

Top 15 Current Affairs of 12 May 2020

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

India launched Mission Sagar to assist 5 island nations Indian Oceanamid COVID-19



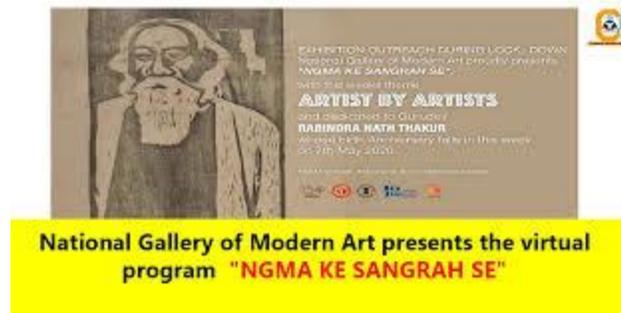
Indian Naval Ship (INS) Kesari departed for **Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar** and **Comoros**, to provide Food items, COVID related Medicines including Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) Tablets and Special Ayurvedic Medicines with Medical Assistance Teams.

This mission is launched in coordination with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and other agencies of the Government of India

6 member panel to set up to review production sharing contracts: Centre

The ministry of petroleum and natural gas has set up a **6 member panel** to review the existing Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) due to the fall in crude oil prices and the COVID-19 lockdown

National Gallery of Modern Art launches a virtual program 'NGMA Ke Sangrah Se' to showcase artworks



National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) New Delhi, has launched a virtual program called “**NGMA KE SANGRAH SE**” to showcase an iconic and rare collection of artifacts from its repository. The event is based on various weekly/ daily themes & for the current week, the theme is ‘Artist by Artists’ and dedicated it to Poet Rabindranath Tagore, whose 159th birth anniversary was celebrated on 7th May 2020

ICMR ties-up with India Post for lab delivery of Covid-19 testing kits



Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has entered in to the partnership with **India Post** to deliver coronavirus (COVID-19) test kits from its 16 regional depots to the 200 additional labs set by ICMR in the country. Under this initiative, the ICMR has set a target of taking 1 lakh tests every day

TRIFED under AOL signed a MoU to promote the tribal enterprises



On 8th May 2020, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Art of Living (AOL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to collaborate in programmes of each organisation to promote the tribal enterprises

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

17 laureates conferred with DW Freedom of Speech Award 2020; Journalist Siddharth Varadarajan from India among them



iOn the occasion of World Press Freedom Day 2020, i.e. on May 3, 2020, **17 journalists from 14 countries** have been named for Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award 2020 who have disappeared or been arrested or threatened because of their reporting on the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Narinder Batra to remain as FIH President until May 2021



The International Hockey Federation(FIH) announced that it has extended the terms of its president **Narinder Dhruv Batra** & the Executive Board(**EB**) **members** which is due to end in October 2020 has been extended until the 47th FIH Congress in May 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ICMR-NIV develops 1st indigenous antibody detection kit “COVID KAVACH ELISA” for COVID-19



Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan informed that Indian Council of Medical Research(ICMR)-National Institute of Virology(**NIV**) has developed the **1st** indigenous anti-Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2(SARS-CoV-2) human Immunoglobulin G(IgG) enzyme-linked immunosorbent

assay (**ELISA**) test kit, “**COVID KAVACH ELISA**” for antibody detection of COVID-19

Parakh: DRDO- DFRL’s mobile microbial containment lab handed over to MMCRI



On May 11, 2020, **Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL)**, an Indian defence laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has handed over an innovative, state of the art Mobile Microbial Containment (BSL-3) Laboratory ‘**PARAKH**’ to the **Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute (MMCRI)** to test samples of coronavirus (Covid-19).
i. It is a fully autonomous containment lab, developed within record time of 2 weeks by ministry of Defense in collaboration with ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Sanathnagar (Hyderabad).

DRDO lab develops DRUVS, an automated UV systems to sanitise electronic gadgets, papers & currency notes



On May 10, 2020, Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad based Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) premier lab, developed an automated contactless Ultraviolet C (UVC) sanitisation cabinet called **Defence Research Ultraviolet Sanitiser (DRUVS)**. It has been designed to sanitise mobile phones, iPads, laptops, currency notes, cheque leafs, challans, passbooks, paper, envelopes, etc.

ICMR ties up with BBIL to develop the 1st fully indigenous COVID-19 vaccine



Indian Council of Medical Research(ICMR) announced its tie-up with Bharat Biotech International Ltd(BBIL) to develop the **1st fully indigenous COVID-19 vaccine** by using the virus strain isolated at the National Institute of Virology(NIV), Pune. The strain has been successfully transferred from NIV to BBIL

CSIR approves project to develop 'hmAbs' that can neutralize SARS-CoV-2 in patients; BBIL to lead

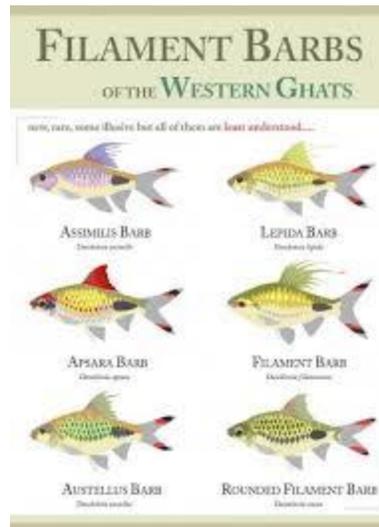


The project will be implemented through a collaboration of National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) Pune; Indian Institute of Technology(IIT),Indore;PredOmixTechnologies Ltd,Gurugram;and Bharat Biotech International Ltd (BBIL),Hyderabad. It will be led by BBIL.

Monoclonal antibody therapy is a form of **immunotherapy** designed to produce immunity to a disease or to enhance resistance by the immune system

ENVIRONMENT

Indian Scientists discover 3 new species of fishes under genus ‘Dawkinsia’ in western ghats



According to the published in the international journal Vertebrate Zoology, Scientists from the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) and the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune (Maharashtra), have jointly discovered a **three new fish species** under the genus ‘**Dawkinsia**’ namely **Dawkinsia apsara**, **Dawkinsia austellus**, **Dawkinsia crassa**.

SPORTS

COVID-19: SAI forms 6-member panel to prepare SOP for phased resumption of training after lockdown



On May 10, 2020, The **Sports Authority of India** (SAI) formed a six-member committee to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for phased resumption of training across sporting disciplines at all the centers once the coronavirus-forced national lockdown is lifted

OBITUARY

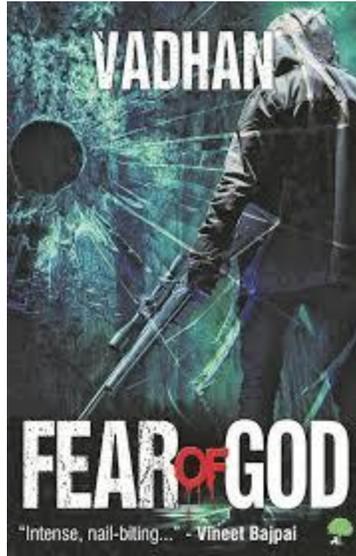
Famous historian Hari Shankar Vasudevan passed away at 68



On 10th May 2020, Eminent Historian Hari Shankar Vasudevan passed away at the age of 68 in a private hospital at Kolkata after testing positive for novel coronavirus on May 6th 2020

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Vadhan authors a new book titled “Fear of God” deals with corruption, vigilantism & law



On May 9, 2020, Bomma devara Sai Chandravadhan writes under the Pen Name, Vadhan, has authored his third book titled “**Fear of God**”. The book was published by TreeShade publications. The story weaves law, corruption, vigilantism and courtroom drama to follow the three central characters who are looking to achieve the same thing but through different means.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National technology day 2020, May 11



On May 11 2020, India celebrated National Technology Day to commemorate the success of the **Shakti-I** nuclear missile tested in Indian Army's Pokhran test range, Rajasthan on May 11, 1998 headed by Late President **Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam** and also to commemorate the flight of the first indigenous aircraft **Hansa-3** developed by the National aerospace laboratories. This day has been named by the former Prime Minister AtalBihariBajpayee and celebrated since 1999. This year's focus is **“Rebooting the economy through science and technology**

STATE NEWS

Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio presented Rs. 21049.87 crore state budget for FY 20-21

The state's total Receipt Budget for the year 2020-21 was estimated at Rs 20826.02 crore.

The negative opening balance of Rs 2234.35 crore, FY21 is estimated to close with a negative balance of Rs 2358.81 Crore.

To enhance efficiency and transparency to increase the revenue, the govt proposed new taxes

