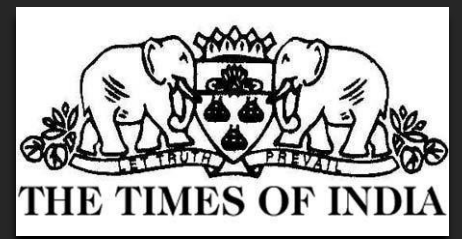


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## National Affairs

A project to provide 4G services in uncovered villages of five states of India has been approved by the Cabinet of India, 7,287 villages of 44 aspirational districts across five states Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Odisha will be provided with 4G services the estimated cost of implementation is about Rs, 6,466 crores and includes operational expenses for 5 years. Universal Service Obligation Fund will fund the whole operation and it is estimated that the project will take 18 months to be finished.

**CABINET DECISIONS**  
17 NOVEMBER 2021

USOF scheme for provision of mobile services in Uncovered Villages of Aspirational Districts

- 7,287 uncovered villages of 44 Aspirational Districts across five States to get 4G based mobile services
- Will be implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra & Odisha
- Rs 6,466 crore will be the estimated cost of implementation
- Work will be awarded through open competitive bidding process

**Benefits:**

- Will fulfil the vision of digital India and enhance digital connectivity
- Will provide adequate support to educational institutions
- Will increase the availability of job opportunities
- Will promote domestic manufacturing

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In order to provide benefits to beneficiaries of various schemes of MoFPI, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, the beneficiaries will be provided with credit support to help establish dairy processing, meat processing, animal feed plants, etc.



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India's first laser interferometer gravitational-wave observatory project is to be set up in Hingoli, Maharashtra. On November 17 the Maharashtra's Hingoli revenue department allotted 225 hectares of land at Dudhala for setting up the first LIGO project. The LIGO project is set up to study the gravitational waves arriving on earth from cataclysmic events in the distant universe.



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- The BDL signs an export contract with Spain under which India is to supply counter measures dispensing system to airbus defense and space Spain. The contract value is estimated to be 21 million, inked by Mr. NP Diwakar the director of BDL, and Mr. Annual Didier Dominique Sr vice president airbus defense and space, in Karnataka.



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- NSDL gets approval from the RBI to set up an AA business, the NSDL e-governance infrastructure received in-principle approval from the Reserve bank of India to set up an Account Aggregator business under NSDL e-governance AA Ltd. The AA is a framework that allows individuals to have total control over their data and access it securely and share the same. The AA network will not store the customers' data in fact it will act as a pipeline between FIPs and FIUs.



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- Piloting a social impact lending program with financial assistance up to Rs 1 crore subsidized interest rates to MSMEs, on November 18 the Small Industries Development Bank of India collaborated with Google India, the collaboration will bring \$15 million as a crisis response related to COVID-19 for reinvigoration to MSMEs. MSMEs with a turnover up to Rs.5 crore will get a loan ranging between 25 lakh to 1 crore which is being implemented by SIDBI.



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## Science and Technology

A study group led by Mr. Abhijit Chakraborty discovers a new exoplanet 'TOI 1789b' that is bigger than Jupiter, the exoplanet search and study group at Ahmedabad physical research laboratory discovered the exoplanet orbiting too close to an evolved star with a mass of 1.5 times that of the sun. The exoplanet is located 725 light-years away and information for the same has been provided to ISRO.



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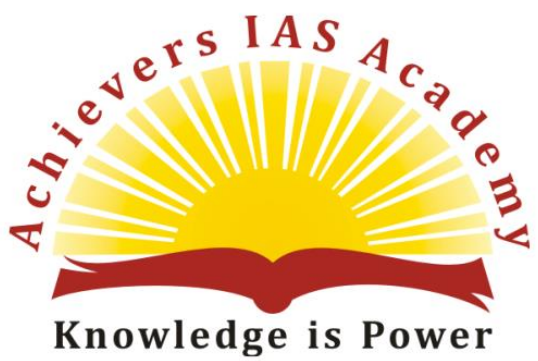
## State News

Justice M Duraiswamy appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of Madras HC on 17 November, the senior-most judge of Madras high court was appointed as the acting chief justice of the Madras HC, Justice Sanjkit Banerjee was the Chief justice of the Madras HC since January 2021, and was appointed as the chief justice of Meghalaya HC.



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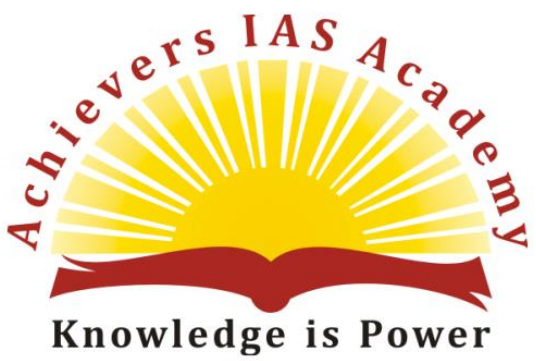
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India's first of its kind Whatsapp Chatbot launched by West Bengal government, the food and supplies department of West Bengal has launched India's first dedicated WhatsApp chatbot to help the citizens of the state to apply for a ration card, file grievances, and get access to critical resources. The chatbot is available in English and Bengali, the sole aim of this chatbot is to help over 10 crore beneficiaries of ration cards in West Bengal.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

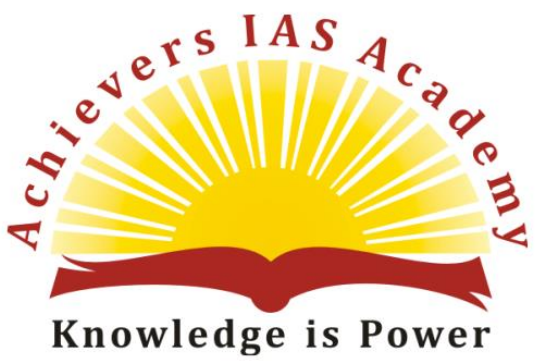
Q1. Who is the acting chief justice of the Madras HC?

Ans.

- A. Sanjib Banerjee.
- B. M Duraiswamy. (ANS)
- C. Girraj Singh.
- D. Abhijit Chakraborty.

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**Q2. Who led the study group in Ahmedabad PRL and what did they discover?**

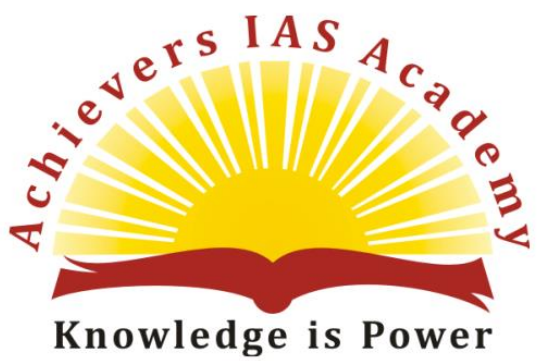
Ans. Mr. Abhijit Chakraborty led the study group at Ahmedabad-based PRL and discovered an exoplanet that was orbiting too close to an evolved star with a mass of 1.5 tonnes of the Sun. The study group also provided this information to ISRO.

**Q3. What is AA?**

Ans. AA is an Account Aggregator and is a first-of-its-kind consent framework that allows individuals to have total control over their data, and have the ability to securely access their data and share it. The AA network does not store or read the customers' data; it acts as a pipeline between FIPs and FIUs.

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