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### **President Kovind lays foundation stone to Lakshadweep's first Super Specialty Hospital at Kavaratti**

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President who is on two days visit to the union territory assured special focus for the development of Lakshadweep and directed Lakshadweep Administrator to give special attention for the completion of Super Specialty Hospital

### **Sahitya Akademi, Iran Embassy organize Indo-Iranian Writers' Meet in New Delhi**

In continuation of the cultural exchange programme between India and Iran, Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with Embassy of Iran organized an Indo-Iranian Writers' Meet in New Delhi. The events also witnessed a panel discussion on **Indo-Iranian Cultural Bonds**.

### **Buxa Bird Festival' begins in West Bengal**

The fourth 'Buxa Bird Festival' has begun in Buxa National Park in West Bengal's Alipurduar district.

Over 50 birdwatchers from across the country and abroad have registered for the 2020 edition of the four-day festival.

### **India's GDP growth rate for 2019-20 estimated at 5%, says NSO**

The Indian economy is estimated to grow at 5 per cent in 2019-20 as against 8 per cent in the previous fiscal. According to the first advanced estimates of the national income released by National Statistical Office (NSO).

The decline has been mainly on account of deceleration in manufacturing sector growth, which is expected to come down to 2 per cent in 2019-20 from 2 per cent in the year-ago fiscal.

The deceleration was also witnessed in sectors like agriculture, construction and electricity, gas and water supply.

### **RBI gives in-principle nod to Shivalik Mercantile to convert to SFB**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted in-principle approval to Uttar Pradesh-based Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd to convert to a small finance bank (SFB), becoming the first urban cooperative bank (UCB) to make the transition since the guidelines came out nearly two years ago.

"The Reserve Bank of India has granted in-principle approval to Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd (the applicant) for transition into a small finance bank under the scheme on voluntary transition of urban co-operative bank into a small finance bank issued on September 27, 2018," an RBI notification stated.

The UCB will get 18 months to comply with the requirements under the scheme, which state that banks with a minimum net worth of ₹50 crore and capital to risk (weighted) assets ratio of 9% and above are eligible to apply for voluntary transition to SFB.

### PM Kisan scheme: 50 per cent farmers to be covered this year

The government is likely to miss this year target of reimbursement under the PM Kisan scheme, mainly on account of lack of updated data about farmers to be given by state governments.

### India's per-capita income rises 6.8 per cent to 11,254 a month in FY20

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"The per-capita net national income during 2019-20 is estimated to be Rs 1,35,050 showing a rise of 8 per cent as compared to Rs 1,26,406 during 2018-19 with the growth rate of 10.0 per cent," according to the annual national income and GDP 2019-20 data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

### Golden Globe winners 2020

- **77th Golden Globe Awards** honouring the best films and television of calendar year 2019 was held at Beverly Hills, **California** in the USA.

Categories	Winners
<b>Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Musical or Comedy</b>	<b>Ramy Youssef ("Ramy")</b>
<b>Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series — Musical or Comedy</b>	<b>Phoebe Waller-Bridge ("Fleabag")</b>
<b>Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Drama</b>	<b>Brian Cox ("Succession")</b>
<b>Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series — Drama</b>	<b>Olivia Colman ("The Crown")</b>
<b>Best Performance by an Actor in a Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for</b>	<b>Russell Crowe ("The Loudest Voice")</b>

<b>Television</b>	
<b>Best Performance by an Actress in a Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television</b>	<b>Michelle Williams ("Fosse/Verdon")</b>
<b>Best Television Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television</b>	<b>"Chernobyl"</b>
<b>Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Series, Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television</b>	<b>Patricia Arquette ("The Act")</b>
<b>Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television</b>	<b>Stellan Skarsgård ("Chernobyl")</b>
<b>Best Television Series — Drama</b>	<b>"Succession"</b>
<b>Best Television Series — Musical or Comedy</b>	<b>"Fleabag"</b>
<b>Best Motion Picture — Musical or Comedy</b>	<b>"Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"</b>
<b>Best Motion Picture — Drama</b>	<b>"1917"</b>
<b>Best Motion Picture — Foreign Language</b>	<b>"Parasite"</b>
<b>Best Screenplay — Motion Picture</b>	<b>Quentin Tarantino ("Once Upon a Time in Hollywood")</b>

<b>Best Original Song — Motion Picture</b>	<b>“(I’m Gonna) Love Me Again” (“Rocketman”)</b>
<b>Best Original Score — Motion Picture</b>	<b>Hildur Guðnadóttir (“Joker”)</b>
<b>Best Actor in a Supporting Role in Any Motion Picture</b>	<b>Brad Pitt (“Once Upon a Time in Hollywood”)</b>
<b>Best Actress in a Supporting Role in Any Motion Picture</b>	<b>Laura Dern (“Marriage Story”)</b>
<b>Best Actor in a Motion Picture — Musical or Comedy</b>	<b>Taron Egerton (“Rocketman”)</b>
<b>Best Motion Picture — Animated</b>	<b>“Missing Link”</b>
<b>Best Actor in a Motion Picture</b>	<b>Joaquin Phoenix (“Joker”)</b>
<b>Best Actress in a Motion Picture — Drama</b>	<b>Renée Zellweger (“Judy”)</b>
<b>Best Actress in a Motion Picture — Musical or Comedy</b>	<b>Awkwafina (“The Farewell”)</b>
<b>Best Director — Motion Picture</b>	<b>Sam Mendes (“1917”)</b>

### **Liverpool’s Sadio Mane wins African Footballer of the Year award**

Sadio Mane was voted as African Footballer of the Year for the first time .

Senegal forward beat Liverpool teammate Mohamed Salah and Manchester City forward Riyad Mahrez to the continent’s biggest individual soccer prize at a ceremony in Egypt.

Nigeria international Asisat Oshoala, who plays for Barcelona, was voted as women’s player of the year.

### **Challakere to be ISRO's astronaut training hub**

India's world-class facility for training astronauts will come up not in the space headquarters in

It will be established in three years at Challakere, Bengaluru-Pune NH4 in Chitradurga district of

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has proposed a ₹ 2,700-crore master plan to create top infrastructure that will house its young Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC).

The facility spread over 400-acre ISRO land at Challakere will be a self-contained facility having infrastructure and activities related to space travellers.

The first set of four astronaut candidates selected for the first Gaganyaan mission of 2022 will be trained in