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First-ever Virtual Aadi Mahotsav Launched



- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda launched the first-ever virtual edition of Aadi Mahotsav – Madhya Pradesh . The 10-day long festival , commenced on December 1 , 2020, was hosted on the Tribes India website (www.tridesindia.com).
- The main focus of the first virtual Aadi Mahotsav was on the tribal craft and culture of Madhya Pradesh.
- Aadi Mahotsav is a national tribal festival and a joint initiative of Ministry of Tribal Affairs , and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED).
- The festival showcase traditional art and handicrafts and cultural heritage of the country.

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One Nation One Ration Card Scheme

Starts in A&N Islands

One Nation One Ration Card



- The One Nation One Ration Card scheme commenced in Andaman and Nicobar Islands on November 30, 2020.
- It is to mention that 28 states and UT's have joined on the network under One Nation One Ration Card. Rest are required to join by March , 2021.
- The 'One Nation –One Ration Card' scheme will enable the eligible beneficiarse under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) to avail their entitled foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS), in the country using the same ration card.

**Landline Users Must Dial Zero before
Mobile Number**

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- The Ministry of Communications on November 25, 2020 noted that all fixed to mobile calls will be dialed with prefix '0' from January 15, 2021.
- There will be an no change in dialling plan from fixed to fixed, mobile to fixed and mobile to mobile calls.
- Prefixing '0' for calls from fixed line to mobile numbers will generate 2544 million additional numbering resources for mobile services to cater to the future requirements.

National Portal for Transgenders Launched



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- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawar chand Gehlot e-launched a ‘National Portal for Transgender Persons’ and Garima Greh : A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons in Vadodara, Gujarat on November 25, 2020.
- The portal would help transpersons in applying for certificate and ID cards digitally without having to visit any government office.
- The purpose of the Shelter Home is to provide shelter to Transgender persons, with basic amenities like shelter , food, medical care and recreation facilities.

Cyclonic Storm ‘Nivar Made Landfalls



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- The Deep Depression over the South West Bay of Bengal has intensified into the Cyclonic Storm 'Nivar' on November 24, 2020.
- It is the fourth cyclone that has taken shape in the North Indian Ocean region this year after the Cyclone Gati , Cyclone Amphan and Cyclone Nisarga.
- Nivar will be the second cyclone to hit Tamil Nadu in two years after Cyclone Gaja in 2018.
- The storm has been named Cyclone Nivar by Iran , based on the guidelines of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

CBI's Jurisdiction Can't Extended without State's Consent



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- The Supreme Court ruled that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) cannot step into an inquiry and the Centre cannot extend the agency's jurisdiction in a state without permission from the relevant state government.
- The ruling comes at a time when eight non-centres ruled states- Rajasthan, Bengal, Jharkhand , kerala, Maharashtra , Chhattisgarh , Punjab and Mizoram have cancelled consent for CBI probes in their states.

‘My Stamp on Chhath Puja’ Released





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- Union Communications, Electronics & Information Technology minister Ravi Shankar Prasad released a 'My Stamp on Chhath Puja' on November 19, 2020.
- My Stamp on Chhath Puja is available in all Philatelic bureaus and important post offices across the country. 'My Stamp' is an innovative concept initiated by the Department of Posts.

World's First Tram Library for Children in Kolkata



- Kolkata Young Reader's Tramcar, world's first library on tram for children was launched in Kolkata, West Bengal on November 14, 2020.
- The tram would run on Shyambazar-Esplanade and Esplanade- Gariahat routes, spanning across north and south Kolkata, every day from morning to evening.



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- It has been jointly developed by the West Bengal Transport Corporation (WBTC) and Apeejay Anand Children's Library and will have around 1000 books.

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