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1st Week: 1st September to 7th September 2020

♦ National News

- CSIR-CMERI develops World’s Largest Solar Tree
- India aims to achieve 100 MT coal gasification target by 2030: Union Minister Pralhad Joshi
- Indian Govt Bans PUBG and 118 Other Apps
- Global Innovation Index 2020: India ranks 48, Switzerland Tops
- GoI bans printing of calendars, diaries and festival greeting cards
- Madhya Pradesh govt launches ‘Gandagi Bharat Chhodo’ campaign
- Delhi tops deaths due to road accidents in 2019: National Crime Records Bureau Data
- Ladakh, Lakshadweep join ‘One Nation, One Ration Card’ scheme; 26 states, UTs now linked
- Sikkim Celebrated Pang Lhabsol Festival
- India to host Summit of SCO Council on November 30
- Cabinet approves Bill to include Kashmiri, Dogri, Hindi as official languages in J&K
- Punjab Govt Launches ‘I Rakhwali’ App To Make Citizens ‘Greenery Saviours’
- Karnataka approves New Information Technology Policy
- Union Minister of Education launches mobile app “EnglishPro”
- India now got world’s 2nd largest road network: Nitin Gadkari
- Prahlad Singh Patel from India attends BRICS Culture Ministers Meet
- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu released ‘The State of Young Child in India’ report
- Assam govt relaunches “SVAYEM” scheme to provide self-employment to youths of state

♦ International News
• **17th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers’** consultations held
• Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** to visit **Russia**: To attend **SCO, CSTO and CIS**
• **India and Nigeria** Resolve To Deepen Cooperation To **Counter Terrorism, Piracy**
• **Amul** becomes **1st Indian dairy firm** to enter **Rabobank’s Global Top 20** list, Switzerland’s Nestle tops
• **THE World University Ranking 2021**: **No Indian University in top 300**
• **Pakistan** request to designate **four Indians as Terrorists rejected**: **UNSC**
• **China world’s largest navy**: US Annual Defence report
• **Saudi Arabia** chairs **G20 Foreign Ministers’ Extraordinary Meeting**

♦ **Banking and Financial**

• **European Investment Bank** to invest **650 million euros** into **Kanpur city metro rail**
• **Real GDP** likely to **contract by 10.9 per cent** in **FY21**: **SBI**
• **Vedanta** ties up with **SBI** for long-term syndicated **loan of Rs 10,000 cr**
• **India’s GDP** contracts by **9% (-23.9%)** in **April-June quarter**
• **Japan** announces **50-billion yen** emergency **loan for India** to fight Covid-19 pandemic
• **RBI revises priority sector lending (PSL) guidelines** to include entrepreneurship and renewable resources, in line with emerging national priorities.
• **WhatsApp** and **Cyber Peace Foundation** partner to drive cyber safety awareness
• **Vodafone Idea** rebrands itself, to go by **brand name “Vi”**
• **Infosys** acquires product design firm **Kaleidoscope Innovation**

♦ **Appointment and Resignation**

• **Aveek Sarkar** is new **Press Trust of India Chairman**
• **Hemant Khatri** becomes **new CMD of Hindustan Shipyard Limited**
• Pramod Chandra Mody gets 6 Months Extension as Chairman of CBDT
• K Padmakar to hold additional charge as CMD of BPCL
• Usha Padhee becomes first woman DG of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
• ACC approves appointment of V K Yadav as Railway Board’s first ever CEO
• Murali Ramakrishna’s appointment as MD and CEO of South Indian Bank
• S Krishnan appointed as MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank
• Coca-Cola names Sanket Ray as new country head; T Krishnakumar appointed chairman
• Bajaj Allianz Life signs Ayushmann Khurrana as a brand ambassador
• FADA appoints Vinkesh Gulati as its new President

♦ Awards

• Hyderabad International Airport wins CII-GBC ‘National Energy Leader’ award

♦ Defence

• Defence Ministry signs Rs 2,580 Cr deal to procure Pinaka rocket launchers
• INDRA 2020: Indian Navy to hold mega exercise with Russia
• India-Russia sign agreement on manufacturing AK-203 rifles

♦ Sports

• Cycling Federation of India (CFI) all set to host first-ever Cycling Summit in 2021
• Indian Grandmaster P Iniyan Wins World Open Online Chess Tournament
• Pierre Gasly won Italian Grand Prix 2020
♦ Important day

- 1st to 7th September: National Nutrition Week
- 2nd September: World Coconut Day
- 3rd September: Skyscraper Day
- 5th September: Teachers’ day
- 5th September: International Day of Charity
- 7th September: International Day of Clean Air for blue skies

♦ Obituary

- Kesavananda Bharati, the head seer of Edneer Mutt in Kerala passed away

2nd Week: 8th September to 16th September 2020

♦ National News

- Andhra Pradesh government launches YSR ‘Sampoorna Poshana’ for women
- Govt launches 24X7 toll free mental rehabilitation helpline KIRAN in 13 languages
- Andhra Pradesh retains top spot in ease of doing business 2019 ranking
- NSO Survey: Kerala tops literacy rate at 2%, Andhra Pradesh Worst Performance at 66.4%
- NITI Aayog preparing Multidimensional Poverty index chaired by Ms Sanyukta Samaddar
- PM Modi to launch Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- PM Modi inaugurates Patrika Gate in Jaipur
- Karnataka CM launches first integrated air ambulance service
- PM Modi launches Rs 20,050-crore PMMSY scheme to boost fisheries sector
- Hubli Railway Station renamed as Siddharoodha Swamiji Railway Station
• PM launches mobile app e-Gopala for providing assistance to farmers on livestock related issues
• GoI launches Five Star Village Scheme to ensure 100% rural coverage of postal schemes
• SAROD ports launched by Shipping Ministry
• Uddhav Thackeray Launches ‘My Family, My Responsibility’ campaign
• Golden Temple gets FCRA Registration
• Odisha Govt Launches “GARIMA” Welfare Scheme for Sanitation Workers
• J&K announced Free health insurance for J&K residents
• PM Modi addresses the ‘Grih Pravesham’ event in MP
• Centre approves setting up AIIMS in Bihar’s Darbhanga at cost of Rs 1,264 crore

♦ International News

• India, US and Israel collaborate to develop 5G tech
• Sri Lanka proposes ban on Cow Slaughter
• First India-France-Australia Trilateral Dialogue Held Virtually
• India ranks to 105th spot from 79th in global economic freedom ranking 2020
• Trump nominated for Noble Peace Prize 2021
• Women empowerment: India beats China, becomes member of United Nations’s ECOSOC
• Yoshihide Suga to succeed Shinzo Abe as Japan’s prime minister
• ADB’s prediction of Asian economy shrinking for the first time since 1960s

♦ Banking and Financial

• Indian Economy To Contract 10.5% In 2020-21: Fitch
• India Ratings revises FY21 GDP growth projection to negative 11.8%
• TPT South Africa partners with TCS for logistics supply chain transformation
• Himachal Pradesh, World Bank sign $82 mn loan deal for HP State Roads Transformation Project
- Bank of India launches ‘Signature Visa Debit Card’ for HNIs
- India’s FY21 GDP to shrink 14.8%: Goldman
- American private equity firm Silver Lake invests Rs 7,500 crore in Reliance Retail for 1.75% stake
- Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank ceased to be banking company: RBI
- India, ADB sign 500 million US dollar loan for Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System corridor
- Bank of Baroda tops EASE 2.0 Index: IBA
- Govt forms committee for assessment of relief to bank borrower chaired by Rajiv Mehrishi
- Crisil projects wider GDP contraction for FY21 at 9%
- Reliance Industries becomes first Indian firm to top $200 bn market cap
- ADB, ENGIE sign ₹466-crore loan for developing solar project in Gujarat
- ADB, Suguna Foods sign USD 15 million financing deal
- Moody’s revises forecast India’s GDP to contract by (-11.5%)
- Care Ratings revises India’s GDP projection from -6.4 to – 8% for FY 21
- S&P projects India’s GDP to contract 9% in FY21
- FDI inflow from China declines to USD 163.77 million in FY20
- Infosys to buy Czech consultancy firm GuideVision for 30 million euros
- India GDP forecast: ADB expects growth to contract by 9% in FY21
- ICICI Lombard announces bancassurance tie-up with Yes Bank
- TikTok to merge with Oracle
- Gujarat govt & SIDBI ink MoU to help MSMEs amid COVID-19 crisis
- SBI General Insurance inks corporate agency agreement with YES Bank
- Rajasthan government signs pact with Sidbi to develop MSME ecosystem

♦Appointment and Resignation♦

- Cricketers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Smriti Mandhana appointed as a Playerzpot brand ambassadors
- Anil Jain becomes new President of All India Tennis Association
• Paresh Rawal appointed chairperson of National School of Drama
• Ayushman Khurrana appointed as UNICEF’s celebrity advocate in India
• Former health secy Preeti Sudan appointed WHO panelist
• Subhash Kamath becomes new Chairman of ASCI
• Haryana IAS officer Rajesh Khullar appointed executive director of World Bank
• Sameer Kumar Khare appointed Executive Director of ADB
• JDU’s Harivansh Narayan Singh re-elected as Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman
• Paytm First Games names Sachin Tendulkar as brand ambassador
• Great Learning ropes in Indian skipper Virat Kohli as brand ambassador

❖ Awards

• British Broadcaster David Attenborough Awarded Indira Gandhi Peace Prize
• Aditya Puri conferred Lifetime Achievement Award by Euromoney 2020

❖ Defence

• India successfully test scramjet technology for hypersonic missiles
• India, Japan sign key agreement for reciprocal supplies in defence
• Govt puts national security clause in defence FDI hike to 74%

❖ Sports

• Police Officer Poonam Khatri crowned Wushu World Champion 2019
• UP Open 2020: Highlights and Winners
• Lewis Hamilton wins chaotic Tuscan Grand Prix

❖ Book and Author

• Gauri Khan announces her debut book ‘My Life in Design’
♦ Important day

- 8th September: International Literacy Day
- 9th September: International Day to Protect Education from Attack
- 10th September: World Suicide Prevention Day
- 12 September: World First Aid Day 2020 (Theme 2020: First aid saves lives)
- 14 September: National Hindi Diwas 2020
- 15th September: Engineer’s Day
- 15th September: International Day of Democracy
- 16th September: World Ozone Day 2020 (Theme 2020: “Ozone for life: 35 years of ozone layer protection”)

♦ Obituary

- Radio astronomer Prof Govind Swarup passed away
- Telugu Popular actor Jaya Prakash Reddy passed away
- ‘Game of Thrones’ & Bond star Diana Rigg passes away at 82
- Anuradha Paudwal’s son Aditya passes away
- Former union minister Raghuvansh Prasad Singh passes away
- Arya Samaj Leader Swami Agnivesh passed away
- Renowned scholar of Indian classical dance Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan passes away

3rd Week: 16th September to 24th September 2020

♦ National News

- 70th birthday of PM Modi being celebrated as Seva Diwas
- India to be self-reliant in fertilisers production by 2023: Fertilisers Minister
- Karnataka Govt launches loan disbursal programme “Arthika Spandana”
• M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 4th Global Ayurveda Summit virtually
• Harsh Vardhan addresses Joint G20 Finance and Health Ministers Meeting
• Gujarat government launches Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana
• “Swachhta Pakhwara” is being observed by over Indian Railways
• 8 Indian beaches recommended for ‘Blue Flag’ eco-label
• SBI starts women self-reliance programme in Assam
• PM launched Ghav tak fibre Scheme in Bihar
• Airbus to launch World’s first Commercial Hydrogen aircraft by 2035
• Atal tunnel: The world’s longest highway tunnel above 10,000 ft
• MP Launched Mukhya Mantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana to benefit farmers
• Piyush Goyal Participated in G-20 Virtual Meeting of Trade & Investment Ministers
• Rajasthan govt’s launched “Moksh Kalash yojna 2020” for special free bus service

♦ International News

• Israel, UAE and Bahrain sign Abraham Accord
• Four Indian cities drop in Global Smart City Index 2020; Singapore on top
• India ranks 116 in World Bank’s Human Capital Index 2020
• India launches first ever cargo ferry with Maldives to boost trade
• India extends $250 million support to Maldives to overcome economic impact of Covid-19
• Bah Ndaw named Mali’s interim president
• Bougainville elects new president Ishmael Toroama as negotiations on independence
• Nepal and India begin joint security patrol along border in Kapilvastu
♦ Banking and Financial

- SBI and Titan launch India’s first contactless payment watch
- BHEL ties up with SwissRapide AG to bring Maglev high-speed trains to India
- OECD’s revises forecast India’s GDP to contraction of (-)10.2% in FY 21
- UBS Securities projects India’s GDP at -8.6% in FY21
- Canara Bank introduces i-Lead 2.0 to boost customer services
- forms Expert Committee Under Rajesh Pant to probe reports of snooping by chinese firm
- Government gives one-year extension to Company Law Committee chaired by Rajesh Verma
- SBI Life Insurance inks pact with Yes Bank to sell insurance policies
- KKR to invest Rs 5,550 crore in Reliance Retail Ventures for 1.28% equity
- UNCTAD projects India’s GDP at -5.9% in 2020 & 9% for 2021

Appointment and Resignation

- Suresh Raina named as brand ambassador for 9stacks
- Harsimrat Kaur Badal resigns as Union Minister over Centre’s farm bills
- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar given additional charge of Food Processing Industries Ministry
- Former RAW Head Anil Dhasmana Appointed as Chief of NTRO
- Simanchala Dash appointed as advisor to IMF Executive Director
- Acer India signs Sonu Sood as brand ambassador
- India’s Khushi Chindaliya appointed as UNEP regional ambassador
- RBI appoints AK Dixit as new administrator of PMC Bank

♦ Awards

- Fiumicino Airport awarded world’s 1st 5-star Anti-Covid award
- Chef Vikas Khanna honoured with Asia Game Changer award for feeding millions in India amid Covid crisis
- Udit Singhal named by UN to 2020 Class of Young Leaders for SDGs
- Margaret Atwood awarded 2020 Dayton Literary Peace Prize
- 72nd Emmy Awards 2020: Schitt’s Creek wins most awards in a single season by a comedy series
- PM Narendra Modi awarded “Ig Nobel Prize 2020” for medical education
- Colombian journalist Jineth Bedoya Lima to receive 2020 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

**Defence**

- Centre increases FDI limit in defence from 49% to 74% under automatic route
- In a first, 2 women Navy officers to be posted on Indian warship, will fly helicopters
- Indian Navy conducts Passage Exercise with Royal Australian Navy
- India conducts successful flight test of ABHYAS from Odisha test range
- Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh will be first woman fighter pilot to fly Rafale

**Sports**

- Italian Open 2020: Novak Djokovic and Simona Halep won Men’s and Women’s Singles title
- Professional tennis player, former cricketer Ashleigh Barty wins Golf Championship

**Book and Author**

- Arundhati Roy launch new book “Azadi”
- Obama announces first presidential memoir, ‘A Promised Land,’ Book in November
Important day

- **17th September**: **World Patient Safety Day** (Theme 2020: Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety)
- **18 September**: **World Bamboo Day** (Theme 2020: BAMBOO NOW)
- **18th September**: **World Water Monitoring Day** (Theme 2020: Solve Water)
- **18 September**: **International Equal Pay Day**
- **21st September**: **World Peace Day 2020** (Theme 2020: Shaping Peace Together)
- **21st September**: **World Alzheimer’s Day**
- **22nd September**: **World Rhino Day 2020**
- **22nd September**: **World Rose Day 2020**
- **23rd September**: **International Day of Sign Languages 2020**
- **Last week of September on Thursday**: **World Maritime Day 2020** (Theme 2020: Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet)

Obituary

- **Former RBI governor Amitabha Ghosh** passes away at 90
- **Veteran Tamilian Director Babu Sivan** passes away
- **Actor Ashalata Wabgaonkar** passes away
- **Nepal’s Legendary Mountaineer Ang Rita Sherpa** passes away
- **Former Australia cricketer and renowned commentator Dean Jones** passes away at 59

4th Week: 25th September to 30th September 2020
♦ National News

- **Assam** CM launched **Mukhyamantrir Gramyaa Paribahan Achoni**
- **India, Denmark** sign **MoU on Intellectual Property** cooperation
- Nation paid homage to **Bhagat Singh** our real Hero on his **113th birth anniversary** on September 28, 2020
- **Assam** launched **paryatan sanjeevani scheme**
- Union Health Minister **Harsh Vardhan** launched **Vaccine portal for COVID-19**
- **Andhra Pradesh** CM to launch **YSR Jala Kala scheme**

♦ International News

- Somalia’s president appoints **Mohamed Hussein Roble** as new **prime minister**
- **UN** and **United Kingdom** to co-host **Global Climate Summit 2020**
- **World risk index 2020**: **India**’s rank **89**, Tops Vanuatu
- **India** provides **54 billion rupees** to **Nepal** as post-earthquake assistance
- **Mali** transitional government appoints **Moctar Ouane** as new **prime minister**
- **Singapore** becomes **first to use facial verification** in national ID

♦ Banking and Financial

- **ADB** approves **$300 million** loan to develop **Rajasthan’s towns**
- **ADB** Approves **$270 Million** For **Madhya Pradesh** Urban Services Improvement Project
- **NCAER** projected **India’s GDP** shrinking by **(-)12.6%** in **FY21**
- **CARE Ratings** projects India’s combined **fiscal deficit** at **13% of GDP** in **FY21**
- **ICRA** revises forecast India’s **FY21 GDP** contraction at **(-)11%** from **(-)9.5%**
- **Harley-Davidson** to shut **sales** and manufacturing operations in **India**
• RBI publishes “Technology Vision for Cyber Security” for UCBs
• RBI to Implement Positive Pay System from January 1, 2021
• SBI Card launches new brand campaign ‘Contactless Connections’

♦ Appointment and Resignation

• EESL appoints Rajat Sud as its new Managing Director
• CEAT Tyres signs Aamir Khan as brand ambassador
• Neetu David becomes new head of India women’s Cricket selection committee
• GoI appoints D. Vaghela as new chairman of TRAI
• ITBP chief S S Deswal given additional charge of NSG DG
• RBI ropes in Amitabh Bachchan for customer awareness campaign
• Aamir Khan roped in as brand ambassador for tutoring company Vedantu
• Myntra names Disha Patani as brand ambassador for beauty segment

♦ Awards

• Odisha’s Krushi Bhawan Considered As ‘People’s Choice Winner’ At AZ Awards
• Kerala Tourism’s Human by Nature campaign won PATA Grand Award
• Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Sanju Yadav win AIFF Player of the Year Awards for 2019-20 season
• Usha Mangeshkar honoured with Lata Mangeshkar award 2020-21

♦ Defence

• India successfully Fire tested indigenously developed Prithvi II Missile
• India, Japan 3-day naval exercise JIMEX to begin from 26th September in Arabian sea
♦Sports

- **Valtteri Bottas** won **Russian Grand Prix 2020**

♦Important day

- **25 September: World Pharmacist Day** (Theme 2020: Transforming global health)
- **25 September:** Nation observes **Antyodaya Divas**
- **26th September: World Environmental Health Day** (Theme 2020: Environmental health, a key public health intervention in disease pandemic prevention)
- **26 September: International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**
- **Fourth Sunday of September: International Daughters’ Day**
- **27th September: World Tourism Day** (Theme 2020: Tourism and Rural Development)
- **28 September: World Rabies Day** (Theme 2020: End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate)
- **28 September: International Day for Universal Access to Information**
- **29th September: World Heart Day 2020** (Theme 2020: Use Heart To Beat Cardiovascular Disease)

♦Obituary

- Legendary **playback singer SP Balasubrahmanyam** Passes Away
- Former **BJP leader & Union Minister Jaswant Singh** passes away
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