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## NATIONAL MONTHLY NEWSPAPER ON CURRENT EVENTS

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### LET'S REMEMBER THESE DAYS

- April 7: World Health Day:** It marks the anniversary of the founding of World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1948.
- April 13: Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day:** It is remembered in the Indian history as an atrocious day on which the brutal massacre happened in the Jallianwala Bagh.
- April 18: World Heritage Day:** It raises public awareness about the efforts that are required to protect diversified cultural heritage.
- April 22: World Earth Day:** It is celebrated to strengthen the collective fight against the exploitation of the planet Earth by humans.
- April 23: World Book Day:** It is organised by the UNESCO to promote reading, publishing and copyright of books.

## NEWS OF THE MONTH

### PM ANNOUNCES 21-DAY NATIONAL LOCKDOWN TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, announced a complete nation-wide lockdown in India for **21 days**, till **14<sup>th</sup> April 2020**, to slowdown and control the spread of the novel **Coronavirus** while addressing the nation on a **national television broadcast** on **24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.



The Prime Minister's announcement came in the wake of a rising number of **COVID-19 cases** in the country. Several other countries, including United Kingdom (UK), France, Spain, Italy and New Zealand, have also taken the complete nation-wide lockdown measure to control the spread of COVID-19.

The **Prime Minister** discussed in detail the following **strategies** by which India can win the **battle** against **COVID-19**.

- 1. Stay At Home:** The Prime Minister advised all people of every state, city, district and village in India to **stay at home** during the lockdown. He requested every family to draw a **Lakshman Rekha** at the entrance doors and not to **step out** of their **homes**. According to health experts, **21 days** are necessary to break the **cycle** of the **Coronavirus**. This will stop **Coronavirus transmission** and thereby also **reduce** the **burden** on the **healthcare system** of the country.
- 2. Social Distancing:** The **Prime Minister** said that the **precaution** taken by **social distancing** is a **tried and tested way** and also the **only way** to fight **COVID-19** successfully. "**Social distancing** is not only for the **infected patients**, but for **every person**, including the **Prime Minister**", said **Modi**.
- 3. Do Not Believe Rumours:** The **Prime Minister** appealed to all the citizens of India not to believe **rumours** or **fake news**. He also advised people not to take any **medicine** without **consulting doctors**.
- 4. Pray For The Welfare Of Essential Services Staff:** The **Prime Minister** asked every Indian to support the **staff members** working nonstop, day and night, in **hospitals, news agencies, municipal bodies, banks, etc.**, to provide their **essential services**. He asked people to pray for the **welfare of doctors, nurses, para-medical staff, pathologists** working in **life-threatening situations** in order to **save the lives of patients, sanitisation workers** for keeping the **neighbourhood sanitised**, and **media persons** for bringing **accurate news 24/7**. Our **Prime minister** has undertaken the **biggest and the most severe action** to stop and control the **spread** of the novel **Coronavirus**. **Let us join hands to fight against the spread of COVID-19 in India.**

### STRESS-FREE LEARNING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

All schools are closed due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**. At home, students can experience **stress-free learning** by following the guidelines given below.

- 1. MAKE A DAILY TIME-TABLE:** Plan a **daily time-table** with **time allotted** for different activities like **studying, physical exercises, reading books, playing indoor games, watching television, learning new skills** and helping your parents. You can study the subjects that are going to be taught in school for the new academic session through learning apps and e-books.



**CREATIVE KIDS DIGITAL HOME TUTOR APP**

- 2. STUDY THROUGH LEARNING APPS:** Ask your teacher about available **off-line** or **on-line learning apps**. Download the suggested apps to continue **learning from home**. You can also download '**Creative Kids Digital Home Learning App**' (An initiative of Cordova Learning Solutions.)

Cordova Learning Solutions gives you a **simplified explanation** of every concept of all the chapters, both in **English** and in **Hindi**, as if the best **teacher is in the App**. Enjoy a **free trial** by **downloading the App** from **Google Play Store**. You can also register yourselves at [cordovajoyfullearning.com](http://cordovajoyfullearning.com) and enjoy online learning using Cordova **Smart Class Software**.

- 3. SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY:** Spend time with your **family members**. Play **indoor games**, watch **television with your family members**, and help your parents in **cooking** and other **household works** like watering the plants. These activities will be a good **recreation** and will also help **strengthen** the **family bond**. You can talk to family members about childhood days, both theirs and yours. You can also go through **photo albums**, recall events and share **your experiences** about the **events** in the **album**.
  - 4. PHYSICAL EXERCISES:** You must allocate some time for **physical exercises** like **walking** on the **terrace, yoga, sit-ups**, etc. It is a must for your **physical** and **mental health**.
  - 5. INTERACTION WITH RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:** Due to **social distancing** and **staying** at home, you must be **missing** your relatives and school friends. You can have a **video-chat** or use **social media** to **stay in touch** with them, with the consent of your parents.
- By doing all the activities, you will spend **quality time** with your **family members**, **strengthen** the **family bond** and acquire **new skills**.

### ART CORNER

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Students who wish to publish their drawings and paintings are requested to forward the same to The Editor, THE CORDOVA TODAY, B-81, Sector-65, Noida, UP

**WORK AN IDEA**

An idea can change your life. We all eagerly wait for one wonderful idea which would prove to be our gateway to excellence. Let us see how the ideas which have become big had a small and simple origin, from our surroundings and day-to-day observations.



The first typewriter that Christopher Sholes made had the letters in alphabetical order. This key arrangement caused the keys to clash while typing quickly because the commonest letters were close together. Sholes studied the letter-pair frequency theory and rearranged the alphabet. This new arrangement is the QWERTY keyboard.



**SCIENCE REPORT**



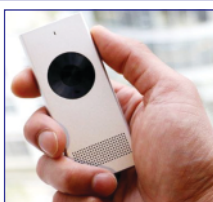
**FIXD**

'Fixd' is a new innovative hardware-software combo gadget that gives you exact and instant information of your car's health. It has a sensor that can detect problems such as very high temperature of the car engine or non-functioning of the engine. Fixd keeps track of the maintenance and service schedule and reminds the car user on it. The sensor sends these details to the user's smartphone using an App.



**SONIC X PRO**

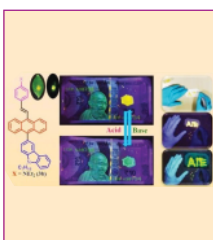
Sonic X Pro is a next generation toothbrush. It is an intelligent toothbrush with four brushing modes— cleaning, whitening, a massage and soft clean. Its high frequency vibrations produce a powerful brushing force that guarantees the removal of plaque in even the hard to reach areas of the mouth. The brush is controlled with one button on the front. The batteries last up to two weeks and are rechargeable.



**MUAMA ENENCE VOICE TRANSLATOR**

MUAMA Enence is a pocket-sized smart voice translator device. It allows you to speak in your native language to any person anywhere in the world and makes possible face-to-face conversations in case of language barriers. The device translates your voice into your chosen output language (Chinese, French, Japanese, etc.) within 1.5 seconds, making real-time two-way communication possible. It has high accuracy rate and high quality audio input and output.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS**



Mach 11, 2020

Indian scientists developed a special two-colour safety ink that can help control fake currency notes. It appears white in normal light. When ultraviolet light is applied it emits a red colour and when the ultraviolet light is switched off, it emits a green colour.



March 20, 2020

SpaceX announced the launch of its first manned flight to the International Space Station in May 2020. SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket will carry NASA astronauts, Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley from launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

**NATIONAL EVENTS**

March 01, 2020

India celebrated National Science Day on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 to mark the discovery of Raman Effect by Sir C V Raman. It was on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1928 that Raman Effect was discovered. National Science Day was first celebrated in 1987. Sir C V Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize for this discovery in 1930.

March 02, 2020

- The Government of India nominated Dholavira and Forts of Deccan Sultanate to be included in the World Heritage List 2020. Dholavira, a Harappan city monument, is an archaeological site in Gujarat. It consists of ruins of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization. The Deccan Sultanate included five major kingdoms, ruled between Vindhya Range and River Krishna in the Deccan Plateau. Bidar Fort and Golconda Fort are parts of the Deccan Sultanate kingdoms.

- The Ministry of Tourism and Culture launched a multilingual Incredible India website in New Delhi. The website is designed to provide more information about India's tourist destinations, attractions and experiences. It is currently launched in English, Hindi, Chinese, Arabic, and Spanish to effectively engage the visitors across the web and social media platforms.

March 04, 2020

Google announced that it would open its next cloud region of India in Delhi by 2021. This is the second cloud region of Google, after Mumbai, which was launched in 2017. Google owns 22 cloud regions in Asia Pacific.

March 08, 2020

International Women's Day was celebrated under the theme 'An Equal World is an Enabled World' across the globe. The International Women's Day was first celebrated in 1909. The United Nations began celebrating Women's Day in 1975. For International Women's Day 2020, for the first time in Indian history, women visiting monuments under Archaeological Survey of India were provided with a free pass.

March 12, 2020

- Rajesh Chaplot, a distinguished Non-Resident Indian (NRI) businessman, was honoured with the 'Golden Jubilee Medal-Civilians', the highest Civilian Award of Uganda. Chaplot was awarded for his excellence in the field of business and commerce, social service and for fostering better India-Uganda ties.

- The Department of Posts introduced a free digital parcel locker service in Kolkata for the first time in India. Shri Gautam Bhattacharya, the Chief Post Master General, West Bengal Circle, inaugurated the service from the Nabadiganta IT Post Office, Kolkata, West Bengal.

March 13, 2020

- Scientists from ARCI-International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials, operating under Ministry of Science & Technology, developed a cost effective solar receiver tube technology. The tubes absorb solar energy and convert the heat to targeted application. They provide high resistance to corrosion, especially in Indian weather conditions.

- The Maharashtra Cabinet approved the proposal to rename Mumbai Central Station to Nana Shankarseth. The approved proposal is sent to the Ministry of Railways for final approval. Nana Shankarseth was a philanthropist and educationalist who lived between 1803 and 1865. He initiated railway construction proposals in India along with the Britishers.

March 19, 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi introduced People's Curfew as a preventive measure to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus. At 5 pm, India gave a standing ovation to all the people rendering their selfless services, especially the medical professionals.

March 21, 2020

Indian Mountaineer, Satyarup Siddhanta, entered the 'Limca Book of Records' when he became the first Indian to climb the highest volcanoes in the world of all the 7 continents. He has climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in Africa (5,895 m), Mount Elbrus in Europe (5,642 m), Mt Pico de Orizaba in North America (5,636 m), Mt Giluwe in Australia (4,367 m), Mt Sidley in Antarctica (4,285 m), Mt Ojos del Salado in South America (6,893 m), and Mt Damavand in Asia (5,610 m).

March 25, 2020

Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh on 23<sup>rd</sup> March for a fourth term. The oath of office was administered by Shri Lalji Tandon, Governor of Madhya Pradesh.

March 25, 2020

The scientists of Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun revealed their findings that glaciers in the Sikkim region are melting at faster rates as compared to other Himalayan regions. The study assessed around 23 glaciers from 1991 to 2015 and found that the larger glaciers are thinning in size and the smaller glaciers are retreating.

March 26, 2020

- Scientists at Agharkar Research Institute have developed a bio-fortified new wheat variety- MACS 4028. The wheat variety shows high protein content of about 14.7%, better nutritional quality having zinc 40.3 ppm, and iron content of 40.3ppm and 46.1ppm respectively.

- The National Book Trust has launched Stay In and Stay Home to encourage people to read books while being at home. It provides select and best-selling titles for FREE Download as part of its initiative of Stay Home India With Books! It can be downloaded from the NBT's website <https://nbtindia.gov.in>.



Discovering Dholavira



International Women's Day 2020



Rajesh Chaplot honoured with the 'Golden Jubilee Medal-Civilians'



Mumbai Central Station proposed to be renamed as Nana Shankarseth



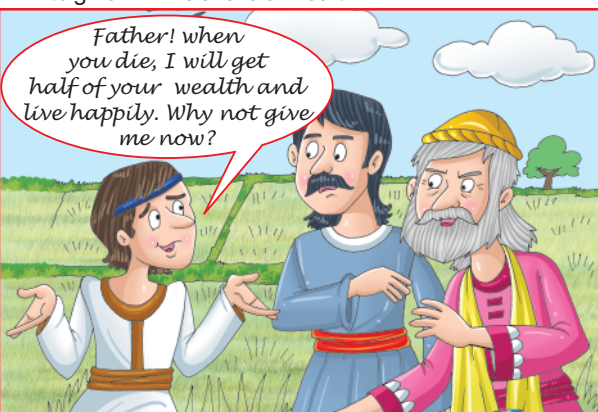
Satyarup Siddhanta the first Indian to climb the highest volcanoes



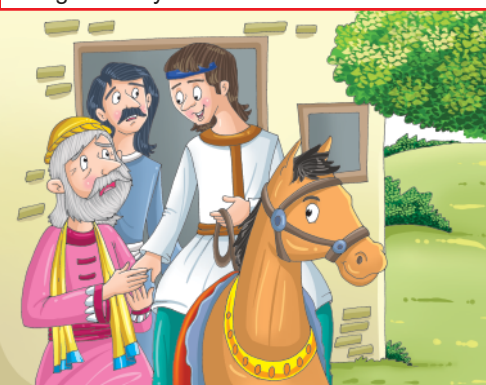
Glaciers in Sikkim region melting at faster rates

**The Prodigal Son**

Once, there was a rich farmer who had two sons. All of them worked on a farm. One day, his younger son told him to give him his share of wealth.



Father loved his sons a lot. So, he agreed and gave the son his share of wealth. The younger son packed his belongings and set off for a foreign country on a horse.



As the younger son had money, he spent on everyone lavishly. In two years, he lost everything. He asked his friends for help but everyone laughed at him.



A farmer gave him the job of looking after his cattle. In return, he was promised to get a small plate of food.



NATIONAL EVENTS CONTD...



Indian Army launches 'Operation Namaste'

March 27, 2020

The **Indian Army** launched an initiative named '**Operation Namaste**' to extend all **possible assistance** to the government in controlling the **spread of novel Coronavirus**. The operation was launched by **Army Chief General, Manoj Mukund Naravane**.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

March 01, 2020

Every Year, the **last day of February** is observed as **World Rare Disease Day**. It aims at creating awareness about the **impact of rare diseases** that include **Thalassemia, Haemophilia, Sickle Cell Anaemia** and **primary immune deficiency**, according to **WHO**.

March 04, 2020

**Luxembourg** in **Europe** became the **first country** to introduce the **free use** of all forms of **public transport**. It is the **second smallest country** in the **European Union**. In **October 2019**, the **State Government of Delhi** announced a similar scheme wherein the Government had made public transport **free for women**.

March 11, 2020

The **World Health Organization** declared **Coronavirus** as a **Global Pandemic** as it rapidly spread across the world. A pandemic is defined as an epidemic, spread over several countries, affecting a large number of people. On the other hand, an **epidemic** is the sudden increase in number of cases of the disease above what is normally expected among the population in that area. Throughout the history of pandemic diseases, **Black Death** was the **deadliest**.

March 14, 2020

**International Pi (π) Day** was observed on **14<sup>th</sup> March**. The day was chosen as **3, 1, and 4**, the **first three significant digits of π**. Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. It is represented by the lower-case Greek letter **π**. For any circle, the **distance** around the **edge** is a little more than **three times the distance across**. The irrational number is most often approximated with the decimal **3.14**. Although Pi has been known for almost **4000 years**, Mathematicians started to use the Greek letter π in the **1700s**. It was introduced by **William Jones** in **1706**.

March 18, 2020

**Global Recycling Day** was observed across the world by the **Global Recycling Foundation** under the theme '**Recycling Heroes**'. The resources that can be recycled are called the '**seventh resource**'. According to the **United Nations**, they help to save around **700 million tonnes** of **carbon-dioxide** every year. It aims at keeping the amount of **residual waste** as **minimal** as possible.

March 20, 2020

**International Day of Happiness** was observed by the **United Nations** under the theme '**Happiness for All, Together**'. The United Nations list of **World Happiness 2020 Index** is topped by **Finland**.

March 22, 2020

**World Water Day** was **celebrated** to spread awareness on the **importance of fresh water**. The **United Nations** warned that **3.5 to 4.4 billion people** are to live with limited access to water by **2050**. Of these, more than **1.1 billion** are to live in major cities. Currently, there are **2.2 billion people** in the world lacking **safe drinking water**.

March 25, 2020

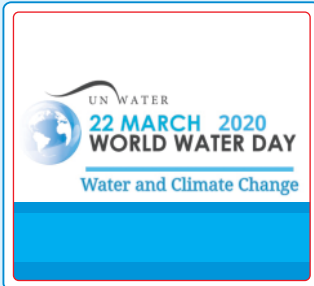
The **Norwegian Academy of Science** nominated two great mathematicians, **Hillel Furstenberg** and **Gregory Margulis**, for the **Abel Prize** for the year 2020. They are being honoured for their work towards **probability** and **dynamics** in **Number Theory, Combinatorics** and **Group Theory**. The **Abel Prize** is a **Norwegian prize** that is presented annually by the **King of Norway**. Every **Abel Prize** recipient is awarded with **7.5 million Norwegian Kroner**.



Luxembourg declares public transport free



Finland, the happiest country in the world



World Water Day 2020



Australia, the Women's Twenty20 World Cup champions



PV Sindhu, the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2019

SPORTS

March 06, 2020

**Sports Authority of India (SAI)** announced the **first edition of Khelo India Women's Hockey League (Under 21)**, scheduled to be held at **three different venues** across the country in **three phases** before **November 2020**.

March 9, 2020

**Australia** won the **Women's Twenty20 (T20) World Cup** by defeating **India** by **85 runs** in the **final match** held at **Melbourne, Australia**. The T20 was first introduced in **2003** in **England**. The **T20** is conducted by **ICC (International Cricket Council)** once in **2 years**.

March 11, 2020

Indian shuttler, **PV Sindhu**, won the **BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2019**. The award ceremony was hosted by **BBC Director-General, Tony Hall**. Veteran athlete, **PT Usha**, was awarded the **Lifetime Achievement Award**. She was awarded for her contribution to Indian sports and for inspiring generations of players.

March 22, 2020

**Janani Narayanan** and **Vrinda Rathi** of **India** have been named **match officials** in the **International Panel** of **International Cricket Council**.

March 30, 2020

The **International Olympic Committee** and **Japanese organisers** announced that the **Tokyo Olympics** is postponed by **one year** because of the **Coronavirus pandemic**. The **opening ceremony** will take place on **23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021** and the **closing ceremony** is rescheduled for **8<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**. The **Tokyo Olympic Games** were scheduled to open on **24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020** and close on **9<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**.

JOKES

Teacher: Nitika, can you tell the most common word that students use daily?

Nitika: Can't Madam!

Teacher: Brilliant Nitika! Absolutely correct.

Teacher: Nikita, supposed I ask you to meet your friend for lunch at 23 degrees 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees 15 minutes east longitude.

Nitika: I guess she will be eating alone.

Teacher: Nitika, please spell mouse?

Nitika: M-O-U-S...

Teacher: But Nitika what's at the end of it?

Nitika: A tail!

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box accommodates the digits 1-9 without repeating any.

SUDOKU

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Health and Fitness

BENEFITS OF EATING EGGPLANT

Eggplant is one of the most healthiest vegetables available throughout the year. Eggplant has the following health benefits which can help you to live healthier:



- Eggplant contains the **essential nutrients**, such as **iron, calcium** and also other **minerals** for the **growth and development** of body and proper **blood circulation**.
- It provides **high fibre** and **low carbohydrate content** which **protects the digestive tract** and helps in **controlling and managing diabetes**.

YOGA : THE HEALTHY WAY OF LIVING

HEALTH BENEFITS OF SASANKASANA

Sasankasana stretches the entire back of the spine and shoulders.



This pose resembles the shape of the rabbit. The health benefits of Sasankasana are:

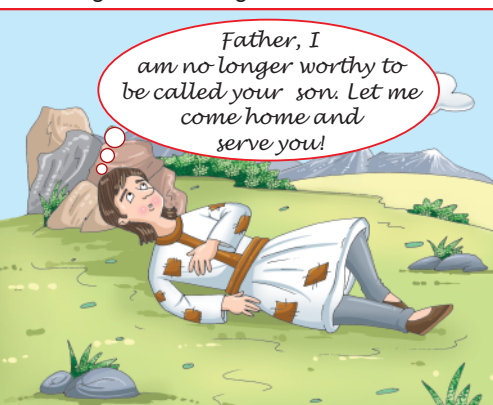
- It **improves digestion** and **cures constipation**.
- It **strengthens knees and ankles**.
- It **helps spinal muscles to get toned up**.
- It **stretches the back, arms and shoulders**.
- It **stimulates the immune and endocrine systems**.

ANALOGY (GENERAL INTELLIGENCE)

Identify similar relationships and fill in the blanks.

1. Chameleon : Reptile :: Salamander : .....
  2. Modern : Traditional :: Ignorance : .....
  3. Terrible : Marvelous :: Transparent : .....
  4. Awful : Terrible :: Appealing : .....
  5. Accept : Except :: Counsel : .....
- Amphibian : Chameleon is an example of a reptile and a homophone of a council.  
 Council : Accept is a homophone of except and council is a homophone of counsel.  
 Attractive : Terrible is a synonym of awful and attractive is a synonym of appealing.  
 Opaque : Marvelous is an antonym of terrible and opaque is an antonym of transparent.  
 Knowledge : Traditional is the opposite of modern and salamander is an example of an amphibian.

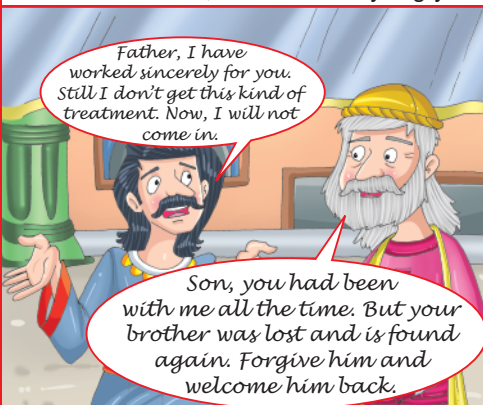
One day, while lying on the hard ground he remembered how much his father loved him. He thought of returning home.



The younger son sets off for home. The journey was not as smooth for him as it was two years before. When he reached home, he was dirty, barefoot and ragged, still his father recognised him.



Everyone was in high spirits. Preparations for a grand feast was going on. When the elder son returned home, he became very angry.



Both the sons understood the wisdom of the father's words. They embraced each other and went into the house.



Moral : One who realises his mistake timely is a wise person.

**MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH NAMED GREATEST WORLD LEADER IN BBC POLL**

Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the 19<sup>th</sup> century ruler of the Sikh Empire of India, was named the 'Greatest Leader of All Time' in a poll conducted by 'BBC World Histories Magazine'.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh was selected with more than 38 per cent of the votes cast for his extraordinary leadership qualities. Maharaja Ranjit Singh defeated the fighting chieftains and established a Unified Sikh Empire. He was given the title 'Lion of Punjab' (Sher-e-Punjab) for his success in freeing Lahore from Afghan invaders.



Maharaja Ranjit Singh combined the strong points of the traditional khalsa army and western warfare techniques to raise Asia's most powerful Indian army of that time. He was known for his justice and secular rule. He respected all religions. He turned Harmandir Sahib at Amritsar into the Golden Temple by covering it with gold.

**GUJARAT TOPS IN ROOFTOP SOLAR INSTALLATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

Gujarat has stood first in the country with a total of 50,915 domestic solar rooftop plants as on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Gujarat has topped the list with 64% or two-thirds of the total 79,950 domestic solar rooftop installations across the country.

The total capacity of the 50,915 domestic solar rooftop plants installed on domestic rooftops in the state of Gujarat generated 177.67 MW solar energy whereas the total 79,950 systems across the country had the combined capacity of producing 322 MW solar energy.



Gujarat State Government has adopted a solar rooftop scheme named 'Surya Gujarat' to cover about eight lakh domestic electricity consumers under this scheme by 2022. Gujarat Government has provided 40 per cent subsidy assistance on the projects up to 3 kwh capacity and 20 per cent subsidy assistance for projects with capacity between 3 and 10 kwh.

**They Made Us Proud To Be INDIANS**

**NEHA NARKHEDE**

Neha Narkhede is the co-founder and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Confluent Inc., a company that builds a distributed streaming platform named Apache Kafka. Neha was featured in Forbes' list of America's Top 50 women in Technology. She got the Innovators Under 35 Award under the 'Visionaries' category. She did BE in Computer Science from the University of Pune and Masters in Computer Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology, the United States of America.



**DEBJANI GHOSH**

Debjani Ghosh is the first woman President of the National Association of Software & Services Companies (NASSCOM). She is also the first woman to lead Intel India and Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology (MAIT). She was actively involved in developing the 'Think Digital, Think India' strategy to support India's digital transformation journey. She was nominated for the '100 Most Influential Women in UK India Relations' list.

**INDIA-WHO'S WHO**

**INDIA UNION GOVERNMENT**

- Shri Ram Nath Kovind:** President
- Shri M Venkaiah Naidu:** Vice President
- Hon'ble Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde:** Chief Justice of India
- Shri Om Birla:** Speaker of Lok Sabha

**CABINET MINISTERS**

- Shri Narendra Modi:** Prime Minister, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, all important policy issues and all other portfolios not allocated to any minister
- Shri Raj Nath Singh:** Defence
- Shri Amit Shah:** Home Affairs
- Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari:** Road Transport and Highways, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Shri D V Sadananda Gowda:** Chemicals and Fertilizers
- Smt Nirmala Sitharaman:** Finance, Corporate Affairs
- Shri Ramvilas Paswan:** Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar:** Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj

- Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad:** Law and Justice, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology
- Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal:** Food Processing Industries
- Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot:** Social Justice and Empowerment
- Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar:** External Affairs
- Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank':** Human Resource Development
- Shri Arjun Munda:** Tribal Affairs
- Smt Smriti Zubin Irani:** Women and Child Development, Textiles
- Dr Harsh Vardhan:** Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology, Earth Sciences
- Shri Prakash Javadekar:** Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Information and Broadcasting, Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
- Shri Piyush Goyal:** Railways, Commerce and Industry
- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan:** Petroleum and Natural Gas, Steel
- Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi:** Minority Affairs
- Shri Pralhad Joshi:** Parliamentary Affairs, Coal, Mines
- Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey:** Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Shri Giriraj Singh:** Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries
- Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat:** Jal Shakti

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- Q.1 Name the largest salt-producing state in India.  
Ans. ....
- Q.2 Who was the first Indian ruler to organise a flag pilgrimage at the expense of the state?  
Ans. ....
- Q.3 In which state is the Indravati National Park (INP) located?  
Ans. ....
- Q.4 Name the longest estuary of the world.  
Ans. ....
- Q.5 Which organ in herbivorous animals helps in the digestion of cellulose through bacteria?  
Ans. ....
- Q.6 Which Indian state shares the largest land border with Bhutan?  
Ans. ....
- Q.7 Name the grandson of Ashoka who accepted Jainism.  
Ans. ....
- Q.8 Who was the president of the Indian National Congress at the time of Independence?  
Ans. ....
- Q.9 Name the scientist who discovered electrons.  
Ans. ....
- Q.10 To which sport is the Ryder Cup related?  
Ans. ....

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**THE MONTH OF APRIL IN HISTORY**

<p><b>April 6, 1917</b> United States declared war against Germany during First World War.</p>	<p><b>April 11, 1814</b> Napoleon Bonaparte was removed as the Emperor of France and sent to an island.</p>	<p><b>April 12, 1606</b> England adopted Original Union Jack as its flag.</p>	<p><b>April 14, 1865</b> President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Washington DC.</p>
<p><b>April 15, 1912</b> The Titanic struck against an iceberg and sank.</p>	<p><b>April 23, 1564</b> William Shakespeare was born. He died on the same day in 1616.</p>	<p><b>April 26, 1986</b> The world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant (USSR).</p>	<p><b>April 30, 1945</b> Adolf Hitler died along with his wife Eva Braun.</p>

**ANSWER BOX Quiz, March Issue**

- 1. Jules Verne
- 2. 3rd March
- 3. Babur
- 4. Hockey
- 5. Brahmaputra
- 6. Nani Palkhivala
- 7. Thailand
- 8. 1757
- 9. Harbhajan Singh
- 10. Assam

**ANSWER SUDOKU**

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