW PRESIDENT OF HOCKEY INDIA

'BULL STRIKE' TRISERVICE EXERCISE

1. Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) has conducted a three-day Tri-Service Combat Exercise code-named "Bull Strike" at Teressa Island in Nicobar Group of Islands.
2. The exercise focussed on interoperability and synergy among three services – Army, Navy and Air Force to maximise combat potential.

TWO-DAY JOINT COASTAL SECURITY EXERCISE 'SAGAR KAVACH' BEGINS

1. A two-day joint coastal security exercise, "Sagar Kavach" was launched at Paradip Coast, Odisha. The exercise is being carried out by a joint effort of the state of Odisha and West Bengal governments.
2. The main purpose of the exercise is to carry out the exercise on the coast of Paradip this year, just like every year after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. The exercise is being carried out to prevent a repeat of the Mumbai attacks by sea.

INDIAN DIPLOMAT VIDISHA MAITRA ELECTED TO UN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Indian diplomat, Vidisha Maitra has been elected to the UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).
2. The election was a tightly contested one but Maitra won with 126 UN members supporting her candidature for the only post for the Asia-Pacific group while 64 voted for the opposing candidate who was from Iraq.

1st SOLAR-BASED WATER SUPPLY PROJECT OF INDIA LAUNCHED IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH

1. Union Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has launched India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) in Arunachal Pradesh.
2. The solar-based lift water supply project is 'first of its kind' in the country

VIDYA BALAN'S SHORT FILM 'NATKHAT' ELIGIBLE FOR OSCAR NOMINATION

1. The Indian film 'Natkhat', starring and co-produced by Vidya Balan, has won the top prize at the third edition of Best Of India Short Film Festival 2020.
2. By winning the festival, the film has become eligible for 2021 Oscar qualification.
3. The film has been directed by Shaan Vyas and co-produced by Ronnie Screwvala and Vidya Balan.

COUNTRY'S LONGEST MOTORABLE SINGLE-LANE BRIDGE INAUGURATED IN UTTARAKHAND

1. India's longest single-lane motorable suspension bridge has been inaugurated in Tehri-Garhwal district of Uttarakhand. The Dobra-Chanti Jhula (suspension) bridge.

KARKHANISANCHI WAARI' ONLY INDIAN ENTRY AT TOKYO FILM FESTIVAL

1. Marathi film, Karkhanisanchi Waari (Ashes on a Road Trip), the 149-minute film tells the story of the Karkhanis, the last joint family of Pune.

COLLINS WORD OF THE YEAR

1. Collins Dictionary has declared "lockdown" as the word of the year, given the rise in the usage of the term in a pandemic-ridden world.

CHINA LAUNCHES 'WORLD'S FIRST 6G EXPERIMENT SATELLITE'

1. As per the reports, the technology is expected to be over 100 times faster than 5G.
2. The satellite also carries technology which will be used for crop disaster monitoring and forest fire prevention.

AZIM PREMJI TOPS EDELGIVE HURUN INDIA PHILANTHROPY LIST 2020

1. The founder-chairman of Wipro Ltd, Azim Premji has topped the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020.
2. He made the highest contribution of Rs 7,904 crore between April 2019 and March 2020 towards philanthropic causes.
3. It ranks individuals from India who donated Rs 5 crore and above between April 1, 2019, and March 31, 2020, towards philanthropic contributions.
4. Shiv Nadar, founder and chairman of HCL Technologies, ranked second (Rs 795 crore) on the list.
5. He topped the list in 2019. India's richest man and the chairman of Reliance Industries, Mukesh Ambani stood at the third spot (Rs 458 crore). 7 women found a place in the list with Rohini Nilekani (donating Rs 47 crore) being India's most generous woman; followed by Anu Aga & family of Thermax (Rs 36 crore), and Biocon's Kiran Mazumdar Shaw (Rs 34 crore).

RUSKIN BOND CONFERRED WITH TATA LITERATURE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1. He has a substantial body of work, close to 100 books – across genres for children and adults.
2. His famous works: Room on the roof, Blue Umbrella, etc. He was conferred the Padma Shri & Padma Bhushan.

MUMBAI INDIANS WINS IPL 2020 TROPHY

1. Mumbai Indians defeated Delhi Capitals in the final of Dream11 Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 to lift their fifth IPL trophy.

KALVARI-CLASS SUBMARINES

1. Indian Navy's fifth Kalvari-class Diesel Electric attack submarine **INS Vagir** was launched at Mazgaon Dock in Mumbai.

2ND NATIONAL WATER AWARDS

1. The Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu has presented the National Water Awards (NWAs) for 2019.
2. This is the second edition of the award. Among the states category, Tamil Nadu bagged the Best State Award, followed by Maharashtra and Rajasthan.
3. The award ceremony has been organised by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

KASH PATEL NAMED CHIEF OF STAFF TO ACTING US DEFENCE SECRETARY

1. Indian-American Kash Patel has been named as the Chief of Staff to the Acting US Defense Secretary Chris Miller.
2. The new appointment comes a day after Donald Trump fired Defence Secretary Mark Esper and designated Chris Miller, as the Acting Secretary.

MADHYA PRADESH WEEKLY (08 - 13 November)

ROAD CONNECTING OLD BHOPAL TO SMART CITY TO BE NAMED AFTER EX-CM PATWA

1. Smart road being constructed from polytechnic square to Bharat Mata square to connect old Bhopal to Smart City will be known as Sundarlal Patwa road, former Chief Minister of the state.

MP PROTEM SPEAKER INAUGURATES MICROSCOPE AT SEWA SADAN HOSPITAL

1. Protem Speaker of Madhya Pradesh Assembly Rameshwar Sharma inaugurated a Microscope here on Monday at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital.

MASTER CARD BRINGS FLAGSHIP CASHLESS INDIA CAMPAIGN IN BHOPAL

1. Master card has brought its flagship Team Cashless India campaign to the city of lakes, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. The campaign will engage with merchants and consumers in the city over a span of four days, i.e., Nov 09 to 12 to create awareness about convenience, safety, and security of digital payments.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT TRENDS IN ANALYSIS, OPTIMISATION BEGINS IN BHOPAL

1. An International Conference on Recent Trends in Analysis and Optimization started today at NITTTR Bhopal. It is a conference which will discuss issues and challenges related to mathematics from Nov 09 to 11.
2. The Chief Guest of Inaugural ceremony was Prof. Renu Jain V.C. DAVV Indore. She said that God has created nature in the language of Mathematics. Research on Analysis and Optimization is need of the time.

WORK ON KEN-BETWA LINK PROJECT TO BE STARTED SOON, SAYS CHOUHAN

1. The project is getting delayed due to lack of consensus on seasonal water sharing between Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh had agreed earlier to give 700 million cubic meter water for Rabi crops and household purposes to Uttar Pradesh from the project in the months other than rainy season and we are still ready for it today. In this regard, the stand of Madhya Pradesh will be put firmly before the Government of India, he added.

'SALARIA COW-SANCTUARY SHOULD BE MADE INDIA'S IDEAL GAU-SEVA KENDRA'

1. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the Salaria Cow-Sanctuary in Agar district which is his "dream project", should be made India's ideal Gau-Seva Kendra.

MADHYA PRADESH LAUNCHES UNIQUE INITIATIVE- LOCAL4DIWALI HASHTAG

1. In Madhya Pradesh, the Handicrafts Development Corporation has launched a unique initiative-local4Diwali hashtag under the 'Vocal for Local' campaign in the festive season. The objective of this campaign is to encourage the products of local artisans to make them self-reliant.
2. The sale of locally produced earthen lamps, cotton and silk handloom textiles is being promoted by the Handicrafts Development Corporation under the Local4Diwali hashtag.

MP: CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED AGAINST MANUFACTURERS & SELLERS OF FAKE, ADULTERATED GOODS

1. According to official information, three new laboratories will soon be constructed in Indore, Gwalior and Jabalpur for testing adulterated materials with financial support of the central Government. Nine mobile laboratories will also be operated in the state, for spot testing and reporting of food items.

PRANNAY BAGS 1GOLD, 1SILVER AT EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE 2020

1. The players of Madhya Pradesh State Equestrian Academy are exhibiting their talent and winning medals bringing laurels to State. Player Prannay Khare, a talented player of the equestrian academy, won a gold and a silver medal at the Equestrian Challenge Show Jumping 2020.
2. The competition was organized by the International Riding School in Bangalore. Prannay won a gold medal in the 1.30 meter open category event of the show jumping and a silver medal in the 1.20 meter open category.

MP: CM SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN LAUNCHES ROADMAP TO AATMA NIRBHAR MADHYA PRADESH

1. In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched a roadmap to Aatma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh On this occasion, the Chief Minister said special attention will be given to education and health in self-sufficient Madhya Pradesh.
2. A network of hospitals will be established across the state for this purpose.
3. He further said that there will also be a focus on employment and economy and small and cottage industries will be encouraged.
4. He also transferred the interest-free loan of 10 thousand rupees each into the accounts of rural street vendors under the Chief Minister rural Street Vendor Loan Scheme. Mr. Chouhan also interacted with beneficiaries of some districts via video conferencing.
5. The Mukhya Mantri Rural Street Vendor Scheme has been launched by the state government, on the line of Pradhanmantri street vendor scheme. Its objective is to make available an amount up to 10 thousand rupees as working capital loan through banks to the street vendors in rural areas.
6. Under the scheme, the state government will bear 14 percent interest subsidy on loans up to 10 thousand rupees per beneficiary. Also, a credit guarantee will be given by the state government under the scheme.
7. The eligible beneficiaries of this scheme are also exempt from the amount of stamp duty.
