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1 Which is the World's Tallest Statue?

The massive, **182m** statue of the **first Deputy PM** and Home minister of independent India, **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, in Gujarat.

It is called the Statue of Unity', as **129 tonnes** of iron required for the statue, was taken from over **100 million farmers** in 169,000 villages across all states of the country, as a symbol of unity.



- To mark the **146th birth anniversary** of Sardar Patel, India's first seaplane was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on 31st October 2020.
- The **19 seater** seaplane will take off and land on any large water body, as opposed to an airplane, that operates to and from land. It will connect **Sabarmati Riverfront**, Ahmedabad to the Statue of Unity. So it will travel the distance of **200 km** in about 45 minutes.

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2 What is the *night of broken glass*?

Also called **Kristallnacht**, it was a state-sponsored campaign of street violence which took place between November 9-10, 1938 in Germany.

More than 250 synagogues across the **Reich** were burned and 7,000 Jewish businesses looted.



- The growing **anti-Semitism** trend across Europe is threatening its whole Jewish community, due to which **Jeremy Corbyn**, former UK PM candidate, has been suspended by the Labour Party of the UK.
- Equality and **Human Rights Commission** published its report, which claimed that the Labour Party has failed to tackle anti-Semitism in the party. In fact, such allegations have increased since Corbyn was elected as the Party leader in **2015**.

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3 Did you know about the origin of 'salary'?

Many Roman soldiers were paid their salaries in Salt!

This gave birth to the term 'Salary' and the phrase, 'worth his salt'.

- Meanwhile **Asafoetida**, or **Hing** cultivation has begun for the first time in India.
- Earlier India used to import it from nations like Iran and Afghanistan.
- Hing is believed to aid kidney stones, bronchitis, asthma, **influenza**, etc. It is even considered '**diuretic**' in Egypt. It has also been used as a contraceptive, tree killer, fish bait, and spirit repellent.
- The earliest mention of such Indian Spices can be found in **Hindu scriptures** of Rig Veda, Yajur Veda, and the Atharva Veda. These spices were famous during the **Renaissance** period too.



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4 Who is the *Daughter of Destiny*?

Benazir Bhutto.

Daughter of Destiny: An Autobiography is a 1988 memoir by her. She is the first woman to head a democratic Govt. in a Muslim majority nation and the 11th PM of Pakistan.

- Recently, **Fawad Chaudhry**, Science & Technology Minister of Pakistan, accepted Pak's role in the 2019 **Pulwama attack**.
- Even **Ayaz Sadiq** of Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) had claimed that **General Bajwa's** (Pakistan army chief) "legs were shaking" fearing India's retaliatory attack.
- The demand for an **apology** from the opposition has been re-initiated. Several groups had alleged **conspiracy** theories against **PM Modi** in the face of imminent **elections**.



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