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The Highest Paid Actors of 2020

- Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar is the only Indian Star to be listed among the top 10 world's highest-paid actors of 2020 in "The Highest-Paid Actors Of 2020" list released by Forbes Magazine.
- Akshay Kumar is at Sixth postion in the list. And the list is topped by Wrestler-turnedmovie star Dwayne Johnson.

"ORUNODI"

- The Assam State Government has brought a new scheme called "ORUNODI'.
- The scheme will help the women in financial empowerment.
- The ORUNODI will be the biggest scheme In Assam that will benefit more than 17 lakh families.

New French Course

- The Lok Sabha has launched a new French Course at beginner level for the staff and officials.
- The course has been launched as its essential to acquire knowledge of French language to the interconnected world. It is implemented by Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracy (PRIDE).

India extends assistance to Antigua and Barbuda to combat COVID 19

- The Indian Government has extended an assistance of USD 1 million to Antigua and Barbuda to combat the ongoing COVID 19.
- The provided assistance is aimed at improving health capacities and infrastructure in the Caribbean country.

Google launches People Cards

Google has launched its new "People Cards" feature in India that let users create their virtual card and build their public profile for search engine.

India Provides 500 million to Maldives

- The Indian Government will provide 100 million USD of grant and 400 million USD of line of credit to Maldives.
- The funds are to be used for connectivity project.

International



US relaxes H-1B Visa

The US President Donald Trump administration has relaxed the ban on H-1B Visa, allowing H-1B visas holder to enter the United States to return to the same job they had prior to the proclamation of the visa ban.

'Sputnik V

- Russia becomes the 1st country to officially register a coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccine and declare it ready for use.
- The vaccine will be marketed in foreign markets under the name of "Sputnik V" after the world's first satelllite Sputnik.
- The vaccine has been developed by Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology and the Russian Defence Ministry.

Advanced Missile Defence System

- Israel successfully tested the advanced missile defence system Arrow-2.
- The missile was developed to defend against the short- and mid-range rockets that fired from Lebanon and Gaza and also long-range missile fired from Iran.
- In 2019 USA and Israel jointly test fired Arrow-3 successfully in Alaska.

Sports

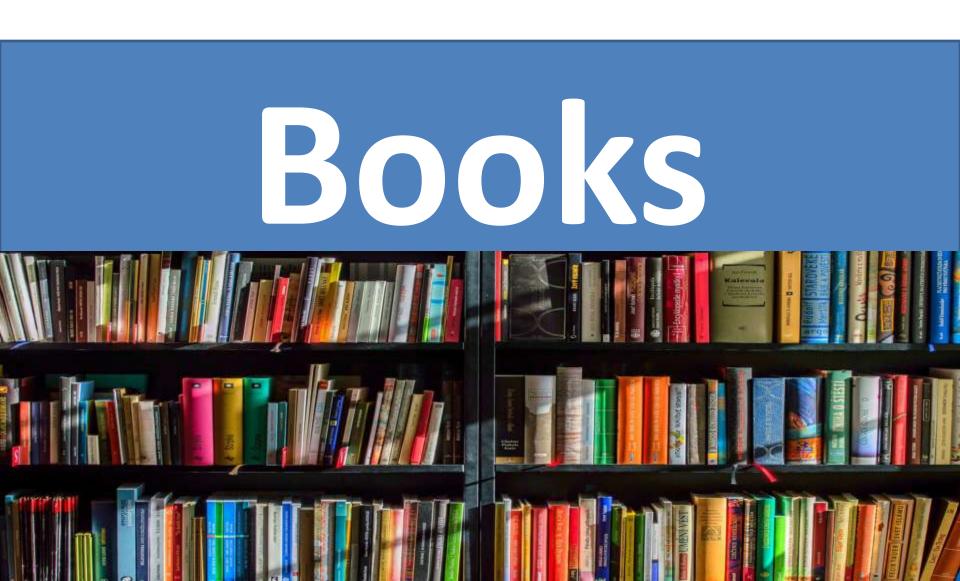






GK Menon

- The veteran sports journalist, GK Menon passed away.
- He worked with the Indian Express and The Times of India.



A book titled "Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World"

The Tibetan Spiritual leader, Dalai Lama will release a new book titled "Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World" on climate change with German environmental journalist, Franz Alt in November.

Report



"Elephants, Net Commodities" Report

- On the eve of World Elephant Day (August 12), The International Animal Welfare Organization, World Animal Protection released its report, "Elephants, Not commodities",
- According to the report, over 200 elephants in India are kept in severe inadequate conditions. India is home to second highest number of elephants used in tourism in Asia.
- The report researches on Elephant Tourism in the countries such as India, Thailand, Laos, Nepal, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Malaysia.

AMRUT Scheme Ranking

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs recently released ranking of states under AMRUT scheme.
- Odisha secured first postion by scoring 85.76%.
- AMRUT is Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation Scheme.
- The scheme aims to provide piped water supply to household to urban areas of the states.

Appointment



New Chairman of ICRIER

Pramod Bhasin has been appointed as a new chairman of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER).

Discovery



ExoPlanets

- TESS, the Planet hunter of NASA has found 66 new Exo planets.
- TESS is Transitioning Exoplanet Survey Satellite. It scanned about 75% of the starry sky during its mission.
- It is a space telescope for NASA explorer programme designed to search Exoplanets.

Local

TRIPURA

Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation

- Sub inspector (UB) of Tripura Police, Dhrubajyoti Debbarma has been nominated for Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in investigation.
- Total 121 awardees are being awarded by the Ministry.

Elephant Census of Tripura

- There are around 45 to 50 wild elephants in present two districts of Tripura.
- It is confirmed by the ongoing census conducted by the Forest Department of Tripura.

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