

An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road that curves through a dense, lush green forest. Several cars are visible on the road, including a white car, a blue car, and a white van. The road has white dashed lines for lane markings. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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What are the major reforms for telecom sector announced by the govt today?



- The government announced up to four years of moratorium on unpaid AGR and spectrum dues with an interest rate of SBI's MCLR plus 2% from October 1, 2021.
- The government also approved 100% FDI in telecom under automatic route and increased tenure of future spectrums from 20 to 30 years.
- The AGR definition was rationalised to exclude non-telecom revenues prospectively.

'Sansad TV', a merger of Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV, launched



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Wednesday jointly launched the 'Sansad TV' channel.
- The 'Sansad TV' will merge the two parliamentary channels - Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV.
- Retired IAS officer Ravi Capoor will be the CEO of the new channel.

Bhanumati Gheewala to get National Florence Nightingale Award 2021



- The Florence Nightingale Award will be given to a nurse, Bhanumati Gheewala, from Sir Sayajirao General Hospital, Gujarat.

- She has been in charge of COVID-19 positive pregnant women's deliveries as well as infant care.
- She worked in the gynaecology department as well in the paediatric ward.
- In 2019, when the wards of the hospital were waterlogged due to flood.
- She carried her duty in the gynaecology department and the pediatric ward.
- The Florence Nightingale Award is given by the Indian Nursing Council.
- This is a statutory agency under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, to recognise the contributions of healthcare workers.

- **The delegates at the Eighth International Conference of Red Cross Societies created this commemorative International Nightingale Medal.**
- **It was established in London in 1907. This medal was meant to be awarded to those who have excelled in the profession of nursing.**
- **The International Committee of the Red Cross in 1912 created the award. It is presented to nurses or nursing workers.**

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- The Agriculture Ministry signed agreements with Reliance's Jio Platforms, ITC, Cisco, NCDEX e-Markets and Ninjacart to develop agritech solutions using its National Farmers Database, which includes information of 5.5 crore farmers.

- This is part of an effort to modernise the agriculture sector by infusing new technologies so that farmers can increase their income, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said.
- The pilot projects including one to monitor soil conditions and another to help on post harvest linkages are part of the Digital Agriculture Mission and will draw on the National Farmers Database.
- The Centre has asked States to attach land records to the database, to grow it to 8 crore farmers.'
- National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) is an Indian online commodity and derivative exchange based in Mumbai.
- It is under the ownership of Ministry of Finance , Government of India.