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- In order to fight against the spread of COVID-19, Indian Navy has setup Quarantine Camp at Visakhapatnam.
- Saudi Arabia is going to host G20 summit in 2020 by Vedio Conferencing. Saudi Arabia King Salman bin Abulaziz al Saud will lead it.
- Central Government recently launched "My Gov Corona Helpdesk" on Whatsapp.
- Finance Minister Niramala Sittaraman announces that the charges for ATM Cash Withdrawal waived for the next 3 months.
- Election Commission of India postponed the Rajya Sabha Elections due to Covid-19 which were scheduled on 26 March.

- Delhi Government has decided to give 5000 Rs as compensatory amount to laborers in the capital during the lockdown.
- Reliance setup India's First COVID-19 dedicated hospital in Mumbai.
- Brazil has converted its Football Stadium to Hospitals.
- Google launched campaign named "Do the Five, Help Stop Corona virus" that lists out the five things people should follow to prevent Corona virus.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaramman announced Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana for the poor amid coronavirus Lockdown.

Key Facts:-

Overall Package of 1.7 Lakh Crore

- 80 Crore poor people will be given 5 Kg wheat or 5 Kg rice for 3 months. 1 kg Pulses will also will be given.
- Insurance of Rs 50 Lakh per health worker fighting Covid-19
- 20 crore wome Jan Dhan account holders to get Rs 500 per month for next 3 months.
- Increase in MNREGA wage to Rs 202from 182 per day to benefit 13.62 crore families.
- Rs 1000 to 3 crore poor senior citizens, poor widows and poor disabled.
- Rs 2000 to farmers in first week of April under PM KISAN Yojana to benefit 8.7 crore farmers.

- RAISE 2020, the first Artificial Intelligence summit of India was postponed due to Corona Virus which was scheduled to be held in New Delhi.
- HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyan Nishwank has launched Stay Home with Books Initiative.
- PM Modi announced the formation of COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force, Finance Minsiter Nirmala Sitaraman will lead this Task Force.
- UP announces 1 month free food grains to poor people.

- Hydroxychloroquine was recommended by National Task Force for Covid-19 constituted by ICMR for heath care workers who treats COVID-19 patients. Government banned its export from India. (Drug Controller General of India- Dr. VG Somani, DG of ICMR- Balram Bhargava).
- Gujarat has become the first to introduce Taser Guns to combat with people.
- SBI has become the first bank to launch emergency credit facility.

- Himachal Pradesh launched Police Station Visitor Survey System and E-Night Beat Checking System in Shimla.
- Youtube has decided to cut Vedio Streaming Quality in India to reduce Strain on Internet. (CEO- Susan Wojcicki).
- International Space Station will launch its first manned fight in May, 2020.
- By 2022, the Banihal to Katra Railway link to be completed as per railway ministry which will connect Kashmir to whole country before 75th Independence Day.

- Tamil Nadu CM EK Palanaswami announced to bifurcate its Nagapattinum district now Tamil Nadu will have 38 districts.
- A Novel "Legacy of Learning" is written by Savita Chabra.
- A book "Missing in Action: The Prisoners who never came back" is written by Chandra Suta Durga.
- Indian Oil Cooperation has become the first to Supply BS-VI Fuel across country. (Chairman- Sanjiv Singh).
- Ugandi Festival has been celebrated in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Important Agreements and Schemes

- Paytm Payment Bank is going to issue debit card with VISA.
- Defence Ministry signs contract with Israel for Light Machine Guns (LMGs).
- Under Standup India scheme the government has sacntioned loan of Rs 20,466.94 crore for the empowerment of women by MOS for Finance Anurag Thakur.
- DBS Bank India has teamed up with Bharti AXA to launch a insurance plan which will cover all medical conditions including Covid-19.
- Afghanistan is going to fund \$1Million to SAARC Emergency Fund. PM Narender Modi appreciate this gratitude of Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
- US and UAE launch major military exercise Native Fury.

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- New Delhi has sanctioned Rs 100 Crore for "Branding Delhi" to introduce its city as the tourism brand of India.
- Karur Vysya Bank has launched the pre-paid card "Enkasu" to reduce cash usage.
- Odisha has launched Mo Jeeban (My Life) Programme.
- Cabinet approved the extradition treaty between India and Belgium.
- The Bridge constructed by Border Roads Organization over Teesta River in Sikkim is opened for Traffic.
- Union Cabinet approved MOU between India and Germany for cooperation in Railway Sector.

Important Rankings

- The Rank of India in World Happiness Report is 144 out of 156 countries. It is released by UN. Topped by- Finland, Denmark and Switzerland. Last rank- Afghanistan.
- According to a report by International Energy Agency, India becomes the third largest producer of Electricity.
- World Wide Index of Economic Freedom Index topped by Singapore. India ranks 120 out of 186 countries.

Awards and Honours

- Central Government has included Konark Sun Temple of Odisha (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and Statue of Unity of Gujarat (One of SCO 8 Wonders) in Iconic Tourism Sites List.
- Indian Mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta (West Bengal) enters "Limca Book of Records" as he climbs highest Volcanoes of each continent. He also has record in Guinees Book of World Records, Asia Book of Records, India book of Records, British Book of Records and Champion's Book of Records.
- Go Air Airline has been Award with Swacchta Bharat Award by Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in Wings India Event held at Hyderabad.

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- Gregory Margulis of USA and Israel's Hellel Furstenburg has been nominated for Abel Prize 2020.
- Ruchika Tomer has won 2020 PEN/Hemingway Award for Debut Novel "A Prayer for Travellers".
- Zoya Akhtar has been honoured with India International Film Tourism Conclave (IIFTC) Tourism Impact Award 2020 in 8th edition of Asia's largest Film Tourist Event.

Important Days

- 20 March is celebrated as International Day of Happiness.
- World Sparrow Day is observed on 20 March. Theme- I love Sparrow.
- International Day of Forests is observed on 21st March. Theme- Forests and Biodiversity.
- World Poetry Day is observed on 21st March.
- World Down Syndrome Day is observed on 21 March. Theme- We Decide.
- 21 March is observed as World Puppetry Day.
- 21 March is also celebrated as International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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- World Water Day was observed on 22 March. Theme- Water and Climate Change.
- 23 March is celebrated as World Meteorological Day. Theme- Climate and Water.
- World TB Day is observed on 24 March.(Theme- It's Time).
- 25 March is celebrated as International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.
- 27th March is observed as World Theatre Day.

Appointments

- Rajiv Bajaj is appointed as MD and CEO of Bajaj Auto.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath Resigned.
- Shivraj Chauhan has become Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh. (Gov- Lalji Tondon)
- Priyanka Chopra will work with WHO to aware people about COVID-19.
- Sunil Chetri has chosen for the FIFA campaign against COVID-19.
- Sumant Kathpalia is appointed as MD and CEO of Indusled Bank.
- Samant Aggarwal is appointed as Chairman of Walmart India. (Head of Walmart- Doug McMillion).

Sports News

- Vrinda Rathi and Janani Narayanan has been named in the International Panel of ICC Development Umpires.
- NADA recently banned Weightlifter Ramshad AR for 2 years.
- Russia will be the first country to host the new format of AIBA team World Cup in 2020.
- Canada become the first country to pull out of Tokyo Olympics over Corona Virus fears.
- Tokyo Olympics 2020 is postponed due to Corona Virus. It will now be held in 2021 as per announced by Shinjo Abe, Japan's Prime Minister.

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