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NATIONAL NEWS

- India and United Kingdom (UK) hold **Foreign Office consultations** in which both countries have agreed to strengthen their ties in the field of Indo-Pacific cooperation, climate change, disaster resilience, development in third world countries and others. Foreign Secretary, **Vijay Gokhale** led the Indian delegation and **Sir Simon McDonald**, Perm

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has decided to hold **Ocean Conference 2020 in Lisbon, Portugal** from June 2 to 6, 2020.
 - Theme **“Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions.”**
- **Singapore**, for the first time, has detected a case with the rare monkey pox virus which was brought in by a Nigerian man. He thought to have got this rare virus by eating bushmeat.
 - **Monkey pox** is a rare disease caused by the virus that is transmitted from animals, such as rodents and monkeys (through the hunting and consumption of bush meat), to humans. It is usually found in the central and western parts of Africa’s tropical rainforest.

ECONOMY NEWS

- A PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) of the Indian government under the Railway Ministry, **Konkan Railways Corporation Ltd (KRCL)**, signed an agreement in **Kathmandu**, with **Nepal’s Department of Railways in the presence of Manjeev Singh Puri**, Indian Ambassador to Nepal and **Madhusudan Adhikari**, Nepalese Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS

- On 9th May 2019, Croatia's World Cupper and former manager Igor Stimac has been appointed as Indian men's team coach after the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) technical committee recommended him for the post. He succeeds Stephen Constantine.
 - All India Football Federation (AIFF) interviewed Stimac, Albert Roca, Hakan Ericson and Lee for the post, but Stimac emerged as the number one choice.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The Indian Air Force legally received its 1st **Apache Guardian attack helicopter** AH-64E (I) during a ceremony at the **Boeing production facility** in Mesa, Arizona, US (United States). This first attack helicopter in India's defence arsenal was received by **Air Marshal AS Butola, IAF**.
 - In September 2015, India signed a \$1.4 billion deal with the US government and Boeing for 22 attack helicopters (**AH- 64 E Apache helicopters**), of which the 1st batch of helicopters will be shipped to India by July.

SPORTS

- A 35-year old, former Manchester City and Barcelona midfielder **Yaya Toure** retired from football. He had won three premier league titles, two League Cups and one Football Association Challenge Cup (FA Cup) in 2011 for Manchester City and for Barcelona, he won two LaLiga titles and Champions League 2019.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- It's **National Technology Day**, observed on **May 11** across India and the day also marks India's progress in science and technology. It was on May 11 that India conducted its nuclear missile **Shakti**, also known as **Operation Shakti**.
 - The National Technology Day was coined by late Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.