

38 Cr bank accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana till last month: MoS Anurag Thakur

Around 38 crore bank accounts have been opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana till last month. Minister of State for Finance, Anurag Thakur stated, out of 38 crore accounts, around 31 crore accounts are operative and the number of these accounts has increased every year since the launch of the scheme.

No penalty was imposed on Jan Dhan accounts for non-maintenance of minimum balance. He added that as per the guidelines of the RBI, there is no requirement for maintaining minimum balance in such accounts.

Average consumer price index-combined inflation was recorded at 9 per cent in the year 2014-15 whereas it was around 3.4 per cent in 2018-19. Inflation rate during the period of April to December 2020 was recorded at 4.1 per cent. That hike observed in the current fiscal is due to the surge in onion prices

Maharashtra records highest number of missing women: NCRB

NCRB stated that the highest number of women and children who go missing in the country are from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh

Maximum number of cases of missing women and children was Maharashtra and MP respectively.

In 2019, the Supreme Court had directed National Crime Records Bureau to identify and check those areas which are prone to persons being trafficked. The report covers 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Sourav Ganguly to accept India's goodwill ambassador offer for Tokyo Olympics

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has accepted Indian Association's (IOA) offer to become the goodwill ambassador of the Indian contingent at the Tokyo Olympics this year.

The IOA had earlier approached the former India captain for the role, which will require him to raise awareness about India's Tokyo-bound team.

The IOA extends the honour to Ganguly to be the Goodwill Ambassador of Team India to the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020.

Kosovo forms new government, Kurti elected for Prime Minister

The Kosovo Assembly has voted in the new coalition government of the Self-Determination Movement and the Democratic Alliance of Kosovo.

The new Prime Minister of Kosovo is Albin Kurti, the leader of the Self-determination movement, a party that participated in the October elections as an opposition candidate.

RBI governor Shaktikanta Das is Asia Pacific central banker of the year

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been named the Central Banker of the Year, Asia-Pacific 2020, by the Banker magazine, a unit of Financial Times (FT).

The award is given to central bankers who have best managed to stimulate growth and stabilise their economy.

Jorgovanka Tabakovi, National Bank of Serbia, was adjudged the winner as the Global Central Banker of the Year.

India to host EAS conference in Chennai

India is set to host an East Asia Summit conference in Chennai with a focus on maritime security cooperation and tackling challenges in the maritime domain.

As announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 14th East Asia Summit (EAS) in Bangkok in November 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in partnership with the governments of Australia and Indonesia, will organise the fourth EAS Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation in Chennai.

Country's biggest horticultural fair begins

The four-day mega event 'National Horticultural Fair 2020' at ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research kick-started in Bengaluru. The institute is expecting 50,000 farmers from various States of the country.

It is being held at Hessarghatta, and it will have over 200 exhibition stalls

Natural disasters cost world \$232 billion in 2019: Report

Death toll in India was the highest at 1,750

The world lost as much as \$232 billion due to natural disasters in 2019, with India leading in casualties with 1,750 deaths, stated a recent report by AON, global professional firm which provides risk solutions to insurance firms, among other things. According to its report, Weather, Climate Catastrophe Insight for 2019, there were a total of 409 natural disaster events in 2019 and the monsoon floods in India was the deadliest among them, followed by cyclone Idai, which killed 1,303 300 people in southern Africa and turned two million people homeless.

Wasim Jaffer becomes first player to score 12,000 runs in Ranji Trophy

Vidharba batsman Wasim Jaffer became the first batsman to register 12,000 runs in Ranji Trophy.

He achieved the feat while batting against Kerela in the ongoing Ranji Trophy Elite Group A and B match here at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium.

Vidharba lost its first wicket with just four runs on the board and Jaffer then came out to bat in the middle.

Jaffer has played Ranji Trophy for Mumbai and Vidharba.

Before the beginning of the 2019-20 season, Jaffer had 11,775 runs in the Ranji Trophy.