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**Rs. 20,050 cr PMMSY detailed by Giriraj Singh: Fish production target set to 220 LMT by FY24-25**



Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Giriraj Singh detailed the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)** during a press conference in New Delhi. It will be implemented for a

period of **5 years** i.e. from **FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25** in all states and Union Territories (UTs).

**ii.** PMMSY is dedicated to the fishers, fish farmers, fish workers, fish vendors and other stakeholders associated with the fisheries sector.

**iii.** Importantly, the scheme is providing **insurance coverage for fishing vessels**, which is being introduced for the first time.

**iv.** A booklet on PMMSY was also released during the conference. Bring **Blue Revolution** through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India.

-To double export earnings to **Rs.1,00,000 crore**.

-Generation of about **55 lakhs** direct and indirect employment opportunities in fisheries sector.

-To increase aquaculture average productivity to **5 tons per hectare** from the current national average of 3 tons per hectare.

-To reduce post-harvest losses from the present 25% to about **10%** by modernizing and strengthening the value chain.

### **Current status of India in fisheries sector:**

**1.** India is the 2nd largest aquaculture and 4th largest fish exporting nation in the world.

**2.** It constituted 7.73% of the global fish production and export earnings of Rs.46,589 Crores (2018-19).

3. The sector recorded an Average Annual Growth Rate of 10.88% during 2014-15 to 2018-19, 7.53% average annual growth in fish production and 9.71% average annual growth in export earnings, with 18% share in agricultural exports.

### Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen re-elected for second term; 2 Indian MPs sent congratulatory video messages

63-years-old Tsai Ing-wen, the current and first female President of Taiwan has been re-elected for a second four-year term of presidency. A representative of **Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)**, took the oath on May 20, 2020.



i. Under Tsai Ing-Wen presidency, Taiwan has **tackled the COVID-19 pandemic successfully** as the nation has confirmed just 440 cases and 7 deaths. It has recorded no new cases since May 7, 2020 and has not seen a locally transmitted case since April 12, 2020.

ii. Apart from video recordings, there was also a virtual

ceremony which was attended by **Sohang Sen**, the acting director general of the India Taipei Association from India.

#### **About Taiwan:**

**Capital**– Taipei

**Currency**– New Taiwan dollar

### Hunar Haat' to make a comeback in September 2020 after a gap of over - months due to COVID-19



'Hunar Haat', the flagship initiative by the Minority Affairs Ministry,

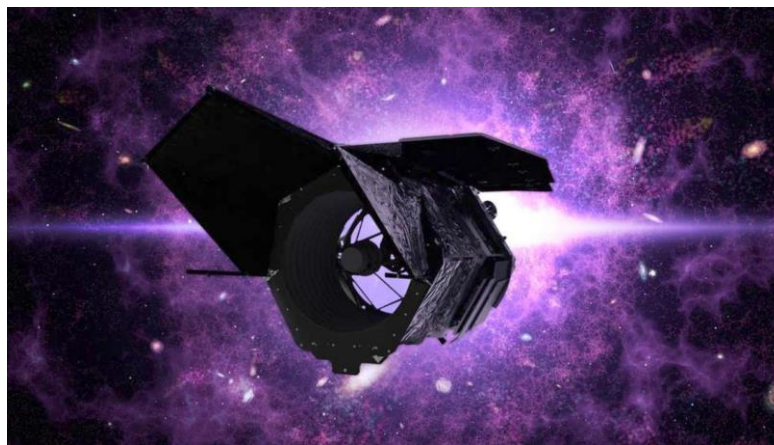
will make a comeback in September 2020 with a ‘Local to Global’ theme.

The skill fare will resume to operate **after an over five-month gap** due to the coronavirus pandemic. **The last Hunar Haat was held in end of February to March 8 in Ranchi.** It is organised in various different cities of the country.

‘Hunar Haat’ is a platform **to provide market, employment and employment opportunities to artisans, craftspeople, culinary experts** from remote areas of the country to showcase their rare exquisite indigenous handmade products

The Hunar Haat in Sept 2020 will also have a special ‘jaan bhi, jahaan bhi’ pavilion to create health awareness among the people with the theme of “Say no to panic, yes to precautions“.

### **WFIRST Telescope of NASA renamed after ‘Mother of Hubble’ Nancy Grace Roman**



US Space agency NASA has announced to name its next-generation space telescope, the **Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST)**, currently under development, in honor of Nancy Grace Roman, NASA’s first chief astronomer, who paved the

way for space telescopes focused on the broader universe.

**The WFIRST Telescope will now be called Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope** (or Roman Space Telescope, for short). It is set to be launched in the mid-2020s.

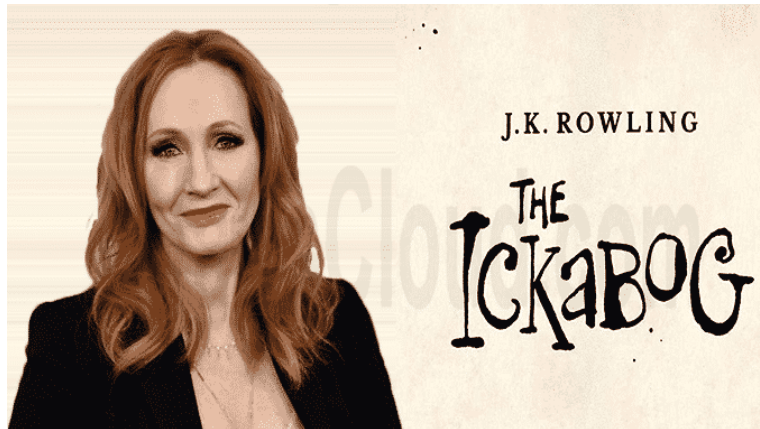
**Dr. Nancy Roman is considered as the Mother of NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope**, which was launched 30 years ago. It was because of Nancy Grace Roman’s leadership and vision that NASA became a pioneer in astrophysics and launched Hubble, the world’s most powerful and productive space telescope The Roman Space Telescope will investigate long-standing astronomical mysteries, such as the force behind the universe’s expansion, and search for distant planets beyond our solar system.

It will be the successor to NASA’s Hubble and Webb Telescopes.

## SBI Research Downgrades India's GDP at -6.8% for FY21

SBI Research has slashed India's economic growth forecast in the current fiscal year 2020-21 to contract to 6.8 percent from earlier 4.7 percent. This means, as per SBI Research Report, India's GDP is estimated at -6.8% in FY21.

## JK Rowling releases her new work 'The Ickabog' online for free for Children during COVID-19



The "Harry Potter" author, J.K. Rowling has released her new children's story "The Ickabog" which will be published online for free, for the children during this lockdown period. **The Ickabog' is a story about truth and the abuse of power.**

The first two chapters of "The Ickabog" was released on a new website on 26 May 2020. The author will post the chapters (two or three at a time) every weekend over the next seven weeks. Rowling has pledged to donate all royalties when the book is published to "groups who've been particularly impacted by the pandemic."

## IIT Madras develops magnesium alloy to replace steel, aluminium in cars



The research team of Dr. Sushanta Kumar Panigrahi, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, Professor Rajiv Mishra, University of North Texas and K.Cho, the United

States(US) Army Research Laboratory has engineered a magnesium alloy to replace the steel and aluminium in the automobile industry to reduce the carbon footprint and increase fuel efficiency.

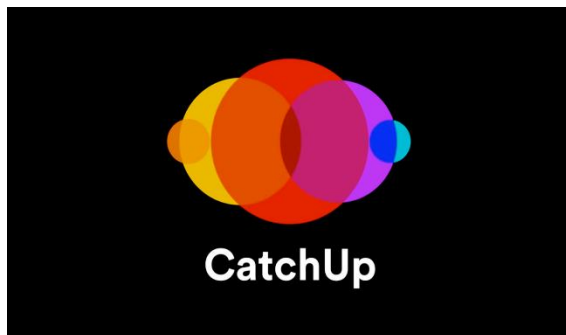
## Hong Kong's "King of Gambling", Stanley Ho passed away at 98



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On 26th May 2020, Stanley Ho, one of the richest men in Asia, the head of Sociedade de Jogos de Macau(SJM) holdings and famously known as the **Casino kingpin** of Gambling Capital Macau passed away at the age of 98 at the Kong Sanatorium and Hospital. He was born in 1921 in Hong

## Facebook Launches its Audio-only Calling App 'CatchUp'



The internal R&D group of Facebook, the **NPE** (New Product Experimentation) Team, has come up with a calling application called Catch-Up.

This audio-only unique app has been developed to coordinate call timings with friends and family members and enables to set up group calls **with up to 8 people**. CatchUp won't need a Facebook account to use the service and the app works with your phone's contacts list.

**The CatchUp app has currently been launched in the United States** for testing purpose.

## DST, Rajasthan in association with TRIFED, M/O Tribal Affairs organised Webinar on "Van Dhan Scheme: learnings for post COVID-19"



The Department of Science and Technology(**DST**), Government of Rajasthan in association with The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India(**TRIFED**), under Ministry of(**M/O**) **Tribal Affairs**, Government of India has organized a

webinar under Know Your Scheme-Lecture Series on "**Van Dhan Yojana : Learning For Post Covid-19**" to help the tribal people.

i. TRIFED has launched a **#GoTribal campaign** have opened more than 120 permanent outlets across the country (including airports), ecommerce platforms, exhibitions, and organized grand 'Aadi Mahotsavs.

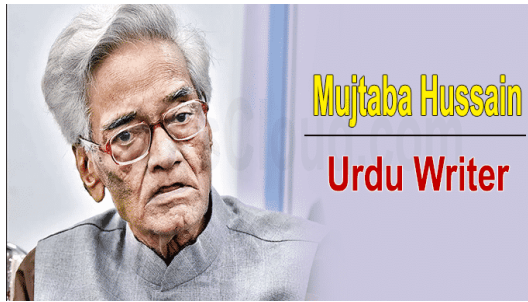
ii. To provide ration kits for survival of the tribal community TRIFED has collaborated with the Art of Living Foundation's **#iStandWithHumanity** initiative by a Stand With Tribal Families component.

iii. TRIFED in association with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) initiated **Van Dhan Samajik Doori Jagrookta Abhiyaan,**

### About Van Dhan Yojana:

It is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED. It was launched on 14th April, 2018 to improve tribal incomes through value addition of tribal products.

## **Padma Shri awardee, Noted Urdu satirist Mujtaba Hussain passes away at 84**



Famous Urdu author, humorist and satirist **Mujtaba Hussain** who returned his Padma Shri passed away at the age of 84, after a prolonged illness in Hyderabad, Telangana. He was born on July 15, 1936, in Hyderabad, Telangana. He was often

described as the **Mark Twain of Urdu**. Hussain began his literary career from "Siasat", a leading Urdu daily published from Hyderabad.

**Notable works:** Autobiographical satire titled *Apne Yaad Mein*, and his other writings like *Urdu ke sheher urdu ke log*, *Behar hall*, *Safar lakht lakht* and *Mera Column*