

## NATIONAL WEEKLY (22 - 27 November)

### SAMVIDHAN DIWAS

- The nation is celebrating the Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Diwas on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India.

### ELECTRONIC VACCINE INTELLIGENCE NETWORK

Prime Minister Narendra Modi informed that the government is using eVIN – Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network in association with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to identify primary beneficiaries and vaccine distribution networks.

- Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network is an indigenously developed technology that digitises vaccine stocks and monitors the temperature of the cold chain through a smartphone application.
- The innovative eVIN was first launched across 12 states in 2015 to support better vaccine logistics management at cold chain points.
- eVIN supports the central government's Universal Immunization Programme by providing real-time information on vaccine stocks and flows, and storage temperatures across all cold chain points across states and UTs.

### GARIMA GREH

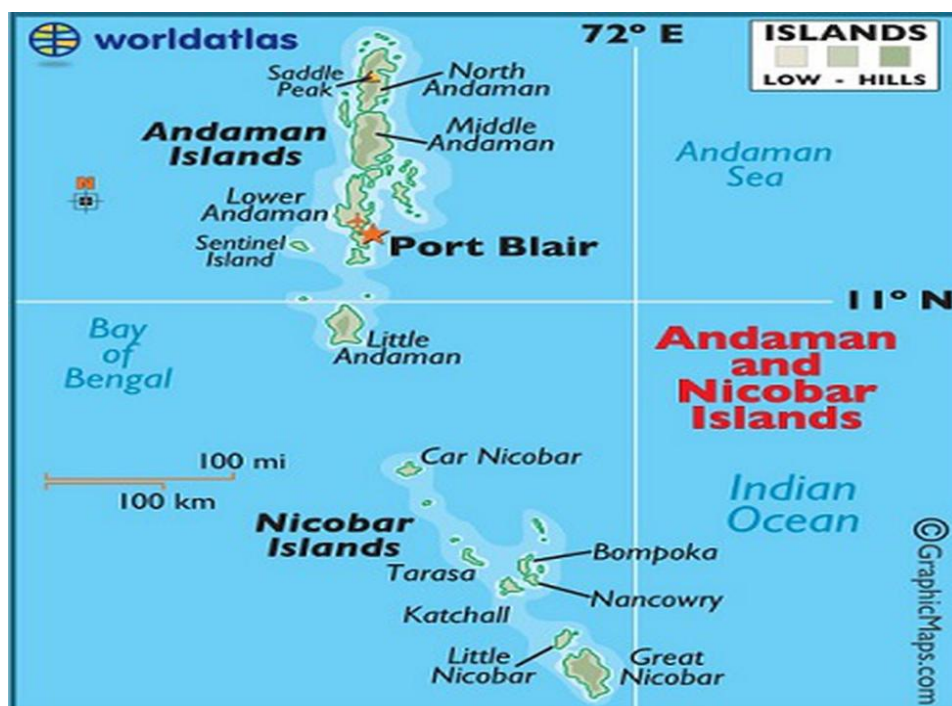
- Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment e-inaugurated a 'Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons' in Vadodara, Gujarat.

### SAHAKAR PRAGYA

- Union Agriculture Minister unveiled 'Sahakar Pragya' to impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas.

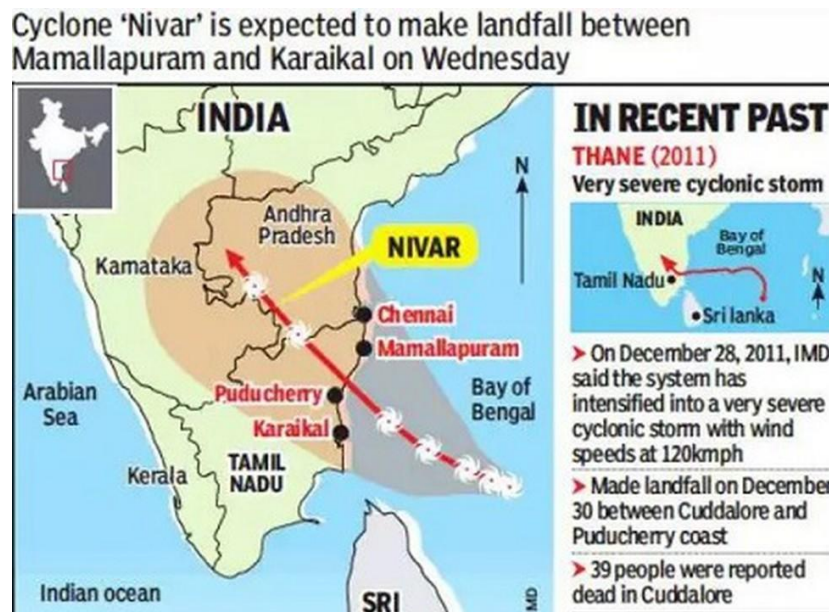
### KATCHAL ISLAND

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) towed a fuel tanker back to safe waters. The tanker was dangerously drifting towards the pristine Katchal Island in Nicobar due to power failure.



## CYCLONE 'NIVAR'

- Tamil Nadu is readying contingency plans to face Cyclone 'Nivar'. The meteorological department has said that Nivar may make a landfall on Wednesday.



## CHANG'E-5

- On November 24, China's Chang'e-5 lunar mission will become the first probe in over four decades to attempt to bring back samples of lunar rock from a previously unexplored portion of the Moon. The spacecraft is set to return to Earth around December 15.

## ATAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (FDPs)

Union Education Minister inaugurated 46 online AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) to train teachers of higher education institutions associated with All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) in emerging areas in technology.

- The main objective of ATAL Academy is to provide quality technical education in the country and to promote research and entrepreneurship through training in various emerging fields. IITs, IIITs, NITs CU and research labs are organizing these ATAL FDPs.
- The FDPs will be conducted in 22 Indian states according to the new National Education Policy (2020).

## SIMBEX

- Indian Navy is scheduled to host the 27th edition of India - Singapore Bilateral Maritime Exercise SIMBEX-20 from November 23 in Andaman Sea. It will continue till 25th of this month.

## **SITMEX**

- Indian Navy (IN) Ships including indigenously built ASW corvette Kamorta and missile corvette Karmuk participated in the 2nd edition of India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise SITMEX-20, from 21 to 22 November 20 in Andaman Sea.

## **ALL INDIA PRESIDING OFFICERS' CONFERENCE (AIPOC)**

A two day 80th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) will be organized at Kevadia, Gujarat on 25th of this month. President Ram Nath Kovind will inaugurate the two day conference.

- Theme of this year's conference is Harmonious Coordination of Legislative, Executive and Judiciary- Key to a Vibrant Democracy.

## **BOOKER PRIZE**

- Scottish writer Douglas Stuart has won the 2020 Booker Prize for fiction with his debut novel Shuggie Bain, which described a boy growing up in Glasgow in the 1980s with a mother battling addiction.

## **INDIAN REGIONAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM (IRNSS)**

- The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) has been accepted as a component of the World Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS) for operation in the Indian Ocean Region by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

## **INDIA RANKS 77 IN TRACE BRIBERY RISK MATRIX 2020**

- India is placed at 77th position in the TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix 2020. India has achieved a score of 45 in a global list that measures business bribery risks of 2020.
- India's rank stood 78 positions in 2019. It was a better performance than neighbouring nations such as Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and China. But, Bhutan scored better than India and got 48th place in the list.

## **30TH INDIA-THAI COORDINATED PATROL (CORPAT)**

- The two navies have been carrying out CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line twice a year since 2005 to enhance bilateral ties and maritime cooperation.

## **15th G20 Summit held under the chairmanship of Saudi Arabia**

- The two-day Summit was held under the theme "Realising the Opportunities of the 21st Century for All".
- The focus of the G20 Summit was on an inclusive, resilient, and sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 and the leaders discussed pandemic preparedness and the ways and means to restore jobs.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, participated in the Summit along with the respective Heads of State/Government of 19 member countries, EU, other invited countries and international organizations.
- Italy will take over the Presidency of the 16th G20 on 1st December 2020.

## **INDIA'S FIRST 'MOSS GARDEN' COMES UP IN NAINITAL DISTRICT**

- The Uttarakhand forest department has dedicated the newly-built Moss Garden to the people, claiming that it is the country's first such garden, spread over 10 hectares in Kumaon's Nainital district.

## **INDIA TO HOST G-20 SUMMIT IN 2023**

- India will host the Summit of the G20 Group in 2023. India was earlier slated to host the summit in 2022.
- India and Indonesia have swapped their respective hosting year of G20 as Indonesia would also chair the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 2023.
- However, now the G20 Summit be hosted by Italy in 2021, Indonesia in 2022, India in 2023 and Brazil in 2024.

## **MALAYSIA HOSTED 2020 APEC SUMMIT**

- The 2020 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Malaysian Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.
- This was the first time that all 21 APEC Economic Leaders met virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- The theme of the APEC Malaysia 2020 was "Optimising Human Potential Towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity: Pivot. Prioritise. Progress".

## **PILIBHIT TIGER RESERVE GETS GLOBAL AWARD FOR DOUBLING TIGER POPULATION**

- The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR) and the Uttar Pradesh Forest department have bagged the first-ever international award, "TX2" for doubling the number of tigers in four years against a target of 10 years.
- TX2 stands for 'Tigers times two', signalling the goal to double wild tigers. In 2014, PTR had 25 tigers which went up to 65 in 2018.

## **DELHI CRIME BAGS BEST DRAMA SERIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL EMMY AWARDS**

- The Netflix show, Delhi Crime has won the Best Drama Series award at the 48th International Emmy Awards 2020.
- Delhi Crime is the first web-series from India to win an International Emmy Award.
- The show is written and directed by Richie Mehta and features actress Shefali Shah as the main character.

## **DRDO FLAGS OFF FIRST 'VARUNASTRA' HEAVY WEIGHT TORPEDO**

- The Defense Research and Development (DRDO) Chairman G Satheesh Reddy has flagged off the first Production unit of Heavy Weight Torpedo (HWT), Varunastra.

## **NEW ZEALAND'S GREG BARCLAY ELECTED NEW ICC CHAIRMAN**

- Auckland-based commercial lawyer and director of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) since 2012, Greg Barclay has been elected as the new chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC), after the second round of voting.

## **VATAYAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will be conferred with the Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award at a virtual ceremony on 21st November, 2020.**

- Vatayan International Awards given by the Vatayan-UK organization in London, honours poets, writers and artists for their exemplary work in their respective fields.
- Shri Pokhriyal has penned more than 75 books on wide ranging issues, which have also been translated into many national and foreign languages.

## **MADHYA PRADESH WEEKLY (22 - 27 November)**

### **ARCHER AMIT KUMAR SELECTED FOR TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES '20**

- Archery Academy player Amit Kumar got selected for Tokyo Olympic Games 2020.
- Notably, the selection trial was held at the Tata Sports Complex Jamshedpur, Jharkhand for the Tokyo Olympic Games from November 23 to 27.
- Amit Kumar, a talented player from Madhya Pradesh State Archery Academy, stood third with a score of 2655 against 2880 points.
- Amit Kumar, trained at Madhya Pradesh Archery Academy Jabalpur since the year 2016, gave Madhya Pradesh a gold medal in the team event of the Senior National Archery competition held in Pune in the year 2018.

### **MP TO PRODUCE 10,000 MW OF SOLAR POWER BY 2020: CM**

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that deteriorating environment is posing danger to the existence of the society. Use of other means of renewable energy including solar energy can save us from this danger.
- Madhya Pradesh will show unprecedented work in the field of solar energy. The New and Renewable Energy Department was created in the year 2010, in Madhya Pradesh. After solar power generation of 400 MW in the year 2012, we have reached 5000 MW production from renewable energy at present. The target is to produce 10 thousand MW by the year 2022.

### **PROTEM SPEAKER, PRINCIPAL SECY TO ATTEND 80TH AIPO CONFERENCE**

- Protem Speaker of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly Rameshwar Sharma and Principal Secretary A.P. Singh will attend the 80th All India Presiding Officers' Conference.
- In the conference, Chairman and Speakers of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council of all the states of the country would participate, which is going to be held in Kevadia, Gujarat.