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### International Delegate's Day: 25 April

The **first edition** of International Delegate's Day was observed on 25 April 2020. The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 2 April 2019, to raise awareness of role of the delegates and representatives of the member states of the UN.

The day marks **75th anniversary** of San Francisco Conference, a gathering which laid the foundation stone of the formation of the United Nations.

### World Intellectual Property Day: 26 April

The World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on 26 April to raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life and to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe. The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000. The Theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2020 is 'Innovate for a Green Future.'

### International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day: 26 April

The International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day is observed every year on April 26 to raise awareness of the consequences of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster and the risks of nuclear energy in general. The United Nations (UN) proclaimed the day on April 26, 2016 that marked **30th anniversary** of the **1986 nuclear disaster**. On this day in 1986, a reactor exploded at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine with devastating consequences.

### Anthurium flowers: Indoor air purifiers

National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF) has recently boosted new varieties of Anthurium, a flower with high market value. These flowers which help to purify air are cultivated by a lady innovator from Kerala.

It is a vast group of beautiful blooming plants available in a wide range of colours. They remove harmful airborne chemicals like formaldehyde, ammonia, toluene, xylene, and allergens. Due to its importance of removing toxic substances from the air, NASA has placed it in the list of air purifier plants.

### IITM-K develops AI search engine 'Vilokana' for COVID-19 studies

The Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management – Kerala (IITM-K) has developed a search engine based on artificial intelligence (AI) named 'Vilokana' to enable researchers in getting deeper insights into scientific studies on Covid-19.

The search engine accessed through the website [www.vilokana.in](http://www.vilokana.in). **Vilokana in Sanskrit means 'finding out'**.

### Assam Government Launches 'Dhanwantari' Scheme for home delivery of Medicines to Patients

Assam government has launched a new scheme named Dhanwantari. Under this scheme, the locally unavailable medicines due to the lockdown shall be delivered to patients at home, if these are not available within their radius of 10 km. **Medicines below Rs 200 will be provided to free of cost to patients**, but if it is more than that, it will be charged.

### Kerala govt hospital launches 'KARMI-Bot' to serve COVID-19 patients

A government hospital in Ernakulam, Kerala has deployed a **robot** to serve food and medicines to coronavirus patients. The robot has been named 'KARMI-Bot'.

The robot has been donated to the hospital by Viswasanthi Foundation that is owned by Malayalam star Mohanlal.

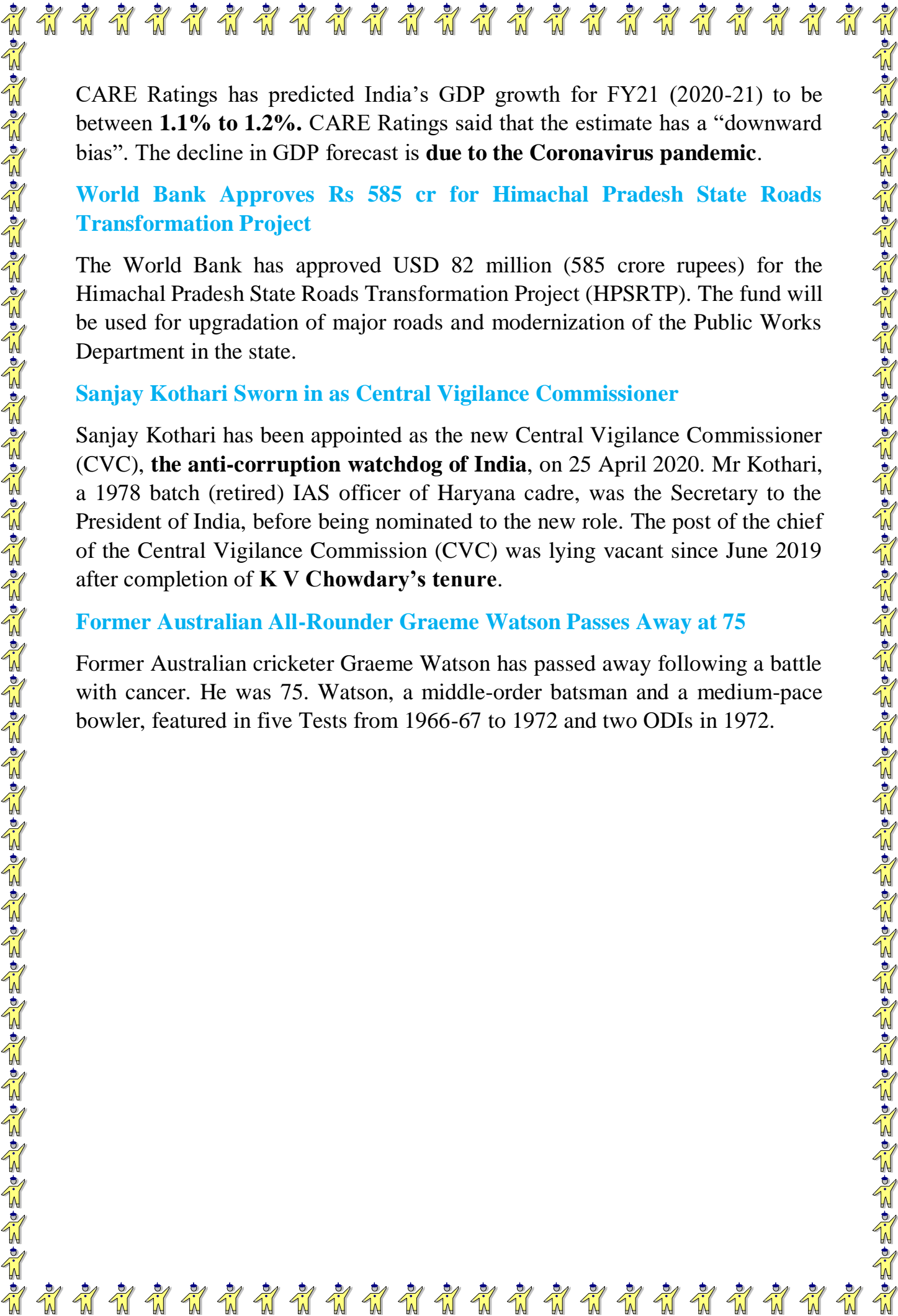
### NASA Develops high-pressure ventilator 'VITAL' to fight COVID-19

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has developed an easy-to-build high-pressure ventilator named VITAL, which has been specially designed for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. VITAL stands for Ventilator Intervention Technology Accessible Locally.

### Iran Successfully Launches Military Satellite 'Noor' into Orbit

The Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, a branch of the country's armed forces, successfully launched a small military spacecraft into orbit named **Noor** on 22 April 2020. Noor can be **translated to Light**, in Farsi.

### CARE Ratings predicts India's GDP growth rate for FY21 at 1.1 to 1.2%



CARE Ratings has predicted India's GDP growth for FY21 (2020-21) to be between **1.1% to 1.2%**. CARE Ratings said that the estimate has a “downward bias”. The decline in GDP forecast is **due to the Coronavirus pandemic**.

### **World Bank Approves Rs 585 cr for Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project**

The World Bank has approved USD 82 million (585 crore rupees) for the Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP). The fund will be used for upgradation of major roads and modernization of the Public Works Department in the state.

### **Sanjay Kothari Sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner**

Sanjay Kothari has been appointed as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC), **the anti-corruption watchdog of India**, on 25 April 2020. Mr Kothari, a 1978 batch (retired) IAS officer of Haryana cadre, was the Secretary to the President of India, before being nominated to the new role. The post of the chief of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) was lying vacant since June 2019 after completion of **K V Chowdary's tenure**.

### **Former Australian All-Rounder Graeme Watson Passes Away at 75**

Former Australian cricketer Graeme Watson has passed away following a battle with cancer. He was 75. Watson, a middle-order batsman and a medium-pace bowler, featured in five Tests from 1966-67 to 1972 and two ODIs in 1972.