

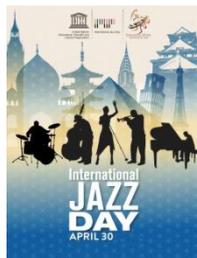


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CURRENT AFFAIRS: DAYS

International Jazz Day



- **International Jazz Day** is celebrated every year on **30 April**.
- The day aims to create awareness around the world of the virtues of jazz as a force of peace, unity, dialogue, and enhanced cooperation among people, and an educational tool.
- Amid COVID-19 pandemic, the day has been decided to be celebrated virtually. The online celebration of International Jazz Day 2020 will be hosted by **Herbie Hancock**. The virtual Global Concert featuring artists from different parts of the world will Livestream on **jazzday.com**.
- International Jazz Day is an International Day declared by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** in **2011**

International Labour Day or May Day



- **International Labour Day** is also known as **Labour Day or May Day**. It is celebrated globally every year on **1st May**.
- In India, Labour Day is referred as Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas or Kamgar Din.
- **International Workers' Memorial Day 2020 theme** is the **Coronavirus**
- As the world is currently facing the coronavirus pandemic, TUC, the Trade Union Health, has marked it as a theme this year.
- The pandemic has affected and is still affecting many workers regardless of sector or locality.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: NATIONAL

Nitin Gadkari launches bank of schemes, ideas, innovation & research portal on MSMEs

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- **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari** launched bank of schemes, ideas, innovation and Research portal - <http://ideas.msme.gov.in> on MSMEs. The portal gives access to all schemes of Union, States and Union Territory Governments and has the provision for uploading ideas, innovations and researches in the sector.
- It has unique features of not only crowd sourcing of ideas, but also evaluation and rating the ideas by crowd sourcing. It can also facilitate inflow of venture capital, and foreign collaboration. Besides, the portal will benefit the potential entrepreneurs as one stop compendium of ideas, innovation and research ready for commercialization.
- Launching the portal through video conferencing from Nagpur, Mr Gadkari stated that this portal will prove to be of great transformational significance to economy in general and the MSMEs in particular.
- He also suggested that category-wise classification and analysis of information and the achievements which may be published so that others can learn and take lessons from successful experiences. He stressed upon the need for conversion of knowledge into wealth.
- The Minister also stated that there is a need for greater work on Research, Technology, Innovation which can bring down cost and improve quality.
- Minister of State for MSME **Pratap Chandra Sarangi** stated this portal will help the MSMEs in a big way through information sharing.

About MSME Ministry:

- Nitin Gadkari : Union Minister
- Constituency : Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Minister of State

CURRENT AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL

Japan to Support ADB Developing Member Countries' Response to COVID-19 Challenges



- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has provided several targeted interventions to support its developing member countries (DMCs) in combating the effects of the **novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19)** pandemic from its early stages.
- In support of ADB's effort, the Government of Japan is committed to providing emergency support of **\$150 million** through the **Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR)** and the **Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund (APDRF)** to help DMCs strengthen their capacity to contain the spread of COVID-19.
- Following a \$6.5 billion initial package, ADB announced on 13 April to triple the size of its response by adding \$13.5 billion in resources to help its DMCs counter the severe macroeconomic and health impacts caused by COVID-19. The

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\$20 billion package includes about \$2.5 billion in concessional and grant resources. Japan's contribution is on top of the package.

- ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region.

About Asian Development Bank:

- Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines
- President: Masatsugu Asakawa

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BANKING AND FINANCE

Fintech firm HAPPY launches 'Lockdown Loan' to tide over Covid-19 crisis



- **HAPPY**, a **machine learning-based MSME digital lender**, has launched the '**lockdown loan**'. The company came up with the initiative as it believes that the global coronavirus outbreak has also impacted about one-fourth of India's 69 million MSMEs at present and the lending will help the affected microenterprises with seamless liquidity access.
- The company stated that the digital credit facility is developed to address the working capital woes of Indian micro enterprises during the lockdown period. It claimed that it will empower borrowers with easy capital access to **Rs.25,000** and **Rs.50,000** with bullet repayment after 6 months.
- The ML-based lender has further strengthened the offering with Covid-19 protection insurance, wherein a full loan waiver is extended to the coronavirus infected.
- The digital lending platform further stated that it has proactively interacted with nearly 300 MSMEs via a survey to understand their sentiments and pain points. The Lockdown Loan was designed and developed basis the survey results to empower the micro-entrepreneurs during these difficult times.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATES

Delhi police Commissioner launches initiative Ayuraksha- 'Corona se jung - Delhi Police ke sang'



- **Delhi police** Commissioner **S N Shrivastava** launched **Ayuraksha- 'Corona se jung - Delhi Police ke sang'**, a joint initiative by Delhi Police and **All India Institute of Ayurveda, Ministry of AYUSH**. The Ayurveda institute will maintain the health of front line COVID warriors like Delhi Police personnel through Ayurveda Immunity boosting measures. It will be implemented in a phase wise manner. The distribution will take place for nearly 80 thousand personnel of Delhi Police across 15 districts.

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- He stated around 50 police personnel have been hit by this virus as their duties require presence in the general public, including vulnerable places like hospitals, containment zones and quarantine centres.
- He expressed his gratitude to Ministry of AYUSH for this unique initiative which will help policemen to keep themselves safe and secure from this virus. Immunity Booster Kits were distributed to Delhi Police Personnel on this occasion

About Delhi:

- Chief minister: Arvind Kejriwal
- Lt. Governor: Anil Baijal

Sikkim CM launches portal to gather public feedback and suggestions on govt schemes

Sikkim IPR

Sikkim Government Feedback

- **Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang** launched the www.sikkingovtfeedback.org portal developed by the state **Information and Public relations (IPR)** Department to gather public feedback and suggestions on government schemes and general administration at **Gangtok**.
- Mr Tamang stated that the mechanism established through the portal would ensure transparency in functioning of the government by providing an interface with the people.
- Inputs received from the public will be documented and screened by officials for further forwarding to respective departments for necessary action.

About Sikkim:

- Capital: Gangtok
- Chief minister: Prem Singh Tamang
- Governor :Ganga Prasad

AP government to release Rs.905 crore in dues to MSMEs, waive power charges for April, May



- The **Andhra Pradesh government** has waived the **minimum power charges** for all **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)** for April and May in view of the lockdown.
- The government has also stated it will release all pending dues to MSMEs which have not been paid from 2014-15, amounting to **Rs.905 crore**, in two tranches. In addition, **Rs.200 crore** will be provided as input capital to the firms at low-interest rates.
- These decisions were taken by Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy in a review meeting on MSMEs held in Amaravati.

- With these decisions, over 72,531 micro enterprises and 24,252 small and 645 medium scale industries are going to be benefited, which would eventually create employment for about 9,68,269 people, stated the release. The State government will support the textile industry and other enterprises based on the Centre's decisions, it added.

About Andhra Pradesh :

- Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Chief minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy
- Capital: Amaravati

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPS AND PORTALS

Over 325000 people are using “Janaushadhi Sugam” Mobile App to access Janaushadhi kendras



- Due to COVID-19 crisis **Janaushadhi Sugam Mobile App** is helping people in a big way to locate their nearest Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMJAK) and availability of affordable generic medicine with its price.
- Over **325000 people** are using Janaushadhi Sugam Mobile App to avail the host of benefits provided by it.
- This mobile application for **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)** has been developed by **Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI)** under Department of Pharmaceuticals , Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India.
- Janaushadhi Sugam Mobile App is available on both Android & I-phone platforms. It can be downloaded free of cost by the user from Google Play Store and Apple Store.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Former Axis Bank CEO Shikha Sharma named advisor to Google Pay India



- **Google Pay India** named **Shikha Sharma**, former **Axis Bank CEO**, as an advisor to digital payments app.
- Google Pay has been leading UPI Payments adoption in India.
- During the ongoing lockdown, Google launched its “Nearby Spot” to help users in Bengaluru find local stores selling essentials like groceries that are open, amid the lockdown.
- The Nearby Spot will be launched in Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Pune, and Delhi soon, Google has stated at the time.

About Google Pay India

- Launched in India- August 28, 2018 (UPI based, previously known as Tez release date August 17, 2017)

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- MD and Business Head - Sajith Sivanandan
- Headquarter- Gurugram, Haryana

Suresh K Reddy is India's new ambassador to Brazil



- **Shri Suresh K. Reddy**, presently **Additional Secretary in the Ministry**, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Federative Republic of Brazil**.
- An IFS officer of 1991 batch. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

About Brazil:

- Capital: Brasilia
- President: Jair Bolsonaro
- Currency: Brazilian real

Atsushi Ogata appointed as President, MD and CEO of HMSI



- **Japanese auto major Honda Motor Co** stated it has appointed **Atsushi Ogata** as new **President, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD)** of Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) with immediate effect.
- Ogata replaces Minoru Kato, who after a three year stint at HMSI returns to Japan as the operating executive & chief officer life creation operation, Honda Motor Co, it stated.
- The company stated it has elevated V Sridhar (earlier GVP & Director — Manufacturing, HMSI) as senior director — purchase, HMSI.
- Besides, Yadvinder Singh Guleria and Vinay Dhingra are now elevated to the board of directors at HMSI, the company stated.
- Guleria as the new director, HMSI, now has greater responsibilities with additional charge of customer service, logistics planning and control, premium motorcycle business, brand and communication along with sales and marketing.
- He was previously the Senior Vice - President - Sales & Marketing, HMSI.

About Honda:

- Headquarters : Minato, Tokyo, Japan
- Toshiaki Mikoshiba : chairman

Jacqueline Hughes takes charge as Director-General of ICRISAT



- **Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes**, a plant health expert, has taken charge as **Director-General** of the **Hyderabad-based International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)**.
- She succeeds **Peter Carberry**, who has returned to Australia after completing his term. Hughes, however, assumed office from the Philippines during a virtual event as she could not travel to Hyderabad due to travel restrictions.
- The virtual event was attended by ICRISAT staff and the Governing Board.
- With a Doctoral degree in microbiology and virology, Hughes, a British national, moved to Ghana in the early 1990s to work with the Cocoa Research Institute and then at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Nigeria. She later joined the World Vegetable Centre in Taiwan as its Deputy Director General – Research.
- Before taking up the ICRISAT role, Hughes was Deputy Director General–Research at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines.

About International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).

- The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is an international organization which conducts agricultural research for rural development, headquartered in **Patancheru (Hyderabad, Telangana, India)** with several regional centers (Bamako (Mali), Nairobi (Kenya)) and research stations (Niamey (Niger), Kano (Nigeria), Lilongwe (Malawi), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Bulawayo (Zimbabwe)).
- It was founded in 1972 by a consortium of organisations convened by the Ford and the Rockefeller foundations. Its charter was signed by the FAO and the UNDP.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: AWARDS AND HONOURS

Manipuri Doctor Conferred 'Order of Rising Sun' by Japan



- **Thangjam Dhabali Singh** from **Manipur** has been conferred the '**Order of Rising Sun**' by the **Japan government** for promoting a better understanding of Japan in India and deepening ties between the two countries.
- The '**Order of the Rising Sun**' is conferred on persons with achievements in international relations, promotion of Japanese culture, environmental preservation, welfare or achievements in their fields. It was constituted by Japanese Emperor Meiji in 1875.
- Thangjam Dhabali Singh, an allopathic doctor by profession and founder of the Manipur Tourism Forum (MTF), was conferred the 'Order of Rising Sun - Gold and Silver Rays' by the Japan government.
- Singh had organised the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal of the Second World War. Several Japanese citizens, including officials from the Embassy of Japan in India, had participated in the event.

About Japan

- Capital– Tokyo.

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- Currency– yen.
- Prime Minister (PM)– Shinzo Abe.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Alabama teen names NASA's pioneering Mars Helicopter “Ingenuity”



- **NASA's Mars Helicopter Ingenuity** will be the first aircraft to fly in a controlled way on another planet.
- **Vaneeza Rupani**, a junior at Tuscaloosa County High School in Northport, Alabama, came up with the name and the motivation behind it during NASA's "**Name the Rover**" essay contest.
- The ingenuity and brilliance of people working hard to overcome the challenges of interplanetary travel are what allow us all to experience the wonders of space exploration.
- Ingenuity is what allows people to accomplish amazing things, and it allows us to expand our horizons to the edges of the universe.
- The helicopter successfully completed its flight-testing program using the 25-foot space simulation chamber at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. The next flight attempt will be in the actual environment of Mars.

About NASA:

- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- Founder: Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Founded: 29 July 1958, United States
- Present Administrator- Jim Bridenstine

Microwave steriliser developed to disintegrate COVID-19



- **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune** has developed a **microwave steriliser** named as **ATULYA** to disintegrate COVID-19.
- The virus gets disintegrated by differential heating in the range of 56 degree to 60 degree Celsius temperatures.
- Defence Ministry stated, the product is cost effective solution, which can be operated in portable or fixed installations. This system was tested for human and operator safety and has been found to be safe.
- Depending upon size and shape of various objects, time of sterilisation is from 30 seconds to one minute. The approximate weight of the system is three kilogrammes and it can be used for non-metallic objects only.

About Defence Institute of Advanced Technology

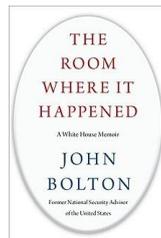
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- Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) is the Premier Deemed University under the Department of Defence Research & Development, Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
- Founded: 1952
- Chancellor: Rajnath Singh
- Vice-Chancellor: Dr. CP Ramnarayanan

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BOOKS AND AUTHORS

The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir by John Bolton



- **The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir** is an upcoming memoir by **John Bolton**, who served as national security adviser for U.S. President Donald Trump. It is Published by **Simon & Schuster**.
- The date of the book release has been pushed back from May 12, 2020 to June 23, 2020, on **Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble bookseller company**.

About the author

- John Bolton is the former National Security Advisor to President Donald Trump. He served as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations from 2005 to 2006. He has spent many years of his career in public service and held high-level positions in the Administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and George W. Bush

CURRENT AFFAIRS: RANKING

Chhattisgarh tops among other states in providing employment to workers under MGNREGS



- **Chhattisgarh** has **topped** the list of states in **providing employment** to over 18 lakh unskilled labourers under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)**.
- Around 77.85 lakh people are engaged in different work under the scheme across the country.
- The national participation of the workers working in the state is **24 per cent**, which is the highest in the country.
- **Rajnandgaon, Janjgir-Champa and Mahasamund districts** of **Chhattisgarh** are at the top in terms of maximum employment to MGNREGS workers at the state level.
- **Rajasthan** has provided employment to **10.79 lakh workers** under the rural employment guarantee scheme and **Uttar Pradesh** is at **third position** with around **9.06 lakh workers** engaged by it.

About MGNREGA

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- Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act 2005, is an Indian labour law and social security measure that aims to guarantee the 'right to work'. This act was passed in September 2005.
- **MGNREGA** is the largest social security scheme in the world guaranteeing 100 days of unskilled manual work to all rural households in India. The work is usually on projects to build durable assets like roads, canals, ponds and wells.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS

Sania Mirza Becomes First Indian To Get Nominated For Fed Cup Heart Award



- Indian tennis star **Sania Mirza** became **the first Indian to be nominated** for the **Fed Cup Heart Award** from the Asia/Oceania zone along with Indonesia's Priska Medelyn Nugroho.
- Sania had recently made a comeback to Fed Cup after four years. With her 18-month son Izhaan present in the stands, Sania had helped India qualify for the Play-offs for the first time.
- The winners of the Heart Awards will be determined by online voting by fans which will go live on May 1 and will go on until May 8.
- In Fed Cup Heart Award's 11th edition this year, Anett Kontaveit (Estonia) and Eleonora Molinaro (Luxembourg) have been nominated from Europe/Africa zone while Fernanda Contreras Gomez of Mexico and Paraguay's Veronica Cepede Royg have been nominated from the Americas.

ISL side FC Goa appoints Spaniard Juan Ferrando as new head coach



- **FC Goa** appointed **Spaniard Juan Ferrando** as the **club's new head coach** for the upcoming Indian Super League (ISL) season and AFC Champions League campaign. A UEFA Pro License holder, Ferrando will replace Sergio Lobera, another Spaniard, who was sacked in January midway last season. Former India player and assistant coach **Clifford Miranda** was guiding the team till the end of the season.
- The Goan side had become the first Indian club to earn a direct berth in the group stage of the AFC Champions League after topping the league phase of the ISL.
- The 39-year-old began his career with the academy at RCD Espanyol before moving to Barcelona B. He then coached the likes of FC RICOH Premia, Terrassa CF and CE Hospitalet before moving to Malaga, to become the coach of the youth team.
- In England, he worked as the technical coach of Premier League stars like Cesc Fabregas, Robin Van Persie and Angel Rangel, among others.

PSG crowned Ligue 1 champions as season ended amid coronavirus crisis



- **Paris St Germain** have been awarded their seventh **Ligue 1 title** in eight years after the season was ended amid the COVID-19 crisis, the **French League (LFP)** stated .
- PSG had a comfortable 12-point lead over second-placed **Olympique de Marseille** when the season was suspended with 10 games left as part of French government's measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.
- With some clubs having played 27 games and others 28, the LFP drew the standings according to a performance index - the number of points per game weighed by head-to-head record.
- PSG therefore ended the season on 2.52 points with OM on 2 and third-placed **Stade Rennais** on 1.79.
- According to the standings, Marseille qualify for the Champions League group stage with Rennes going through a qualification playoff.
- The LFP also crowned Lorient as Ligue 2 champions in a conference call after the standings were frozen after all teams had played 28 matches.
- Lorient had 54 points after losing four of their last five games with Lens on 53, leaving third-placed AC Ajaccio (52) and fourth-placed Troyes (51) in Ligue 2.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: OBITUARY

Freedom Fighter Hema Bharali Passes Away



- Assam born **freedom fighter** and **Padma Shri Hema Bharali** passed away.
- Hema Bharali is an Indian freedom activist, social worker, Sarvodaya leader and Gandhian, known for her contributions for the empowerment of women and efforts towards the upliftment of the socially and financially challenged sections of the society.

Legendary footballer Chuni Goswami passes away at 82



- Legendary Footballer **Chuni Goswami** died in Kolkata after prolonged illness. He was 82. Chuni Goswami was the captain of gold medal winning Indian football team of Jakarta Asiad held in 1962. He was awarded **Arjun** , **Padmashri** and several others prestigious awards for his outstanding contributions in the field of Sports



- He received **Mohonbagan Ratna awards** in 2005 . The West Bengal Government conferred him the highest civilian award **Banga Bibhusan** in 2013 . Chuni Goswami was captain of Bengal Ranji Cricket team. He was also Sheriff of Kolkata.

DAILY CA 30th APR

- International Dance Day- 29th april
- Ayushman Bharat Diwas- 30th april
- US provides additional \$ **3 million** to India to fight Covid-19
- US Navy to host **world's largest maritime exercises** in Hawaii again this year
- ADB gives \$ **346 mn loan** for power sector in rural Maharashtra
- NHB provides liquidity boost through **Rs.10,000-cr special** refinance facility
- **KVGB loan scheme** for Covid-19-affected MSME borrowers
- World Bank approves **USD 400 million** to enhance India's coastal resources
- **MyGov, VMate** collaborates to disperse information on Covid-19
- **Maruti joins** hands **with AgVA Healthcare** to supply 10,000 ventilators by May-end
- **Joe Biden** wins Ohio Democratic primary
- PNB Housing appoints **Neeraj Vyas** as interim MD and CEO
- Ex-Andhra Bank chief **Suresh N Patel** to take over as vigilance commissioner
- Former finance secretary **Rajiv Kumar** appointed PESB chief
- **T. S. Tirumurti** appointed as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of India to UN
- India Appoints New Ambassadors To **Qatar, Bahrain**
- India at **53rd position** in budget transparency, accountability: IBP survey
- **HCARD robot** to assist frontline Covid-19 healthcare workers
- Uma Balasubramaniam Newest Book on India's Unsung Hero: **Sayajirao Gaekwad III: The Maharaja of Baroda**
- India lose hosting rights of 2021 men's world boxing championships
- **Rishi Kapoor** passes away at 67

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- **International Jazz Day- 30th april**

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