

Top 20 Current Affairs of 26 May 2020

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Former Supreme Court Justice A K Sikri inaugurates Indian Dispute Resolution Centre



On 22th May 2020, Former Supreme Court Justice A K Sikri, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court inaugurates Indian Dispute Resolution Centre(**IDRC**), first of its kind Institutional Alternative Dispute Resolution(**ADR**) Centre to provide Offline and e-ADR facility through e-Arbitration, e-Mediation and e-Conciliation software portal.

First Meeting of XVFC's Committee on Fiscal Consolidation Roadmap held through VC; GDP growth remains -6% to 1% for FY21



The committee headed by **Nand Kishore (NK) Singh** has recommended the judgement of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on **monetisation of fiscal deficit**, as RBI is government's principal

debt manager. The nominal GDP will accelerate to 4-5% in FY2021-22. The major mandate of XVFC is to work out the fiscal consolidation roadmap of the Central and state governments for the period, 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Uttarakhand becomes the 1st state to release report on conservation of endemic, threatened floras



Uttarakhand became the **1st state** to release a **report** highlighting its **conservation efforts** to save over 1,100 rare plants from extinction. The report is one of the largest repositories of conserved plants & is carried out by the research wing of the state forest department.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India sets up military war game centre called ‘INDIA’ for Ugandan Defence forces in Jinja



The Indian Association Uganda (IAU) and Indian Military Advisory and Training Team for Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF) have jointly set up **military war game centre** called **‘INDIA’** at the Uganda Senior Command and Staff College in Kimaka in Jinja District

of **Uganda** with a cost of over 1 billion Ugandan shillings or \$2,65,000. The centre was inaugurated by the Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.

India's crude steel output slips 65.2% to 3.13 MT in Apr: Worldsteel April 2020 report



The key reason behind this decrease is the **nationwide lockdown** imposed on March 25, 2020 to contain the COVID-19 spread. The report included **64** steel production nations reporting to the worldsteel.

WHO and IOC team up to improve health through sport amidst COVID-19 Pandemic



The **World Health Organization** (WHO) and the **International Olympic Committee** (IOC) have teamed up to fight the battle against Covid-19 and have signed an agreement to work together to promote health through sport and physical activity.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Fintech startup Zaggie ties up with Visa to launch innovative payments solutions for SMEs & startups



Fintech startup **Zaggie** informed that it has partnered with payments technology major **Visa** to launch innovative **payment solutions** for Small and Medium Enterprises(SMEs) and **startups**. To enhance productivity, efficiency, automate processes, reduce costs & focus on easy and fast credit with a unique card which will have forex, prepaid & credit.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

US Navy successfully tests 1st solid state laser weapon system to destroy aircraft mid-flight



USS Portland (LPD-27) of the United States (US) Navy successfully destroyed an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) with a solid-state laser, “**Laser Weapon System Demonstrator (LWSD)**” from Pacific. Lasers, also known as, directed energy weapons (DEW), are effective

defenses against drones or armed small boats.LWSD was developed by Northrop Grumman.

DRDO's RCI develops 'AINA' AI-based Attendance Application



On May 23, 2020, The Research Centre Imarat (RCI), DRDO (Defense Research and Development Organization) laboratory, Hyderabad, Telangana, developed an AI (Artificial Intelligence)-based Attendance application (AINA) which allows non-contact based personnel verification, using facial features of the person in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

Indian Navy made breathable PPE kit "NavRakshak"



On 18th May 2020, Indian Navy made "NavRakshak" PPE kit made with innovative breathable fabric material, to provide comfort to healthcare workers working against COVID-19 pandemic wearing multi-layered coverall PPE treating patients in the hot and humid condition for more than 12 hours.

ENVIRONMENT

Scientists at BSI discover 3 new plant species in Western Ghats



On May 23, 2020, A team of scientists led by K.A. Sujana at the **Botanical Survey of India (BSI)** have discovered 3 new plant species namely- **Eugenia sphaerocarpa**, **Goniothalamus sericeus** and **Memecylon nervosum** at the Western Ghats in Kerala and Tamil Nadu (TN). **Eugenia** discovered in the Kakkayam area of the Malabar wildlife sanctuary in Kerala and **Goniothalamus sericeus** found in the Kanyakumari wildlife sanctuary in Tamil Nadu. While, **Memecylon nervosum** discovered at the Kanyakumari wildlife sanctuary in Tamil Nadu (TN).

SPORTS

US tennis star Jamie Hampton announced retirement from Professional tennis



Former World Top 25 and US tennis star Jamie Hampton announced her retirement from professional tennis at the age of 30 due to the injuries she suffered during the last six years. The Alabama player reached heights in her career in 2013 by reaching a world rank of 24.

OBITUARY

Hockey Icon Padma Shri Balbir Singh Sr passed away at 96



On 25th May 2020, Legendary hockey Player, three-time Olympic gold medalist and the best centre-forward, Balbir Singh Sr passed away at the age of 96 at the Fortis Hospital, Chandigarh where he was admitted due to multiple organ failure and remained in ventilator support from 8th May 2020. He was born on 19th October, 1924 in Haripur, Jalandhar

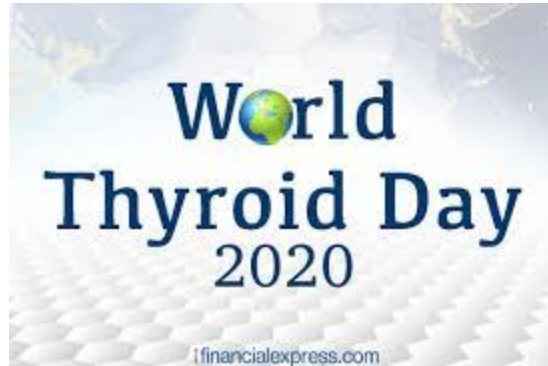
Former Inter coach Gigi Simoni passed away at 81



Former Inter head coach **Gigi Simoni**, who led a Ronaldo-inspired team to UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Cup glory in 1998, passed away at the age of 81 in Pisa, Italy. He was born on January 22, 1939, in Crevalcore, Italy.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Thyroid Day 2020, May 25



25th May of Every year is observed as World Thyroid Day all over the world, established in 2008 as a part of the campaign led by European Thyroid Association(ETA) and the American Thyroid Association(ATA) followed by Latin American Thyroid Society(LATS) and Asia Oceania Thyroid Association (AOTA) to commemorate the patients with Thyroid diseases and doctors and physicians who treats them. The annual events and programs of this day around the world cannot be held this year due to COVID-19 pandemic.

International Missing Children's Day 2020: May 25



International Missing Children's Day (IMCD) is observed every year on May 25 globally since 2001. The day aims to raise awareness on the issue of child abduction, educate parents on safeguarding measures to protect their children.

STATE NEWS

Mizoram becomes the 1st state to give industry status to sports



Mizoram sports minister **Robert Romawia Royte** informed that the state cabinet has cleared the proposal of the Sports and Youth Service department to grant **sports** an **industry status** to boost the sports sector & generate employment among others. It becomes the **1st state** to do so.

India Post & Bihar's Horticulture dept. partnered to supply "Shahi Litchi" & "Zardalu Mango" to the people at doorstep



The **Department of Posts**, Government of India and Department of **Horticulture**, Government of **Bihar** has partnered to supply "Shahi Litchi" of Muzaffarpur & "Zardalu Mango" of Bhagalpur at the doorstep of people. Bihar Postal Circle has made an agreement with the Bihar's Horticulture department for its logistics & delivery.

UP govt to create migration commission to provide employment to migrant workers



The state government of **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** has decided to set up a '**Migration Commission**' to provide employment and social security to over 23 lakh migrant workers in the state. A framework will be made for setting up of the commission to give employment to workers in the agriculture and dairy sector on a large scale based on the skill mapping.

MP Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to inaugurate 'Everybody will get employment' scheme through video conferencing



Madhya Pradesh (**MP**) Chief Minister (**CM**) **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** will inaugurate the '**Everybody will get employment**'(Sabko Milega Rozgar) scheme through video conferencing. Under this scheme, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005(**MNREGA**) **job cards** will be distributed to the labourers.

AC GAZE

Alibaba co-founder Jack Ma to resign from Softbank's Board

Alibaba co-founder, e-commerce billionaire Jack Ma is set to resign from Softbank's board of directors after 13 years, which is effective from June 25, 2020. Softbank 's board will propose three new appointments, including Lip-Bu Tan ,Yoshimoto Goto, Yuko Kawamoto at its annual general meeting on June. The Softbank Group is a Multinational conglomerate company in Minato city, Tokyo, Japan.