

## South Korea Launched 1st Military communications Satellite, ANASIS-II by Falcon 9 Rocket



South Korea launched its first military communications satellite, Army/Navy/Air Force Satellite Information System 2(ANASIS-II). The satellite was deployed into a geostationary transfer orbit (GTO) by a **Falcon 9** rocket developed by US space firm SpaceX. It was lifted off from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in the US state of Florida.

- With this launch South Korea has become the 10th country to own a military-only communications satellite, which will provide permanent and secured military communications.
- ANASIS-II is SpaceX's 1st geostationary transfer orbit (GTO) mission of 2020.

## A Team of Researchers from Singapore Discovered a New Species, 'Bathynomus raksasa' in Indian Ocean



A team of researchers from Singapore confirmed the discovery of a new species called '**Bathynomus raksasa**' (Described as "**cockroach of the sea**"). The scientists reported their findings in the biodiversity research journal '**ZooKeys**'. The researchers found the new species in 2018 during a deep-sea survey off of the coast of Banten, Western Java, Indonesia (Indian Ocean).

- ‘Bathynomus Raksasa’ is the **second-largest isopod species** known to researchers to date and is the sixth “supergiant” species from the Indo-West Pacific.
- The largest isopod is ‘Bathynomus Giganteus’, which is commonly found in the deep waters of the western Atlantic Ocean.

**Journal**– The authors of the paper are: Conni M Sidabalok, Helen P S Wong, and Peter K L Ng.

### Key facts of the species

**i.**It has **14 legs** but uses these only to crawl along the bed of oceans in search of food. It usually feeds on remains of other dead marine animals.

**ii.**It has an appearance of Darth Vader( a fictional character in the Star Wars) due to its shape of the cockroach’s head and compound eyes.

**iii.**It measures around **50 centimetres** (1.6 feet) in length, which is big for isopods, which normally do not grow beyond 33 cm (just over a foot) due to their low level of predation and cold conditions, as compared to other isopods.

### ICC postpones T20 World Cup due to COVID-19

The International Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed that the Men’s T20 World cup, 2020 scheduled to be played in Australia in October – November, has been postponed to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Windows for the forthcoming three ICC Men’s T20 World Cup has been rescheduled.

**i.**ICC T20 World Cup 2021 is rescheduled on October – November 2021 with final on 14 November 2021.

**ii.**The ICC T20 World cup 2022 is rescheduled in October – November 2022 with the final on 13 November 2022

**iii.**The ICC World cup (50 over) is 2023 rescheduled in October – November 2023 with the final on 26 November 2023 in India.

Also, the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2021 will be held in February of 2021 at New Zealand.

### ICC ODI World Cup in India Shifted to October-November 2023

Following the ICC Men’s World cup reschedule, the finale of 2023 ODI (One Day International), to be held in India for the first time is rescheduled from February-March to October-November, 2023. Specifically, it will start on November 26.

## About ICC

CEO (Chief Executive Officer) – **Mr. Manu Sawhney, 1 April 2019**

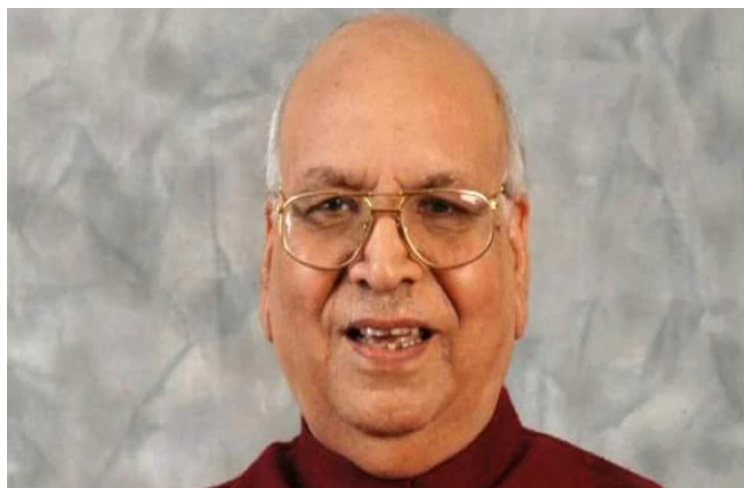
(Succeeding **-David Richardson, June 2012**)

Chairman – **Mr. Imran Khwaja**

Motto – **“Cricket for Good”**

Headquarters – **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

## **Madhya Pradesh Governor Lalji Tandon dies at 85**



On July 21, 2020, **Madhya Pradesh (MP) Governor Shri Lal ji Tandon**, who was admitted in Medanta hospital, in Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, had passed away at the age of 85. He was diagnosed to have chronic liver disease and breathing problems and put on severe medical ailment. He was born on 12, April 1935, in

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

**Mr. Ashutash Tandan**, son of **Mr. Lalji Tandon** and the Minister of Urban Development, Uttar Pradesh, announced his death.

**Note** – On June 28, 2020, **Uttar Pradesh Governor, Smt. Anandiben Patel** was given additional charges of Madhya Pradesh in the absence of Shri. Lal ji Tandon.

### About Lal Ji Tandon:

**i.** He served as the 28th Governor of Bihar between 23rd August 2018 to 28th July 2019.

**ii.** He took charge as the 22nd Governor of Madhya Pradesh on July 20, 2019.

**iii.** He was elected to the 15th Lok Sabha from the Lucknow constituency in May, 2009

**iv.** He remained the Leader of the Opposition Party from 2003 to 2007.

**v.** Served as MLA (Member of Legislative council) from **1996 to 2009**.

**vi.** Served as a member of **Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Parishad from 1990 to 1996**.

## **Consumer Protection Act, 2019 comes into force.**



The Consumer Protection Act (CPA), 2019, which has replaced old Consumer Protection Act 1986 has come into force w.e.f. July 20, 2020 aiming to enforce and protect the rights of consumers, and provide an effective mechanism to address consumer grievances. The act was briefed by Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food &

Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan through video conference with media.

ii. Notably, the rules for prevention of unfair trade practice by e-commerce platforms will also be covered under this Act.

iii. There will be no fee for filing cases upto Rs 5 lakh as per Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Rules.

iv. A product manufacturer and seller will be penalized with up to 6 months in jail or a fine of up to Rs 1 lakh if the consumers do not suffer any injuries.

Background:

The Consumer Protection Bill, 2019 was introduced in the Upper House of Parliament by the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan, on July 8, 2019. It was passed by the Lok Sabha on July 30, 2019 and Rajya Sabha on August 6, 2019. The Bill was then signed into law by President Ram Nath Kovind on August 9, 2019.