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IMPORTANT DAYS

National Important Days

☛ Janaushadhi Diwas 2021 week is observed on 1st week of March

- Last day of week (March 7) celebrated as 'Janaushadhi Diwas'
- 1st was observed on March 7 2019
- This year 3rd edition under the theme-"Seve bhi-Rozgar bhi"

Week long events:

- ✓ 1st day PM Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras – organized more than 1000 health checkup camps
- ✓ 3rd day Awareness programme under theme 'Teach Them Young'-Jan Aushadhi medicines cheaper by 50% to 90% average market price
- ✓ 4th day- under theme-"Suvidha Se Samman"- educate female students about usage of sanitary pads
- ✓ 5th Day -under theme-"Jan Aushadhi ka Sath"-To reach out senior citizens
- ✓ 7th day-Modi addressed the nation. Dedicated 7500th Janaushadhi Kendra at Shillong Meghalaya

☛ 45th Civil Accounts Day is March 1

☛ Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janushadhi Pariyojana:

- Launched by government of India in 2008
- Objective-availability of quality medicine at affordable price through PM Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras
- Nodal Agency-Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI)- Dept. of Pharmaceuticals Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers

☛ Chabahar Day is observed on March 4

- Ministry of External affairs will commemorate this day on the sidelines of Maritime India Summit 2021
- Virtual participants-Afghanistan, Armenia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia and Uzbekistan
- Two Webinar sessions- i) Boosting Business through Trade Promotion and Regional Connectivity ii) Development of Port Infrastructure: Unleashing Opportunities
- Chabahar Port is located in Iran in the Gulf of Oman

☛ National Safety Day is observed on March 4

- National Safety Week observed from March 4 to 10
- Theme-'Sadak Suraksha' (road safety)-Creating awareness to safety measures
- Labour & Employment Ministry conference on Industrial safety from Dec 11 to 13, 1965
- National Safety Day campaign on March 4, 1972

☛ 52nd CISF Rising day is observed on March 10

- CISF-Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968 is setup under ministry of Home Affairs in 1969
- In 1983 is was brought under the armed forces act
- CISF Hq- New Delhi, DG-Subodh Kumar Jawal

☛ National Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) Awareness Day is observed on March 10

- 1st observed in 2019
- Dr Jitendra Singh released guidelines for management of diabetes in pregnancy

☛ National Vaccination Day is observed on March 16

- It was first celebrated at the time when the National Pulse Polio vaccination drive was launched, in 1995
- The day also known as National Immunization Day

☛ Poshan Pakhwada (Nutrition Fortnight) being celebrated from 16th-31st March

- Celebrated by Ministry of Women and Child Development
- To address nutritional challenges, distribution of 4 saplings of nutrition rich plants per Anganwadi Centre (AWC) in the Aspirational Districts
- Poshan Abhiyan launched by Modi on 8th March 2018
- POSHAN Abhiyan-Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition

☛ Ordnance Factory Day is observed on March 18

- First Ordnance Factory in colonial India at Cossipore near Kolkata in 1801
- Ordnance Factory Board (OFB):
 - ✓ Chairman-C S Vishwakarma
 - ✓ Hq-Kolkata, West Bengal
 - ✓ OFB came into existence of 2nd April 1979



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☛ Chinar Corps or 15 crops celebrates 80th Raising Day is observed on March 20

- Chinar Corps headquartered at Srinagar
- General officer commanding Lieutenant General Devendra Pratap Pandey

☛ Bihar Day is observed on March 22

- To commemorate the formation of Bihar which is carved out from Bengal in 1912
- **Theme-** 'Jal Jeevan Hariyali' to raise awareness about declining annual rainfall threatening water security in the state

☛ Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' day is observed on January 30 & March 23

- Day is observed to honour the 3 young freedom fighters of our country-Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru
- 30th January – Death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, is also observed as Martyr's day

☛ 186th Raising Day of Assam Rifles on 24th March

- The Assam Rifles is the oldest paramilitary force of India, dating back to 1835 under the British Raj, raised under the name Cachar Levy
- The name 'Assam Rifles' has been used since 1917

☛ Rajasthan Statehood day is observed on March 30

- Day also known as Rajasthan Diwas this year celebrated as 72nd foundation
- The state was formed on March 30, 1949

International Important Days

☛ Zero discrimination Day 2021 observed on March 1

- Zero Discrimination campaign was launched by UNAIDS director Michel Sidibé on World Aids Day in December 2013
- Day 1st observed on March 1, 2014. "A butterfly" is the symbol of Zero Discrimination
- Objective-To eliminate mental boundaries related to sex, age, health status, occupation, disability, sexual orientation, etc

☛ World Civil Defence Day 2021 is observed on March 1

- This day was integrated by the International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO) in 1990.
- Theme-Civil Defence and the first aider in every home

☛ World Birth Defects Day is observed on March 3

- Started in 2015 by World Health Organization (WHO)
- To raise awareness on congenital disorders

☛ World Wildlife Day is observed on March 3

- Commemorating Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973
- Celebrated by UN General Assembly to raise awareness about global wildlife & plants
- The day was 1st observed in 2014
- **Theme-** Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet- is set in alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals 1, 12, 13, 15

☛ World Hearing Day is observed on March 3

- Day was started in 2007 by the Office of Prevention of Blindness and Deafness of the WHO
- It was called International Ear Care Day till 2016
- **Theme-** "Hearing care for all! Screen, Rehabilitate, Communicate"

☛ International Women's Day (IWD) is observed on March 8

- Theme-Women in leadership: achieving an equal future in a covid-19 world
- IWD, the Campaign theme is "choose to challenge"
- The 1st IWD was observed by the Russian Women Clara Zetkin on the last day of February

☛ 2023 declared as International Year of Millets – United Nations

- Resolution was initiated by India with Bangladesh, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia & Senegal
- Resolution implemented by FAO of United Nations
- In India National year of Millets celebrated in 2018

☛ World Kidney day is observed on 2nd Thursday of March (11 March 2021)

- **Theme:** "Living Well with Kidney Disease"
- Day was launched on 9th March 2006 & inaugurated on 8th March 2007
- Campaign-#MyGr8Rule Challenge-involves 8 golden rules of kidney care

☛ World Pi day is observed on March 14

- Value for Pi is 3.14 diameter and its value is 3.14
- The day was recognised in 1988 by physicist Larry Shaw

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- In 2019, UNESCO's 40th General Conference decided to observe Pi Day as the International Day of Mathematics
- ☛ **24th International Day of Action for Rivers is observed on March 14**
 - The day is observed to sensitise people about the importance of rivers
 - **Theme-**Rights of Rivers
- ☛ **World Consumer Rights Day is observed on 15 March**
 - Day was inspired by Former US president John F Kennadywhie speaking at the US Congress on 15 March, 1962
 - **Theme-**Tackle Plastic Pollution
- ☛ **Global Recycling Day is observed on March 18**
 - The Global Recycling Foundation, in collaboration with the United Nations, work unitedly towards these awareness programmes
 - **Theme-**Recycling Heroes
- ☛ **World Sleep Day is observed on March 19**
 - In 2021 is being celebrated 14th edition
 - The day is held the Friday before sprig vernal equinor of each year
 - It was first observed in 2008 by healthcare professionals who worked in the field of sleep medicine and research
 - Slogan-Regular Sleep, Healthy Future
- ☛ **World Sparrow Day is observed on March 20**
 - In March 20, 2010 1stSparrow day celebrated
 - Indian conversationalist Mohammed Dilawar-efforts to raise awareness among people
 - **Theme-** I Love Sparrows
- ☛ **International Day of Happiness is observed on March 20**
 - Day is observed by United Nations from 2013
 - Initiative was first stressed upon by Bhutan who believed in the importance of national happiness
 - **Theme-** "Happiness for all, forever"
- ☛ **World Oral Health Day is observed March 20**
 - The day first declared and originally celebrated on September 12, 2007, however, the campaign came into action in 2013
 - FDI World Dental Federation marks a specific **theme-** 'Be Proud of Your Mouth'
- ☛ **World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is observed on March 20**
- ☛ **UN French Language Day is observed on March 20**
 - 6 official language of UN- Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish
- ☛ **World Poetry Day is observed on March 21**
 - Announced by UNESCO, celebrated on March 21 during 30th General conference in Paris in 1999
 - Day is celebrated to help linguistic diversity through poetic expression and to provide recognition to endangered languages within their communities
- ☛ **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on March 21**
 - Theme-'Youth standing up against racism'
 - 1979, the General Assembly adopted a programme for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
- ☛ **World Down Syndrome day is observed on March 21**
 - Day observed on March 21 every year by UN from 2012
 - Online campaign-#LotsofSocks (to wear mismatched socks,was conducted to spread awareness)
 - **Theme-**"We CONNECT so that we can" #CONNECT by the United Nations
- ☛ **International day of Forests is observed on March 21**
 - Observation on the United Nations from 2012
 - Organized by UN Forum on Forestsand FAO in collaboration with governments and various NGO
 - Theme-"Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being"
- ☛ **International Day of Nowruz is celebrated on March 21**
 - Declared by United Nations every year from 2010
 - The word Nowruz means Newday and it marks the first day of the spring
- ☛ **World Puppetry Day is observed on March 21**
 - Celebrated by Union Internationale de la Marionnette [UNIMA] affiliated to UNESCO from 2003
 - The idea came from the puppet theater artist Javad Zolfaghari from Iran
- ☛ **World Water Day is observed on March 22**
 - Resolution 1st adopted by UN General Assembly on December 22, 1992



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- March 22 was declared World Water day around the world in 1993
- Objective-to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) which is to ensure water and sanitation for all by 2030
- **Theme-** Valuing water
- 👉 **Earth Hour 2021 is observed on last Saturday of March**
 - **Theme-**Climate Change to Save Earth
- 👉 **World Metrological day (WMD) is observed on March 23**
 - The day to commemorate the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
 - The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) was established in 1950 on March 23
 - Theme-The ocean, our climate, and weather
- 👉 **World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is observed on March 24**
 - **Theme-**The Clock is Ticking
 - This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacillus that causes TB
 - In 1982, 100th anniversary of Robert Koch's presentation about TB, the International Union Against TB & Lung Diseases (IUATLD) proposed 24th March as TB day
 - India has set to achieve 'End Tuberculosis' reducing new TB cases by 80% by 2025
 - Ending TB epidemic by 2030 the health target of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- 👉 **International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed on March 25**
 - The day designated by UN General Assembly in 2007
 - Day honors & remembers those victims of transatlantic slave trade, which is "the worst violation of human rights in history", in which over 400 years more than 15 million men, women and children were the victims
 - **Theme-**"Ending Slavery's Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice"
- 👉 **The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed on March 25**
 - The Day marks the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett (Journalist) who worked for the

- UN relief & Work agency for Palestine refugees in the Near east (UNRWA)
- He was abducted by an armed gunman in 1985 & his body was found in Bekaa Valley, Lebanon in 2009
- 👉 **World Theatre Day is observed on March 27**
 - This day was initiated back in 1962
 - The first international message on World Theatre Day was written by a French poet and playwright named Jean Cocteau
 - The first ITI conference was held in Helsinki in Finland, the second one being in Vienna
- 👉 **World Piano day is observed on 88th day of the year** (in 2021 it's the 29th March) 88 denotes the number of keys on the instruments
- 👉 **International Transgender Day of Visibility is observed on March 31**
 - Raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide
 - The day was founded by US-based transgender activist Rachel Crandall of Michigan in 2009
- 👉 The first International Transgender Day of Visibility was held on March 31, 2009

BANKING & FINANCE

RBI

- 👉 **RBI-extended the timeline for processing recurring online transactions** by 6 months to September 30, 2021
- Penalty**
- 👉 RBI-imposed penalty **of Rs 2 crore on State Bank of India** for contravention of norms, including specific directions to the lender on remuneration to its employees in the form of commission
- 👉 RBI-imposed penalty **of Rs 1 lakh on Nagpur Mahanagarpalika Karmachari Sahakari Bank Ltd, Nagpur** for contravention of/non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on "Exposure Norms and Statutory/Other Restrictions – UCBs"
- 👉 RBI-imposed penalty **Rs 15 lakh on Sonata Finance Private Limited, Lucknow, UP** for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Pricing of Credit' contained in NBFC's

PUBLIC BANKS

State Bank of India

- 👉 **SBI-raised \$1 billion from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)**



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- To extend loans to supply chain of Japanese automobile industry in India
- SBI signed a loan agreement with JBIC, taking the total facility to \$2 billion

Punjab National Bank

- ☛ **PNB + Yes Bank** - for a strategic co-lending service that will facilitate retail home loans at competitive rates

Indian Overseas Bank

- ☛ **Indian Overseas Bank – 'IOB Trendy' savings account for millennials**

- Features of IOB Trendy Account
 - ✓ Age: 21-38 & no 'Opening balance needed
 - ✓ No charges levied for non-maintenance of balance only for first month
 - ✓ Daily minimum balance of Rs.10,000 or Rs.5000 and digital transaction of Rs. 20,000 per month;
 - ✓ Online application submission facility, free personalised accident (death) insurance cover of Rs.5 lakh
 - ✓ If the quarterly average balance is Rs.1 lakh and above, auto-sweep facility, when the balance exceeds Rs.50,000 among others

PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS

HDFC Bank

- ☛ **HDFC bank-launched 'SmartUp Unnati' for women Entrepreneurs**

- Under this programme senior women leaders from HDFC bank women entrepreneurs to achieve their goals in next one year
- SmartUp programme was an online mentoring platform for banking start-ups launched by HDFC in 2018

ICICI Bank

- ☛ **ICICI Bank + BillDesk +Razorpay-launched Instant EMI facility**

- To provide the customer to convert their high-value transactions up to Rs 5 lakh into Equated Monthly Installments (EMI)
- The facility in its internet banking platform 'EMI @ Internet Banking'
- Higher transaction limit-purchase of products or services ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh
- Tenure-customers can select 3 months, 6 months, 9 months & 12 months

IDBI Bank

- ☛ **IDBI Bank taken out of Prompt Corrective Action (PCA)**

- IDBI Bank was placed under PCA in May, 2017
- Net interest income rose 18 per cent to Rs 1,810 crore compared with the same period a year-ago
- Net Interest Margin (NIM) improved by 60 basis points to 2.87 per cent in the quarter

Karnataka Bank

- ☛ **Karnataka Bank + IIFL Securities to launch 'KBL Smart Trade'**

- It will provide a two-in-one account facility Karnataka's Savings Bank Account holders can open a Demat & Trading account with IIFL security instantly
- Demat account (Dematerialized account) to hold shares and financial securities in electronic form
- Trading account will provide the interface to buy and sell shares in the stock market

- ☛ **Karnataka Bank + Maruti Suzuki-teamed up for car loans**

- Customers will be able to avail car loans of up to 85 per cent of the on-road price
- The offer is applicable on all new Maruti Suzuki cars, i.e. the ones retailed via cars ARENA and NEXA showrooms

Kotak Mahindra Bank

- ☛ **Kotak Mahindra Bank + Indian Army-Salary account for India Army to all army personal both active & retired**

- Zero balance salary account earns upto 4% interest per annum, free unlimited ATM transactions
- Personal Accident Insurance cover-both accidental death & permanent disability
- Educational benefits for salary account holder's children of up to 22 years

Yes Bank

- ☛ **Yes Bank-launched 'YES Essence' women centric program**

- For women across customer segments – homemakers, salaried professionals, entrepreneurs and senior citizens
- Yes bank promoted '#Be Yourself' by encouraging them



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☛ Yes Bank + SHEROES – Launched 'Yes Essence Plus' program

- The program to support the women entrepreneurs & women-led startups
- Over a 10-week period, the cohort start-ups will receive customised training through virtual workshops conducted by industry experts

EXIM Bank

☛ Exim Bank - \$ 10.4 million (Rs 75.99 crore) loan deal with Eswatini (Swaziland)

- For construction of disaster recovery site
- With this agreement Bank has extended three LoCs to Eswatini total value to \$68.30 million
- Exim Bank has now in place 270 LoCs, covering 62 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the CIS with credit commitments of around USD 26.75 billion.

Insurance

☛ Aegon Life Insurance- launches Aegon Life Saral Jeevan Bima

- Policy that will pay the nominee a fixed amount after the policyholder's death during the policy term
- Eligibility-Age between 18 to 65 years
- Sum Assured-Rs 5 lakhs to Rs 25 lakhs
- Cover Period-5 years to 40 years

☛ Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)- introduced LIC's Bachat Plus

- It is a non-linked, participating, individual, savings plan
- Protection, savings and financial support for family of deceased policyholder
- Minimum assured sum Rs 1,00,000 with no upper limit
- Maturity period-5 years
- Minimum policy term is 10 years & maximum of 25 years under all options

| Premium Type | Options | Age limit Entry | Age at Maturity |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|
| Single premium Payment | A) Sum assured on death 10 times of tabular premium B) 1.25 time of tabular premium | Minimum-90 days both option A & B Maximum - 44 years (A), 70 years (B) | Minimum- 18 years Maximum - 65 years (A), 80 years (B) |
| Limited Premium Payment | A) Sum assured on death 10 times of tabular premium B) 7 time of tabular premium | Minimum-90 days (A), 40 years (B) Maximum- 60 years A & B | Maximum - 75 years both A & B |

☛ IRDAI-hiked maximum cover under Arogya Sanjeevani Policy

- Maximum cover amount increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh
- Expanded sum insured bands under the policy to between Rs 50000 to Rs 10 lakh in multiples of Rs 50000 against previous range Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh
- The age to get this policy between 18 years to 65 years of age
- The standardised health insurance product that was launched in March 2020

☛ Aquaconnect + Alliance Insurance Brokers – An insurance programme for shrimp farmers

Small Finance Bank

☛ Ujjivan SFB-launched 'Women Saving Account'

- The account called 'Garima Saving Account' to provide financial needs of women
- **Features:**
 - ✓ Maximum of 7% rate of interest on savings account
 - ✓ Free cash deposit up to Rs 5 lakhs per month or 8 transactions whichever is earlier at any branch
 - ✓ The account comes with complementary membership to 'Kavach Plan' protection worth Rs 60,000



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World Bank

World bank-extended \$ 500 million financing to The Philippines

- For the purchase and distribution of vaccines and to strengthen the country's health systems
- In May, it extended a \$500-million loan to provide relief to Filipinos who had lost jobs during lockdowns
- The ADB allotted \$400 million for the Philippines, the first recipient of its vaccine access support programme

World Bank's IDA- approved USD 200 million to Bangladesh

- Provide support and services to the low-income urban youths impacted by COVID 19 pandemic and the migrants who had to return involuntarily
- Provides concessional lending over 30 year term including 5 year grace period

World Bank's IDA-USD 500 million to Bangladesh vaccinate 54 million people against COVID 19 with 30 year term including 5 year grace period

International Monetary Fund

IMF- \$ 500million for Pakistan to help the country's economy and save lives and livelihoods amid the COVID-19 pandemic

Asian Development Bank

ADB-USD 300 million loan to finance for construction of hydropower plant

- 300-megawatt hydropower plant on the Kunhar river near Balakot City in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province
- Plant will increase the share of clean energy in Pakistan and improve the country's energy security
- The plant add 1,143 gigawatt of clean energy annually to the country
- The plant will be commissioned by 2027

National Development Bank

NDB-approved a loan upto \$ 1billion to Russia

- To support healthcare workers treating patients for COVID-19
- The NDB was established by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa

RBL Bank

RBL Bank + Tide India to serve Indian SME's

- Provide option for SME's to open current and savings accounts at RBL Bank through tide platform
- Apart from SME sector, unregistered and unorganized sector companies also benefitted
- Tide aiming 25000 customers in India within FY22 & up to 20 lakh in next 5 years

Card/Pay News

BharatPe launches instant liquidity facility for SME's

- The product named 'Distributor to Retailer' (D2R) finance
- Offer collateral free loan upto Rs 50 lakhs for period of 7 days to 30 days
- Loan available at low interest rate, with zero processing to distributors, traders & dealers

Magicbricks + Razorpay + HDFC Bank- create secure online solution for payments through credit cards with the 10 million rental residential household market

Samsung Electronics + Mastercard + Samsung Card – Fingerprint Biometric Payment Card to provide faster and more secure payment experiences

Others

NPCI + SBI payments – to launch a solution 'RupaySoftPoS' for merchants

- Merchants able to do digital payment & acceptance Rs 5000 through 'tap & pay' mechanism
- Near Field communication (NFC) for communication between two electronic devices distance of 4 cm

NPCI-launched 'UPI-Help' on BHIM UPI application

- UPI-Help act as a grievance redressal mechanism for the users of the BHIM application
- UPI pilot was launched on 11th april 2016 by RaguramRajan former RBI governor at Mumbai

SEBI-experts to examine to introducing SPACs like structures in India

- Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs) are formed to raise capital in an initial public offering (IPO)
- SPACs are usually formed by private equity funds or financial institutions, with expertise in a particular industry or business sector, with



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- investment for initial working capital and issue related expenses
- SPACs companies become popular in United States
- ☛ **NSE- setup International bullion exchange at GIFT city**
 - NSE signed with Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd, India INX International Exchange Ltd, National Securities Depository Ltd and Central Depository Services (India) Ltd
- ☛ **Muthoot Fincorp-launched AatmanirbharMahila Gold Loan**
 - The gold loan a unique and exclusive gold loan scheme for women
 - This is an extension of Muthoot FinCorp's #RestartIndia Mission
 - Scheme launched by Actress Vidya Balan
- ☛ **Karnataka Vikas GrameenaBank(KVGB) launched the 'Vikas Asha' Loan scheme**
 - Scheme for women entrepreneurs to meet their business related needs
 - Eligible loan amount up to Rs 10 lakhs, repayment Period- 84 months or 7 years
 - KVGB established in 2005, sponsored by Syndicate bank headquartered at Dharwad
- ☛ **Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) + Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank (APGVB) have launched digital savings account opening facility through video-KYC. These banks sponsored by SBI**
- ☛ **Axis Securities- launch of 'YIELD'-an online platform to buy and sells bonds as well as debentures in the secondary market**
- ☛ **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (Dharwad) + Our food Pvt ltd-for arranging cost-effective processing units to farmers through the bank loan**
- ☛ **Tata Motors + SBI-3 year MoU to offer innovative financial solutions to commercial vehicle customers**

- ☛ **SEBI-approved Paytm UPI handle to enable fast and seamless payment mandates for Initial Public Offering (IPO) applications**
- ☛ **SEBI- appoints forensic auditor to audit the financial statements of Suzlon Energy**

RANKING

National Ranking

- ☛ **Aspirational districts ranking in January-NITI Aayog**

Aspirational programme launched in January 2018

| Rank | City | State |
|------|------------|-------------------|
| 1st | Nawada | Bihar |
| 2nd | Kiphire | Nagaland |
| 3rd | Namsai | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 4th | Hailakandi | Assam |
| 5th | Chandel | Manipur |

- ☛ **Ease of Living Index 2020 & Municipal Performance Index 2020**

- Released by-Housing & Urban Affairs Minister H S Puri
- Participated 111 cities in the assessment which was conducted in 2020
- First edition of the Index started in 2018

- ☛ **Ease of Living Index (EoLI) 2020**

| Million+ category | | Less than Million category | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rank | City | Rank | City |
| 1st | Bengaluru (Karnataka) | 1st | Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) |
| 2nd | Pune (Maharashtra) | 2nd | Bhuvaneshwar (Odisha) |
| 3rd | Ahmedabad (Gujarat) | 3rd | Silvassa (Dadra & Nagar Haveli) |



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☛ Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020

| Million+ category | | Less than Million category | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rank | City | Rank | City |
| 1st | Indore (Madhya Pradesh) | 1st | New Delhi MC |
| 2nd | Surat (Gujarat) | 2nd | Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh) |
| 3rd | Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) | 3rd | Gandhi Nagar (Gujarat) |

☛ List of clean energy mission in last three-and-a-half years

| Rank | State |
|------|------------|
| 1st | Karnataka |
| 2nd | Gujarat |
| 3rd | Tamil Nadu |

☛ Central Pollution Control Board Data Contaminated Sites Ranking

| Rank | State/UT | Contaminated Sites |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 st | Odisha | 23 |
| 2 nd | Uttar Pradesh | 21 |
| 3 rd | Delhi | 11 |

☛ Wealth Report 2020-released by Hurun India

High Net Worth Individuals (HNI)- state wise

| Rank | State | Households | No. of Richest |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Maharashtra | 56000 | 247 |
| 2 nd | Uttar Pradesh | 36000 | - |
| 3 rd | Tamil Nadu | 35000 | 65 |
| 4 th | Karnataka | 33000 | 72 |
| 5 th | Gujarat | 29000 | 60 |

☛ 4th edition of GROHE Hurun India Real Estate Rich list 2020-India's Richest Property Developers list

| Rank | Person |
|-----------------|--|
| 1 st | Mangal Prabhat Lodha of Macrotech Developers |
| 2 nd | Rajiv Singh of DLF Ltd |
| 3 rd | Chandru Raheja of K Raheja |

International Ranking

☛ Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking By Subject 2021

- Addressed by Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' Ministry of Education
- 12 institutions in the list of top 100 from India
- These are- IIT-Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IISc Bangalore, IIT Guwahati, IIM Bangalore, IIM Ahmedabad, JNU, Anna University, University of Delhi, O P Jindal University

☛ Institutions top 100 among 5 broad subjects

| Subject | Rank | Institutes |
|------------------------------|------|--|
| Engineering & Technology | 1st | Massachusetts Institute of technology (MIT)-US |
| | 49th | IIT Bombay-Mumbai |
| | 54th | IIT-Delhi |
| | 94th | IIT-Madras, Tamil Nadu |
| Natural Sciences | 1st | MIT, US |
| | 92nd | IISc Bengaluru |
| Social Sciences & Management | 1st | Harvard University, US |
| Life Sciences & Medicine | 1st | Harvard University, US |
| Arts & Humanities | 1st | University of Oxford, UK |



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👉 Indian Institutes among top 100 in other Disciplines

| Subject | Rank | Institutes |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Petroleum & Engineering Course | 30th | IIT Madras (Tamil Nadu) |
| | 51st | IIT Guwahati (Assam) |
| | 51-100th | Anna University (Chennai) |
| Mineral & Mining Engineering | 41st | IIT-Bombay |
| | 44th | IIT-Kharagpur (West Bengal) |
| Business & Management | 76 th & 80 th | IIM-Bengaluru & IIM Ahmedabad |
| Law | 76th | OP Jindal Global University, Haryana |
| Development Studies | 50 th | University of Delhi |
| Anthropology | 51-100 | Jawaharlal Nehru University-Delhi |

👉 27th edition Economic Freedom Index-released by The Heritage Foundation

- Index ranks 12 indicators under 4 categories-rule of law, size of government, regulatory efficiency and open markets
- In Asia-pacific region Singapore topped & India ranked 26th
- Lowest ranked countries-North Korea (178), Venezuela (177), Cuba (176)

| Rank | Country |
|-------|-------------|
| 1st | Singapore |
| 2nd | New Zealand |
| 3rd | Australia |
| 121st | India |
| 178th | North Korea |

👉 2020 World Air Quality Report-released by IQ Air Swiss Air Technology Company

Most polluted cities

| Rank | City | Country |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1 st | Xinjiang | China |
| 2 nd | Ghaziabad | Uttar Pradesh |
| 3 rd | Bulandshaha | Uttar Pradesh |

Most polluted Country 2020

| Rank | Country | PM |
|-----------------|------------|------|
| 1 st | Bangladesh | 77.1 |
| 2 nd | Pakistan | 59 |
| 3 rd | India | 51.9 |

Note:

- ✓ Least Polluted cities- Puerto Rico, New Caledonia, US Virgin Islands
- ✓ Delhi is most polluted capital city for 3rd consecutive time followed by Dhaka (Bangladesh), Ulaanbaatar (Mangolia)
- ✓ In most polluted cities ranking 22 out 30 cities are in India

👉 Global House Price Index Q4 2020-released by Knight Frank

| Rank | Country |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1 st | Turkey |
| 2 nd | New Zealand |
| 3 rd | Slovakia |
| 56 th | India |



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World's Most Dangerous Roads to drive list-by Zutobi International driver Education Company

Total Countries-56

| Rank | Country |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 st | South Africa |
| 2 nd | Thailand |
| 3 rd | United States |
| 4 th | India |
| 5 th | Argentina |

World's Safest Roads:

| Rank | Country |
|-----------------|---------|
| 1 st | Norway |
| 2 nd | Japan |
| 3 rd | Sweden |
| 4 th | Estonia |
| 5 th | Iceland |

World Happiest Country list-released by UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Total Countries-149

| Rank | Country |
|-------------------|---------|
| 1 st | Finland |
| 2 nd | Iceland |
| 3 rd | Denmark |
| 139 th | India |

Military Strength Index-released by defence website Military Direct

| Rank | Country | Score/100 |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 st | China | 82 |
| 2 nd | USA | 74 |
| 3 rd | Russia | 69 |
| 4 th | India | 61 |

Note: World's biggest Military spender-USA (732 billion per year), followed by China (261 billion), India (71 billion)

Gender Gap Report 2021- released by World Economic Forum

| Rank | Country |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 st | Iceland |
| 2 nd | Finland |
| 3 rd | Norway |
| 140 th | India |
| 156 th | Afghanistan |



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