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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **'Pyaar ka Paudha'** (a plant of love) campaign has been **launched** by the **Bihar government's Department of Environment and Forest in Patna**, to encourage the practice of planting trees in the state. Department of Environment, humbly request to gift one plant of love to your closed ones and provide good care.
  - The aim of this campaign is to promote the practice of planting trees in the state.
  - **Related Keys**
    - Bihar Governor: Phagu Chauhan
    - Bihar Literacy (2011): 63.82%
- On February 17, 2020, the **Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari** represented India at the **3rd global Conference** on Road Safety. The Conference aimed at achieving Global Goals 2030. It was held in **Stockholm, Sweden**.
  - The conference was held in collaboration with WHO and World Bank which aims at renewing the commitment of the world community towards road safety.
  - **Related Keys**
    - Ministry of road transport and highways Founded: July 1942
    - Ministry of road transport and highways Headquarters: New Delhi
- **PM Narendra Modi flags** off the third private train operated by **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation** between parliamentary constituency Varanasi and Madhya Pradesh's Indore on Sunday.
  - The new train Kashi Mahakal Express will connect three places which

are — Jyotirlinga-Omkareshwar , Mahakaleshwar along with Kashi Vishwanath

- **Related Keys**
  - Madhya Pradesh Capital: Bhopal
  - Madhya Pradesh Literacy (2011): 70.6%
- Singapore-based infrastructure investment **platform Cube Highways** has won the bid to acquire India's longest road tunnel - the **9.2-km Chenani-Nashri project in Jammu & Kashmir - for Rs 3,929 crore.**
  - The IL&FS board has declared Cube as the highest bidder (H1), and invited lenders to vote for the sale through the e-voting process.
  - **Related Keys**
    - Cube Highways, a platform floated by I Squared Capital and backed by International Finance Corp and ADIA, operates **1,700 km** of highways in India.

## APPOINTMENTS

- Mumbai based Indian Airline, owned by **Wadia Group- GoAir** has **appointed Vinay Dube** as its new chief executive officer.
  - Vinay Dube had earlier served as the CEO of Jet Airways and also associated with Delta Airlines and American Airlines.
  - **Related Keys**
    - GoAir Founded 2005
    - **GoAir Headquarters: Mumbai**

## ECONOMY

- On February 17, 2020, the World Bank and the Government of India signed a loan agreement to support the national programme that aims on strengthening ground water institutions and also arrest the depletion of ground water resources.

- The project supported by the World Bank called the “**National Ground Water Management Improvement Programme**” which is to covers around 78 districts.
- **Related Keys**
  - World Bank Founded: 1944
  - **World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States**

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Nether** - lower in position.
  - Similar Words - lower-level , bottom
  - Antonyms - superior
- **Niche** - a position well suited to the person or a thing who occupies it.
  - Similar Words - slot , alcove
  - Antonyms - closure , solid