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NATIONAL NEWS

Government sets up a committee on Kisan Rail.

- Under the backing of the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, a committee was formed to look upon the Modalities of **"Kisan Rail"**, which includes representatives from the Ministry of Railways.
- In The Union Budget 2020-21 Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** proposed setting up of Kisan Rail to build a national cold supply chain for perishables including meat, milk and fish.
- The Kisan Rail will comprise refrigerated coaches in Express and Freight trains. The Kisan rail will be set up by the Indian Railways through the Public Private Partnership(PPP).
- FACT: Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare - **Narendra Singh Tomar**

  Union Minister of Railways – **Piyush Goyal**.

University of Ranchi launches its own Community Radio Station

Ranchi University has launched its own Community Radio Station named **"RADIO KHANCHI 90.4 FM Aap Sabka Radio"** on the event of International Women's Day celebrated on March 8th.

The Governor of Jharkhand and Chancellor of the University **Draupadi Murmu** inaugurated the radio station of Ranchi University.

FACT: Capital of Jharkhand – **Ranchi**

Chief Minister of Jharkhand - **Hemant Soren**

'Hola Mohalla' a sikh festival was celebrated in Punjab

- A Sikh festival called **"Hola Mohalla"** was celebrated in **Sri Anandpur Sahib**, Punjab on the following day of Holi.
- The 3-day festival was celebrated in order to physically strengthen Sikh community by holding acrobatic military exercises and mock battles.
- FACT: Chief Minister of Punjab – **Amarinder Singh**

  Governor of Punjab - **Vijayender Pal Singh Badnore**

  10th Sikh Guru – **Guru Gobind Singh**.

Poshan Pakhwada is being celebrated in Nagaland from March 8-22

- In order to commemorate the 2nd anniversary of **POSHAN Abhiyaan**, **Poshan Pakhwada** is being celebrated in Nagaland from March 8th to 22nd.
- The theme of Poshan Pakhwada 2020 is **'Men for Nutrition - Increasing Male Engagement in POSHAN Abhiyaan to Improve Nutritional Indicators'.**
- Innovative programmes have also been introduced like the **POSHAN Clubs at Village level**, POSHAN Youth Club, Nutrition Volunteers, and Nutrition Monitors.
- FACT: POSHAN ABHIYAAN initiative by government for the **Holistic Nutritional Approach** of the society. Initiated by the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi in 2018.

Mega Event of IDY-2020 is to be organised at Leh.

- The 6th International Day of Yoga (IDY) national event will be held on 21st June 2020 at **Leh,** the capital of Ladakh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the event and this decision was announced by the Minister of State for AYUSH **Shripad Yesso Naik.**

TCIS signs MoU with The Gambia for MEA's eVBAB Network Project

- **Telecommunications consultants India Limited (TCIS)** under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology has signed a MoU with Gambria.
- It is signed for the participation in MEA's **(eVBAB) e-VidyaBharati and e-ArogyaBharati** Network Project for tele-medicine and tele-education in Africa.
- FACT: Minister of communication and Information Technology - **Ravi Shankar Prasad**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WHO declares Covid-19 as a pandemic

- World Health Organization (WHO) has characterised the new coronavirus outbreak as a pandemic.
- WHO chief **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** said that the deaths and cases is likely to increase in the coming days and the reiterated that the viruses spread and severity is alarming.
- The World Health Organization, headquartered at **Geneva Switzerland** established in **1948** is a specialised agency of the United Nations that is concerned with world public health.

'Joy Bangla' to be national slogan of Bangladesh

- The High Court of Bangladesh has ordered that **'Joy Bangla'** will be the national slogan of Bangladesh.
- 'Joy Bangla' was the main slogan during the liberation war of Bangladesh fought against Pakistan in **1971.**
- FACT: Capital of Bangladesh – **Dhaka**

Prime Minister of Bangladesh - **Sheikh Hasina Wazed**

Currency of Bangladesh - **Bangladeshi taka**

ECONOMIC NEWS

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- Mukesh Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of **Reliance Industries** had lost his Asia's Richest man title by **$5.8 billion**.
- According to the report of **Bloomberg's Billionaires Index**, **Jack Ma** the founder of **Alibaba Groups** limited has become the Asia's Richest man with his net worth as **$44.8 billion.**
- Mukesh Ambani's wealth dropped by $5.8 bn to **$41.8 billion** as an impact of the COVID-19 epidemic which led to collapse in oil markets.
- Mukesh Ambani continues to be India's richest man and globally he is placed at number 19 and Jack Ma at 18th position.
- FACT: The Bloomberg Billionaires Index is a daily ranking of the world's richest people releasing its report since **2012.**

SPORTS NEWS

PV Sindhu named as BBC Indian Sportswoman of the year 2019

- PV Sindhu has won the **British Broadcasting Corporation(BBC)** Indian Sportsman of the year award 2019.
- Along with which Indian Former Sprinter **PT Usha** was awarded with **Lifetime Achievement award.**
- The Award ceremony was held in New Delhi and the event was honoured by the Union Minister for sports **Kiren Rijiju.**