

### Government Extends 'Vivad se Vishwas' scheme Deadline till 30 June 2021



The government has once again extended the deadline for making payment under the **direct tax dispute settlement scheme 'Vivad Se Vishwas'** by two months till June 30, 2021 to provide relief to the taxpayers facing hardships amid the pandemic. This is the **fourth time** that the deadline is being extended by the Ministry of Finance, since the launch of the scheme. The deadline was extended for the first time from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020, followed by December 31, 2020 and then again till March 31, 2021.

### PM Modi Launches Extension of 'SWAMITVA Scheme' Across India



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the distribution of e-property cards under the **SWAMITVA scheme** on National Panchayati Raj Day on April 24, 2021 through video conferencing. The launch marked the roll out of the implementation of SVAMITVA scheme across the entire country. About **4.09 lakh property owners** were given their e-property cards during the event, in more than 5 thousand villages.

### Swamitva Scheme

SVAMITVA stands for Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas. The Swamitva Scheme was launched by Prime Minister on 24 April 2020 as a Central Sector Scheme to promote a socio-economically empowered and self-reliant rural India. It was launched on pilot basis in the 6 states, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh.

- The Scheme will ensure the demarcation of inhabited land in rural areas.
- It will use drones in surveying and mapping of properties in villages.
- This will help in reducing disputes over property.

The Scheme will cover around 6.62 Lakh villages of the entire country during 2021-2025.

### National Panchayat Awards 2021

The National Panchayat Awards 2021 was also conferred by PM Modi under the following categories

Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar to 224 panchayats, Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar to 30 gram panchayats, Gram Panchayat Development Plan Award to 29 gram panchayats, Child-friendly Gram Panchayat Award to 30 Gram Panchayats and e-Panchayat Puraskar to 12 states. The prime minister also transferred the award money (as

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grants-in-aid) through the click of a button, ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 50 lakh.

## 19th India-French Naval Exercise VARUNA – 2021 to begin in Arabian Sea



The **19th** edition of the **Indian and French Navy** bilateral exercise '**VARUNA-2021**' will be conducted in the Arabian Sea from 25 to 27 April 2021.

During the three day exercise, the units of both the navies will undertake high tempo-naval operations at sea, which will include advanced air defence and anti-submarine exercises, intense fixed and rotary wing flying operations, tactical manoeuvres, surface and anti-air weapon firings, underway replenishment and other maritime security operations. The Indian Navy will participate with its guided missile stealth destroyer INS Kolkata, guided missile frigates INS Tarkash and INS Talwar, Fleet Support Ship INS Deepak, with Seaking 42B and Chetak integral helicopters, a Kalvari class submarine and P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft. The French Navy will be represented by the Aircraft Carrier Charles-de-Gaulle with Rafale-M fighter, E2C Hawkeye aircrafts and helicopters Caïman M and Dauphin embarked, Horizon-class Air defense destroyer Chevalier Paul, Aquitaine-class multi-missions frigate FNS Provence with a Caïman M helicopter embarked and Command and supply ship Var.

## Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana takes oath as 48th Chief Justice of India



**Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana** was sworn in as the **48th Chief Justice of India (CJI)** on April 24, 2021. Justice Ramana was administered the oath of office by President Ram Nath Kovind at a brief ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

He succeeds **Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde** who demitted office on April 23, 2021. Justice Ramana will serve as the Chief Justice till **26 August 2022**.

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## World Malaria Day: 25 April

The **World Malaria Day (WMD)** is observed globally on **25 April** each year to recognize the efforts of the people worldwide to control malaria. The Day was established in May 2007 at the 60th session of the World Health Assembly, WHO's decision-making body. Theme of World Malaria Day 2021 is '**Reaching the zero malaria target**'. WMD is one of eight official global public health campaigns currently marked by the World Health Organization (WHO), along with World Health Day, World Blood Donor Day, World Immunization Week, World Tuberculosis Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Hepatitis Day and World AIDS Day.

## International Delegate's Day: 25 April



**The International Delegate's Day** is observed on **April 25**, to raise awareness of the role of representatives and delegates of the Member States to the United Nations, in preventing war and conflict and paving the way for peaceful and prosperous societies through dialogue and collaboration, particularly

during the most difficult of times. United Nations (UN) organized the first official International Delegate's Day on April 25, **2020**. The day acknowledges the 850 delegates who participated in the San Francisco Conference seventy-six years ago in 1945, followed by signing of the Charter of the United Nations. The agreement resulted in the **creation of the United Nations**, an organization that now comprises 193 Member States.

## M Narasimham "The Father of Banking Reforms" Passes Away at 94



The former **Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, **M Narasimham**, who was considered as the "**father of banking reforms in India**" has passed away due to Covid-19 related illness. He was 94. He served as the **13th Governor of RBI** for a short period of seven months between

May and November 1977. He was the first and only governor to be appointed from the Reserve Bank cadre.