



## News Headlines

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### India

#### **SCO: 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Council of Heads of Government held**

On November 30, 2020, M. Venkaiah Naidu chaired the SCO Council of Heads of Government. During the meet he launched the first ever SCO Online Exhibition on Shared Buddhist Heritage. It was launched during the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government

#### **PM inaugurates 6-lane Varanasi-Prayagraj section of NH-19**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the six-lane widening project of the Varanasi – Prayagraj section of NH-19 in Varanasi.

#### **'PM Modi and his Government's Special Relationship with Sikhs' book**

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri released a Book titled "Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Government's Special Relationship with Sikhs". The book was released on the occasion of Gurupurab.

#### **'Duare Sarkar': Outreach Programme of West Bengal begins**

The West Bengal government announced an outreach programme 'Duare Sarkar' ('government at the doorstep'). The programme aims to reach the government services and schemes to the people.

#### **Allahabad University appoints its first-ever woman VC**

Professor Sangeeta Shrivastava was recently appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Allahabad. She is the first-ever woman to hold the position in the institution.

#### **Rajasthan BJP MLA Kiran Maheshwari (59) dies of Covid-19**

BJP leader and MLA from Rajsamand in Rajasthan Kiran Maheshwari (59), who had tested positive for coronavirus, died in Gurgaon.

### Economy & Corporate

#### **S&P holds India's GDP forecast at 9% contraction**

S&P Global Ratings retained its forecast of 9% contraction in the Indian economy for the current fiscal. The report projected that the Indian economy to grow at 10% in the next fiscal.

### World

#### **EAM S. Jaishankar calls on UAE PM**

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently spoke to the UAE Prime Minister and handed over a personal communication from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

#### **US Air Quality Index: Lahore is world's most polluted city**

According to the US Air Quality Index, Lahore is world's most polluted city. It was followed by New Delhi and Kathmandu. The particulate matter (PM) rating of Lahore was 423, New Delhi had PM of 229 while Nepal's capital Kathmandu had 178.

#### **Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare: Nov 30**

Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare was observed by UN on November 30, 2020. The day is celebrated to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons.

#### **'Pandemic' chosen as the top word of 2020 by Merriam-Webster dictionary**

'Pandemic' has been chosen as the top word of 2020 by Merriam-Webster dictionary. Pandemic is a combination of pan, for all, and demos, for people or population with roots in Latin and Greek,

#### **World's loneliest elephant moved from Pakistan to Cambodia**

The "world's loneliest elephant" Kaavan (36) embarked on a mammoth move from Islamabad zoo in Pakistan to retirement in a Cambodian sanctuary. Kaavan is the only Asian elephant in Pakistan.