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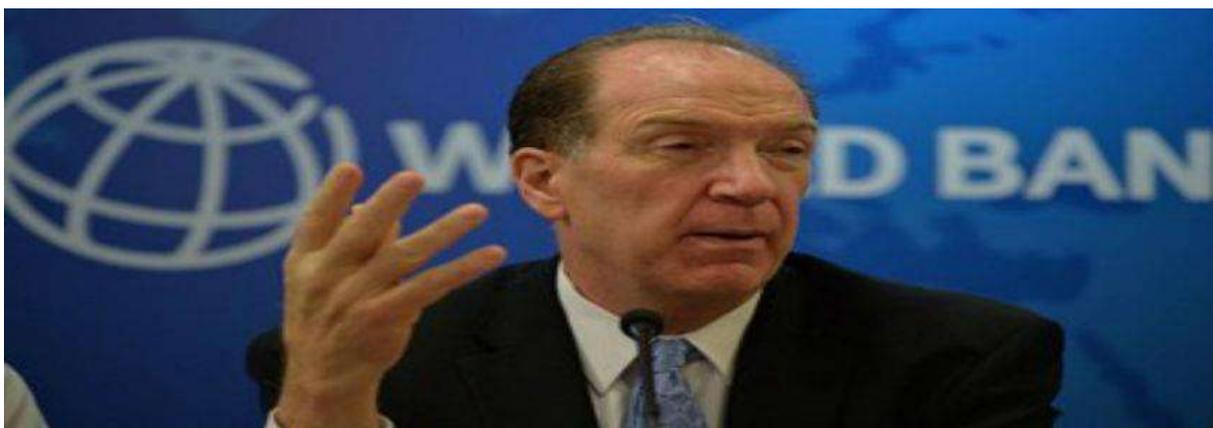
**Kyrgyzstan President resigns to end post-election crisis**



Kyrgyzstan's President Sooronbay Jeenbekov resigned, saying he wanted to bring an end to the crisis sparked by disputed parliamentary elections earlier this month and avoid any further bloodshed. Jeenbekov's resignation comes after opposition groups last week seized government buildings in response to protests against the parliamentary election held on October 4, which has since been annulled.

The Central Asian nation has a history of political volatility – two of its presidents have been toppled by revolts in the past 15 years.

**COVID 19 pandemic: World Bank to propose 25 billion in extra funding for poorest countries**



World Bank has called for emergency financing of 25 billion dollar to help the world's poorest countries grapple with the massive challenges of the COVID 19 pandemic. World Bank Chief, David Malpass told finance ministers and central bank governors of the G20 major economies that he would propose the supplemental financing package later this month to deputies of the International Development Association (IDA). Mr Malpass expressed concerns over the rising risk of disorderly defaults among low-income countries.

### **London & Paris bring in strict new rules as Covid-19 cases surge across Europe**



Two of Europe's biggest capitals are in trouble as Paris imposed overnight curfews and London banned people from different households from meeting indoors to combat the spread of coronavirus. The announcements came as countries across Europe tightened restrictions following a surge in Covid-19 cases in most countries.

### **EU leaders call for post-Brexit trade talks to continue**



EU leaders have called for post-Brexit trade talks to continue beyond the end of the week - the deadline suggested by UK PM Boris Johnson. At a two-day summit in Brussels, they called on the UK to make the necessary moves towards a deal. EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier said fresh intensive talks should aim to reach a deal around the end of October. But his UK counterpart said he is disappointed by the EU's approach.

Both sides are calling on each other to compromise on key issues, including fishing and limits on government subsidies to businesses.

### China has no locus standi to comment on India's internal matters: MEA



India said that China has no locus standi to comment on its internal matters. Replying to media queries on China's remarks, MEA Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said, Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been, are and will remain integral parts of India.

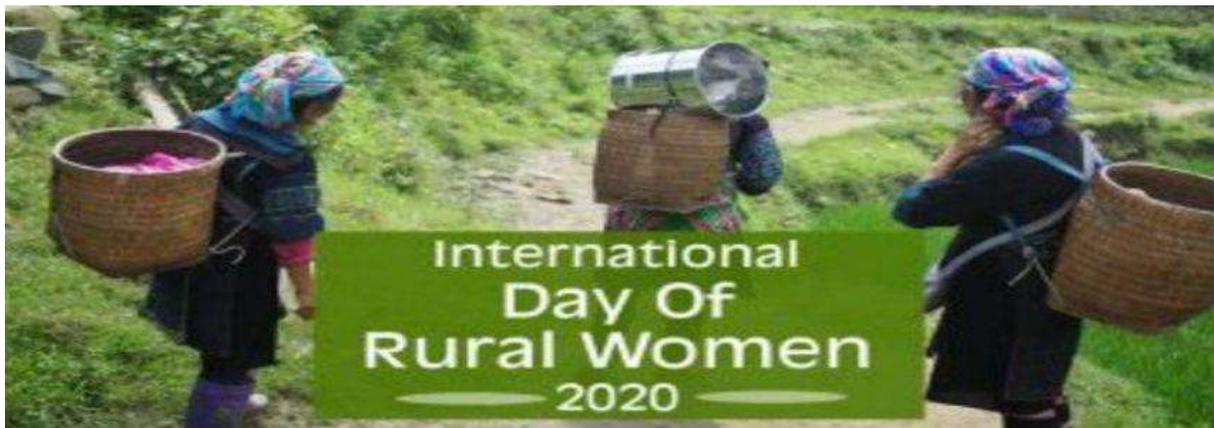
He said, Arunachal Pradesh is also very much an integral part of India and this fact has also been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side on several occasions, including at the highest level.

### Global Handwashing Day being observed on October 15



Global Handwashing Day observed on October 15 each year to raise awareness and highlight the importance of handwashing as an effective means of disease prevention. Handwashing has always been one of the most effective ways of keeping diseases at bay and is also one of the key cornerstones of COVID-19 prevention.

**International Day of Rural Women being observed on October 15**



October 15 is International Day of Rural Women. This Day recognizes the critical role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty.

**National**

**India to deliver Kilo Class submarine INS Sindhuvir to Myanmar Navy**



India will be deliver a Kilo Class submarine INS Sindhuvir to Myanmar Navy as part of defence cooperation. This will be the first submarine of Myanmar Navy. MEA Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said, cooperation in the maritime domain is an important part of India's enhanced engagement with Myanmar. He said, it is in accordance with India's vision of SAGAR and in line with build capacities and self-reliance in all the neighbouring countries.

### **Govt notifies DG Shipping as National Authority for Recycling of Ships**



The Union government has notified Director General of Shipping as National Authority for Recycling of Ships. DG Shipping is designated as apex authority under the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019 for the ship recycling industry of the country and the office of the national authority will be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

### **Govt lifts all restrictions on export of alcohol-based hand sanitizers**



Central government has lifted all restrictions on export of alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in a notification said, the export of alcohol-based hand sanitizers in container with dispenser pumps is free for export making export of alcohol-based hand sanitizers in any form or packaging freely exportable, with immediate effect.

### BARC suspends ratings of TV news channels for 3 months amid TRP controversy



Amid a controversy surrounding its viewership data for TV news channels, the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) has decided to suspend its weekly ratings of TV news channels for a period of three months. BARC said that it would continue to review and augment the current standards of measuring and reporting of data.

### India's first Oscar winner Costume designer Bhanu Athaiya passes away



India's first Oscar winner Costume designer Bhanu Athaiya died at her home in Mumbai after prolonged illness. She was 91. She jointly won the Academy Award for Best Costume Design with John Mollo, for Richard Attenborough's "Gandhi". The lavish biopic of Mahatma Gandhi swept the Oscars with eight awards.

In a career of more than five decades, Athaiya won two National Awards -- for Gulzar's mystery drama "Lekin" (1990) and the period film "Lagaan" directed by Ashutosh Gowariker (2001).

### **Renowned Kuchipudi exponent Sobha Naidu passed away**



Renowned Kuchipudi exponent Sobha Naidu, a recipient of Padma Shri and numerous other awards, passed away. Shobha Naidu had been one of the prominent exponents of Kuchipudi dance in the country. A disciple of Kuchipudi maestro Vempati Chinna Satyam, she had started giving stage performance at a very young age.

Naidu was awarded the civilian honour of Padma Shri in 2001. She also won several other awards like Nritya Choodamani and Sangeet Natak Akademi award.

### **Malayalam poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri passes away at 94**



Noted Malayalam poet and Jnanpith laureate Akkitham passed away at a private hospital in Kerala. He was 94. Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri, popularly known as Akkitham, penned his first poem when he was eight. He went on to become one of the most respected names in Malayalam poetry, winning several literary accolades, including the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1973.

A Padma Shri awardee, Akkitham is also known for his critical essays, short stories and other literary works, which were translated into multiple languages.

## Business and Economy

### Centre to borrow Rs 1.10 lakh crore on behalf of states to meet GST shortfall



The Finance Ministry has said that the Centre will borrow up to 1.10 lakh crore rupees on behalf of the states to bridge the shortfall in GST collections. In a statement, the Ministry said, the amount so borrowed will be passed on to the states as a back-to-back loan in lieu of GST compensation cess releases. It said, the borrowing will not have any impact on the fiscal deficit of the Government of India

### Exports grow 6%, snap six-month-long slide



After contracting for six straight months, India's exports rose 5.99% to \$27.58 billion in September on account of growth in shipments of drugs and pharmaceuticals and ready-made garments, as per the government data. While imports contracted 19.6% to \$30.3 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of \$2.7 billion.

In the six months ended 30 September, exports have declined 21.3% to \$125.3 billion, while imports contracted 40.1% to \$148.7 billion, creating a trade deficit of \$23.4 billion.

### **Govt bans imports of air conditioners with refrigerants**



With a view to promote domestic manufacturing and cut imports of non essential items, the Union government has banned imports of air conditioners with refrigerants. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in a notification said, import policy of air conditioners with refrigerants is amended from free to prohibited.

### **IRDAI Chairman urges health insurance providers to develop disease-specific products**



Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) Chairman Subhash Khuntia has urged health insurance providers to develop disease-specific products which could help policy holders in preventing different ailments. Mr. Khuntia said under such focussed products, insurance companies can bring together medical experts to make aware policy holders on steps to be taken to prevent various diseases.

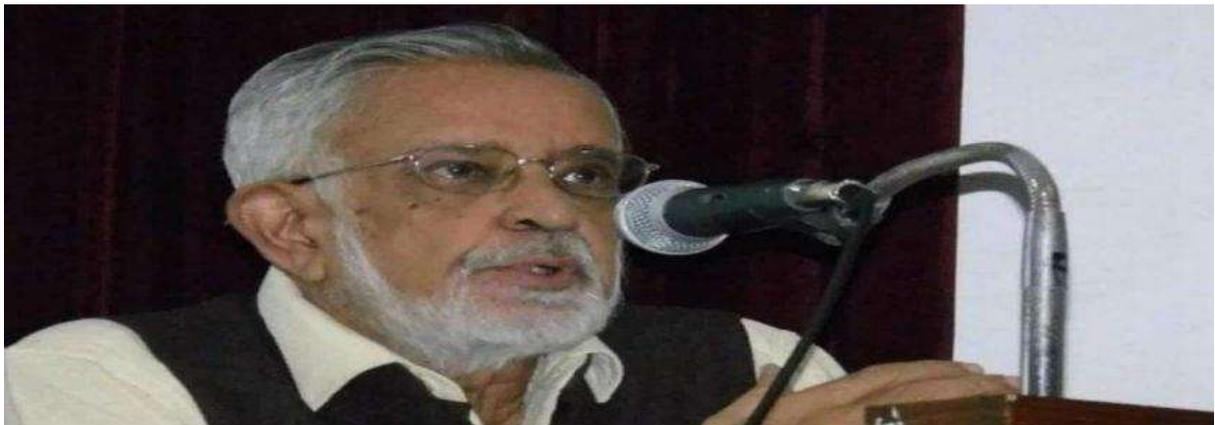
## Sports

### Kidambi Srikanth storms into quarterfinals of Denmark Open



Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth stormed into the quarterfinals of the Denmark Open with a straight-game win over Jason Anthony Ho-Shue at Odense. Srikanth took 33 minutes to get the better of his Canadian opponent 21-15 21-14 in the men's singles second round match of the Super 750 tournament, the only event happening this year in Badminton World Federation's calendar.

### Kishore Bhimani, Veteran Sports Journalist, Dies At 81



Veteran sports journalist and commentator Kishore Bhimani died in Kolkata. Kishore Bhimani is famously remembered for being on air and calling the 1986 tied Test match between India and Australia in Chennai (then Madras). His son Gautam Bhimani is also a cricket commentator.