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New Governor of Meghalaya

- **Satya Pal Malik** has been appointed as the **Governor of Meghalaya**.
- He replaced **Tathagata Roy**.

SWASTHYA Portal and E-newsletter ALEKH launched

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched Tribal Health and Nutrition portal called “SWASTHYA” and also an e-newsletter “ALEKH” on health and nutrition.

Indian Origin Physician wins award in UK

- Indian Origin Physician **Ravi Solanki** has been named **among the 19 winners of the UK's Royal Academy of Engineering President's Special Award for Pandemic Service.**
- The winners has been announced for the **exceptional achievements in tacking COVID-19 throughout the United Kingdom.**

Postage stamps

- India post has issued 5 commemorative postage stamps namely Historic city of Ahmedabad-Sarkhej Roza, Churches and Convents of Goa, church of Bom Jesus, Group of Monuments at Pattadakal, Khajuraho Group of Monuments Javeri Temple and Qutb Minar its Monuments, Delhi.
- It also issued 1 miniature sheet consisting of all the above stamps on UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India.

Ashok Lavasa steps down as Election Commissioner of India

- Ashok Lavasa has stepped down as the Election Commissioner of India. He has submitted his resignation to the President of India Ram Nath Kovind.
- Lavasa will join the Phillipines-based Asian Development Bank as the vice-president from September 2020.
- Chief Election Commissioner of India: Sunil Arora.
- President of Asian Development Bank: Masatsugu Asakawa.

Bailey Bridge

- **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** constructed a **180 feet bailey bridge** in the **Jauljibi sector** of **Pithorgarh district, Uttarakhand**.
- The bridge is **50 metre long**.

IIT Madras topped in the Atal Ranking of Institution on Innovation Achievement

- Atal Ranking of Institution on Innovation Achievement is announced by the Vice-President of India Venkaiah Naidu. In this ranking IIT Madras topped the list under the category of institute of National Importance, Central Universities, and Centrally Funded Technical Institutes.

International



World Solar Technology Summit

- The International Solar Alliance will hold World Solar Technology Summit for the first time on 8 September 2020. It will be inaugurated by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The summit aims to bring the world scientists and engineers together to address the challenges to make energy affordable.

Obituary



Pandit Jasraj

- Indian classical vocalist, **Pandit Jasraj** passed away.
- He was awarded with **India's fourth-highest civilian award "Padma Shri"** in 1975.

Nishikant Kamat

- Director and actor **Nishikant Kamat** passed away.
- He had directed some popular bollywood films like **Force, Drishyam and Madaari**.

Sports



E-Pathsala

- All India Football Federation (AIFF) has launched the web platform “E-Pathsala” in partnership with the Sports Authority of India (SAI).
- This is Athlete coaching program in football for grassroots and intermediate and to recognize the creativity and develop the interest of children in football.

Sponsorship of IPL 2020

- **Dream 11** wins title sponsorship of **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020**.

Book



“Full Spectrum: India’s Wars 1972-2020”

- A new book titled “Full Spectrum India’s Wars 1972-2020” has been authored by retired Air vice Marshal Arjun Subramaniam.
- The book will be published by HarperCollins Publisher India Pvt. Ltd.

Appointment



New DG of BSF

- The Government of India has appointed Rakesh Asthana as the new director-general of the Border Security Force (BSF).

New Executive Director of SEBI

- Gp Garg has been appointed as Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- Chairman of SEBI: Ajay Tyagi.
- Headquarter of SEBI: Mumbai.

Discovery



Baby Galaxy

- The Astronomers of the Max Planck Institute of Astrophysics found a baby galaxy called “SPT0418-47”.
- It is look like Milky Galaxy.

Dwarf Planet

- NASA Scientist has discovered a dwarf planet between Mars and Jupiter.
- The name of this planet is given to “ceres”.
- Researchers have found that this new discovered dwarf planet is actually a ocean world.

Local



TRIPURA

New Vice Chancellor of Tripura University

- Dr Ganga Prasad Prasain, an eminent academian has taken charge of Vice Chancellor of Tripura University.

Tripura boy in Bollywood

- Tripura's boy **James Meetei** will be seen in **new upcoming web series** named **“Indo China War 1962”**.
- Earlier he was seen in the film **URI – The Surgical Strike** as a **supporting character**.
- He also worked as **an action trainer** and **as a stuntman** in **Ajay Devgan's film “Tanaji”**.

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