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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 position** in the list. And the list is **topped by** Wrestler-turned-movie 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 satellite 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**.

# Books





# 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 position 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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