

1) Prime Minister of India recently honoured the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS) as part of celebrations to mark Buddha Purnima.

CIHTS is a centrally funded institute that was started in 1967 following a discussion between Dalai Lama and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in the early 1960s.

It was started with a view to educating the young Tibetan Diaspora and those from the Himalayan border regions of India

2) Gujarat is planning to launch the new PNG/LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) Sahay Yojana which is an extension to the Ujjwala Yojana. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana aims to provide LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) connections to poor households.

3) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has launched the 'Gobar Dhan' scheme for Nation. The government is also planning to create an online platform for trading cow dung and agricultural waste under the scheme. The Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBAR-DHAN) scheme was first announced by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during his budget speech on February 1.

4) Blue Origin, the US aerospace company owned by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, has launched its suborbital New Shepard rocket and space capsule. The mission marked the company's first test flight of the year and second flight of the New Shepard 2.0 spacecraft.

5) The Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment Follow-On (GRACE-FO) mission, a partnership between NASA and the German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ), will take over where the first GRACE mission left off when it completed its 15-year mission in 2017. The Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment Follow-on (GRACE-FO)

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6) 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held in the holy city of Varanasi in January. It will be organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in association with the Uttar Pradesh government its theme is "Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India".

