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### **CURRENT AFFAIRS: DAYS**

#### **World Cancer Day**



- Every year on **4 February World Cancer Day** is observed globally and is celebrated by WHO to aware people of the disease Cancer.
- 2020 theme is '**I Am and I Will**'.
- According to WHO, the theme is an empowering call-to-action urging for personal commitment and represents the power of individual action taken now to impact the future.

### **CURRENT AFFAIRS: NATIONAL**

#### **Union govt sets target of 30km of highways a day in current fiscal**



- Union Government has set the target for construction of highways about **30 kilometres** per day in the current fiscal.
- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari stated, the average construction of Highways is 25.23 kilometres per day till December in 2019-20 whereas it was 24.37 kilometres per day during the corresponding period in 2018-19.
- A total of **two thousand one hundred 55 kilometres** length of roads have been built in the first three months of the current financial year as compared to two thousand three hundred 51 kilometres in the corresponding period last year.

#### **723 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras established till Jan 2020: Govt**



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- Government stated that as on January this year, **723 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK)** have been established in the country.
- Skill development and entrepreneurship Minister Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey stated his ministry is implementing demand driven scheme, **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20** for short duration skill development training.
- The minister informed the House that DGFT under **skill development** ministry is also implementing long duration vocational courses through industrial training institutes.
- **Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) scheme** for skill development is being implemented through its institutional framework in the country with the objective to improve the occupational skills and technical knowledge of the neo literate.
- The minister informed the House that PMKVY scheme envisaged to increase the availability of skilled people in various job roles.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL

### Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg nominated for Nobel Peace Prize



- Two lawmakers in Sweden have nominated Swedish teenage climate activist **Greta Thunberg** for the 2020 **Nobel Peace Prize**.
- Thunberg, 17, has encouraged students to skip school to join protests demanding faster action on climate change, a movement that has spread beyond Sweden to other European nations and around the world.
- She founded the **Fridays for Future** movement that has inspired similar actions by other young people.
- Any national lawmaker can nominate somebody for the Nobel Peace Prize, and three members of the Norwegian Parliament nominated Thunberg last year.
- In 2019, she was among four people named as the winners of a **Right Livelihood Award**, also known as the "Alternative Nobel" and she was named **Time magazine's 'Person of the Year.'**

### Pakistan declares national emergency to battle locusts



- Pakistan, which is facing its **worst locust attack** in decades, has declared **national emergency** to tackle the **insects destroying crops** on a large scale in Punjab province, country's main region for agricultural production.

- The decision was taken at a meeting convened by Prime Minister Imran Khan. The meeting, attended by federal ministers and senior officials of the four provinces, also approved a National Action Plan (NAP) that requires a sum of ₹7.3 billion to overcome the crisis.
- Minister for National Food Security Khusro Bakhtiar informed the National Assembly about the gravity of the situation and the steps so far taken by the federal and provincial governments to deal with the crisis, the Dawn newspaper reported.
- Bakhtiar informed the house that it was for the first time that after attacking Sindh and Punjab, the swarms of locust had entered Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- "A sum of ₹7.3 bn is required to avoid further destruction.
- The swarms of locust are currently on the Pakistan-India border along Cholistan, the minister stated, adding that insects had entered Cholistan and Nara from Sindh and Balochistan.
- Locusts used to move to Iran after sometime, but perhaps this time due to low temperatures they are still in Pakistan

#### About Pakistan

- Prime minister: Imran Khan
- Capital: Islamabad
- Currency: Pakistani rupee
- President: Arif Alvi

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: BANKING AND FINANCE

#### Insurance on bank deposits hiked to Rs 5 lakh



- To create confidence among depositors that their money is safe with commercial banks, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget speech proposed to hike the bank deposit insurance in scheduled commercial banks to **Rs 5 lakh per depositor** from the current **Rs 1 lakh**.
- The long-overdue move comes only several incidents, the prominent being a fraud of **Rs 4,355 crore** unfolded at Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank, created a sort of panic among investors.
- The FM, however, stated that there is a robust mechanism in place to monitor the health of all scheduled commercial banks and all depositors money is absolutely safe in the country.
- Experts welcomed the move and stated it is a higher confidence-boosting measure. The proposal to increase the deposit insurance coverage and assurance on the safety of depositor money in a scheduled commercial bank is a high confidence-boosting measure and should support the deposit accretion of banks

#### Banks, select financial institutions report frauds involving ₹1.13 lakh crore in H1 of FY20: Sitharaman



- Frauds involving **₹1,13,374 crore** were reported by banks and select financial institutions in the first half of the current financial year. 'Framework for timely detection, reporting, investigation relating to large value bank frauds' for public sector banks (PSBs) to deal with suspected frauds involving sums of money in excess of **₹50 crore**.
- It had also instituted wide-ranging structural and procedural reforms through the framework and other steps to check fraudulent banking practices.
- She stated systematic and comprehensive checking, including legacy stock of PSBs' non-banking assets (NPAs), for frauds under the framework has been taken note of by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its Financial Stability Report in December 2019, where it has observed that this has helped unearth frauds perpetrated over a number of years
- This is reflected in the increased amount involved in frauds of ₹1 lakh and above, reported by scheduled commercial banks and select financial institutions, from ₹23,934 crore in the financial year 2016-17 to ₹41,167 crore in 2017-18, ₹71,543 crore in 2018-19, and ₹1,13,374 crore in the first half of the current financial year.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS: BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### India bans exports of all kinds of personal protection equipment



- India has banned exports of all kinds of **personal protection equipment**, including clothing and masks used to protect people from **air borne particles**.
- The move assumes significance as there could be a spurt in demand for such products due to outbreak of novel Coronavirus that has claimed more than 200 lives in China while the number of confirmed cases reached near 10 thousand.

### Fitch predicts India's FY21 GDP growth at 5.6 per cent



- Fitch Ratings stated India is expected to clock a GDP growth of **5.6 per cent** in the next financial year, lower than the projection made by the government's Economic Survey, as Budget 2020 has not **"materially altered"** its view on the country's growth outlook.

- The Economic Survey, released a day before Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented Union Budget for 2020-21 on February 1, had projected a GDP growth of **6-6.5 per cent**, up from **5 per cent** estimate for 2019-20.
- The fiscal slippage announced in the government's new FY21 budget is modest relative to its previous targets, and is consistent with expectations of India's '**BBB-**' **rating** with a stable outlook last December, given slowing growth momentum
- Sitharaman's Budget missed deficit target for the third year in a row, pushing shortfall to **3.8 per cent of GDP** in the current fiscal as compared **to 3.3 per cent** previously planned.
- The fiscal deficit target for the coming fiscal year starting April 1, has been fixed at **3.5 per cent**.

#### About fitch ratings

- Headquarters: New York, New York, United States
- CEO: Paul Taylor

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATES

#### Punjab government bans sale of online lottery schemes to check illegal sales



- **Punjab** Cabinet led by Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh decided to ban the sale of all types of online lottery schemes in the state.
- The ban on '**Online Lottery Schemes**', under **section 5 of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act 1998**, would not only check the spread of illegal lottery business, which was proliferating under the guise of online lotteries but also give a boost to the state's tax and non-tax revenue
- The Cabinet also gave approval to prohibition of the sale of computerised and online lotteries marketed and operated through vending machines, terminals and electronic machines, as well as online scheme tickets sold, organised, conducted or promoted through the internet by any State within the Indian territory or by a foreign country.

#### About Punjab

- Capital- Chandigarh.
- Governor- Vijayender Pal Singh Badnore.
- Chief Minister- Amarinder Singh.

#### India's biggest rural technical festival Antahpragnya 2020



- National Level India's Biggest Rural Technical Festival titled **Antahpragnya 2020** in the state of Telangana at **Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies-Basar (RGUKT-Basar)**.
- Rural areas cannot afford to miss the development bus. Most of the developments in the **two lakh years** have taken place in the last century.

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- The fest showcases 300 prototypes, working models, exhibits and technologies such as automatic switch for water, homemade electricity, smoke absorber, automatic street lighting system, smart dustbins, zero budget farming, automatic irrigation and others.

#### About Telangana

- Capital: Hyderabad
- Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan
- Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao

#### Karnataka to get another airport with flights between Bidar and Bengaluru

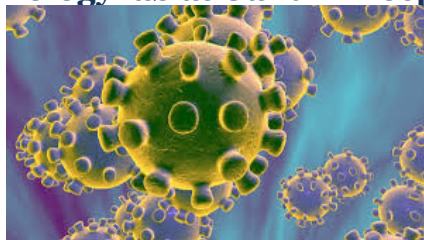


- **GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd. (GHIAL)** has signed a concession agreement to commission, operationalize and maintain the Civilian Enclave at **Bidar Airport** in North Karnataka.
- The agreement was signed under the centre's Regional Connectivity **UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) Scheme**.
- GHIAL is expected to start the airport operations in the first week of February 2020 with the operations of one daily flight connecting Bidar with Bangalore.
- Bidar is also renowned for Bidriware metal handicraft products which have been recognized with the coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

#### Recent news related to Karnataka

- **Human Library event** held in **Mysuru**
- India and ADB sign **91 million USD** to improve water resources in **Karnataka**
- Eight Indian States namely Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh celebrated their formation day on November 1, 2019

#### Telangana govt opens new virology lab at Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad



- In Telangana, the State Government has opened the **new virology lab** at **Gandhi Hospital** in **Hyderabad** to enable taking up diagnostic tests for Novel Coronavirus in the state itself. State Health Minister E. Rajender has formally opened the lab this morning.
- Stating that the samples are being sent to the National Virology Institute in Pune all these days and now onwards, the tests will be conducted in Hyderabad to save time.
- The Minister also inaugurated laser machines in the Dermatology Department in Gandhi Hospital and new machines in the name of Ear to Hear to identify deafness by birth besides new examination hall and library building.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATION

### Deepa Malik elected Paralympic Committee of India president



- Decorated para-athlete and India's lone woman **Paralympic medallist Deepa Malik** has been elected as **president of Paralympic Committee of India**
- The 49-year-old, who won a silver in shot put F-53 event in the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, was elected unopposed as president in the **PCI polls** held in Bengaluru.
- **Gursharan Singh**, who was acting as interim president after former chief Rao Inderjit Singh was removed from his post last year, was also elected unopposed as **secretary general**.
- Kavender Chaudhury and Shashi Ranjan Prasad Singh were elected as vice presidents, while M. Mahadeva was made treasurer. Nale Nandkishor Baburao and Kantilal Parmar were elected as joint secretaries.
- Deepa, also a Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awardee as well as Padma Shri recipient, has also won a silver in the IPC World Championships in 2011 in shot put F 52-53 event, besides bagging a silver each in discus (F 52-53) and javelin throw (F 53-54) events in the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia.

### Canara Bank gets new MD and CEO



- **LV Prabhakar** has assumed office as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** of Canara Bank. Prabhakar was earlier the Executive Director at Punjab National Bank.
- During his tenure, the lender's gross domestic business increased by ₹1-lakh crore to ₹11.45-lakh crore, with gross recovery of more than ₹20,000 crore. He was also instrumental in strengthening systems and procedures by taking initiatives such as Stressed Assets Management Vertical and Digitisation of Trade Finance.
- He was also instrumental in effectively building high-performance teams under stressful environments.

#### About Canara :

- Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka, India
- Chairman: T. N. Manoharan
- MD & CEO : Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
- Tagline : Together we can

## CURRENT AFFAIRS: AWARDS AND HONOURS

### 7th MSME Excellence Award For Most Promising Brand 2019: Amulya Mica

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- **7th MSME Excellence Awards & summit** was organized by ASSOCHAM at Le Meridien, New Delhi.
- With an objective of acknowledging the inestimable contributions made by MSMEs to various sectors of the economy, **The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)**, India's Apex Chamber for Commerce & Industry has constituted the "ASSOCHAM MSMEs Excellence Awards".
- This Award seeks to recognize the contribution of MSMEs who through their achievements and performance have empowered the nation.
- **Amulya Mica (Purbanchal Laminates Pvt. Ltd.)**, Spear headed by their Managing Director Mr. Rakesh Agarwal, was chosen to be the **Most Promising Brand** of the Year Award 2019, Gold Category.
- Since four years Amulya Mica has been receiving Most Trusted Brand Award by IBC, USA ( International Brand Consulting Corporation, USA). Now ASSOCHAM Delhi has awarded AMULYA MICA as The Most Promising Brand of the year.

#### About ASSOCHAM:

- Head quarters :New delhi
- President : B K goenka

### Madhya Pradesh bags first position for implementation of PMMVY

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana  
(PMMVY)



- **Madhya Pradesh** has bagged the first position for the implementation of **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana**. Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani will present this award to Madhya Pradesh at a function in New Delhi.
- Madhya Pradesh Minister for Women and Child Development Imarti Devi and Principal Secretary Anupam Rajan will receive the award.
- **Indore district** has also bagged the **first place** for **better performance of the scheme**.
- In Madhya Pradesh, more than 14 lakh 55 thousand beneficiaries have been registered under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana. The first installment has been paid to about 13 lakh 40 thousand women, while second installment to around 12 lakh and third installment has been paid to 8 lakh 80 thousand beneficiaries.

#### About PMMVY

- The main objective of the **Matru Vandana Yojana** is to provide incentives of **five thousand rupees** for the loss of wages of working women and to ensure their proper rest and nutrition during pregnancy. The payment of the incentive amount is deposited directly into the bank account.
- The incentive of **Rs 5000** is given in **3 installments**.

### 60-year-old pharmacy worker becomes 1st deaf person to row across Atlantic Ocean

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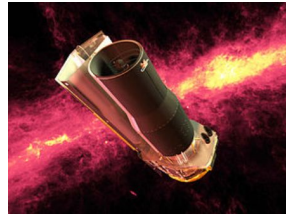




- A **60-year-old pharmacy worker** has become the first deaf person on record to row an ocean by finishing a 3,000-mile journey across the Atlantic.
- **Mo O'Brien** and her fellow crew members, including her daughter, landed on the Caribbean island of Antigua 49 days after setting out from the Canary Island of La Gomera in December.
- Their arrival makes them the **fastest female trio** to complete the challenge. The Ocean Rowing Society, which is responsible for monitoring ocean rowing records, confirmed the world first. Ms O'Brien, rowed almost 3,000 miles (4,800km) of **Atlantic Ocean** with her daughter **Bird Watts**, and their friend **Claire Allinson**.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### NASA decommissions Spitzer Space Telescope after 16 years of service



- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has decommissioned its **Spitzer Space Telescope**, after being into service for more than 16 years.
- The Spitzer Space Telescope (SST), formerly the Space Infrared Telescope Facility (SIRTF), was an infrared space telescope launched.
- Spitzer was planned to be decommissioned in 2018 in anticipation of the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), but as JWST launch mission was postponed spitzer was given 5th and final extension till 2020.

### Researchers at IIT Madras develops AI technology to convert brain signals of speech-impaired humans into English language



- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** announced that its researchers had developed an **Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology** to convert **brain signals of speech impaired humans** into language.
- Brain signals are typically electrical signals. These are wave-like patterns with spikes, humps and crusts which can be converted into simple human language - meaning speech using AI and Deep Learning algorithms. This enabled the researchers to read direct electrical signals of the brain.

- The researchers tested this concept by getting experimental electrical signals through laboratory experiments to get signals from nanofluidic transport inside nanopores. The nanopores were filled with saline solution and mediated using an electric field.
- The other primary application for this field of research is that the researchers can potentially interpret nature's signals such as plant photosynthesis process or their response to external forces, the release added.

### ICAR lab develops cheaper vaccine for swine flu



- Researchers at the **Izatnagar-based Indian Veterinary Research Institute (ICAR-IVRI)** — a constituent institute of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research — have developed a more efficient and cost-effective vaccine against classical swine fever, a disease associated with heavy mortality and morbidity in pigs.
- The live attenuated vaccine developed by the ICAR-IVRI team led by its director Raj Kumar Singh costs just ₹2 per dose as against ₹15-25 per dose of the existing swine fever vaccine, most of which is imported currently.
- The vaccine, expected to be available for use within the next 12 months, would improve pork production and India may even be able to export to other countries.
- Once the ICAR-IVRI vaccine is ready, India would be able to save the money spent on imported the vaccine.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS: DEFENCE

### Navy conducts coastal security exercise 'Matla Abhiyaan'



- The Indian Navy carried out a **five-day coastal security exercise, 'Matla Abhiyaan'**, with personnel of two naval boats, holding interactions with all stakeholders along the riverine border with **Bangladesh**.
- The exercise, named after **Matla River**, aimed to interact with coastal communities to spread awareness on coastal security and understand the navigational complexities in the Sunderban deltaic waters.
- During the exercise, the two boats undertook patrol in the Sunderban delta, and along the Indo-Bangladesh protocol route.

### Ninth edition of India-Bangladesh joint military exercise begins in Meghalaya



- The ninth edition of **Indo-Bangladesh Joint Military Exercise SAMPRITI-IX** commenced at **Umroi, Meghalaya**. The main focus of this edition of the fourteen days joint exercise is on **Counter-Terrorism Operations in mountainous and jungle terrain**.
- Defence Ministry has stated that a delegation comprising of 31 officers and 138 other ranks of Bangladesh Army and a company group of Indian Army will participate in the joint military exercise.
- The Bangladesh Army contingent is led by Brigadier General Md Shafiul Azam. Both armies will familiarise each other in various tactical drills and procedures.
- The joint exercise will culminate on 16th Feb after a validation exercise.

### Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addresses Third Defence Attachés Conference in New Delhi



- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has stated that terrorism poses a serious challenge, but India has displayed that it can disrupt and deter terrorist groups and their patrons. He was addressing the **Third Defence Attachés Conference in New Delhi**.
- On DefExpo-2020, the Minister stated, opportunities will increase with the establishment of **two industrial corridors** in **Tamil Nadu** and **Uttar Pradesh**. He added that a large country like India cannot restrict its defence cooperation to a few countries and efforts should be made to expand it continuously.
- In this direction, he announced the creation of **10 new Defence Wings** so that 10 more Defence Attachés could be appointed. This will further strengthen India's defence diplomacy.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS

#### Vinesh, Sindhu, Mary Kom among nominees for inaugural BBC Sportswoman of the year award



- Wrestler **Vinesh Phogat**, Shuttle P.V. **Sindhu** and Boxer **M.C. Mary Kom** will compete for the inaugural **BBC Indian sportswoman of the year award** after being nominated for the honour.
- Sprinter Dutee Chand and para-badminton player Manasi Joshi are the other nominees for the award, the winner of which will be announced on the 8th of next month. The winner will be decided on the basis of public voting, which will be open till the 18th of this month on six BBC vernacular websites.

#### Indian boxers bag six gold at Golden Girl Championship in Sweden



- In Boxing, India's junior youth dominated the ring at the **Golden Girl Championship** in Boras, Sweden, claiming 14 medals, including six golds, the overall championship trophy and the '**Best Boxer**' award.
- While the junior women's team clinched five golds, three silvers and one bronze medal, the youth team secured a single gold and four bronze medals.
- Haryana's **Prachi Dhankar** (50 kilogram), playing in the junior category, won the '**Best Boxer**' award.
- Besides **Prachi**, **Ethoibi Chanu Wangjam** (54 kilogram), **Lashu Yadav** (66 kilogram) and **Mahi Raghav** (80 kilogram) also won gold medals.
- The three silver medals in the junior category were won by **Janhavi Churi** (46 kilogram) **Rudy Lalhmingmuani** (66 kilogram) and **Tanishka Patil** (80 kilogram) while **Diya Negi** brought home a bronze in the 60 kilogram slot.
- A total of 75 teams participated in the championship.

### **Sachin Tendulkar's World Cup triumph shortlisted for Laureus Sporting Moment award**



- Cricket icon **Sachin Tendulkar** has been shortlisted as one among five contenders for the greatest **Laureus Sporting Moment 2000-2020 Award**.
- The moment, titled '**Carried On the Shoulders Of A Nation**', is a reference to the Indian cricket team's 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup triumph.
- In his sixth attempt, Tendulkar finally tasted success in 2011 as the Indian team beat Sri Lanka by six wickets.
- Carried on the shoulders of the Indian team, Tendulkar made a lap of honour, shedding tears of joy after the victory was sealed in his home city of Mumbai.
- **Tendulkar** was one of the **20 contenders** for the award.
- The foundation has launched the Laureus Sporting Moment 2000-2020 to public vote, which gives fans the opportunity to choose one of the winners of the prestigious Laureus World Sports Awards.
- The winner will be announced during the Laureus World Sports Awards Show on February 17 in Berlin.
- The 20th anniversary Laureus World Sports Awards will honour the greatest sporting triumphs of 2019 and will award the greatest Laureus Sporting Moment of the last 20 years.
- This campaign shortlists 20 sporting stories from the last 20 years that have left their mark on the world.



## DAILY CA 02<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> FEB

- **Indian Coast Guard** celebrated its Foundation Day in **feb 1**
- **World Wetlands Day-2<sup>nd</sup> feb**
- Union HRD Minister chairs the meeting of the Indian **National Commission For Cooperation (INCCU)** with **UNESCO** in **New Delhi**
- Prez Kovind to inaugurate **34th Surajkund Mela**
- Union Budget proposes **16-point action** plan to boost agriculture & farmers' welfare
- Country's first **special security team** for RBI currency chests in **Bihar**
- **Somalia** declares **national emergency** following **locust infestation** sweeping Horn of Africa
- India, Maldives sign **five MoUs** for establishing **Addu Tourism zone**
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh inaugurated the month long **Ekushey Book fair** at the **Bangla Academy premises in Dhaka**.
- **Maldives** rejoins **Commonwealth**
- India send relief supplies to **cyclone-hit Madagascar** using its naval ship **INS Airavat**
- Gross GST collection for January cross **Rs 1 lakh cr**
- E-commerce companies to collect **1 per cent TDS** from sellers under new levy
- Government allocates **Rs 100 crore** to host **G-20 Presidency** in **2022**
- **Bank of Baroda** signed pact with **CARE Ratings** to assess the credit quality of **SMEs**
- **Andhra govt** launches **doorstep pension distribution scheme**
- **Mumbai's** favourite arts festival **Kala Ghoda** kicks off
- **Mohammed Tawfik Allawi** named as new prime minister of **Iraq**
- Canara Bank MD, CEO **R A Sankara Narayanan** retires
- **M Ajith Kumar IRS** appointed as new **CBIC Chairman**
- **Abidali Neemuchwala** quits as **Wipro CEO and MD**
- Lt Gen **Y K Joshi** takes over as **GOC-in-C Northern Command**
- **Gopal Baglay** appointed **Indian High Commissioner** to **Sri Lanka**
- **Pramod Agrawal** takes over as **Coal India chairman**
- **Waheeda Rehman** to be conferred MP govt's **Kishore Kumar Samman**

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- **Vinod Shukla** bags first **Mathrubhumi Book of the Year** award
- **ISRO** announces it is preparing **low-cost satellite launch vehicles**
- Australian Open: **Novak Djokovic** wins his record **8th Men's singles title**
- Australian Open: **American Sofia Kenin** wins her **first Grand Slam title**
- **Kohli** continues to top **ICC Test batsmen's ranking**, Rahane slips
- Veteran **Odia poet Rabi Singh** passes away
- Eminent **Punjabi** novelist **Dalip Kaur Tiwana** passes away
- **Punjabi** novelist and 'writer of movements' **Jaswant Singh Kanwal** passes away

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