

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

MONTH OF JULY-2020

List of Important Days

- July 01 - National Doctor's Day. (Theme - "Lessen the Mortality of COVID 19")
- July 02 - World UFO day.
- July 02 - World Sports Journalists Day.
- July 04 (first Saturday of July) - International Day of Cooperatives. (Theme - "Cooperatives for Climate Action")
- July 06 - World Zoonoses Day.
- July 07 - World Chocolate Day.
- July 08 - Rythu Dinotsavam (Farmer's Day) in Andhra Pradesh.
- July 10 - National Fish Farmers Day 2020.
- July 11 - World Population Day.
- July 15 - World Youth Skills Day. (Theme - "Skills for a resilient youth")
- July 20 - Space Exploration Day.
- July 23 - National Broadcasting Day.
- July 26 - India celebrates 21st anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas.
- July 27 - 82nd Raising Day of Central Reserve Police Force.
- July 28 - World Hepatitis Day. (Theme - "Find the Missing Millions")
- July 28 - World Nature Conservation Day.
- July 29 - Global Tiger Day. (Slogan - "Their Survival is in our hands")
- July 30 - International Day of Friendship.
- July 30 - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. (Theme - "Committed to the Cause - Working on the Frontline to End Human Trafficking")

Reserve Bank of India

- **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has announced **fresh Open Market Operations** (OMO) for the sale and purchase of Government Securities.
 - The RBI will conduct the sale and purchase of government securities on July 2, 2020 of Rs 10,000 crore each.

State Bank of India

- **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation** (IRCTC) and **SBI Card** has launched a new Co-branded **Contactless Credit Card** on RuPay Platform.

Other Banks

- **HDFC Bank** announced the launch of '**e-Kisaan Dhan**' app for farmers all over India.
 - Through this app the farmers will be able to access a bouquet of services, both banking and agriculture, through their mobile phones.
- **Fino Payments Bank** Limited announced the launch of a savings account scheme for **minors** aged between **10-18** years.
 - '**Bhavishya**', a subscription-based savings account, can be opened by paying a nominal amount.

- India's first Neobank for teenagers, **FamPay** has launched India's first numberless card, "**FamCard**".
 - Teenagers can now use FamCard like a debit card to make payments independently, without asking parents for physical cash or their debit/credit card.
- **Bank of Baroda** has launched '**Insta Click Savings Account**', a digital self-assisted online savings account, for all its customers.

Insurance

- **Bharti AXA General Insurance** starts '**Bohot Zaroori Hai**' campaign.
 - Bohot Zaroori Hai for farmers in Maharashtra and Karnataka to encourage them about their yield protection and financial security.

States

- The School Education Department of **Madhya Pradesh** has prepared a digital campaign named '**Hamara Ghar Hamara Vidyalaya**' meaning My Home My School for providing a school-like environment to the students of classes 1 to 8 in the state during the corona crisis.
- The **Kerala** government has announced "**Dream Kerala Project**" to tap the potential and experience of those returning from abroad and other states after losing their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A mega tree plantation drive has been announced by the **Delhi** Government on 2nd July 2020.
 - The name of the campaign is '**Paudhe Lagao, Paryavaran Bachao**' meaning '**Plant Trees, Save Environment**'.
- **Tamil Nadu** government on July 2 announced a monthly stipend of **Rs. 3000** for the **lawyers** for the time period of two years.
- **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** inaugurates '**Mission Vriksharopan-2020**'.
 - Target - to plant more than 25 crore sapling across the state.
 - Yogi Adityanath planted 3 saplings at the Kukrail Reserve Forest's Harishankari Vatika in Lucknow to inaugurate the Mission Vriksharopan-2020.
- **Madhya Pradesh** Tourism Board has started a **social media campaign** to attract tourists in the state.
 - The name of the campaign is '**Intzaar Aap Ka**' meaning '**Waiting for You**'.
- **Assam** State Government has decided for the up-gradation of the status of the **Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary** to **National Park**.
- **Karnataka** Government launches **Weavers' Sammaan Yojana**. The State Government has allocated 10.96 crore rupees under the programme.
 - Chief Minister said that all the eligible handloom weavers will be given financial assistance under Weavers Sammaan Yojana.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has become the first state in the country where all households have **LPG gas connections**.
- **Odisha** becomes first state in India to use **Space Technology & Artificial Intelligence** for safeguarding **Government Lands**.
 - '**BLUIS**'- Bhubaneswar Land Use Intelligence System
- **Rajasthan** launched campaign to ensure purity of milk and its products.
 - Samples of milk and dairy products will be collected under the campaign "**Pure for Sure**".
- **Delhi** Cabinet has approved '**Mukhya Mantri Ghar Ghar Ration Yojana**', which will be linked to Centre's '**one nation, one ration card**' scheme.
 - The scheme will help the beneficiaries get ration delivered at home.

- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel has launched “**Godhan Nyay Yojna**”.
 - The scheme will help to promote cattle rearing, ensure the safety of livestock, help cattle ranchers earn extra income.
- **Rajasthan** Government is to set up the first **plasma bank** of the state in **Jaipur**.
 - The first ever plasma bank of India was established in Delhi.
- **Delhi** government has launched the portal named as “**Rozgar Bazar**”, a sort of marketplace for **job seekers** and the people recruiters.
- AI-based **ASEEM Digital Platform** launched to bridge the **demand-supply gap** of the skilled workforce.
 - ASSEM - Aatamanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping.

Place in the News

- **Jaipur** to get world’s **3rd largest cricket stadium** with 75,000 capacity.
 - This will be the third largest stadium after the Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad and the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Australia.

Personalities

- Union IT Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** announced that **Zoya Khan** is India’s first transgender operator of a **Common Service Centre (CSC)** from **Vadodara, Gujarat**.

Defence and National Security

- The **US Navy** carrier **USS Nimitz** conducted maritime drills with **Indian** warships in the **Middle East**.
 - The **PASSEX** exercise comes during a period when India and China are locked in tensed border.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has provided **drones** named ‘**Bharat**’ to the **Indian Army**.
 - The indigenously developed drones are sent in order to provide accurate surveillance along the Line of Actual Control in high altitude and mountainous terrains of Eastern Ladakh.
- The Central government has given the formal order for the grant of **permanent commission** to the **women** officers in the **Indian Army**.
- The **Indian Air Force** has decided to procure **HAMMER missiles** from **France** to further boost its combat capabilities.
- The trials of the helicopter launched **Nag Missile (HELINA)** were successful. The missile has now been renamed as “**Dhruvastra**”.
- An innovation contest ‘**Dare to Dream 2.0**’ has been launched by the **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)**.
 - The contest was launched on the 5th death anniversary of former President and noted scientist Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- A fleet of five **French-manufactured Rafale multi-role combat jets** arrived in **India**.
 - IAF as part of its Ambala-based No 17 Squadron, also known as the ‘Golden Arrows’.
 - Two Sukhoi 30 MKIs escorted the fleet of Rafale jets after they entered the Indian air space.

Schemes/Initiatives

- The first edition of **Fisheries and Aquaculture Newsletter** was launched.
 - The name of the newsletter is ‘**Matsya Sampada**’.
- Department of Science and Technology’s (DST’s) **Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)** has launched a scheme named ‘**Accelerate Vigyan**’.

- **Unique Urban Forest** inaugurated at the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in **New Delhi**.
- For supporting the drug discovery process, a national initiative called **Drug Discovery Hackathon 2020** was launched on 2nd July 2020.
 - The initiative was launched by **Ramesh Pokhriyal** (Union Human Resource Development Minister) and **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** (Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Science and Technology).
- Prime Minister Narendra **Modi** launched the '**Atmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge**' to help the local developers to create **indigenous apps**.
 - The App innovation challenge has been launched in the combined partnership of the Ministry of Electronics &IT and Atal Innovation Mission-Niti Aayog.
- Union Minister of Human Resource Development **Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal** and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs **Shri Kiren Rijiju** launched the "**Fit Hai To Hit Hai India**" program under the Fit India campaign.
- The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Kiren Rijiju** announced that the government will launch **Target Opium Podium Scheme (TOPS)** for the **junior athletes**.
 - The scheme will groom the junior athletes for 2024 and 2028 Olympics.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated **Dhamma Chakra Day 2020** celebrations on **4th July 2020**.
 - The day is celebrated to mark **Buddha's First Sermon** to his first 5 ascetic disciples at the Deer Park, Rsipatana in the present-day Sarnath near Varanasi, **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Vice President of India **M Venkaiah Naidu** is to launch **Elyments**, the first Indian Social Media Super App, on 5th July 2020. More than 1000 IT professionals jointly created the indigenous first social media super-app.
- Through video conferencing, Prime Minister of India Narendra **Modi** inaugurate the 750 MW **Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Plant** on 10th July 2020.
 - 750 MW Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Power Project is the largest single-site solar power projects in India and also in Asia.
- 10,000 bed **Sardar Patel COVID Care Centre and Hospital (SPCCCH)** was inaugurated in **New Delhi**.
 - SPCCCH is the World's largest COVID-19 Treatment and Care facility. It was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Anil Bajjal.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated **six** new bridges built by the Border Roads Organization (BRO) in the **Jammu** Division of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir through Video Conference.
- The Ministry of Skilled Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) launched **Aatamanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM)** digital portal which will help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities.
- India's first public **EV (Electric Vehicle) charging plaza** has been inaugurated by the Minister for Power, New & Renewable Energy, **R.K Singh** at Chelmsford Club in **New Delhi**.
 - The public EV Charging Plaza has been established by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) in collaboration with New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) to make e-mobility ubiquitous and convenient in India.
- The Union Food Processing Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal** inaugurated a **mega food park** in **Mizoram** that will benefit around 25,000 farmers and generate around 5,000 job opportunities.
- Bollywood actor, **Sonu Sood** has launched '**Pravasi Rojgar**' app to help migrants to find job opportunities across India.

- A portal “**Restartindia**” has been launched by the Kerala-based NBFC, **Muthoot Fincorp**.
 - The portal has been launched for the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in order to restart businesses across the country.
- Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** inaugurated the ‘**World Class State of Art Honey Testing Laboratory**’ in Anand, **Gujarat** through Video Conference.
- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution **Ram Vilas Paswan** launched the Bureau of Indian Standard’s Mobile App **BIS-Care**.
 - He also launched three portals namely the Standardization, Conformity Assessment, and Training Portals of e-BIS on www.manakonline.in for consumers.
- Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri **DV Sadananda Gowda** has launched **four schemes** for the promotion of domestic manufacturing of **bulk drugs** and **medical devices** parks in the country.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Prime Minister of **Mauritius Mr. Pravind Jugnauth** jointly inaugurated the **new Supreme Court** building in **Mauritius** through video conference.
- World’s First **Reusable** Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Kits launched by Indian Manufacturing Company **Loyal Textile Mills**.

Summit/Conference

- **India-European Union Summit** was held in a virtual mode.
 - The 15th edition of the summit will be co-chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, President of the European Commission **Ursula Von der Leyen**, and President of the European Council **Charles Michel**.
- **India-Indonesia Defence Ministers’ Dialogue** was conducted in **New Delhi**.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- A Memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed on **Waste to Energy** plant at Okhla, **Delhi**, between **Indian Oil, NTPC Ltd and South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC)**.
- **India** and **Bangladesh** signed an agreement for the formation of a **50:50 Joint Venture Company (JVC)** for **LPG business** in **Bangladesh**.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed virtually between the non-profit organization **UKIBC - UK India Business Council** and the **MIDC - Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation**.
- 5 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) were signed under the **High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP)** programme in Afghanistan’s Capital City **Kabul**.
 - The 5 MoUs consisted of Tripartite Agreements that were signed between the Government of **India, Afghanistan’s Ministry of Economy** and **Afghanistan’s Ministry of Education**.
- **Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)** has entered into a corporate agency partnership with **Bajaj Allianz Life** to offer the life insurance solutions of the latter to its customers.
- The **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (**MNRE**) has announced a partnership for **clean energy development**.
- The **Tamil Nadu** State Government signed **eight** new Memorandum of Understanding of Rs 10,399 crores. The MoUs will bring investments in the areas of solar cells, agrotech, iron foundry and module manufacturing.
- **India** and **Maldives** have signed an agreement for the establishment of ‘**Emergency Medical Services**’ in **Male, Maldives**.
 - The Emergency Medical Service is financed by India under grant assistance of **20 million USD** for neighboring countries.

- Digital payments major, **Amazon Pay** has launched **vehicle insurance** in partnership with Bengaluru-based startup **Acko General Insurance**.
- The Central American country, Republic of **Nicaragua** became the 87th country to sign the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** Framework Agreement.
- **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ)** has become the first Indian port to sign the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi).
- **India-Israel** to develop 30 seconds rapid COVID-19 test.
- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (**TRIFED**) has entered into a partnership with **IIT-Delhi** (on behalf of the UBA, as the National Coordinating Institute) and **Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)**, a Swadeshi Science Movement) at IIT, Delhi for the **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**, a flagship national programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India (GoI).
- **India and Sri Lanka** agreed for **US \$400 million** currency swap agreement.
- **Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)**, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan-Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (**UBA-IITD**), and **Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)** has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, **International Energy Agency (IEA)** renew collaborative agreement on energy sector sustainability.

Meet/Visit

- Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** attended the 5th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** through video conference in **New Delhi**.
 - Theme - 'AIIB 2030-Supporting Asia's Development over the Next Decade'.

Bills

- The **Consumer Protection Act, 2019** has been implemented in India since 20th July 2020. It has replaced Consumer Protection Act, 1986.
 - The new act has been introduced to offer protection to buyers from traditional sellers as well as from the new e-commerce retailers/platforms.

Fund

- The Union Cabinet approved the **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund**.
 - The scheme will provide a medium – long term debt financing facility for investment in eligible projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets.
- **L&T Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (LTIFCL)** said it has received the first tranche of **USD 50 million** of the total **USD 100-million** ECB loan from the **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**.
- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has approved **USD 4.3 billion** to South Africa in emergency funding, the largest amount is given to any country yet to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

Economy

- **India's foreign exchange reserves**, which currently stand at more than **USD 500 billion**, are the **fifth** largest in the world after **China, Japan, Switzerland and Russia**, as per the International Monetary Fund.
 - India's foreign exchange reserves are equivalent to almost **one fifth of the country's gross domestic product**.

Companies/Industry

- **Researchers from Raman Research Institute (RRI)**, an autonomous institute of the **Department of Science & Technology (DST)**, has launched **Quantum Key Distribution** or QKD.
 - The QKDSim simulation toolkit aims to ensure safety in secure quantum communication platforms.
- United States-based **Intel Corporation's** investment arm **Intel Capital** will invest **Rs 1,894.50 crores** in Reliance Industries Limited's (RIL's) subsidiary company **Jio Platform**.
 - With this investment, equity value in Jio Platforms rose to Rs 4.91 lakh crore, while Rs 5.16 lakh crore its enterprise value.
- Mumbai based **Quidich Innovation Labs Private Limited** has announced that it has successfully completed the first **No-Permission No-Takeoff (NPNT)** compliant drone flight of India.
- **Reliance Industries Limited** added another feather to its cap as its market valuation crossed **Rs 11.5 lakh crore** mark, the first by any domestic company.
- Mukesh Ambani's **Reliance Industries Ltd.**, overtakes Exxon to become world's **no 2 energy company**.
- **Google Plus** relaunched by Google as "**Google Currents**".

Space

- **Israel** has successfully launched its intelligence satellite '**Ofek-16**' into the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) from Central Israel's Palmachim Airbase.
 - The Ofek-16 Satellite was launched as a payload of the rocket- Shavit 2.
- **United Arab Emirates** to become first Arab nation send probe to **Mars**.
 - The UAE's Mars probe aims to provide a comprehensive image of the weather dynamics in Mars' atmosphere and pave the way for scientific breakthroughs.
- The **United Arab Emirates** launched the first ever mission to the red planet, **Mars**.
 - The satellite "**Hope**" is to be placed in orbit between 20,000 and 43,000 kilometres above the surface of Mars.
- **South Korea** launched its first-ever military communications satellite "**ANASIS-II**" by private operator **SpaceX**.
 - The information was passed by Seoul's Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA).
- **China** has successfully launched "**Tianwen-1**" its first **independent mission** to **Mars**.
 - A **Long March 5** rocket carrying the spacecraft ignited at the Wenchang Space Launch Site in south China's tropical Hainan province.
- **NASA** is to launch **ASTHROS Mission** from **Antarctica** in December **2023**.
 - The mission is to spend three weeks observing air currents above the continent.

Science and Technology

- India's & Asia's Largest and World's Second **Largest Uptime Tier IV Designed Data Centre** was inaugurated virtually.
 - The Data Centre is named '**Yotta NM1 or NM1**' is located inside the 600-Acre Hiranandani Fortune City at **Navi Mumbai's** Panvel region.

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- **Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC)** located in Lahowal in **Dibrugarh** district of **Assam** has successfully isolated the SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19, virus becoming the fourth such facility in the country to achieve the feat.
 - The other 3 hospitals that isolated the virus were: National Institute of Virology, Pune Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad.

- **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)** has given **approval** for **human clinical trials** to **Ahmedabad** based **Cadila Healthcare Limited** (Zydus Healthcare).
 - Zydus Healthcare's COVID-19 vaccine become the 2nd Indigenously developed vaccine to get the permission of the DCGI for human clinical trials after Bharat Biotech's COVAXIN.
- Global pharmaceutical company **Mylan N.V** was given approval by the **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)** for the launch of its generic version of **Gilead Sciences Remdesivir** drug for the treatment of COVID-19 positive patients in India.
- Pune-based **Mylab** Discovery Solutions launched '**Compact XL**', machine to Automate the manual processes of **Molecular Diagnostic Tests** including Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests for COVID-19.
- Geneva-based **World Health Organization (WHO)** has announced that **Sri Lanka** and the **Maldives** have eliminated **Rubella Virus**.
 - With this, Sri Lanka and the Maldives became the first two countries from the South East Asia Region of WHO to have successfully eliminated both the Measles and Rubella Virus.
- Central Drugs Standard Control Organization announced that it will take up **clinical trials** of COVID-19 vaccine, **COVISHIELD** developed by **Oxford University** and **AstraZeneca**.
- '**Itolizumab**' **Injection** gets Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) approval for treatment of moderate to severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (**ARDS**) Patients.

Energy/Gas/Oil

- The **Kakrapar Atomic Power Plant 3 (KAPP-3)** in **Gujarat** has successfully achieved its 'criticality' on July 22, 2020, around 25 years after last unit was commissioned.
- India will have around **60 per cent** of its installed electricity generation capacity from clean sources by **2030**, Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister **R K Singh** said.

Environment

- The **Himalayan butterfly** named **Golden Birdwing** has become **India's largest butterfly** and broke the record set by an unknown specimen, which was held for 88 years.

Education

- The World's first-ever **Online B.Sc. Degree in Programming and Data Science** is prepared and to be offered by the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras**.
- Ministry of Human Resources and Development will launch "**Manodarpan**" initiative under **Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**.
 - The initiative is being launched to provide psychosocial support to the students for their mental wellbeing.

Media /I.T / Telecommunication

- The **All India Radio (AIR)** will broadcast its first- ever '**News Magazine**' programme in **Sanskrit** which will have news from the world of Sanskrit and prominent developments of the week.
 - The programme title is **Sanskrit Saptahiki**.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- Major General **Nigar Johar** has become the **first female officer** to be promoted to the rank of **Lieutenant General in Pakistan Army**.
 - In 2017, she became the third female officer in Pakistan Army to hold the rank of Major General.
- The Liberal government has named **Salma Lakhani** as next lieutenant-governor of **Alberta**, making her the first-ever **Muslim** to hold the ceremonial position in **Canadian** history.

- To the **United Nations** and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, the 1990 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer **Indra Mani Pandey** was appointed as the **next Ambassador** and Permanent Representative of **India**.
- **Power Finance Corporation** (PFC) announced **Parminder Chopra** as Director (Finance) of the company, succeeding **NB Gupta**, who superannuated on June 30 2020.
- Uttar Pradesh Governor **Anandiben Patel** took oath as the **caretaker Governor of Madhya Pradesh** on July 01.
 - She was given additional charge as MP Governor following the illness of incumbent Governor **Lalji Tandon**.
- Oxford topper **Baisali Mohanty** appointed as United Nations Policy Officer.
- **Ravinder Bhakar** took charge as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Central Board of Films Certification (CBFC). He will replace **Anurag Srivastava**.
- **Shrikant Madhav Vaidya** took charge as the new chairman of **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)**.
 - He succeeds **Sanjiv Singh**, who has superannuated from the services of the Corporation on June 30.
- The **UK India Business Council** has appointed **Jayant Krishna** as its new Group Chief Executive Officer, effective from August 3, 2020.
 - He takes over from **Richard Heald**.
- **French** President Emmanuel Macron has named **Jean Castex**, who coordinated France's reopening strategy after the coronavirus lockdown, as the country's **new prime minister**.
- Former India Bowler **Aavishkar Salvi** has been appointed as **head coach** of the **Puducherry senior team** for the upcoming domestic season.
 - Former Mumbai first-class cricketer **Onkar Khanvilkar** will be assistant coach and former Rajasthan keeper **Dishant Yagnik** will don the role of a fielding coach.
- **Dr. Bishnu Prasad Nanda** has taken over as **Director General Railway Health Services (DG RHS) Railway Board**.
- Retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer - **Injeti Srinivas** has been appointed as the 1st Chairman of the **International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA)** on 6th July 2020.
- The founding CEO of Startup Village and founder of Re-think Foundation, **Sijo Kuruvilla George**, has been selected as member of Central Government's **Expert Committee on Science and Technology Policy**.
- The government appointed corporate affairs secretary, **Rajesh Verma**, as the chairman of the **Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)**.
- **Karur Vysya Bank** has appointed **Ramesh Babu Boddu** as a Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the bank.
- **Systems, Applications & Products in Data Processing (SAP)** has announced the appointment of **Kulmeet Bawa** as President and Managing Director for SAP Indian Subcontinent.
 - He will replace the incumbent **Deb Deep Sengupta**.
- **P. Amudha** has been brought to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) as **Joint Secretary** in a reshuffle involving 16 officials of elite services from different categories.
- **Prakash Chandra Kandpal** has been appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer of the Non-life insurer **SBI General Insurance**.
 - He will replace **Pushan Mahapatra** who has been appointed as director (strategic investments & digital initiatives).

- **Sumit Deb** has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)**.
 - He will succeed **N Bajendra Kumar** as the CMD of NMDC who will retire as CMD on 31st July 2020.
- **Sahil Seth** has been appointed an **honorary adviser** to the steering committee for the **BRICS Chamber of Commerce (CCI)** young leaders for the period of 2020-2023.
- India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh, **Riva Ganguly Das** is appointed by the Government as the **Secretary East**.
- **Naveen Tahilyani** has been appointed by **Tata AIA Life Limited** as its Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
 - He will take over from the current CEO **Rishi Srivastava**.
- Government of **India** has appointed **Partha Pratim Sengupta** as the new Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**.
 - He will replace **Karnam Sekar**.
- Air Marshal **Vivek Ram Chaudhary** has been named as the new head of **Western Air Command** of Indian Air Force.
- Senior IAS officer **Rajesh Bhushan** has been appointed as **new Health Secretary** to succeed **Preeti Sudan**, whose extended tenure is coming to an end in July 31.
- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has appointed the Governor of Uttar Pradesh **Anandiben Patel** to discharge the functions of the **Governor of Madhya Pradesh**.
- Prof **Govindan Rangarajan** appointed **IISc director**, will take charge on July 31. He will be succeeding Prof **Anurag Kumar**.
- Tunisia's interior minister, **Hichem Mechichi** has been appointed as the **new Prime Minister** of the country. He succeeded **Elyes Fakhfakh**.
- Vice Admiral **MA Hampiholi** has assumed charge as the Commandant, Indian Naval Academy (INA).
 - He has replaced the Vice Admiral **Dinesh K Tripathi**.
- Indian-origin politician **Pritam Singh** was designated as the **Leader of the Opposition** in **Singapore**, the first such appointment in the history of the city-state.
- **Paytm Money** has appointed **Varun Sridhar** as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.
- The domestic rating agency, **ICRA** has appointed **N Sivaraman** as its new managing director and group chief executive officer for three years.
 - He succeeds former MD and Group CEO **Naresh Takkar**.
- **Hardik Satishchandra Shah** has been appointed the **Private Secretary (PS)** to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on co-terminus basis.
- Commonwealth Games medalist **Babita Phogat** and Kabaddi player **Kavita Devi** have been appointed as **deputy directors** in the **Sports and Youth Affairs Department of Haryana**.
- Indian-American **Parag Chitnis** appointed as top US agriculture firm's **Acting Director**.
- Manipur's, **Gyanendro Ningombam** named as the new Officiating **President of Hockey India**.
 - He will replace **Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad**.

Deaths

- In Mizoram, former speaker of the state legislative assembly **Upa Rokamlova** died.
- Ace Choreographer **Saroj Khan** has passed away at the age of 71 due to cardiac arrest in Mumbai.

- **Ennio Morricone**, Oscar-winning **Italian** film composer, passed away.
- **American** comedian, actor and director, **Carl Reiner** who dies at aged 98.
- **Earl Cameron**, who was one of the first Black actors to perform in mainstream British films, has died.
- Canadian actor **Nick Cordero** passed away in Los Angeles due to severe medical complications after contracting Covid-19.
- The veteran actor-comedian **Jagdeep** was passed away.
- Ivory Coast's prime minister **Amadou Gon Coulibaly** passed away.
- Veteran Odia Actor, **Bijay Mohanty** passed away.
- **Madhya Pradesh** Governor **Lalji Tandon** passed away.
- Eminent danseuse and choreographer **Amala Shankar** passed away.
- Legendary Jazz Singer, **Annie Ross** passed away.
- Renowned Urdu writer and translator **Nusrat Zaheer** passed away in Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh.
- **Amala Shankar**, the renowned dancer died in Kolkata at the age of 101.
- Veteran Bollywood actor **Kumkum** passed away. Her real name was **Zaibunnissa**.
- Bollywood action director, **Parvez Khan** passed away.
- Padma Shri awardee **Sonam Tshering Lepcha** passed away. The Folk musician died due to the old age ailments and suffered a cardiac arrest.

Awards/Honours

- Artificial Intelligence-enabled **MyGov Corona Helpdesk** received two awards at the **CogX 2020** is held annually in London, the UK.
 - MyGov Corona was awarded under the categories 'Best Innovation for Covid-19 - Society' and 'People's Choice Covid-19 Overall Winner'.
- 2011 Pulitzer Prize winner **Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee** and Harvard University Economics Professor **Raj Chetty** were listed among the 38 immigrants to be honoured as the '**2020 Great Immigrants**' by the Carnegie Corporation.
- Former Reserve Bank of India Governor **C. Rangarajan** has been conferred the **P.C. Mahalanobis Lifetime Achievement Award** in recognition of his contribution to official statistics.
- The '**Legend of Animation**' award instituted by the **Toonz Media Group (TMG)** as part of the Animation Masters Summit (AMS) 2020 - **Digital Edition** will be posthumously conferred to the legendary animation director **Arnab Chaudhuri**.
- **Greta Thunberg** is the winner of the first **Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity**.
- Indian-origin nurse, **Kala Narayanasamy** in Singapore has conferred with the **President's Award** for Nurses for serving on the frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic, who was among the five nurses (Tay Yee Kian, Patricia Yong Yueh Li, Alice Chua Foong Sin, Chin Soh Mun).
- The founder of SS Motivation, **Sunil ydv SS** was honoured with "**Karamveer Chakra Award**" by Global Fellowship Award instituted by **United Nations and International Confederation of NGO (iCONGO)** at the ReX ConCLIVE hosted in **IIT Delhi**.
- **Indian battalion (INDBATT)** has stationed with the **United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)** has won an environment award for a project that aims to decrease waste generation, reuse plastic, build greenhouses and compost pits.

- **Nadaun** Police Station, **Himachal Pradesh** has been ranked as one of the **best Police Stations** of the country and the best Police Station of the State.
- ISRO Chief **K Sivan** named for **Von Karman Award 2020** by the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA).

Sports/Game

- Tamil Nadu's **G Akash** became the country's **66th chess Grandmaster** while his statemate M Pranesh and Goa's Ameya Audi earned International Master titles.
- Haryana will host the 4th edition of **Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG)**.
 - The games are currently scheduled to take place after Tokyo Olympics.
- England cricketer, **Stuart Broad** becomes **7th bowler** to take 500 wickets in Test cricket.
- Mercedes's **Lewis Hamilton** won **Styrian Grand Prix 2020** in Spielberg, Austria.

Report

- Flamboyant all-rounder **Ravindra Jadeja** has been named as **India's most valuable Test player** in the 21st century by the **Wisden magazine**.
 - With an MVP rating of 97.3, the 31-year-old Jadeja was also rated as the **second-most valuable** Test player worldwide, behind Sri Lanka legend **Muttiah Muralitharan**.
- Among the **142 million women** "missing" globally, over 46 million are in **India**, a UN health agency said.
 - The State of World Population 2020 report of UNFPA said India has the highest rate of excess female deaths (13.5 per 1,000 female births), suggesting that an estimated one in nine deaths of females below five may be attributed to postnatal sex selection.
- A **United Nations** led report has found that **India** (3.2 million tonnes) is the **third largest** contributor to **e-waste** in the world in 2019.
 - As per the report titled 'Global E-waste Monitor 2020', the world dumped a record 53.6 million tonnes of e-waste in 2019. Of this, just 17.4 percent was recycled.
 - **China** was the biggest contributor to e-waste in the world (10.1 million tonnes of e-waste), United States was second (6.9 million tonnes).
- **India** ranked **34th** in JLL and LaSalle's biennial **Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI)**.
- Actress **Deepika Padukone** crossed the 50 million followers mark on **Instagram** and became third Indian to do so.
 - Cricketer **Virat Kohli** (over 67 million) and actress **Priyanka Chopra Jonas** (over 54 million) are the other two Indians who have more than 50 million followers on Instagram.
- According to data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), **Tamil Nadu** has raised Rs. 30,500 crores in the fiscal 2020-21 and has **topped** market borrowings among States in the country.
 - It has been followed by **Maharashtra** Rs. 25,500 crores (14%), **Andhra Pradesh** Rs. 17,000 crores (9%) and Rajasthan Rs. 17,000 crores (9%).
- **India** has been ranked **eighth** for **cancer preparedness** among 10 Asia-Pacific countries, according to a new report.
 - The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) report on "Cancer preparedness in Asia-Pacific: Progress towards universal cancer control".
- The International Trade Union Confederation released its ranking of 144 countries on degree of **respect for workers' rights**.
 - **India** was among the least performing 10 countries in the list.
 - The other least performing countries include Brazil, Bangladesh, Columbia, Kazakhstan, Honduras, Philippines, Egypt, Zimbabwe and Turkey.

- **India** has ranked **third** among the top 10 countries that have **gained** in **forest areas** in the last decade, the latest Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) brought out by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

General - National

- Government of **India** (GoI) has sent **\$1 million** worth of anti-tuberculosis medicine to **North Korea** per a request from the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Under the “**Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana**” of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Union Home Minister Amit Shah distributed **100 electric potter wheels** to 100 trained artisans in Gandhinagar, **Gujarat**.
- **India** government handed over **10 diesel locomotives** to **Bangladesh**.
- **Ministry of Human Resource Development** has been renamed as **Ministry of Education**. The HRD Ministry is currently headed by Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.
- **India** has become the Second largest source of FDI for the **United Kingdom**.

General - International

- **Uganda** has become the **first African** country to submit **REDD+ results** to the United Nations Framework Convention on **Climate Change** (UNFCCC), paving the way to potential results-based payments.
 - Uganda submitted Emission Reductions of 8 million tCO₂ for 2016-2017.
- **German** lawmakers have finalized the country’s long-awaited **phase-out of coal as an energy source**.
 - Bills approved by both houses of parliament envision shutting down the last coal-fired power plant by **2038** and spending some 40 billion euros (\$45 billion) to help affected regions cope with the transition.
- **United States** submits notice to U.N Secretary-General to **withdraw** from World Health Organization (**WHO**).
- **China** plans to build **six to eight** nuclear reactors per year between 2020 and 2025 to raise its total capacity to 70 gigawatts, 43.5 percent up from the end of May 2020, as per reports.
- ‘**Digital Haat**’ platform has been launched by the government of **Bangladesh** for online sale and purchase of sacrificial animals ahead of the festival of **Eid-Ul-Azha**.

Books and Authors

Book’s Name

- Mahaveer: Book on 1962 Indo-China war
- Suraj Kade Marda Nahi
- Quest for Restoring Financial Stability in India

Author’s Name

- AK Srikumar with his wife Rupa Srikumar
- Baldev Singh Sadaknama
- Viral V.Acharya (former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor)

TO THE POINTS: JULY-2020

- World UFO Day was celebrated on **July 2** to create awareness about Unidentified Flying Objects and alien life forms.
- **Kritika Pandey** has won the 2020 Commonwealth Short Story Prize for India.
- **IIT Gandhinagar** has developed an AI-based tool to detect Covid-19 from chest X-ray.
- **V Suryanarayanan** has been appointed as the new MD of Chola MS General Insurance.
- Rudolfo Anaya who passed away recently was known to be the 'godfather' of **Chicano**.
- **\$750 million** was approved by the World Bank to provide an emergency response fund for India's MSME sector.
- RBI has announced a special liquidity scheme for NBFCs and HFCs through an SPV. The SPV will be set up by the subsidiary of **SBI**.
- **Ravinder Bhakar** has assumed charge as Chief Executive Officer of CBFC.
- **Nigar Johar** has become Pakistan Army's First Female Lieutenant General.
- **Mint** newspaper has bagged the best 'Newspaper Front Page Design' award at WAN-IFRA's 19th Asian Media Awards.
- AIIMS has partnered with **IIT-Delhi** to launch an app for patients needing plasma therapy.
- **Fever FM** has launched the 'Happiness Partner' initiative to help SMEs amid pandemic.
- India Tennis Star **Sumit Nagal** has won the PSD Bank Nord Open in Germany.
- **Ravindra Jadeja** has been named as India's 'most valuable player' of the 21st Century.
- National Anisette Day was observed on **July 2**.
- Gallantry award winner Sanjeev Kumar Yadav who passed away recently was a police inspector from **Delhi**.
- **Dream Kerala** project launched by Kerala for the rehabilitation of Keralites returning from abroad.
- Ashadhi Ekadashi one of the most significant festivals which also marks the culmination of the pilgrimage undertaken by the Warkaris is celebrated in **Maharashtra**.
- The chief minister of **Andhra Pradesh** has inaugurated the cancer care centre at GGH in Guntur.
- **HDFC** has launched an instant auto loan product for its customers in around 1000 cities.
- **Indra Mani Pandey** has been appointed as India's Permanent Representative to UN.
- **Sanjay Kapoor** has taken over as the President of Hyderabad Management Association.
- **Siddhartha Mukherjee** has been honored by the American Foundation for contributing towards efforts in mitigation of covid-19.
- Upa Rokamlova who passed away recently was the former speaker of the state legislative assembly of **Mizoram**.
- Former Cricketer Everton Weekes who passed away recently played for **West Indies**.
- World Sports Journalists Day was observed on **July 2** to mark the anniversary of the International Sports Press Association.
- **Freya Thakral** has received the Prestigious Diana Award for Positive Contribution to Society and humanitarian efforts.
- Bishnu Prasad Kumar who passed away recently was a veteran **Journalist**.

- **Prerak Dauur Samman**, New category of award, announced by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announced as part of Swachh Survekshan 2021.
- **4,000 crores** was sanctioned by the Government under the Atma Nirbhar programme to improve infrastructure for Food Parks in Karnataka.
- The government of **Delhi** has launched the Paudhe lagao, Paryavaran Bachao campaign to reduce air pollution.
- **Balaram Yojana** launched by Odisha to Provide Crop Loan to Landless Farmers.
- Tamil Nadu government announced Rs. **3,000** stipend amounts for junior lawyers.
- PTC India Financial Services Ltd (PFS) has secured an Rs.300 crore term loan from **SBI** in a bid to strengthen business plans.
- **Equitas** bank has launched a Video KYC Account-based facility for its customers.
- The Irdai committee is all set to examine Surety Bonds for road contracts. **G Srinivasan** will head the committee.
- **SP Kochhar** has been appointed as the DG of Cellular Operators Association of India.
- **Jean Castex** has been named as then next French Prime Minister after the resignation of Edouard Philippe.
- NHA chairman, Mr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu has received an extension for **6** month to continue in the position.
- Researchers from **University of Hyderabad** have developed a physical distancing monitoring tool to be used in a location with large footfall.
- **US** celebrated its Independence Day on 4th July.
- **Hardeep Puri** has launched a toolkit for Swachh Survekshan 2021.
- The Government has sanctioned Rs 4,000 cr under Atma Nirbhar programme to improve infrastructure for Food Parks in **Karnataka**.
- Public and Private Sectors banks have sanctioned loans worth over **1.1 lac crore** under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme.
- India is expected to add **60** GigaWatts of renewable energy capacity in the time frame of 5 yrs.
- **Himachal Pradesh** government looks to provide tap connections to all rural households by 2022.
- **Germany** is all to become the first major economy to phase out coal and nuclear power.
- Badminton player **Lin Dan** has announced his retirement at the age of 36.
- NLC India and Coal India have signed a pact to form Joint Venture to develop **5000** Mega Watt of solar and thermal power assets.
- **Sanskrit Saptahik** program will be broadcasted by the All India Radio and will have news from the world of Sanskrit and prominent developments of the week.
- International Day of Cooperatives will be observed on **July 4** in 2020 to increase awareness of cooperatives and highlight the contributions of the cooperative movement.
- **Penguin** book house is all set to republish 'The Meaning of India' by Sahitya Akademi Award-winning writer Raja Rao.
- Earl Cameron who passed away at age 102, was a famous film and TV actor from **United Kingdom**.
- Central government approved **574 crore** for development of the National Highway in Jammu And Kashmir.

- **Jharkhand** government has launched an immunization drive for 44,000 kids of migrant workers.
- The Chief Minister web portal to share COVID-19 related stories and activities in **Manipur**.
- Chhattisgarh government agreed to buy cow-dung at Rs 1.5 per kg from July 20 under **Gaudhan Nyay Yojana**.
- **Zoya Khan** has become the first transgender operator of the Common Service Centre in India.
- CBSE has partnered with **Facebook** for launching a curriculum on digital safety and augmented reality.
- **R C Bhargava** has penned the book "Getting Competitive: A Practitioner's Guide for India".
- **Quinton de Kock** has been named as the men's Cricketer of the Year in CSA's virtual awards.
- The Sports Ministry is all set to launch the TOPS scheme for junior athletes. The scheme aims to produce Olympic champions by **2028**.
- Pascoal DSouza who passed away due to coronavirus infection was the Councilor of the Municipal Council of **Goa**.
- Pokuri Rama Rao who passed away due to coronavirus was a famous **Producer**.
- World Zoonoses Day was observed on **July 6**.
- **Delhi** government will set up a COVID-19 war room to monitor the situation prevailing in the UT.
- Theme of the International Day of Cooperatives observed annually on the first Saturday of July - **Cooperatives For Climate Action**.
- **Lungi Ngidi** was named the ODI and T20 player at the Cricket South Africa's (CSA) annual awards ceremony.
- **Harper Collins** Publishing House has released the book Titled 'Overdraft: Saving the Indian Saver', written by Urijit Patel.
- **Karnataka** government has launched the Weavers Sammaan Yojana to provide financial assistance to the handloom weavers.
- **Anil Bajjal** has inaugurated the world's largest COVID Care Centre at Radha Soami Satsang Beas.
- **Narendra Modi** has launched the Atma Nirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge.
- India's current rank is **117** on the latest Sustainable Development Index (SDG) for the year 2020.
- **ADB** has become an Observer of Network for Greening the financial system.
- **Adani Transmission** has acquired the Alipurduar Transmission from Kalpataru Power Transmission Ltd.
- **Taj Mukarrum** has assumed charge as the Director (Finance) of Power Grid Corporation.
- **Sunflame** has been recognized as the 'ET Iconic Brand of India 2020'.
- UK India Business Council has signed an MOU with **Maharashtra** to foster Sustainable Business Relations.
- **Jaipur** will get the world's 3rd largest cricket stadium having a capacity of 75,000.
- **NPCI** will set up a Rs.500-crore data centre to handle digital transactions in the country.
- **Ajai Puri** has been appointed as the chairman of the Cellular Operators Association of India for 2020-21.
- **Union Bank of India** has revamped the Insurance distribution channels post amalgamation to expand the number of insurers.

- **Madhya Pradesh** government has launched the 'Intzaar Aap Ka' campaign in order to attract tourists.
- The Atmanirbhar Bharat challenge to identify the best Indian apps which run in 2 tracks.
- The NPCI will set up a Smart Data Centre in **Telangana** in order to boost the data processing capabilities of the country.
- Russia's next-generation Glonass-K navigation satellite is planned to be launched in August. The first satellite launched in **2011** by Russia.
- **Sweden** has ranked at the top in the latest Sustainable Development Index (SDG) for the year 2020.
- Karnataka government launched **Rs. 2000** financial assistance to each worker under the Weavers Samman Yojana.
- International Day of Parliamentarism was observed on **June 30** to mark the establishment of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- **Durga Shanker Mishra** has launched the beta version of the PM SVANidhi Portal.
- **Kiren Rijiju** has launched the NADA app to help athletes stay updated on banned substances.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till **November**.
- **Nasha Mukht Bharat** scheme launched by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment on the occasion of "International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking".
- The **Char Dham Yatra** 2020 has begun in Uttarakhand.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has launched the piped water project "Har Ghar Jal" with the aim to provide water for every house.
- **HDFC** bank has launched the "e-Kisaan Dhan" app for farmers.
- National Postal Worker Day was observed on **July 1** in a mark of recognition of postal workers.
- **Gudni Johannesson** has been re-elected as the President of Iceland.
- **Hariharan K** has been appointed as the CFO of Lakshmi Vilas Bank.
- The district administration of **Nagaland** has been conferred with SKOCH Awards under three different categories at the 65TH SKOCH Summit.
- Chartered Accountants Day was observed annually on **July 1** to commemorate the finding of the ICAI by parliament.
- India's AI-enabled MyGov Corona Helpdesk has won two global awards at CogX 2020. Event held in **London**.
- National Doctors' Day was observed on **July 1** to mark the death anniversary of Dr BC Roy.
- Carl Reiner who passed recently was a famous **Comedian**.
- The RBI has launched the inflation expectations survey to gather responses over telephone amidst the pandemic. The survey aims to cover **18** cities.
- **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** has launched the World's first-ever online B.Sc. degree in Programming & Data Science.
- India has collaborated with **Bangladesh** for the formation of a Joint Venture for LPG business.
- **Shrikant Madhav Vaidya** has taken charge as the Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation.
- The Government has extended the tenure of the CEO of **Union Bank of India** by another two years.

- **Capgemini** has partnered with the Maharashtra government to support their fight against Covid-19.
- **Lt. Col. Bharat Pannu** has created history by securing a podium place at the first edition of Virtual Race Across America.
- **Dharmendra Pradhan** has inaugurated the Continuous Galvanized Rebar Production Facility in Punjab.
- According to the UNFPA's State of the World Population 2020 report, total **46 million** girls who have gone missing in India.
- **Goa** government has allotted land to 49 MSME units to set up India's first maritime cluster.
- **Ezetap** has launched an app to help government bodies collect spot fines.
- **Giriraj Singh** has launched the first edition of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Newsletter "Matsya Sampada".
- An MoU has been signed between Indian oil, NTPC Ltd, and the municipality of **Delhi** for a Waste to Energy plant.
- **NBRI, Lucknow** has set up an 'Advanced Virology Lab' for testing of COVID-19.
- Private train operations in the country will begin by 2023. Private participation will be only 5 per cent of the existing trains.
- **IIT Kanpur** has developed a virtual classroom system named 'Mobile Masterjee'.
- **Vikas Satwalekar** who passed away recently was the Executive director of **National Institute of Design**.
- World Bank approved **500 million** to provide budgetary support for Pakistan to tackle Covid-19.
- **ICICI** bank has launched an instant loan facility against mutual funds for its retail customers.
- **Karnam Sekar** who has retired recently was the MD & CEO of **Indian Overseas Bank**.
- **Rattan Lal** has been named by the UN chief as a member of the scientific group for the 2021 food summit.
- **Imran Khwaja** has taken interim charge as ICC Chairman after Shashank Manohar stepped down from the post.
- Researchers from **IIT-Roorkee** have developed a sterilizing system for personal belongings.
- **Carlyle Group** is all set to acquire **25** per cent stake in Airtel's data centre business for \$235 mn.
- **Sanjay Dwivedi** has been appointed as the Director-General of IIMC.
- **Hari Krishen Kaul** who passed away at the age of 79 was a veteran **Poet**.
- **ICMR** is planning to launch an indigenous Covid-19 vaccine by **August 15** after completion of all clinical trials.
- **Saroj Khan** who passed away at the age of 72 in Mumbai was a famous **Choreographer**.
- **Intel Capital** is all set to invest **Rs 1,894 crore** in Jio Platforms.
- The Defence Acquisition Council in a recent meeting has cleared capital acquisitions worth **Rs 38,900 crore** as required by the Indian armed forces.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has launched the Drug Discovery Hackathon for supporting the drug discovery process.
- **Karnataka** government has launched a portal to connect job seekers and employers.
- India's growth forecast for FY 2021-22 is **8%** as per Fitch ratings.

- **RIL** is the only Indian company on the global list of 100 firms that prospered during the pandemic.
- India has conducted a naval exercise with **Japan** in the Indian ocean amidst ongoing India-China border tensions in Ladakh.
- According to Care Ratings, India's GDP may contract by **6.4** per cent in FY21.
- **Kotak Mahindra** bank has tied up with payment solution provider Innoviti to offer EMI billing options on debit cards.
- **TC Suseel Kumar** has been appointed as a non-executive member on Axis Bank's board.
- **Accelerate Vigyan** scheme launched by SERB to strengthen scientific research mechanisms and provide a platform for research internships in the country.
- World Chocolate Day was observed on **July 7** to celebrate the introduction of chocolate to Europe in 1550.
- **Sukhbir Singh** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Luxury Ride.
- **SBM Bank India** has partnered with Mastercard to facilitate cross-border transactions and remittances.
- Nick Cordero who passed away after battling COVID-19 was a famous **Actor**.
- **Venkiah Naidu** has launched India's first social media super app 'Elyments'.
- **Karur Vysya Bank** has partnered with Star Health & Allied Insurance to provide health insurance products to its customers.
- **Injeti Srinivas** has been appointed as the chairman of IFSCA.
- **Elton John** has become the second artist to be honored with the commemorative coin by the Royal Mint.
- **IIT Madras** has developed a nano-coated filter for COVID warriors.
- **DRDO** has decided to set up a research cell at IIT-Hyderabad.
- **Israel** has conducted the surprise launch with Ofek 16 satellite into low earth orbit.
- **BDL** has signed a licence agreement with DRDO for development of the Akash Missile Weapon System.
- **Roli Books** has announced the launch of His Holiness The Fourteenth Dalai Lama: An Illustrated Biography by Tenzin Geyche Tethong.
- **Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson** has become Instagram's highest-paid celebrity.
- G Akash has become India's 66th chess Grandmaster. He belongs to **Tamil Nadu**.
- Ennio Morricone who passed away recently was a famous **Film Composer**.
- The Government of India has inked a pact with the World Bank for **750 million** in a bid to support finance to MSMEs.
- Deutsche Bank has collaborated with **Google** for a multi-year partnership for cloud services.
- The administration of UT of Ladakh has launched the Ladakh Food Security Scheme. **Mufti Mohammad Sayeed Food Entitlement Scheme** has been discontinued with the implementation of the scheme.
- Indian Railways seek to transform itself as 'Net Zero' Carbon Emission Mass Transportation Network by **2030**.
- **Bihar** government has decided to provide food grains under the midday meal scheme.
- **Delhi** Government has launched the LEAD portal to make online learning easy.

- **Valtteri Bottas** has won the F1 Austrian Grand Prix.
- **Kolkata port** has started a new Shipping service from Kolkata to Bangladesh's Chittagong port.
- World food price rises in June for the first time in 2020. **FAO** releases the World Food Index.
- **Sijo Kuruvilla George** has been appointed to the Centre's committee on science and tech policy.
- **PhonePe** has announced a strategic partnership pact with Ola for digital payments on ride-hailing app.
- According to a recently released report, **Maharashtra** has contributed to the largest e-waste in India.
- **IndiaFirst Life** company offer a unique group insurance coverage that provides financial support upon hospitalization or on COVID-19 diagnosis.
- The Indian Coast Guard has signed an MoU with the coast guard of **Indonesia** to boost maritime relations.
- Cabinet approved a **1 lac crore** for Agriculture Infrastructure Fund to provide medium to long term debt financing facility.
- **Google Currents** is the new name for Google Plus after a recent rebranding by Google to introduce it as a social network for enterprise users.
- **A.K. Srikumar & Rupa Srikumar** has written the book titled Mahaveer: Book on 1962 Indo-China War.
- The Central government will soon release a postal stamp to celebrate the 100th birth anniversary of **PV Narasimha Rao**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has celebrated Farmers' Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy.
- **Jayant Krishna** has appointed as the first Indian CEO of UKIBC from August 3.
- **MyLab** company has launched 'Compact XL' to automate molecular diagnostic tests for COVID-19.
- An MoU has been signed between **CBDT** and SEBI for the data exchange between the two organizations.
- **West Bengal** government has launched the 'Self Scan' app after the central government's ban on Chinese apps.
- IIT Alumni Council and **CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology** has signed an MoU for joint research on COVID-19 and patient data analysis.
- **Sri Lanka** has eliminated measles & rubella ahead of the 2023 target.
- **Maharashtra** has provided a banking mandate to IDBI Bank and district co-operative banks in the state to conduct government banking transactions.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the India Global Week 2020.
- The Union Cabinet has extended the Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana till **November**.
- The Construction Industry Development Council has initiated the skill Development Programme in **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** to provide employment-oriented training for the marginalized section.
- **Gujarat** government has constituted a five-member commission to protect rights of tribal.
- The Union Cabinet has approved **12,450 crores** for investment in three public sector general insurance companies.
- As per Citigroup, India's growth will contract by 6 per cent in the fiscal year to March 2021.

- **Andhra Pradesh** government has brought in Covid-19 treatment under Dr YSR Aarogyasri.
- Jagdeep who passed away recently was a veteran **Actor**.
- **Gujarat** has extended the Solar Power Policy period till December 2020.
- **SBI** has decided to invest up to Rs.1,760 crore in Yes Bank.
- Wildlife Sanctuary **Dehing Patkai** is going to get a national park status.
- Badminton event **Dutch Open 2020** has been cancelled by BWF due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.
- Vasudeva Maiya who passed away recently was the former CEO of **Guru Raghavendra Bank**.
- Charlie Daniels who passed away recently was a famous **Musician**.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has become the first one with LPG gas connections in 100 per cent households.
- AIIB has extended a loan amount of **\$50 million** to L&T Infra Finance for pursuing Renewable Energy projects in the country.
- Mutual fund company **Aditya Birla Sun Life** has launched voice-based services via Google Assistant.
- **Fino** Payments Bank has launched the 'Bhavishya' savings account for minors.
- The NCLAT chairperson Justice Bansi Lal Bhat has received an extension of **3** months.
- Maruti Suzuki has partnered with **Axis** bank for Easy Car Loan Schemes.
- India get **34th** rank on the Global Real Estate Transparency Index 2020 by JLL.
- Dr Suresh Amonkar who passed away recently was the former health minister of **Goa**.
- World Bank provides **400 million** to enhance support for rejuvenating River Ganga.
- **Amit Phangal** has been ranked World No 1 in the recently released ranking by AIBA.
- **Yes Bank** has launched an instant loan disbursement facility.
- **Delhi** government has decided to provide free ration to PDS cardholders till November 2020.
- An MoU has been signed between the National Medicinal Plants Board and **ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources** to conserve the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Genetic Resources.
- NHRC has set up a panel to assess Covid-19 impact on human rights. Head of the panel - **KS Reddy**.
- **USTATED** has announced a new partnership with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to Expand Clean Energy Development.
- **Karur Vysya Bank** has signed a corporate agency pact with Bajaj Allianz Life to offer life insurance solutions to its customers.
- NSDC has partnered with **Microsoft** to train over 1 lakh youths in India by next year.
- **International Olympic Committee** has received the Green Building Leadership Award.
- **Paytm** acquire general insurer Raheja QBE for Rs 568 crore.
- **U.S.** will formally withdraw from WHO in 2021.
- **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** is going to head the independent panel set up by the WHO to review handling of COVID-19 pandemic.
- Top-ranked squash player **Raneem El Welily** has announced her retirement recently.

- Amadou Gon Coulibaly who passed away recently was the prime minister of **Ivory Coast**.
- **Bangladesh** has recently launched 'Digital Haat' for online sale and purchase of sacrificial animals before Eid-UI-Azha.
- The chief minister of **Odisha** has launched eight web solutions for public services under 5T initiatives.
- BSE has partnered with **LIC Mutual Fund** to power its eKYC services on BSE StAR MF.
- **Karur Vysya Bank** has partnered with Tata Motors to offer car loans at attractive terms.
- **Suresh Mathur** will be the chairman of IRDAI panel on 'Indian Pandemic Risk Pool'.
- India - EU summit was held through a video conference on July 15.
- The scientists of **Israel** have used waste to be converted and used as ethanol for sanitizers in battle against coronavirus.
- **IIT Hyderabad** has collaborated with NVIDIA to establish a joint AI research centre.
- EESL has signed a pact with the Noida Authority to install EV charging stations.
- Mastercard to invest **250 crore** to help Indian SMEs amid the COVID-19 crisis.
- **Stephen King** is the author of the book, 'If It Bleeds'.
- **Rajasthan** government has launched a campaign to ensure purity of milk, dairy products.
- The Ministry of Culture is all set to take up the project related to reprinting of **Mongolian Kanjur** under the National Mission for Manus.
- **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated six new bridges in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Saif Ali Khan** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Vectus Group.
- **Rahul Johri** has stepped down as the CEO of BCCI.
- The 18th meeting of the high-level Group of Ministers on COVID-19 was held in **New Delhi**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Asia's largest solar energy project in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Nadaun Police Station** has been ranked as one of the best Police Stations of India.
- In **Tripura**, Wildlife researchers rediscovered 'Ypthima watsoni' butterfly after 61 years.
- **Asia Cup** (cricket tournament) has been postponed till June 2021.
- **Usha Thorat** will head the SEBI advisory committee on mutual funds.
- **Shyamala Gopinath** has been appointed as the additional director of Crisil.
- NSE has launched a new gold standard for delivery.
- **Sachin Awasthi** has been honored as the Top Publicist in Global Humanitarian Award 2020 in London.
- **Priyanka Chopra** has been chosen as an Ambassador for Toronto International Film Festival.
- India's current rank is **8th** in the cancer preparedness among 10 Asia-Pacific countries.
- **Tamil Nadu** has topped the market borrowings among the States in 2020-21.
- National Simplicity Day was observed annually on **July 12** to honor Henry David Thoreau.
- **Elon Musk** is the 'best' paid CEO in the list created by Bloomberg.
- Ranjan Sehgal who passed away recently was a famous **Actor**.

- Online course **ATL App Development Module** launched by NITI Aayog For School Students across the country.
- **Rudrendra Tandon** is appointed as India's next envoy to Afghanistan.
- **Lee Hsien Loong** has returned to power as the PM of Singapore.
- The Mukhyamantri Darpan and mobile App of **Chhattisgarh** has been awarded at the Elites Excellence Awards-2020.
- **Kezang D Thongdok** has bagged the DadaSaheb Phalke Award for documentary on honey hunting.
- The Tiger Census of **India** has set a Guinness World Record for being largest camera trapping wildlife survey.
- **Edappadi K Palaniswami** has been honored with Paul Harris Fellow recognition.
- 'A Song of India' book authored by **Ruskin Bond**.
- **IIT-Delhi** has developed a device to disinfect N-95 masks in 90 minutes.
- Researchers from **Odisha University** has come up with an ultraviolet device for sanitization.
- **Loyal Textile Mills** has launched the world's first reusable PPE with Triple Viral Shield Technology.
- Signature Global will invest an amount of Rs **225** crores in an affordable housing project in Gurugram.
- Brahm Vasudeva who passed away recently was the chairman of **Hawkins Cookers**.
- Avad Bin Hassan Jami who passed away recently was a **Cartoonist**.
- Malala Day was observed on **July 12** to celebrate Malala Yousafzai's birthday.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has begun the 'Mera Ghar Mera Vidyalaya' scheme to facilitate students.
- The Income Tax Department has launched a tool for Banks to ascertain TDS applicability rates on cash withdrawals. It stated that TDS is deductible at the rate of **2** per cent if cash withdrawals exceed one crore rupees.
- **NTPC** has won the prestigious CII-ITC Sustainability Award 2019.
- **NITI Aayog** has presented India's second Voluntary National Review at the UN, titled 'Decade of Action: Taking SDGs From Global to Local'.
- Qualcomm has picked **0.15** per cent stake in Jio for Rs 730 crore.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government is all set to run a 'Roko -Toko' campaign for those who do not wear masks.
- The Unit of **NTPC** has emerged as the top-performing unit in the country in the first quarter of the financial year.
- **India** has become the second-largest source of foreign direct investment for Britain.
- Race driver **Lewis Hamilton** has cruised to a comfortable victory in the Styrian Grand Prix.
- **HSBC** bank has decided to roll out digital payment products for retail customers.
- Visa has partnered with **Federal Bank** to roll out Visa Secure for e-commerce.
- **BSE** has collaborated with IIT Alumni Council for the listing of start-ups.
- **Chhattisgarh** government has organized India's first e-Lok Adalat.

- Indian GDP is all set to contract by **7.5** per cent if COVID vaccine is delayed in FY21.
- Nagindas Sanghvi who passed away at the age of 100 was a veteran **Journalist**.
- Google is all set to invest **10** billion dollars in India over the time frame of 5- 7 years.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has topped in implementing Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi-PM Swa Nidhi scheme.
- P Ramaswamy who passed away recently was a former minister of **Telangana**.
- **Andrzej Duda** has won Poland's presidential election.
- **Soham Mukherjee** has set the Guinness World Record by Jumping Across Ruler 101 Times in 30 Seconds.
- **K Sivan** has been named as the 2020 Von Karman Award Recipient By IAA, to be conferred in March.
- NATGRID signed an MOU with **NCRB** to access a database that links around 14,000 police stations.
- ISRO is all set to launch the satellite of **Brazil** from the PSLV in August 2020.
- **Russian** university has claimed successful trials of the world's first Covid-19 vaccine.
- Divya Chouksey who passed away due to Cancer was a famous **Actor**.
- **Madeline Swegle** has made history as the U.S. Navy's first Black female tactical jet pilot.
- The government aims to increase the public health expenditure to 2.5% of GDP by **2025**.
- Asset management company **Motilal Oswal** has launched a Multi-Asset Fund to invest in equity, international equity index funds.
- **NABARD** has announced a Rs.5,000-crore concessional refinance facility for banks and financial institutions for on-lending to beneficiaries in its 2,150 watershed development projects.
- **Hemang Amin** has been appointed as BCCI's interim CEO.
- **IIT Kanpur** has developed a UV sanitizing device 'SHUDH' to make your room COVID free.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has emerged on top in implementing the PM Svanidhi scheme.
- **Reliance** has become the first one in India to surpass Rs 12 lakh crore market cap.
- As per FICCI survey, India's GDP is likely to contract by **4.5** per cent in FY21.
- Theme of the United Nations organized 2020 Virtual Counter-Terrorism Week from 6-10 July 2020 - **Strategic and Practical Challenges of Countering Terrorism in a Global Pandemic Environment**.
- NHB has provided an amount of **Rs.25,000** crore to housing finance companies as refinance assistance in the last 4 months.
- **Kunal Bahl** is head of the CII's e-commerce committee.
- **BuyUcoin** has become the First Indian Cryptocurrency Exchange to List XinFin Utility Token.
- **PayU** has introduced a QR Enabled EFT Solution for Real-Time Monitoring Of Bank Transactions.
- **Shahidul Alam** has been announced as one of the winners of CPJ's 2020 International Press Freedom Awards.
- **Vidhu P. Nair** has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Turkmenistan.
- World Population Day was observed on **July 11** to raise awareness of global population issues.
- Maharashtra government has tied up with **SBI** to set up a stress fund for stuck slum rehabilitation projects.

- **T-Hub** has partnered with MeitY and Digital India for hardware start-ups.
- **620 million** was approved by the US for the missile up-gradation package of Taiwan.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched **ASEEM** portal to help skilled people find livelihood opportunities.
- **Haryana** government get Rs 1,500 Cr from Central Aid for Crop Diversification and Ponds Rejuvenation.
- **Baoshuan Ger** has become Taiwan's new ambassador to India.
- **Gyanendro Ningombam** has been named as the Officiating President of Hockey India.
- The Indian battalion stationed with the UN Interim Force of **Lebanon** has won an award for the project that aims to decrease waste generation.
- **IISc** has designed an Eye Gaze-Controlled Robotic Arm for Speech, Motor Impaired.
- Flipkart has signed an MoU with **Karnataka** to Promote local art, craft and handlooms.
- IRDAI has given its nod to **30** Insurance companies to launch Corona Kavach Health Insurance Policies.
- **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** has collaborated with Facebook to host webinars for sensitization of MPs on GOAL projects.
- As per the Dun and Bradstreet's Country Risk and Global Outlook Report, the global economy is set to contract by **5.2** per cent in 2020.
- **Prakash Javadekar** has Represented India at Fourth virtual Ministerial on Climate Action.
- Asia's Largest Data Centre with 210MW overall capacity has been inaugurated near **Mumbai**.
- Insurance provider **HDFC ERGO** has launched the Corona Kavach Policy.
- **ADB** has renewed a pact with the IEA to Collaborate On Energy Sector Sustainability And Resilience.
- **Ben Stokes** has become the 2nd-fastest all-rounder to score 4000 runs and take 150 wickets.
- Jack Charlton who passed at 85 played football for **England**.
- Indian-American **Parag Chitnis** become the acting head of a US agriculture research organization.
- World Youth Skills Day was observed annually on **July 15**.
- **Tamil Nadu** government has launched a television-based learning programme for 10th standard students.
- Jyotsna Bhatt who passed away recently was a famous **Artist**.
- Indian railways has planned to make all routes on the Broad Gauge (BG) network to be electrified by **2023**.
- **Gurbux Singh** will receive the Mohun Bagan Ratna.
- **UNICEF** has announced its partnership with FICCI for #Reimagine Campaign to support the most vulnerable populations.
- Former Skipper Mile Jedinak has announced retirement From Football. He played for **Australia**.
- Wim Suurbier who passed away recently was a famous **Footballer**.
- **107 crore** approved by the government for modernizing fire-fighting facilities at Haldia Dock.
- Indian Railways is on a mission mode and seeks to transform into 'Green Railway' by **2030**.

- On the United Nations' 75th Anniversary, PM Modi virtually address ECOSOC institution on July 17.
- **Ashok Lavasa** has been appointed as the vice president of Asian Development Bank.
- The Ministry of Tourism has recently presented the 41st webinar titled 'NadiVigyan: A complete solution for spinal disorders' under **Dekho Apna Desh** series.
- NABARD has extended grant assistance of Rs 221.89 cr to support 298 watershed projects in **Karnataka**.
- SIDBI is all set to provide **2%** interest subvention on Shishu loans to Member Lending Institutions.
- **HSBC** bank is going to set up an IFSC Banking Unit at GIFT City.
- **Ved Parkash Dudeja** has won the 'Infra Business Leader of the Year'.
- NSRCEL, the startup hub at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore has partnered with **Capgemini** to Support Social Startups.
- **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** has launched the 'world's most affordable' Covid-19 test kit developed by IIT Delhi.
- **Odisha** government has partnered with Coursera to upskill 50,000 unemployed youth.
- National Electronic Fund Management System has been launched in **J&K**.
- **Chan Santokhi** has been elected as the President of Suriname.
- World Day for International Justice was observed on **July 17** to celebrate the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute in 1998.
- **China** has topped among the top ten nations in intellectual property filings.
- Purushottam Priyadasji Swamishree who passed away recently was a **Spiritual Guru**.
- The HRD Minister has launched the first online National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement programme for 1,200 Key Resources Persons in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- The Police of **Telangana** has launched the 'CybHER' Campaign to Tackle Cyber Crime Against Women, Children.
- CCI has approved the acquisition of 58.92 per cent stake in HealthCare Global Enterprises by **Aceso Company**.
- Startup at **IIT Madras** have developed a portable hospital to treat COVID-19 patients.
- Cochin Shipyard Limited has signed a contract for construction of autonomous electric vessels with ASKO maritime of **Norway**.
- **DRDO** has developed a Fully Indigenous P7 Heavy Drop System capable of para dropping military stores.
- India ranks **3rd** in the Global Manufacturing Risk Index released by Cushman & Wakefield Report.
- Ministry of Finance has released an amount of over **15,187 crore** as grants-in-aid to 2.63 lakh Rural Local Bodies.
- Incubated startups of **IIT Kanpur** have developed a device to monitor water quality in India.
- China launches **Long March-5** for its first Mars exploration mission.
- DAC has delegated powers for progressing urgent Capital Acquisition Cases up to Rs **300 crore** to the Armed Forces.
- **Shripad Naik** has inaugurated the Conference on Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Technologies.

- **NTPC** has collaborated with the NIIF to jointly explore business opportunities in India.
- **Ashwini Kumar Tewari** has become the new MD & CEO of SBI Card.
- Rating agency ICRA has sharply revised its forecast for the contraction in the Indian economy to 9.5 per cent in the 2020-'21.
- The World Emoji Day was observed annually on **July 17**.
- India and **Bhutan** have opened a New Trade Route to facilitate connectivity between two countries.
- **Roshni Nadar Malhotra** will become the new chairman of HCL after the retirement of Shiv Nadar.
- As per a UN report, India has lifted **273** million people out of poverty between FY06-16.
- The Police of **Punjab** to recruit civilian domain experts in the areas of information technology (IT), legal forensics and finance.
- **Boeing** has won a billion contract to support the operations of the International Space Station (ISS) through to 2024.
- 117th birthday anniversary of Ex-CM of Tamil Nadu state K Kamaraj was celebrated as **Educational Development Day**.
- Rajat Mukherjee who passed away recently was a famous **Filmmaker**.
- **Manish Sisodia** has inaugurated the first electric vehicle charging station in East Delhi.
- C.S. Seshadri who passed away recently was famous **Mathematician**.
- **Chhattisgarh** government has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana' to combat malnutrition in the state.
- **Dalhousie University** researchers developed the PROSIT app that tracks mental health by studying phone usage.
- Prakash Javadekar has hailed **KURMA** mobile app as a unique tool towards the conservation of Indian turtles.
- **Marianna Vardinoyannis** has won the 2020 Nelson Mandela Prize.
- **South Central railway** bagged the WATER HEROES AWARD from Jal Shakti Ministry.
- **Samridhi Kalia** has broken the world record in performing 100 yoga poses.
- **India Business Council** host the 2020 India Ideas Summit on July 22.
- **Aditya Puri** has become the highest-paid banker for FY20 with Rs.18.92 cr in remuneration.
- World Cup winner Andre Schurrle who retired recently was a famous **Footballer**.
- C.T. Vivian who passed away recently was a famous **Civil rights activist**.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the PM SVANidhi app launched to help street vendors apply for microloans. The scheme was launched on **June 1**.
- The Income Tax Department has rolled out **Form 26AS** to assist taxpayers in filling quick and correct income tax returns.
- **Lewis Hamilton** has taken the lead by winning the eighth Hungarian Grand Prix.
- **THSTI Faridabad** has developed a synthetic peptide-based vaccine candidate targeting Corona Virus.
- India has established a bilateral air bubble with **USA**.
- **UAE** has launched its first space mission to Mars from Japan.

- **Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute** has been adjudged as the best research institute under ICAR.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has received the highest allocation under the recently announced Rs 1 lac crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme.
- The government has now enabled the One Nation One Ration Card scheme in **20** States and UTs.
- **Nirmala Sitharaman** has attended the 3rd G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting.
- **Jon Rahm** has won the PGA Memorial to seize World Number One ranking.
- **AIIMS** has begun the e-ICU video-consultation programme to reduce COVID-19 mortality.
- **Ministry of Civil Aviation** has set up an Investment Clearance Cell for assistance and clearance of proposals.
- **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** has launched the PRAGYATA guidelines on digital education.
- **Google** has decided to pick up 7.7 per cent stake in Jio for Rs 33,737 crore.
- Indian Railways' 1st cable-stayed rail bridge, the Anji Khad bridge will soon be built in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- Poba Reserve Forest in Dhemaji is all set to be upgraded to a wildlife sanctuary. It is located in **Assam**.
- **Brett Lee** has been named as the brand ambassador of SportsAdda.
- Elyes Fakhfakh who resigned recently was the prime minister of **Tunisia**.
- **N Chandrasekara** will receive the USIBC Global Leadership Award.
- **Hyderabad Airport** has become India's 1st and only with completely Contactless Car Parking Amid Covid-19.
- **China** has successfully launched the APSTAR-6D telecommunication satellite.
- Coal Ministry is planning to link the mining plan portal with **Parivesh** website for online submission, monitoring, and management of proposals submitted to the Environment Ministry.
- NABARD launched development projects worth Rs 44 lakhs in **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
- **INCOIS** has recently observed the Swachhata Pakhwada towards awareness generation of the mission objectives to eradicate open defecation.
- Neela Satyanarayan who passed away recently was the first woman Election Commissioner of **Maharashtra**.
- The Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister has e-inaugurated NSTI, Extension Centre in **Manipur**.
- PSBs are likely to purchase NBFC Bonds/CPs worth Rs 14,667 cr under the Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme. The scheme provides up to **20** per cent portfolio guarantee to the PSBs.
- FIFA World Cup 2022 schedule announced. It will be organized in **Qatar**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** government is all set to reorganize its 13 districts into 25 for optimal use of resources.
- **IndusInd** has Adopted an Agile Technology Platform for deeper customer engagement.
- The International Olympic Committee has postponed the Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games to **2026** due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

- **Chile** joined with India and the FAO to co-host the High-Level Political Forum side-event 'On the road to the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has approved a proposal to provide monthly financial assistance of Rs.5000 to acid attack victims.
- International Nelson Mandela Day was observed on **July 18** in the honor of Nelson Mandela.
- RBI has approved the reappointment of **Shyam Srinivasan** as the MD & CEO of Federal Bank.
- **P Praveen Siddharth** has been appointed as Private Secretary to the President of India.
- **Real Madrid** has clinched the La Liga title for 34th time as Benzema scores brace in a win against Villarreal.
- Ramesh Tikaram who passed away recently was a famous **Badminton player**.
- Pakistan and China have signed for a **700** megawatt Azad Pattan hydel power project in Sudhoti district of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.
- **Bank of Maharashtra** has launched an OD facility against fixed deposits.
- UNICEF India has partnered with **SAP India** to improve the employability of young people.
- **OssoukaRaponda** has become the first woman prime minister of Gabon.
- **KulmeetBawa** has been appointed as the new MD of SAP.
- Marcus Rashford is all set to receive an honorary doctorate for campaigning against child poverty. He plays for **Manchester United** football club.
- DCGI has given nod to the first indigenous pneumonia vaccine. **Serum Institute of India** has developed the pneumococcal vaccine.
- Startups from **IIM-Kozhikode** have developed a wearable hand band to ensure social distancing.
- KVIC has opened a footwear training centre for leather artisans in **Delhi**.
- **Pema Khandu** has released a book on "The Tangams: An Ethnolinguistic Study Of The Critically Endangered Group of Arunachal Pradesh".
- As per the online learning platform Coursera, India stood at **34th** place when it comes to business skills.
- Popular cricket cup **Captain SourabhKalia** has been cancelled in Kargil due to COVID- 19.
- **Jitendra Singh** has launched the revamped Scheme for PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2020.
- NABARD sanctions **795 crore** to re-construct infrastructure damaged by a cyclone in West Bengal.
- Pi Approximation Day was observed annually on **July 22**.
- Ola has rolled out enterprise mobility solution 'Ola Corporate' to global customers across global markets. **Bhavish Aggarwal** is the current CEO of OLA.
- ICC has officially postponed the World T20 due to the coronavirus pandemic. It was slated to be held in **Australia**.
- Victor Chizhikov who passed away recently was a famous **Artist**.
- The Rajya Sabha secretariat has launched an Employees' Welfare Scheme after the name of **Arun Jaitley**.
- NTPC's 1,600 MW Lara Power Project has now become fully operational. It has been installed in **Chhattisgarh**.
- **Sumit Deb** has been appointed as the CMD of National Mineral Development Corporation.

- **Arnab Chaudhuri** will receive the Toonz Media Award.
- SpaceX launches ANASIS-II Military Communications Satellite for **South Korea**.
- **S Hussain Zaidi** has authored the novel titled “The Endgame”.
- **DRDO** has provided ‘Bharat drones’ to Indian Army for accurate surveillance at the India-China border.
- Actor Bijoy Mohanty who passed away recently belonged to **Odisha**.
- India has signed an MoU with **Maldives** for the establishment of ‘Emergency Medical Services’.
- **Tamil Nadu** government has launched a web portal for unorganized sector workers.
- The Fintech Convergence Council (FCC) has collaborated with **NPCI** to host the world’s largest virtual fintech event.
- The European Union has approved the biggest green stimulus in history with a **572** billion dollar plan.
- **Kala Narayanasamy** has been conferred with the President’s Award in Singapore.
- Rahul Bajaj has stepped down as the chairman of Bajaj Finance. **Sanjiv Bajaj** has taken over the next chairman.
- **Andhra Pradesh** government has signed an MoU with AMUL to help self-help groups and milk cooperatives.
- LIC has announced a corporate agency agreement with **Union Bank of India** to distribute LIC policies.
- National Broadcasting Day was observed on **July 23**.
- Startup and Innovation hub of **IIM Indore** has launched the NSRCEL launched Women Startup Programme.
- **AIIMS Nagpur** has developed a smart band to monitor COVID-19 patients.
- Annie Ross who passed away at the age of 89 was a famous **Singer**.
- **Nicaragua** has become the latest one to sign the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement.
- Prime Minister has laid the foundation stone for Rs.3,054-crore water supply project in **Manipur**.
- Amazon Pay has tied up with **Acko** to offer vehicle insurance.
- General Insurance company **Bharti AXA** has received Rs.800 crore worth crop insurance mandate from Maharashtra and Karnataka under PMFBY.
- **SBM Bank** has collaborated with EnKash and Yap to launch a cobranded Business Credit Card on RuPay network for MSMEs and start-ups.
- **Muthoot Fincorp** has launched a mentoring portal for MSMEs.
- ‘The Pandemic Century’ has been written by **Mark Honigsbaum**.
- **China** has launched the ambitious Tianwen-1 Mars rover mission.
- As per the Forbes Magazine, Mukesh Ambani is now the world’s **5th** richest man.
- National Thermal Engineer Day was observed on **July 24** to appreciate the contribution of thermal engineers in everyday life.
- India has jointly developed an ultra-rapid testing kit for COVID-19 with **Israel**.

- Mukesh Ambani's Reliance has broken into the top 50 most valued firms globally, it now ranks **48** globally.
- International Chess Day was observed on **July 20**.
- 'Suraj Kade Marda Nahi' book on the life of Udham Singh has been written by **Baldev Singh Sadaknama**.
- Award-winning novelist Juan Marse who passed away at age 87 belonged to **Spain**.
- **Odisha** government has included the transgender community under the Under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana which provides financial assistance to poor elderly, differently-abled persons and widows.
- **Tamil Nadu** government has inked 8 MoUs to attract over Rs 10,000 cr worth of investments.
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the Nation-wide CSR campaign of **Punjab National Bank** for Distribution of Mask and Sanitizer to prevent Spread of COVID-19.
- **Saba Karim** has resigned from the position of General Manager Cricket Operations BCCI.
- **Kannan CS Warriar** has received the National Award of Excellence for Outstanding Research in Forestry for the year 2019.
- **ICAT** has launched an automotive technology e-portal ASPIRE.
- **CMERI** institution has developed the COVID protection systems for workplaces.
- US aircraft carrier **USS Nimitz** conduct a passing exercise (Passex) with Indian Navy.
- India's direct selling rank is **15** as per the World Federation of Direct Selling Associations.
- **France football** has announced that the Ballon d'Or will not be awarded in 2020.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched an employment scheme for SCs.
- Harsimrat Kaur Badal has inaugurated a Rs 75 crore Mega Food Park in **Mizoram**.
- National Refreshment Day was celebrated on **July 23** in 2020.
- WADA has extended the Suspension of India's Dope Testing Laboratory by **6** months citing non-confirmation to international standards.
- Anti-apartheid struggles stalwart Andrew Mlangeni who passed away recently belonged to **South Africa**.
- **Haryana** government has launched the e-Sachivalaya portal for online appointments.
- **Punjab** government has signed an MoU with IIT Ropar for skill development.
- **Alankit Ltd** has partnered with UTI Infrastructure Technology And Services Limited for PAN Card Services.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with the NSDC to train rural youth for financial services jobs.
- **Alok Mishra** has been named as the new CEO & Director of Microfinance Institutions Network.
- **Prakash Chandra Kandpal** has been appointed as the MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance.
- **Greta Thunberg** has won the first Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity.
- **FamPay** has launched India's First Numberless Card.
- **GoAir** has launched the GoMore scheme to book an adjacent seat for social distancing.
- Anti-tank guided Nag missile **Dhruvastra** recently test-fired by the DRDO.
- **Delhi** government has approved the 'Mukhya Mantri Ghar Ghar Ration Yojana' for the doorstep delivery of ration.

- **Amit Shah** has launched the Vriksharopan Abhiyan in New Delhi.
- India has recently conducted the First Test Under 'Study In India' Programme Online. NTA institution administered the test.
- **Rajesh Bhushan** has been appointed as the Union Health Secretary.
- Woman cricketer Sripali Weerakkody who retired from International cricket recently played for **Sri Lanka**.
- Amala Shankar who passed away at the age of 101 was a famous **Dancer**.
- As per TERI, the demand for electricity in India will drop between 7-17 per cent by **2025**.
- **Arjun Munda** has inaugurated the e-Symposium "Emergent North-East India: Strategic and Developmental Imperatives in Handicrafts" organized by IIM, Shillong.
- **ADB** and the Green Climate Fund Have Committed to Partnership to Boost the Green Recovery from COVID-19.
- **Partha Pratim Sengupta** has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.
- **Sahil Seth** has been appointed as an honorary adviser for BRICS CCI.
- **IIT Delhi** has signed an MoU with Wells Fargo for home-based Covid-19 testing kit.
- Indian Navy's largest solar power plant with an estimated life of 25 years has been commissioned in **Kerala**.
- The IPL 2020 is all set to begin from September 19 till November 8 in **UAE**.
- **Jordan Henderson** has been named as FWA Footballer of the Year.
- Indian Railways will use radio-frequency identification tags for all wagons by **2022**.
- **Karnataka** government has tweaked three laws by approving amendments to the Factories Act, Industrial Disputes Act and Contract Labour Act.
- World IVF Day was observed on **July 25**.
- Peter Green who passed away recently was a famous **Guitarist**.
- Researchers of **IIT Kharagpur** have developed a portable device for low-cost Covid19 rapid test.
- John Saxon who passed away at the age of 83 was a famous **Actor**.
- Indian Railways is constructing the world's first electrified tunnel to run double-stack containers in **Haryana**.
- **Assam** government has deployed drone and anti-depredation quick response vehicle to guard forest areas.
- Olivia de Havilland who passed away recently was an eminent **Actor**.
- **Macadamisation Program** announced by Jammu & Kashmir for the improvement of roads.
- **Delhi** government has launched a website for job seekers and employer's portal.
- The Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu** has launched a free mask plan for ration cardholders.
- African Development Bank has committed an amount of **98** million to Rwanda for multi sector COVID-19 response.
- **VR Chaudhari** has been appointed as the chief of IAF's Western Air Command.
- TRIFED has signed an MoU with **IIT Delhi** under the government's 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan'.
- An early-stage startup at **IIT Madras** has launched wrist band for detecting COVID symptoms.

- **Hyderabad** has found a place among the top 20 CCTV-surveilled cities in the world.
- India's current rank is **3rd** in case of countries gaining forest area in the last decade in the world.
- Reliance has overtaken **Exxon** to become world's 2nd most valuable energy firm.
- **Haryana** will host the fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games after Tokyo Olympics.
- Benjamin Mkapa who passed away recently was the president of **Tanzania**.
- Bhaskarrao Awhad who passed away at 77 was an **Advocate**.
- Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed every year on **July 26** to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan.
- International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem was observed annually on **July 26**.
- Insurance company **Bharti AXA** has launched the 'Bohot Zaroori Hai' Campaign for Farmers in Maharashtra and Karnataka to encourage them about their yield protection.
- **BIS-Care** app launched by Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan which consumers can use for checking the authenticity of ISI and hallmark quality certified products.
- Kumkum who passed away recently was a famous **Actor**.
- **SBI** has provided USD 16 million liquidity support for local businesses in the Maldives.
- Shankar Sen who passed away recently was the chairman and managing director of **Senco Gold** company.
- **SBI Card** has collaborated with IRCTC to launch co-branded contactless credit card on RuPay platform.
- **Archana Soreng** has been named by the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to his new advisory group to tackle the worsening climate crisis.
- **Anil Kumar Jha** has been appointed as a member of a key panel that deals with the violation of environment rules.
- **Sunil Yadav** has won the Karamveer Chakra Award instituted by the United Nations and International Confederation of NGO.
- **Total SA** has collaborated with the IOC to manufacture high-quality bitumen derivatives.
- **Vijay Sundar Prashanth and Divij Sharan** have won the doubles title at the LTA British Tour tennis tournament in Surrey.
- **Prince pal Singh** has been signed to play in the NBA G-league in 2021.
- India's 2018 Asian Games mixed relay silver medal has been upgraded to gold after the disqualification of **Bahrain** due to doping ban of one of its runners.
- Parvez Khan who passed away recently was a famous **Director**.
- International Tiger Day was celebrated annually on **July 29** to raise awareness for tiger conservation.
- The Central government has collaborated with **World Bank** to convert ravines of Chambal region into arable land.
- The government of India has notified changes in FDI norms on civil aviation. It has now permitted NRIs to own **100** per cent stake of Air India.
- Uniken has partnered with **Bank of Maharashtra** for securing its internet banking channels as well as the mobile, card, call centres and ATMs.

- ADB has approved an amount of **3 million** grant to India to combat COVID-19.
- World day against trafficking in persons was observed on **July 30**.
- AIBB plans to approve loans worth **3 billion** dollars over the next 12 months for infrastructure projects.
- Anil Murali who passed away recently was a veteran **Actor**.
- The HRD Ministry has been renamed as the Ministry of Education. The draft of the policy was prepared by experts led by **K Kasturirangan**.
- Ashok Mustafi who passed away recently was a veteran **Cricket Coach**.
- **MobiKwik** has launched personal UPI payment link service mpay.me.
- **Dr Harsh Vardhan** has released a book on Standard Treatment Guidelines for the management of Substance Use Disorders (SUD) and Behavioral Addictions.
- **Matthew McConaughey** has written 'Greenlights,' a book based on his life-changing adventures.
- **Iran** has launched an Underground Ballistic Missiles as part of an exercise involving a mock-up American aircraft carrier in the Strait of Hormuz.
- Five Rafale jets have landed at the IAF Ambala air base. The Rafale jets have been procured from **France**.
- **Bijapur** have topped Niti's aspirational districts ranking for Feb-June 2020.
- **P Harikrishna** has won the 53rd Biel International Chess Festival in Switzerland.
- **England** has won the Wisden Trophy.
- Somendranath Mitra who passed away recently was the Congress president from **West Bengal**.
- International Day of Friendship was observed on **July 30**.
- **Shripad Yesso Naik** has launched a dedicated Web-Portal for National AYUSH Mission.
- **Australia** has stated plans to make Google and Facebook pay fair for news content.
- **Ministry of Defence** has coordinated with MyGov to conduct quiz competition on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat - Swatantra Bharat'.
- Indian Railways have installed automatic lighting systems at three railways stations in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Piyush Goyal** has inaugurated the CII National Digital conference on Ease of Doing Business for Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- India has begun reconstruction of the 300-year-old Sree Sree Joy Kali Matar Temple in **Bangladesh**.
- **CSIO** along with AMESYS India has developed a decontamination box named 'Suraksha'.
- Former NR Congress leader V Bhalan who passed away due to COVID-19 was a former MLA from **Puducherry**.
- Justice Sanjay Gupta who passed away recently was a former Judge at **Jammu & Kashmir** high court.
- The first-ever manhole cleaning robot, **Bandicoot**, to end manual scavenging which has been introduced by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation.
- **Kerala** government has announced a new Entrepreneurship Development Programme to address the issues of shortage of working capital.
- The chief minister of **Tamil Nadu** has laid the foundation for Rs 2,368 worth projects on eight new industrial projects.

- **Microsoft** has launched a new Family Safety app for iOS and Android designed to allow families to manage screen time and app usage.
- **Varun Sridhar** has been appointed as the new CEO of Paytm Money.
- **Avni Doshi** has won the 2020 Booker Prize longlist for her debut novel 'Burnt Sugar'.
- CRPF recently celebrated its 82nd Raising Day. It was observed every year on **July 27**.
- Young pacer Kazi Anik was recently handed a two-year ban for a doping violation. He played for **Bangladesh**.
- **Jamie Vardy** has won the Premier League's Golden Boot award.
- Kansai Yamamoto who passed away recently was a famous **Designer**.
- World Nature Conservation Day was observed on **July 28** to raise awareness about conserving nature.
- The government has recently launched **4** schemes for setting up of Bulk Drugs & Medical Devices Parks in the country.
- India has handed over 10 broad gauge locomotives to **Bangladesh** to help handle the increasing volume of passenger and freight train operations.
- IMF has approved **4.3** billion dollar in an emergency funding to South Africa in the biggest COVID-19 loan.
- A Road in **Lucknow** has been named after Former MP Governor Lalji Tandon.
- Insurance company **Tata AIA Life** has launched an express claims service that promises payouts in 4 hours.

MODEL QUESTIONS

1. When was world youth skills day observed annually?
 (1) 12th April (2) 30th June (3) 1st August (4) 15th July (5) 31st May
2. Under which operation the RBI has conducted open market operation (OMO) of purchase and sale of G-secs for Rs 10,000 crores each recently?
 (1) Operation reserve (2) Operation twist (3) Operation Borrow
 (4) Operation liquidity (5) None of these
3. Find the state which topped in market borrowings in FY 21 as per RBI data?
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Rajasthan
 (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
4. Which edition of foundation day of NABARD was celebrated on July 12, 2020 (NABARD organized its 1st "digital choupal" on July 13)?
 (1) 39th (2) 44th (3) 37th (4) 21st (5) None of these
5. The Reserve Bank of India publicized the "Report of the Committee for Analysis of QR Code" recently. Who chaired the committee?
 (1) Deepak B. Phatak (2) Arvind Kumar (3) Sunil Mehta
 (4) AS Ramasastry (5) None of these
6. The Reserve Bank of India signed USD 400 million currency swap facility for which country?
 (1) Bhutan (2) Bangladesh (3) Nepal (4) Maldives (5) Sri Lanka

7. As per RBI financial stability report, Gross NPA of bank may rise to _____ by March 2021.
 (1) 6.25% (2) 14.75% (3) 8.5% (4) 12.5% (5) None of these
8. Which bank has launched 'Insta Loans against Mutual Funds' facility in partnership with Computer Age Management Services (CAMS)?
 (1) HDFC Bank (2) IDFC Bank (3) ICICI Bank (4) RBL Bank (5) None of these
9. Name the bank which offers an online instant auto loan to its customers named 'ZipDrive'
 (1) CSB Bank (2) RBL Bank (3) IDBI Bank (4) ICICI Bank (5) HDFC Bank
10. Which private sector bank launched 'Loan in seconds' digital solution for instant disbursement of retail loans?
 (1) HDFC Bank (2) Axis Bank (3) Yes Bank (4) City Union Bank (5) None of these
11. Which public sector bank partnered with Uniken to secure its Internet banking channels?
 (1) Punjab National Bank (2) Bank of Maharashtra (3) Union Bank of India
 (4) Bank of Baroda (5) None of these
12. Which insurance company has partnered with BOB financial to offer COVID-19 insurance cover?
 (1) Oriental Insurance (2) Tata AIA Life Insurance (3) Max Life Insurance
 (4) IndiaFirst Life Insurance (5) None of these
13. The IRDAI has removed the _____ maximum cap on sum insured for Arogya Sanjeevani policies recently.
 (1) Rs. 1 Lakh (2) Rs. 2 Lakh (3) Rs. 50,000 (4) Rs. 25,000 (5) Rs. 5 Lakh
14. Election Commission of India recently announced postal ballot rules will be applicable for voters over the age of _____.
 (1) 65 (2) 80 (3) 60 (4) 75 (5) None of these
15. Find the ministry which has planned to launch TOPS junior programme.
 (1) Sports Ministry (2) Human Resource Development Ministry
 (3) Finance Ministry (4) Commerce Ministry (5) None of these
16. Central government plans to increase public health expenditure to _____% of GDP by 2025.
 (1) 2.5 (2) 1.25 (3) 3 (4) 5 (5) None of these
17. Which state government has launched "HamaraGhar-Hamara Vidyalaya" scheme to maintain academic regularity of the students?
 (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Punjab (3) Madhya Pradesh
 (4) Odisha (5) None of these
18. Find the state which has decided to increase the green cover through extensive plantations over 1.30 lakh Hectares of land recently.
 (1) UP (2) Bihar (3) Gujarat (4) Telangana (5) Odisha
19. Which state/UT has launched 'Podhe Lagao Prayavaran Bachao' (Plant Trees, Save Environment) campaign to reduce air pollution?
 (1) New Delhi (2) Odisha (3) Goa (4) Puducherry (5) None of these
20. Which Indian state has launched 'Balaram' scheme (designed in collaboration with NABARD) to provide agricultural credit to landless farmers?
 (1) Odisha (2) Jharkhand (3) Bihar (4) Assam (5) None of these

21. Which state/UT has launched Mission Organic Development Initiative (M.O.D.I) and Greenhouse Project recently?
(1) Jammu & Kashmir (2) Arunachal Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh
(4) Ladakh (5) None of these
22. Which state government decided to upgrade DehingPatkai Wildlife Sanctuary to National park recently?
(1) Sikkim (2) Punjab (3) Nagaland (4) Assam (5) None of these
23. Find the state which planned to upgrade Poba reserve forest into Wildlife sanctuary?
(1) Karnataka (2) Assam (3) Gujarat (4) Punjab (5) None of these
24. The Government of Goa plans to provide 100% Functional Household Tap Connection to all rural household by which year?
(1) 2021 (2) 2020 (3) 2022 (4) 2023 (5) None of these
25. Which state become first in India to achieve 100% LPG connections?
(1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Mizoram (3) Uttarakhand
(4) Goa (5) Himachal Pradesh
26. Which of the following state has launched "Pure for Sure" campaign to ensure the purity of the milk and dairy products?
(1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Gujarat (3) Rajasthan
(4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
27. Which state's Legal Service Authority and the high Court organized India's 1st e-Lok Adalat?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Goa (3) Assam (4) Chhattisgarh (5) None of these
28. Which state government planned to launch 'Roko-Toko' campaign for those who do not wear masks?
(1) Chhattisgarh (2) Haryana (3) Madhya Pradesh
(4) Punjab (5) None of these
29. Which state government announced Renewable Energy Export Policy 2020 recently?
(1) Telangana (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Karnataka (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
30. Name the first state in India which started to use drones to inspect power lines and transmission towers.
(1) Goa (2) Maharashtra (3) Haryana (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
31. Which state government has included transgender under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana?
(1) Maharashtra (2) Goa (3) Bihar (4) Punjab (5) Odisha
32. Name the state which launched "Navin Rojgar Chhatri Yojana" for scheduled castes?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Bihar (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Haryana (5) None of these
33. Which state's cabinet gave approval to 'Samadhan se Vikas', a one-time settlement scheme for the recovery of long-pending dues?
(1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) Haryana (4) Punjab (5) None of these
34. Which state cabinet approved 'One-Stop Shop' scheme?
(1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) Haryana (4) Punjab (5) None of these

35. Which state/UT cabinet approved the doorstep ration delivery scheme named 'Mukhya Mantri Ghar Ghar Ration Yojana'?
- (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Goa (3) Delhi (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
36. 'Macadamisation Program' was launched in which state/UT recently?
- (1) Ladakh (2) Arunachal Pradesh (3) Uttarakhand
(4) Himachal Pradesh (5) Jammu and Kashmir
37. Which state government has renamed 'Bilung' village after popular folk song 'Rangabati'?
- (1) Haryana (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Maharashtra (4) Bihar (5) Odisha
38. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released World Wildlife Crime Report recently. Where is the HQ of UNODC located?
- (1) Copenhagen (2) Bonn (3) London (4) Paris (5) Vienna
39. Indian railways' 1st cable-stayed rail bridge 'AnjiKhad bridge' is located in which state/UT?
- (1) Puducherry (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Madhya Pradesh
(4) Jammu & Kashmir (5) None of these
40. Name the former prime minister of India who is popularly known as 'Father of Indian Economic Reforms'.
- (1) HD Deve Gowda (2) PV Narasimha Rao (3) IK Gujral
(4) Manmohan Singh (5) None of these
41. The Chauk Chauraha road is renamed by the Lucknow municipal corporation in the memory of whom?
- (1) Vinayak Damodar Savarkar (2) Syama Prasad Mukherjee (3) Arun Jaitley
(4) Lalji Tandon (5) None of these
42. Name the Aerospace company which has delivered last five AH-64E Apache attack helicopters to Indian Air Force recently.
- (1) Lockheed Martin (2) Boeing (3) General Electric
(4) Airbus (5) None of these
43. Kuaizhou-11 (KZ-11) is the solid-fueled carrier rocket of which country?
- (1) Japan (2) South Korea (3) Singapore (4) China (5) None of these
44. The Indian Navy's largest solar power plant was inaugurated at Indian Naval Academy located at which state?
- (1) Andhra (2) Kerala (3) Telangana (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
45. Who heads the 11-member committee constituted by National Human Rights Commission to assess COVID-19 impact on human rights?
- (1) Nimesh G Desai (2) RajiveRaturi (3) Abhey Shukla
(4) K S Reddy (5) None of these
46. Which state has formed panel/commission to decide on tribal status of Rabari, Bharvad and Charan communities?
- (1) Gujarat (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Maharashtra (4) Sikkim (5) None of these
47. Rajya Sabha secretariat has launched the employee's welfare scheme on the name of whom?
- (1) Arun Jaitley (2) Sushma Swaraj (3) Uma Bharti
(4) Bal Thackeray (5) None of these

48. Which ministry launched on-line "NISHTHA" programme recently?
 (1) Ministry of Science and Technology
 (2) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 (3) Ministry of Earth Science
 (4) Ministry of Human Resource Development
 (5) None of these
49. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched its 1st footwear training center in which city?
 (1) Agra (2) Bhopal (3) Chennai (4) Delhi (5) None of these
50. Who launched the restructured scheme for PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 recently?
 (1) Jitendra Singh (2) Nitin Gadkari (3) Prahlad Singh Patel
 (4) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi (5) None of these
51. Who launched the piloting of the paperless National Transit Pass System (NTPS) recently?
 (1) Prakash Javadekar (2) Nitin Gadkari (3) Narendra Modi
 (4) Amit Shah (5) None of these
52. PM Modi virtually launched high throughput COVID-19 testing facilities at which Indian cities?
 (1) Kolkata (2) Mumbai (3) Noida
 (4) Both (1) and (2) (5) All the (1), (2) and (3)
53. The Green-Agriculture project funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF) was launched in which state?
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Odisha (3) Mizoram
 (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
54. Which country has signed an agreement with India for formation of 50:50 Joint Venture Company of LPG business?
 (1) Nepal (2) Japan (3) Bhutan (4) Bangladesh (5) None of these
55. Which PSU signed a pact with Coal India to form 50:50 Joint Venture to develop 5000MW solar and thermal power assets?
 (1) GAIL India (2) PGCIL (3) NLC India Limited
 (4) NTPC Limited (5) None of these
56. With which company Indian railways signed MoU to provide video surveillance at 6,049 stations across country?
 (1) RailCorp (2) RailOffice (3) RailWire (4) RailTel (5) None of these
57. Which country has signed 5 MoUs with India for development of educational infrastructure on July 2020?
 (1) Afghanistan@ (2) Bangladesh (3) Sri Lanka
 (4) Malaysia (5) None of these
58. Find the bank which has entered into Bancassurance agreement with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance recently.
 (1) Axis Bank (2) Karur Vysya Bank (3) RBL Bank
 (4) Indian Overseas Bank (5) None of these

59. Find the bank which renewed MoU with International Energy Agency (IEA) to increase the collaboration on sustainability with a focus on energy sector.
 (1) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
 (2) New Development Bank (NDB)
 (3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
 (4) World Bank (WB)
 (5) None of these
60. Asian Development Bank has entered into agreement with Qatar-based Education Above All (EAA) Foundation to work jointly for project worth of _____.
 (1) \$100 million (2) \$200 million (3) \$150 million
 (4) \$250 million (5) None of these
61. Which state has signed MoU with HDFC bank to provide digital payment solutions to the state's transport department?
 (1) West Bengal (2) Karnataka (3) Odisha (4) Bihar (5) Jharkhand
62. Which bank partnered with Visa to deploy visa secure to the bank's cardholders.
 (1) Bandhan Bank (2) Federal Bank (3) Dhanlaxmi Bank
 (4) IndusInd Bank (5) None of these
63. Which world organization's Indian office and SAP India partnered to provide career counselling to young people?
 (1) UNESCO (2) UNICEF (3) WHO (4) IMF (5) None of these
64. Which country teamed up with India for joint investment projects in Asia and Africa?
 (1) Russia (2) United States (3) China (4) UK (5) None of these
65. Which country signed EPC agreement with Pakistan for 700 MW Azad Pattan hydel power project on Jhelum river.
 (1) Russia (2) Afghanistan (3) United States (4) North Korea (5) China
66. Fampay partnered with which bank to launch India's 1st numberless card 'FamCard'?
 (1) Nainital Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) IDFC First Bank
 (4) Kotak Mahindra Bank (5) None of these
67. Which country signed agreement with India to set up Geydoshu Mas Plant (fish processing plants) at islands named Maradhoo and Hulhudhoo?
 (1) Thailand (2) Hong Kong (3) Bangladesh (4) Nepal (5) Maldives
68. Which is India's 1st port to sign up for the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi).
 (1) Zen Shipping & Ports India Private Limited
 (2) Nyk Line India Private Limited
 (3) MSC Agency India Private Limited
 (4) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited
 (5) None of these
69. How many MoUs were signed by Tamil Nadu government to create employment opportunities for over 6,555 people worth Rs 5,137 crores?
 (1) 14 (2) 16 (3) 15 (4) 12 (5) None of these
70. Council of Ministers of which state has passed the MSME Ordinance in June 2020?
 (1) Nagaland (2) Sikkim (3) Manipur (4) Meghalaya (5) Assam

71. Which edition of India-EU Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) meeting 2020 held recently?
(1) 14th (2) 15th (3) 13th (4) 17th (5) None of these
72. The central government declared entire area of which state as "Disturbed Area" for 6 more months under AFSPA Act, 1958?
(1) Assam (2) Manipur (3) Nagaland (4) Sikkim (5) None of these
73. Which state government has passed the draft ordinance to reserve 75% of private sector jobs to local people?
(1) Chhattisgarh (2) Goa (3) Sikkim (4) Punjab (5) Haryana
74. The Consumer Protection Act (CPA), 2019 has come into effect from which date?
(1) July 20, 2020 (2) June 30, 2020 (3) July 1, 2020
(4) August 15, 2020 (5) None of these
75. How much amount was allocated to Himachal Pradesh by central government for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission for FY21?
(1) 512.80 Crore (2) 815.25 Crore (3) 326.20 Crore (4) 128.96 Crore (5) None of these
76. The union cabinet approved development of affordable rental housing Complexes for urban migrants / poor worth _____ under PMAY-U.
(1) 100 Crores (2) 250 Crores (3) 600 Crores (4) 400 Crores (5) None of these
77. How much was the additional amount Mastercard plans to invest to support Indian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)?
(1) Rs 1000 crore (2) Rs 750 crore (3) Rs 500 crore (4) Rs 250 crore (5) None of these
78. NABARD disbursed Rs 221.89 crore to support 298 watershed projects in which state?
(1) Punjab (2) Haryana (3) Maharashtra (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
79. How much amount was approved by Asian Development Bank (ADB) to India to support COVID-19 response?
(1) USD 5 Million (2) USD 3 Million (3) USD 1 Million
(4) USD 15 Million (5) None of these
80. How much loss will be incurred in tourism sector because of 4-month lockdown due to COVID-19 as per UNCTAD's report?
(1) USD 2.2 trillion (2) USD 1.2 trillion (3) USD 1.8 trillion
(4) USD 0.9 trillion (5) None of these
81. What will be the contraction in India's GDP in FY21 as per ICRA Limited?
(1) 9.5% (2) 7.5% (3) 5.5% (4) 3.5% (5) None of these
82. India's GDP to contract by _____% in FY21 as per the estimation of India Ratings and Research.
(1) 4.9% (2) 3.7% (3) 7.2% (4) 9.5% (5) 5.3%
83. India's GDP to contract by _____ in FY21 as per estimation of Nomura.
(1) 6.1% (2) 4.2% (3) 5.3% (4) 7.8% (5) None of these
84. The Asia's largest & world's 2nd largest data centre "Yotta NM1 data centre" was inaugurated at which state?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Karnataka (3) Maharashtra (4) West Bengal (5) None of these

85. Name the company which announced \$10 Billion digitalization fund in India.
 (1) Facebook (2) Apple (3) Twitter (4) Google (5) None of these
86. Which Indian company has become 2nd most valuable energy company in the world?
 (1) Reliance Industries Limited (2) HDFC Bank (3) Bharti Airtel
 (4) Tata Consultancy Services (5) None of these
87. NTPC Limited plans to establish solar power plant in which country?
 (1) Mali (2) Sri Lanka (3) Somalia (4) Tanzania (5) None of these
88. "NAFTA 2.0" is the trade deal between which countries?
 (1) United States (2) Mexico (3) Canada
 (4) Only (1) and (2) (5) All the (1), (2) and (3)
89. Which country became the 25th country to receive observer status in the World Trade Organization (WTO)?
 (1) Afghanistan (2) Iran (3) Kazakhstan (4) Turkmenistan (5) None of these
90. What is the % increase in marine fish production 2019 when compared to 2018, as per report released by Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)?
 (1) 2.9% (2) 3.2% (3) 1.7% (4) 2.1% (5) None of these
91. Where does India's 1st plasma bank was inaugurated for COVID-19 treatment?
 (1) Mumbai (2) Chennai (3) Bengaluru (4) Pune (5) New Delhi
92. Which is the first 2 countries in South East Asian region that eliminated Rubella and measles ahead of 2023 target, as per WHO?
 (1) India & Indonesia (2) Maldives & Sri Lanka
 (3) Thailand & North Korea (4) Myanmar & Nepal (5) None of these
93. PM Modi inaugurated the Asia's largest solar power project, "Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Power Project" in which state?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Rajasthan (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
94. India planned to create its first overseas oil stockpile in which country?
 (1) United States (2) Germany (3) Russia
 (4) Iceland (5) None of these
95. Which technological giant company set enter into partnership with CBSE to promote online education in India?
 (1) Facebook (2) Google (3) TCS (4) IBM (5) None of these
96. With which company CBSE partnered to launch a curriculum on Digital Safety and Augmented Reality for students and educators?
 (1) IBM (2) Twitter (3) Google (4) Facebook (5) None of these
97. Name the company which collaborated with CBSE to integrate AI in high school curriculum of 2020-2021.
 (1) TCS (2) Google (3) IBM (4) Infosys (5) None of these
98. Which IIT has collaborated with NVIDIA to establish India's first NVIDIA AI technology centre?
 (1) IIT-Hyderabad (2) IIT-Madras (3) IIT-Mandi
 (4) IIT-Delhi (5) None of these

99. Which ministry released the 'PRAGYATA' Guidelines on Digital Education?
(1) Human Resource Development Ministry
(2) Sports Ministry
(3) Finance Ministry
(4) Commerce Ministry
(5) None of these
100. Chambal Expressway facilitate traffic movement between Rajasthan and which state/UT?
(1) New Delhi (2) Assam (3) West Bengal (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
101. The ministry of shipping has approved Rs. 107 crores for modern firefighting facilities in Haldia Dock complex of which port?
(1) Mumbai Port (2) Chennai Port (3) Kandla Port (4) Kolkata Port (5) None of these
102. India's 1st trans-shipping hub is under development in which port?
(1) Paradip Port (2) Chennai Port (3) Cochin Port (4) Jawaharlal Nehru Port (5) None of these
103. Indian railways planned to connect the capitals of North East states through rail network by which year?
(1) 2020 (2) 2023 (3) 2024 (4) 2021 (5) None of these
104. Indian railways planned to launch the 1st set of private trains by which year?
(1) 2025 (2) 2021 (3) 2020 (4) 2023 (5) None of these
105. Which country builds world's first electrified rail tunnel that fits double stack containers?
(1) UK (2) India (3) China (4) United States (5) None of these
106. Which state government has inaugurated 'Smriti Van' on the occasion of Harela festival?
(1) Uttarakhand (2) Arunachal Pradesh (3) Meghalaya
(4) Goa (5) None of these
107. The horticulture department of which state organized a five-day sub-tropical fruit expo 2020?
(1) Punjab (2) Haryana (3) Maharashtra (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
108. The All India Radio planned to broadcast the 1st ever news magazine programme of which language?
(1) Marathi (2) Hindi (3) Bengali (4) Odia (5) Sanskrit
109. Who has been appointed as the interim chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC), succeeding Shashank Manohar?
(1) Manu Sawhney (2) Ravi Shastri (3) Sourav Ganguly
(4) Imran Khwaja (5) None of these
110. Russian electorate granted Vladimir Putin to stay as president of the country till which year?
(1) 2027 (2) 2029 (3) 2024 (4) 2036 (5) None of these
111. Lee Hsien Loong has become the Prime Minister of which country?
(1) South Korea (2) Malaysia (3) Thailand (4) Hong Kong (5) Singapore
112. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of SportsAdda?
(1) Virat Kohli (2) Brett Lee (3) Chris Gayle (4) Jonty Rhodes (5) None of these

113. Who has been appointed as the MD&CEO of SBI cards and payment services Ltd with effect from August 1, 2020?
 (1) Rajnish Kumar (2) Mahesh Kumar Sharma (3) Hardayal Prasad
 (4) Vijay Jasuja (5) Ashwini Kumar Tewari
114. Name the person who has been appointed as interim prime minister of Somalia.
 (1) Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed (2) Mahdi Mohammed Gulaid (3) Hassan Ali Khaire
 (4) Sharif Sheikh Ahmed (5) None of these
115. Hichem Mechichi has been appointed as the new prime minister of which country?
 (1) Algeria (2) Libya (3) Argentina (4) Egypt (5) Tunisia
116. Who has been appointed as the MD&CEO of Tata AIA Life Insurance company?
 (1) Manoj Kumar (2) Rishi Srivastava (3) Naveen Tahilyani
 (4) Anil Kumar Jha (5) None of these
117. Name the person who has resigned from the post of CEO of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
 (1) Rahul Johri (2) Sourav Ganguly (3) Shashi Tharoor
 (4) Lalit Modi (5) None of these
118. The 2018 tiger census of which country entered into Guinness Record book as the largest camera trap wildlife survey in the world?
 (1) India (2) Sri Lanka (3) Brazil (4) France (5) None of these
119. Name the person who has won 10th edition 2020 Dada Saheb Phalke Award for documentary named "Chi Lupo".
 (1) Tapan Sinha (2) Mrinal Sen (3) Vinod Khanna
 (4) Manoj Kumar (5) Kezang D Thongdok
120. Who was honored with Rotary Foundation's Paul Harris Fellow recognition recently?
 (1) Hemant Soren (2) Neiphu Rio (3) Sarbananda Sonowal
 (4) Edappadi K Palaniswami (5) None of these
121. Who among the following are the laureates of Nelson Mandela Prize 2020?
 (1) Marianna Vardinoyannis (2) Morissana Kouyaté (3) Volkan Bozkir
 (4) Both (1) and (2) (5) Both (1) and (3)
122. Who among the following has won Jagjivan Ram Innovative Farmer Award 2019?
 (1) Raghupat Singh (2) Bharat Shankar Sontakki (3) Devvrat Singh
 (4) T.Purushothaman (5) None of these
123. Who has been honored with Legend of Animation award 2020?
 (1) O. V. Vijayan (2) Arnab Chaudhuri (3) R. K. Laxman
 (4) Sudhir Dar (5) None of these
124. Kala Narayanasamy has been conferred with President's award of which country?
 (1) Singapore (2) Malaysia (3) Sri Lanka (4) Bangladesh (5) None of these
125. India has become the founding member of UN's 'Alliance for Poverty eradication' recently. How many people across the globe has been classified as poor (approx)?
 (1) 2.1 billion (2) 1.7 billion (3) 1.4 billion (4) 3.7 billion (5) None of these

126. Which state topped in fish production based on volume, as per "Annual Marine Fish Landings in India for 2019" report of CMFRI?
 (1) Kerala (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Gujarat (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
127. What is India's rank in SDG index 2020(Sweden ranked No.1.)?
 (1) 89 (2) 121 (3) 117 (4) 62 (5) None of these
128. Which country is the largest Foreign Direct Investor in United Kingdom in 2019 (India ranked No.2)?
 (1) Germany (2) United states (3) France (4) Hong Kong (5) None of these
129. Which country is the India's top trading partner in 2019-20, according to the data of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?
 (1) United Kingdom (2) Mauritius (3) United States
 (4) Germany (5) None of these
130. How much percentage of world population went hungry in 2019 as per UN annual report titled "The state of food security and nutrition in the world 2020"?
 (1) 7.9% (2) 8.9% (3) 8.2% (4) 6.7% (5) None of these
131. Which is the most populated city in the world?
 (1) Tokyo (2) Delhi (3) New York (4) Shanghai (5) None of these
132. Which district tops NITI Aayog's overall delta ranking of aspirational districts for February-June 2020?
 (1) Nawada, Bihar (2) Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh (3) Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya
 (4) Bijapur, Chhattisgarh (5) None of these
133. How many Chinese app were banned by MEITY under section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000?
 (1) 69 (2) 65 (3) 55 (4) 59 (5) None of these
134. As per MSME ministry, what will be the new term which denotes "MSME" with effect from July 1, 2020?
 (1) Chakra (2) Megha (3) Tulip (4) Udyam (5) None of these
135. Which Union minister along with Kiren Rijiju launched "Fit Hai To Hit Hai India" webinar recently?
 (1) Nitin Gadkari (2) Prakash Javadekar (3) Harsh Vardhan
 (4) Nirmala Sitharaman (5) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
136. PM Modi addressed the inaugural session of 3-day virtual India Global week 2020 organized in which country?
 (1) United States(2) Germany (3) Bangladesh (4) New Zealand (5) United Kingdom
137. Name the country which opens new trade route with India to improve trade and connectivity.
 (1) Pakistan (2) Bhutan (3) Sri Lanka (4) Nepal (5) None of these
138. India hands over outdoor fitness equipment for 61 islands across which country in July 2020?
 (1) Bangladesh (2) Hong Kong (3) Thailand (4) Nepal (5) Maldives
139. According to world bank's classifications by Income level 2020-21, India was classified under which category?
 (1) Low-Income (2) Upper-Middle-Income (3) High-Income
 (4) Lower-Middle-Income (5) None of these

140. India planned to establish its 1st Solar Decathlon competition in which year?
(1) 2024 (2) 2020 (3) 2023 (4) 2021 (5) None of these
141. Environment ministry has cleared approval of the Zonal Master Plan of which eco sensitive zone?
(1) Sultanpur Eco-Sensitive Zone
(2) Bhindawas Eco-Sensitive Zone
(3) Bhagirathi Eco-Sensitive Zone
(4) Barnawapara Eco-Sensitive Zone
(5) None of these
142. PM Modi laid foundation stone for water supply project in which state?
(1) Mizoram (2) Assam (3) Gujarat (4) Manipur (5) None of these
143. Which ministry is going to conduct the first ever Indian Scholastic Assessment (Ind-SAT) Test 2020?
(1) Ministry of Home Affairs
(2) Ministry of Human Resource Development
(3) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(5) None of these
144. Indian railway has handed over the specifically modified 10 railway broad gauge locomotives to which country?
(1) Nepal (2) Maldives (3) Thailand (4) Bangladesh (5) None of these
145. Name the country which reconstructed 300-year-old Sree Joy Kali Matar temple with Indian assistance.
(1) Bhutan (2) Pakistan (3) Nepal (4) Sri Lanka (5) Bangladesh
146. Name the 1st African country which submits results for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) to UNFCCC.
(1) Nigeria (2) Ethiopia (3) Egypt (4) Uganda (5) None of these
147. Which bank has joined as the observer in Paris based Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) recently?
(1) World Bank (2) Asian Development Bank (3) Reserve Bank of India
(4) New Development Bank (5) None of these
148. Which country is the largest contributor of e-waste in 2019, as per UN's "The Global E-waste Monitor 2020 report"?
(1) China (2) United States (3) Germany (4) India (5) None of these
149. Which country has formally issued notice to UN regarding withdrawal from World Health Organization (WHO)?
(1) Brazil (2) Russia (3) United States (4) China (5) None of these
150. How many member entities funds International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Project?
(1) 5 (2) 4 (3) 7 (4) 6 (5) None of these
151. The Republic of Nicaragua has become _____ country to sign International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement on July 2020.
(1) 87th (2) 85th (3) 91st (4) 82nd (5) None of these

152. Which country has banned the wildlife imports, markets due to new health fears?
(1) Vietnam (2) China (3) Laos (4) Cambodia (5) None of these

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