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Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached."
- Swami Vivekananda

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- 1. India's first State Level E-Lok Adalat conducted by Chattishgarh High court. The chief justice of Chattishgarh P. R. Ramchandra Menon inaugurated the first state level E-Lok Adalat.
- 2. Union HRD Minister Launched the first online NISTHA programme for 1200 Key resource persons of Andhra Pradesh. NISTHA is a National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement at the elementary stage under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan to improve learning outcome.
- 3. The Union HRD Ministry has announced PRAGYATA guidelines for online classes operationalized by schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4. World Youth Skills Day 2020 is being held on July 15 under the theme of "Skills for a Resilient Youth in the era of COVID-19 and Beyond".
- 5. The Supreme Court, in a significant decision, confirmed that persons with disabilities are also socially backward and entitled to the same benefits of relaxation as Schedules Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidate in the public employment.
- 6. The World Bank and the Govt. of India signed a loan agreement to enhance support for the Namami Gange project that seeks rejuvenate the Ganga River.
- 7. The Vice President of India launched an indigenous mobile app "Elyments", a social media platform under Atmanirbhar Bharat Campaign.
- 8. All India Radio has started the broadcast of first ever news magazine in Sanskrit. The programme titled, "Sanskrit Saptahik" will be of 20 minutes duration and can be heard at 7.10 AM on every Saturday on All India FM News channel.

- 9. Union HRD Minister launched World's first ever online B.Sc. degree in Programming and Data Science. The programme has been prepared by Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.
- 10. India has become the Second largest source of FDI for the United Kingdom.
- 11.Reliance Industries CMD Mukhesh Ambani announced that the company's telecom venture Jio has designed and developed from scratch, a complete indigenous 5G solution ready for deployment. This will enable Jio to export 5G solutions to other telecom players globally.
- 12.GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited is offering fully contact-less airport car parking service.
- 13. Recently Ministry of Tourism organized the webinar 'Exploring River Nila' under the initiative "Dekho Apna Desh". Nila is the longest river in Kerela.
- 14. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs as approved the various clearances for Dibang Multipurpose Project (MPP in Arunachal Pradesh. Dibang Multipurpose Project is envisaged as a storage-based hydro-electric project. The 2880 MW hydropower project will be the largest ever Hydro Electric Project to be constructed in India. Super.
- 15. Cyclonic Storm Amphan caused widespread damage in Eastern India and Bangladesh. Amphan got this name from Thailand.
- 16. India's rank in the recently released 12th edition of the biennial Environment Performance Index (EPI Index 2020) released by the Yale University -- 168th.

The Yale University recently released the biennial Environment Performance Index. In 2018, India scored 27.6 out of 100 and secured 177th rank. Around 32 indicators were considered to create the ranking.

- 17. Two Indian Institutes IIT Ropar and IIT Indore secured their ranks in the top 100 in the "THE Young University Rankings 2020" released by the Times Higher Education.
- 18. Tripura state government has decided to start 'Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho' meaning 'Play Little, Study Little' scheme. The scheme will be implemented via SMS or WhatsApp. For students, those who have access to smartphones of their parents will be able to access the scheme through WhatsApp.
- 19. Himachal Pradesh state's Panchayati Raj Department won the 1st prize under e-Panchayat Puraskar-2020. All the 3,226 panchayats of the state have been provided internet facility and people can access various services online. The various services such as family register, registration of birth, death and marriages are registered online in the panchayats.
- 20. India has been elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for a two-year term from the Asia-Pacific category for the 2021-22 term. Along with India, Ireland, Mexico and Norway also won the Security Council elections held last night. India was a candidate for a non-permanent seat from the Asia Pacific category for the 2021-22 term. India's two-year term will begin on January 1, 2021.
- 21. Vayu, world's first Yoga University outside India is inaugurated in Los Angles. It is named after Swami Vivekananda, the great India scholar.
- 22. Government of India has launched "The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP)". This programme is an initiative of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Ministry of HRD, and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. TULIP programme aims to provide internship opportunities to

fresh graduates in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) as well as Smart Cities across the nation.

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