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UK to Issue Coin in Honour of Mahatma Gandhi

- Britain is considering minting a coin to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi.
- The consideration is seen as part of efforts to celebrate achievements of people from the **Black, Asian and other Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities**.
- As part of a global reassessment of history, colonialism and racism triggered by the death in May of a Black man, [George Floyd, in the United States](#), some British institutions have begun re-examining their past

Dhole



Dhole is also known as Asian wild dog, Asiatic wild dog, Indian wild dog, whistling dog, red dog, and mountain wolf. Besides the tiger, the dhole is the only large carnivore in India that is under the IUCN's 'endangered' category. It plays an important role as apex predators in forest ecosystems. A research paper

on conserving the endangered dhole was published in Mammal Review.

Formula One Champion, Mercedes Lewis Hamilton Won British Grand Prix 2020; won this title for 7th Time

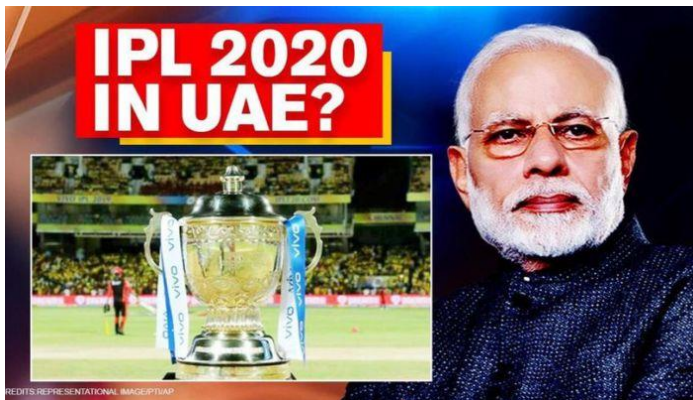
This is his **7th time** to win this title. He is the only racer to **win most** in British GP.



- Lewis Hamilton won this title despite a puncture on his last lap. He is a six-time Formula One World Champion.

- With this victory, Lewis Hamilton won 87 GP and is 4 short of Ferrari Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 91

Central Government gave nod to Indian Premier League 2020 in UAE



The Central Government has given the go ahead for Indian Premier League to be rescheduled in the United Arab Emirates from **September 19 to November 10, 2020**. The Board of Control for Cricket in India has got “verbal clearance” from the Government and will receive the official letter in a day or two.

Key Points:

- The squad size of each franchise is capped at 24 players.
- **Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah** will be the three venues of the tournament. No spectators to be allowed in the initial phase of the tournament.
- Final will be held on November 10, 2020, which will be the first-ever weekday final in the history of the tournament.
- **Women’s T20 Challenge (Challenger series)** to be held from November 1 to 10.
- No call on Chinese Sponsorships taken, the BCCI has decided to stick with the present sponsorships.

Former Samajwadi party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Amar Singh dies at 64 in Singapore



On August 1, 2020 former Samajwadi party leader and Rajya Sabha MP (Member of Parliament) Amar Singh, had passed away at the age 64, in Singapore due to Kidney ailments. He was born on January 27, 1956 at Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh. He had gone through kidney transplant in the year 2011.

About Amar Singh:
Political Carrier

- i. He was the general secretary of the Samajwadi Party and was later expelled from the party by its chief, Mulayam Singh Yadav, on 2nd February 2010.
- ii. Amar Singh was elected to the Rajya Sabha for the first time from Uttar Pradesh in 1996.
- iii. He became a key-figure during Manmohan Singh's 10-year government between 2004 and 2014.
- iv. From 5th July 2016 to 1st August 2020, he was re-elected as the member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha. (Constituency: Uttar Pradesh) (preceded by Ambeth Rajan)
- v. In 2015, a book by an American author claimed that Amar Singh contributed between USD 1 million and USD 5 million to the Clinton Foundation in 2008 which stood as a huge controversy.

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar Released a Book Titled “Siyasat Mein Sadasyata” Authored by State Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary



On August 2, 2020 Bihar Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** released a book titled, “**Siyasat Mein Sadasyata**” authored by Bihar Assembly Speaker **Vijay Kumar Choudhary**. The book is a compilation of the author's views, three dozen articles on different important issues and his life journey. The book was published

by Bihar Assembly Secretariat.

- The book is compiled and edited by senior journalist Arvind Sharma and its preface has been written by another senior journalist Vinod Bandhu.

Essence of the Book

- i. The book also reflects the different aspects of the author's personality.
- ii. It mentions various developmental works in different sectors and welfare measures taken by the Nitish Kumar government in Bihar.
- iii. It states about the special bonding between the author and CM.
- iv. It has described various other important activities of assembly like, successful completion of 6th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region among others.

Mohamed Irfaan Ali becomes the President of Guyana



Former Guyanese housing minister (40 years old) became the President of the country after he was declared as the winner of the disputed March 2, 2020 general election following a recount. He is a member of the opposition People's Progressive Party (PPP). He succeeds **David Arthur(A.) Granger**.

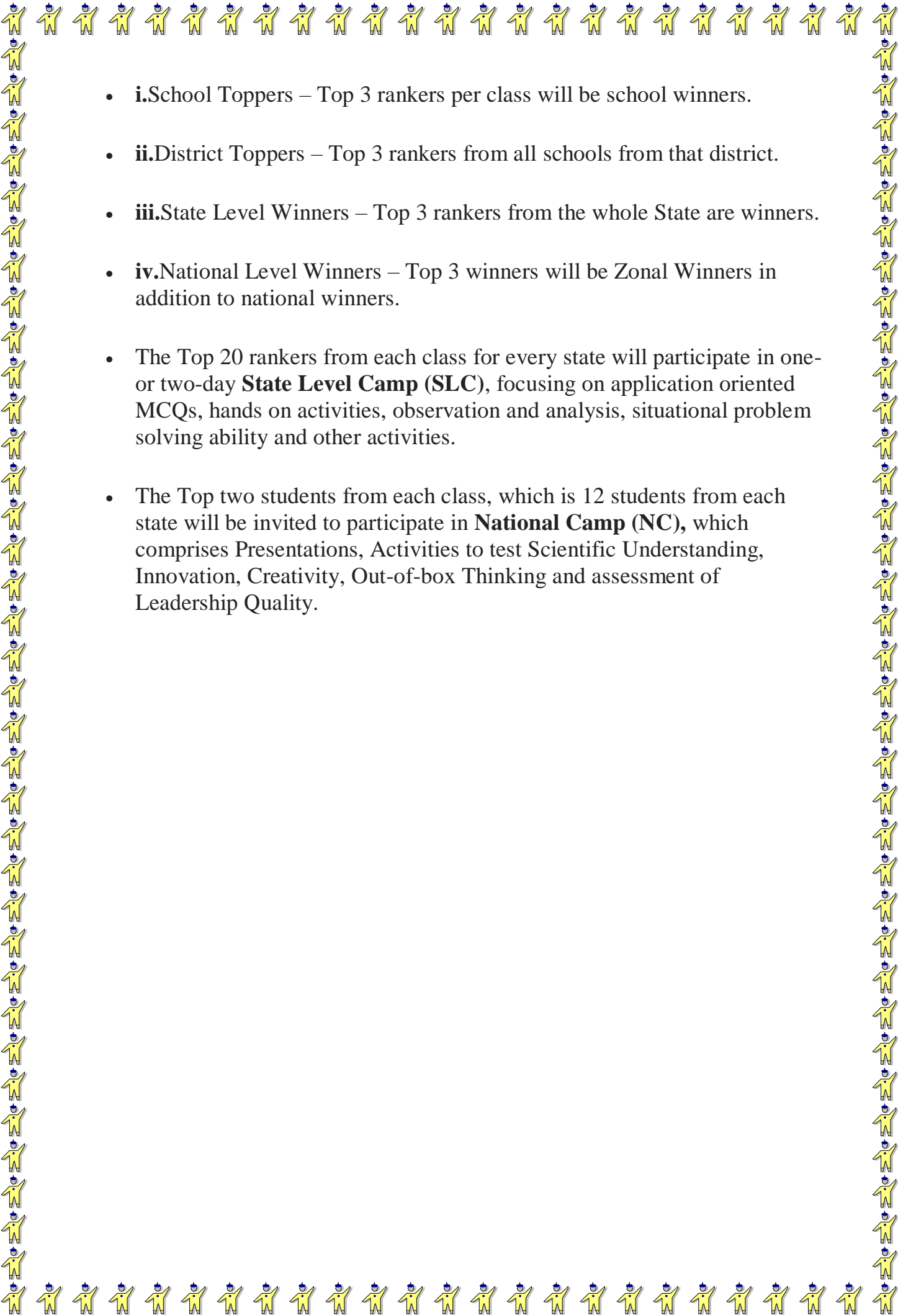
- David A. Granger is a member of A Partnership for National Unity and Alliance for Change (ANPU-AFC)
- The PPP won 33 of the 65 seats in the National Assembly with 233,336 votes, while the APNU-AFC earned 31 seats with 217,920 votes.

Union Minister Harsh Vardhan launches 'Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2020-21'



Union Minister for **Ministry of Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan** launched Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2020-21. VVM is a national level programme for popularizing science among school **students of class sixth to Eleventh**.

- Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan is an initiative of Vijnana Bharathi (**VIBHA**) in collaboration with Vigyan Prasar, Government of India and National Council of Educational Research and Training (**NCERT**) an institution under the Ministry of Education (MoE formerly known as Ministry of Human Resource Development).
- It is India's largest Science talent search examination for New India using Digital Devices.
- The exam is conducted at national level and it can be attended online through laptop, PC or even smartphones.
- The **VVM Exam – Student Application** – is the application used for taking exams on smartphones.
- **Structure:**
- The exam will progress in 4 levels.

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- **i.** School Toppers – Top 3 rankers per class will be school winners.
 - **ii.** District Toppers – Top 3 rankers from all schools from that district.
 - **iii.** State Level Winners – Top 3 rankers from the whole State are winners.
 - **iv.** National Level Winners – Top 3 winners will be Zonal Winners in addition to national winners.
 - The Top 20 rankers from each class for every state will participate in one- or two-day **State Level Camp (SLC)**, focusing on application oriented MCQs, hands on activities, observation and analysis, situational problem solving ability and other activities.
 - The Top two students from each class, which is 12 students from each state will be invited to participate in **National Camp (NC)**, which comprises Presentations, Activities to test Scientific Understanding, Innovation, Creativity, Out-of-box Thinking and assessment of Leadership Quality.