

## GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

### MONTH OF JUNE-2020

#### List of Important Days

- June 01 - Global Day of Parents. (Theme - "Appreciate all the parents throughout the world")
- June 01 - World Milk Day.
- June 02 - International Sex Workers Day.
- June 03 - World Bicycle Day.
- June 04 - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.
- June 05 - World Environment Day. (Theme - "Celebrate Biodiversity")
- June 06 - Russian Language Day.
- June 07 - World Food Safety Day. (Theme - "Food Safety, Everyone's Business")
- June 08 - World Oceans Day. (Theme - "Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean")
- June 09 - World Accreditation Day. (Theme - "Accreditation: Improving Food Safety")
- June 12 - World Day Against Child Labor. (Theme - "COVID-19 Protect children from child labor, now more than ever")
- June 13 - International Albinism Awareness Day. (Theme - "Made to Shine")
- June 14 - World Blood Donor Day. (Theme - "Safe Blood Saves Lives")
- June 15 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. (Theme - "Lifting up Voices")
- June 16 - International Day of Family Remittances. (Theme - "Remittances are a lifeline")
- June 17 - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. (Theme - "Food, Feed, Fiber")
- June 18 - International Picnic Day.
- June 19 - International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.
- June 20 - World Refugee Day. (Theme - "Every Action Counts")
- June 21 - International Yoga Day. (Theme - "Yoga for Health - Yoga at Home")
- June 21 - International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice.
- June 22 - World Rainforest Day.
- June 23 - International Olympic Day.
- June 23 - United Nations Public Service Day.
- June 23 - International Widows Day.
- June 26 - International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. (Theme - "Better Knowledge for Better Care")
- June 26 - International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.
- June 27 - Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Day.
- June 29 - National Statistics Day. (Theme - "Good Health & Well Being & Gender Equality")
- June 30 - International Asteroid Day.

## State Bank of India

- **State Bank of India** (SBI) has sanctioned loans worth **Rs 20,000 crore** to over 400,000 micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) accounts under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS).

## Other Banks

- State-run lenders **Bank of Baroda** (BoB) and **Union Bank of India** (UBI) announced cut in their **marginal cost of funds**-based lending rates (MCLR) across all tenors.
  - While the BoB's MCLR **cut of 15** basis points (bps) is effective from June 12, the **10 bps** revision in UBI's rates would come into force on June 11.
- Private lender **ICICI Bank** has unveiled a **paperless facility** that will enable its **salary account** customers to get approvals for **overdraft** (OD) instantaneously.
  - Titled as '**Insta Flexicash**', the end-to-end fully digital service can be used on the lender's internet banking platform.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** launches **Suraksha Salary Account** for MSMEs.
- Digital payments major **PhonePe** has officially launched '@ibl' handle in partnership with **ICICI Bank** as part of an effort to diversify into a **multi-bank partnership model**.
  - The Flipkart-backed payments player had started with **Yes Bank** and was offering the '@ybl' handle.

## Insurance

- In an industry-first initiative, the third largest private sector general insurer **HDFC Ergo** tied up with tech firm **Tropogo** to offer commercial **drone owners** and operators third-party liability cover for property damages and physical injuries from the flying machines.

## Supreme Court

- The **Supreme Court** of India recently ordered to change a plea that requested to change India's name into **Bharat** into a representation.

## Central Government

- The Centre has announced the launch of '**Mudra Shishu loan**' to benefit **small businesses and cottage industries**.
  - Under the scheme, one lakh beneficiaries can avail an interest benefit of 2 percent for a year.
  - Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the 'Mudra Shishu loan' while announcing the second tranche of the centre's 20 lakh crore package to revive the Indian economy amid COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved to rename **Kolkata Port** as **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port**.
  - The decision was made by the Board of Trustees of Kolkata Port Trust in its Meeting held on 25 February 2020.

## States

- **Gujarat** is the first state to complete the migration of workers to their home state through **Shramik Special trains**.
  - According to sources, it is the only state which had run more than 1,000 shramik special trains for sending 15 lakh 18 thousand migrant workers to their home state.
- The **Chhattisgarh** government launched the **Spandan Campaign** to contain incidents of suicide and fratricide involving police personnel, and instructions were issued to senior officers to strictly adhere to guidelines in this regard.
- The **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the first **online waste exchange** programme.

- The programme was launched for safe disposal of toxic wastes and promote recycling and reuse of toxic wastes.
- **Gairsain** in Chamoli district was declared as the **summer capital** of **Uttarakhand**.
  - A notification in this regard was issued by Chief Secretary Utpal Kumar Singh after Governor Baby Rani Maurya gave her assent to the move.
- **“Raj Kaushal Portal”** and **“Online Shramik Employment Exchange”** has been launched by the **Rajasthan** Government.
  - The **“Raj Kaushal Portal”** aims to improve availability of opportunities for the migrated workers and hence acts as a bridge between industry and labourers.
- The State of **Uttarakhand** has recently opened a **biodiversity park** in **Haldwani** as the rich botanical heritage of the state is facing threats from climate change and degrading habitat loss, degrading landscapes and development activities.
- The **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy recently launched **“Jagananna Chedodu”** scheme.
  - The scheme is to provide financial assistance to barbers, tailors and washer men.
  - The Jagananna Chedodu scheme is to provide Rs 10,000 per person. The State Government has transferred Rs 247 crores to the bank accounts so far under the scheme.
- In **Uttar Pradesh**, the State Government has successfully installed **Tru NAAT** machines in all 75 districts.
  - Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has set the target to achieve 20 thousand COVID testing per day in this month.
- The **Punjab** Government has launched **“Ghar Ghar Nigrani”** mobile application to undertake house to **house surveillance** to eliminate COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Odisha** has become the first state in the country to receive **ISO certification** for **hostels** meant for tribal students.
  - The ST&SC Welfare Department had earlier launched the **‘Mission Suvidya’** project to provide all the tribal hostels of the state uniform standards.
- In **Uttar Pradesh**, the State Government has decided to **adopt** the scheme of **Flatted Factory Model** which will ensure easy availability of land for industries, and in turn, generate employment also.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has become the top state in the country to provide **employment** to the workers under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme** MGNREGA.
- **Tripura** State government announced the **Mukhyamantri Matru Pushti Uphaar** scheme.
  - The scheme aims to provide nutrition kits to pregnant and lactating women.
- **Maharashtra** government announces **Maha Parwana plan** to attract fresh investments in industries.
- The State Government of **Andhra Pradesh** will take up the construction of **3 Million** houses under the **YSR Jagananna Colonies** project after distributing the house sites to the beneficiaries on 8th July 2020.
- To control the spread of COVID-19 in the state, the Chief Minister of **Madhya Pradesh** Shivraj Singh Chouhan has informed that the State Government will launch a campaign called **‘Kill Corona’** from 1st July 2020 under which door-to-door Survey will be conducted.

#### Place in the News

- This year, in 2020, World Environment Day is to be hosted in **Colombia** in partnership with **Germany**.

## Defence and National Security

- The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) developed a disinfection unit called **Ultra Swachh**.
  - The unit is used to disinfect articles such as electronic items, Personal Protective Equipment, fabrics, etc.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has developed a disinfection unit called '**Ultra Swachh**' to disinfect a wide range of materials, including **Personal Protective Equipment** (PPEs), electronics items, fabrics, etc.
- About **700 Indian labourers** have landed at the Thuthukudi Chidambaranar port in Tamil Nadu.
  - They arrived by the Indian Naval Ship **INS Jalashwa** under the **Operation Samudra Sethu** for bringing labourers from other countries by ships.
- The Defence Research Development Organization has developed the **SUMERU PACS**, that helps to reduce sweating of **Personal Protective Equipment wearers**.
- As part of **Mission Sagar**, Indian Naval Ship **Kesari** reached **Port Victoria** in **Seychelles** for handing over COVID related essential **medicines**.
- The **Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Complex** has been inaugurated at **Vishakhapatnam** by Vice Admiral **Atul Kumar Jain**, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of Eastern Naval Command (ENC).
- Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has developed a sanitizing chamber named '**GermiKlean**' to sanitize **uniforms of security forces**.
- The **Indian Navy** has inducted an Indigenously developed **Maareech capable Advanced Torpedo Decoy System**.

## Committees/Commissions

- The **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** has reconstituted its advisory committee on **service providers** and it would now be chaired by Manipal Global Education Services Chairman **T V Mohandas Pai**.
- The Union Ministry of **Women and Child Development (WCD)** has constituted a task force to examine matters related to the **age of motherhood**, imperatives of lowering Maternal Mortality Rate and improvement of **nutritional levels**.
  - The 10-member task force will be headed by **Jaya Jaitly**.
- **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has reconstituted a new committee for the welfare of the **freedom fighters**.
  - This committee chaired by the minister of state for home affairs **G Kishan Reddy** and 9 other "eminent freedom fighters" from across the country.
- The recent massive fire at the **Baghjan Oil field, Assam** had caused serious environmental damages and led to migration of 1000s of people in the region.
  - GoI constituted the **M B Lal Committee** following the fire accident at the IOCL terminal in Jaipur.
- The insolvency regulator **IBBI** has reconstituted the **Advisory Committee on Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Liquidation process**.
  - This panel, which would be chaired by **Uday Kotak**, Executive Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Kotak Mahindra Bank.

## Schemes/Initiatives

- PM **Modi** launched "**My Life My Yoga**", a video blogging contest. The contest is to be conducted as a joint effort of Ministry of **AYUSH and ICMR** (Indian Council of Cultural Research).

- The Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched technology platform called **CHAMPIONS**. CHAMPIONS - Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength.
  - The portal aims to make smaller units big by supporting them, encouraging, solving their grievances, helping and handholding.
- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Development** and the **Ministry of HRD** (Human Resource Development) launched an **internship learning programme** called “**TULIP**”.
  - The programme has been launched for **fresh engineering graduates**.
  - Under the programme, they will get opportunities to work with 4,400 urban local bodies and 100 smart cities in India.
- Union Minister of Power **R. K. Singh** launched the **#iCommit** initiative for building an energy resilient future.
- **Awareness**, and not anxiety, is the **key to fighting the coronavirus** pandemic, Union Minister Jitendra Singh at the launch of ‘**COVID BEEP**’, the country’s first indigenous **wireless physiological parameters** monitoring system for the affected patients.
- The third phase of **Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation (SAUNI)** scheme was launched by the **Gujarat** Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.
  - The scheme is to fill 115 dams with Narmada water by August 15, 2020 and March, 2021.
- **iFLOWS- Mumbai**, a state-of-the-art **Integrated Flood Warning System for Mumbai** was launched jointly by Chief Minister of **Maharashtra**, **Uddhav Thackeray**, and Union Earth Sciences Minister Dr. **Harsh Vardhan** through video conference.
- The Union **Agriculture** Minister **shri Narendra Singh Tomar** launched **Shahakar Mitra** scheme.
  - The scheme has been launched to assist the cooperative institutions to access innovative ideas of **young professionals**.
- The **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research National Health Supply Chain** portal called “**Arogya Path**” was launched to provide real-time availability of health care supplies.
- **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated ‘**Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana**’ via video conferencing.
  - It aims at educating orphans and children of workers or those working as labourers.
- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, **G Kishan Reddy** launched **GermiBAN** at AIC ALEAP We-Hub in Hyderabad.
- Union Minister for Science & Technology **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated and flagged off India’s first **Infectious disease diagnostic lab (I-Lab)** for COVID-19 testing in rural and inaccessible areas of India.
- Union Minister **Jitendra Singh** has inaugurated two bridges **Devika and Puneja** at Udhampur and Doda districts respectively in Jammu and Kashmir.

#### Summit/Conference

- Union Minister of State (IC) Power and New & Renewable Energy & Minister of State (Skill Development and Entrepreneurship) **RK Singh** launched **pan-India Real-Time Market** in **electricity** through video conference in **New Delhi** on 3 June 2020.
  - The real-time has placed the Indian electricity market amongst a league of few electricity markets in the world.
- PM Modi will hold a **virtual bilateral summit** with the **Australian PM Scott Morrison**.
  - This is the first ever virtual bilateral summit to be held by **India**.
  - The major agreement is the one to be signed on **mutual sharing of military logistics** facilities.
  - **Australia** on June 4 showed its strong support for India’s membership to **Nuclear Supplier Groups (NSG)**.

- It also restated its backing for India’s candidacy for a **permanent seat** in a reformed **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**.
- The **World Economic Forum** announced that it is to host its next summit in **Davos** under the theme “**The Great Reset**”.
  - The forum has named the summit as “**A Unique Twin Summit**”.
- The **Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts** hosted a four-day virtual fair for around 200 Indian Exporters.
- The third **India-ASEAN Youth Dialogue** was held. The dialogue was held in virtual mode.
  - ASEAN has been India’s utmost priority under its **Act East Policy**.
- The 36th **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** Summit was held via video conference on the theme “**Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN**”.
  - The summit was chaired by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc as Vietnam is ASEAN’s chair in 2020.

### **Agreement/Deal/Signed**

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between **India** and **Bhutan**.
  - The agreement was signed to improve cooperation in the areas of the **Environment**.
- Social media giant **Facebook** said it has signed a **global licensing deal** with **India’s** oldest music label **Saregama**.
  - The partnership with Facebook comes soon after Swedish audio streaming service **Spotify** signed a licensing partnership with Saregama for Indian users.
- State-run **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)** has partnered with **US Agency for International Development’s (USAID) Market Integration and Transformation Program for Energy Efficiency (MAITREE)** program and launched ‘Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings’ initiative.
  - The initiative is a part of the US-India bilateral Partnership between the Power Ministry of India and USAID.
- **Tech Mahindra**, a provider of digital transformation, consulting and business reengineering services signed a joint declaration with **UN Global Compact** urging governments to align their COVID-19 recovery efforts with the latest **climate science**.
- **Denmark** and **India** signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that aims at developing a deep, strong, and long-term cooperation in the **power sector**.
- **Wipro** announced a collaboration with **IBM** to assist Wipro customers embark on a **seamless and secure hybrid cloud journey**.
- **India** and **Nepal** signed a Memorandum of Understanding to **improve infrastructure** of the **Pashupatinath temple complex**. India has pledged to extend financial assistance of Rs 2.33 crores.
- **Tripartite Power Purchase Agreement (TPPA)** was signed for the construction of the 1124 MW Kohala Hydro Power Project.
  - The agreement was signed in between the Government of Pakistan, Chinese Company- China Three Gorges Corporation (State-owned company of Chinese Government), and Government of Azad Kashmir (Part of Pakistan occupied Kashmir).
- An agreement was signed between the **World Bank Group** and the **Government of India** for providing urban poor in the state of **Tamil Nadu** access to affordable housing.
  - The agreement signed has **two** projects under Tamil Nadu Housing Sector Strengthening Program and Tamil Nadu Housing and Habittat Development Project.

## Fund

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** pledged to donate **USD 15 million** to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI).
  - He made the announcement during the Global Vaccine Summit hosted by the **United Kingdom (UK)** on June 4, 2020.
- The **G20 countries** pledged **over 21 billion USD** to fight against **COVID-19**.
  - The countries have so far injected 5 trillion USD in March 2020 to help fight global economic crisis.
- State-owned lenders have sanctioned loans worth **Rs. 29,490 crore** under the emergency credit line guarantee scheme, out of which, 50% of the credit has already been disbursed.
- India based finance lender **Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)** announced to extend **\$215.68 million Line of Credit (LOC)** to the **Malawi** government for drinking water supply schemes and other development projects.
- **Alibaba Cloud**, the data intelligence backbone of Alibaba Group, said it will invest **RMB 2 billion** during this fiscal year to empower **global partners and** accelerate joint innovations in the post-pandemic era.
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** said PM **Narendra Modi** will launch a **Rs.50,000-crore** 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan' with 25 schemes for migrant workers in 116 districts.
- The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** has approved the loan of **\$750 million** dollars to **India** to assist the Indian government to strengthen its response to the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on millions of people.
- **World Bank** Group approves **USD 500 Million** under **STARS Program**.

## Companies/Industry

- **Tata Power** said it has completed the acquisition of **51 per cent stake** in **TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd (TPCODL)** for Rs 178.5 crore.
  - TPCODL carries out the business of Central Electricity Supply Utility of Odisha (CESU).
- **Adani Green Energy Ltd** has bagged the world's largest solar bid entailing building a photovoltaic (PV) power plant of **8,000 MW** and setting up a domestic solar panel manufacturing capacity of 2,000 MW, envisaging a total investment of roughly **\$6 billion**.
- After Facebook, Silver Lake, KKR and others, **Reliance Jio** has found a **seventh** partner to invest in the company.
  - Mukesh Ambani's telecom giant will sell **1.2%** stake to **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority** for a huge amount of Rs 5,683 crore.
- In partnership with **CloudKnox Security**, IT major **Wipro** has announced new solutions to enable enterprises to proactively protect and manage their **hybrid and multi-Cloud infrastructure** by continuously detecting and remediating over-permissioned identities.
- Food-hailing giant **Swiggy** announced a **"Jumpstart package"** for all its restaurant-partners to resume operations smoothly.
- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** was valued at **USD 150 billion** following a rise in the share market, this also made RIL the first-ever Indian company to achieve a market value of above **Rs 11 lakh crore**.
- **Hindustan Unilever (HUL)** completes acquisition of female hygiene brand **VWash** from **Glenmark**.

## Exports/Imports

- The **Department of Promotion for Industry and Internal Trade** identified **10 sectors** where in the imports are to be **cut**.
  - This includes textiles, jewelry, mobile, gems, pharmaceuticals, garments, electronics, machinery, etc.

## Taxation/Trade

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** approved the regulatory **sandbox framework** for the **stock market ecosystem**.
  - The term is used for live testing new financial technology (fintech) solutions on customers, without having to be fully licensed, but under strict regulatory supervision.

## Agriculture/Production

- **Madhya Pradesh** has emerged the **top state** in the country in **wheat procurement** on support price by purchasing more than one crore metric tonnes from farmers.
  - A total of 1,27,67,628 metric tonnes of wheat was procured by Madhya Pradesh, which accounts for **33 per cent** of all wheat procured in the country.
  - **Punjab** stands at the **second** position in wheat procurement in the country.

## Space

- The **SpaceX** has become the first private rocket company to **send astronauts to space**.
  - The company sent **Doug Hurley** and **Bob Behnken** to space initiating a new business model for NASA.
- The researchers at the **University of Hawaii Institute of Technology (IFA)** have been studying the **solar coronal**.
  - It is an outermost **atmosphere of the sun** that **expands** into interplanetary space.
- **Russia's Energia space corporation** has announced that it is to take the **first tourist** on a **spacewalk** in **2023**, under the terms of a new contract with a **US partner**.
  - Under this, two space tourists to the International Space Station (ISS).

## Science and Technology

- The **National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research** has predicted that the **Amery Ice Shelf** is to expand **24%** by 2021.
  - The Ice Shelf would expand another 24% by 2026.
- The scientists and researchers at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences operating under Department of Science and Technology have invented a **low cost effective way to generate hydrogen** from water using **Molybdenum dioxide**.
- An engineer from **Thane** has developed an **internet-controlled robot**.
  - The robot addresses the needs of the hospitals treating COVID-19 patients.
  - The robot has been named **Coro-bot**. It can independently dispense food, beverages, water, medicines.
- The **Pune** based **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT)** has developed **Nano-Technology** based disinfectant **spray** to fight against COVID-19.
  - The spray has been named **ANANYA**.
- The first **American woman** to walk in space has become the first woman to reach the deepest known spot in the ocean.
  - **Kathy Sullivan**, 68, an astronaut and oceanographer, emerged from her 35,810-foot dive to the **Challenger Deep**, according to EYOS Expeditions, a company coordinating the logistics of the mission.

- **China's** unmanned submersible '**Haidou-1**' has dived to a depth of **10, 907 meters** at the **world's deepest ocean point**.
  - The unmanned submersible set the record by submerging under the Pacific Ocean surface of the **Mariana Trench** which is the deepest area in the world.

#### Health/Diseases/Drugs

- **Delhi** Government to set up '**Plasma Bank**' at Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), the First Plasma Bank in India.
- **2.4 Million Children** below the age of 5 are facing **Hunger** and Malnutrition in **Yemen** stated by United Nations Children's Fund.
- The **Drug Controller General of India** (DGCI) has given approval for **Phase I and Phase II** human clinical trials for COVID-19 vaccine '**COVAXIN**'.

#### Energy/Gas/Oil

- **GAIL** (India) Ltd. and **Petronet LNG Ltd.** joined India's first **natural gas online exchange**.

#### Environment

- The population of majestic **Asiatic Lions** in **Gujarat's Gir Forest** is up by almost **29%**.
  - Prime Minister Narendra said the geographically their distribution area was also up by 36%.

#### Education

- According to the **Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Rankings**, eight **Indian** institutions have been ranked in the **top 100 list** this year – including **six Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)**.

#### Transport/Cars/Scooters

- The **National Highway Authority of India** (NHAI) has become of the first construction sector organization to go **fully digital**.
  - The entire project management workflow of NHAI has been transformed from manual to the online portal based, with the launch of cloud-based and artificial intelligence-powered big data analytics platform **Data Lake and Project Management Software**.
- The **Bengaluru International Airport Ltd** (BIAL), which operated the **Kempegowda International Airport** becomes the 1st airport in India, who installed an indigenously-developed **Aviation Weather Monitoring System** at its new runway.

#### Festival

- **Odisha**, the land of Lord **Jagannath**, celebrates important festival **Raja Parba** which is celebrated for three days during the mid of June, preferably starts from 14th June and ends in 16th.
- Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (I/C) **Prahlad Singh Patel** announced that the Ministry has decided to celebrate "**Sankalp Parva**" from June 28 to July 12, 2020 and plant trees as desired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

#### Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- **Shri Pradip Kumar Tripathi** has assumed charge as **Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India** on 1 June 2020.
  - He took over as Secretary upon the superannuation of present incumbent **Binoy Kumar**.
- Senior bureaucrat **Arun Singhal** has been appointed as the **Chief Executive Officer of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India** (FSSAI), as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.
- Lieutenant General **Manoj Pande** will take over as the 15th Commander-in-Chief of the **Andaman and Nicobar Command** (CINCAN).

- **Paytm Mall** has decided to shift its operations from **Noida to Bengaluru**.
  - It has appointed **Abhishek Rajan** as the new Chief Operating Officer.
  - Former COO **Srinivas Mothey** has been elevated to Senior VP Merchants Solutions at Paytm.
- The Banks Board Bureau (BBB) appointed **SN Rajeshwari** as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Delhi-based **Oriental Insurance Company (OIC)**.
  - She will be the successor of **AV Girija Kumar**, 60 years old, who retires on May 2020.
- **Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi** (IAS) has assumed charge as Secretary in the **Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals** under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
  - With this, Chaturvedi has replaced **P Raghavendra Rao** who superannuated on May 31.
- **Virendra Nath Datt**, Director (Marketing), **National Fertilizers Limited (NFL)** has taken over the additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director (MD) of the Company.
- Seasoned diplomat **Gaitri I Kumar** has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to the **United Kingdom**.
  - Kumar, a 1986-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, succeeds **Ruchi Ghanashyam**.
- The **British Academy** has named **Krishnendu Majumdar** as its new **chair**, with the award-winning TV producer becoming the first person of color to be appointed to the role in BAFTA's 73-year history and its youngest chair in 35 years.
  - He succeeds **Pippa Harris**, who will now continue as deputy chair.
- Banker **Uday Kotak** assumed office as the president of the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for the year 2020-21.
  - He will replace **Vikram Kirloskar**, who is the chairman and managing director (MD) of Kirloskar Systems Ltd and vice-chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor.
- **Twitter Inc** appointed **Patrick Pichette**, a former chief financial officer at Google, as the social network's board chairman, marking the first time in Twitter's history that an outsider will preside over the group.
- State-owned fertilizer firm NFL said **Virendra Nath Datt** has been given additional charge as chairman and managing director (CMD) of the company.
- Senior bureaucrat **Rajeev Topno**, private secretary to the prime minister, has been appointed as **senior advisor** to the **Executive Director (ED), World Bank**.
  - Besides him, **Brajendra Navnit** who served in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has been appointed as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Seasoned diplomat and former spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry **Raveesh Kumar** has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to **Finland**.
- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** said that it has re-appointed **AM Naik** as Non-Executive Chairman for a three-year period with effect from October 1, 2020 and upto September 30, 2023.
- **Rahul Shrivastava**, a senior diplomat has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Romania**.
- Miss World 2017 winner **Manushi Chhillar** has joined the league of star cricketer **Rohit Sharma**, sprint sensation **Hima Das** and Bollywood actor **Ranveer Singh** as brand ambassador of the Indian arm of **German sports brand Adidas**.
- The **Board of Karnataka Bank** has designated **Ramesh S**, General Manager, In-charge of Risk Management Department, as the **Chief Risk officer (CRO)** of the Bank, in place of **Prakash Kumar**.
- **Sharad Mathur** has been appointed as Managing Director & CEO of **Universal Sampo General Insurance Company Limited**.

- The **US Senate** has unanimously confirmed the appointment of General **Charles Brown Jr** as chief of staff of the **US Air Force**.
  - He is the first African American to serve as a service chief in the US military. The vote came amid protests over George Floyd's death.
- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** said **V Satya Venkata Rao** has taken charge as its new Deputy Managing Director.
- **Shri Shambhu S. Kumaran**, presently Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Morocco, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Philippines**.
- The new head of **Google** search, **Prabhakar Raghavan**, has been at the forefront of search related research.
- Amid the coronavirus pandemic, the **Tamil Nadu** government transferred Health Secretary **Beela Rajesh** and appointed 1992-batch IAS officer **J Radhakrishnan** to the post.
- Vice Admiral **Biswajit Dasgupta**, assumed the charge as **Chief of Staff**, Eastern Naval Command (ENC), **Visakhapatnam**.
  - He replaced Vice Admiral **SN Ghormade**, has proceeded on transfer as Controller Personnel Services at Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy), New Delhi.
- **UTI AMC**, which plans to launch IPO soon, said the company board has appointed **Imtaiyazur Rahman** as the Chief Executive Officer of the asset management company.
- **J&K and Ladakh Chief Justice Gita Mittal** administered the oath of office to **Javed Iqbal Wani**, the **13th judge** of the combined High Court.
- The Ministry of **Finance** notified the appointment of **Devendra Kumar Singh**, Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, as Central Government nominee Director on the Board of Directors of **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**.
  - He will be succeeding **Ram Mohan Mishra**, with immediate effect and until further orders.
- **Kathy Lueders** has become the new Associate Administrator of **HEO- Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate**.
  - This makes her the first female head of the **human space flight program**.
- The Jammu Kashmir government appointed **R R Swain**, a 1991 batch JK cadre IPS officer, as the new Intelligence Chief of the Union Territory.
  - Swain was appointed as the Additional **Director General of Police CID**.
  - He replaced **Dr B. Srinivas**, who has now been posted as Commandant General Home Guards, Civil Defence, State Disaster Rescue Force.
- **Shri Santosh Jha**, presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Uzbekistan has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Kingdom of Belgium**.
- **Maya Nair** appointed as Director & Chief Information Security Officer at **CRISIL Limited**.
- Burundi's newly-elected president **Evariste Ndayishimiye** will be sworn, in a ceremony fast-tracked by the sudden death of the incumbent, Pierre Nkurunziza.
- Turkish diplomat **Volkan Bozkir** was elected unopposed as the President of the 75th **UN General Assembly**.
- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of **Kaizad Bharucha** as Executive Director of **HDFC Bank** for a period of three years with effect from June 13, 2020.
- Former Reserve Bank governor **Urjit Patel** will take charge as chairman of the **National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)**.

- Cement brand, **JSW Cement** has roped in former cricketer and current president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), **Sourav Ganguly** as well as captain of the Indian national football team and Bengaluru FC, **Sunil Chhetri** as its brand ambassadors.
- 1987 Indian Administrative Service (IAS) batch officer **Vini Mahajan** became the Chief Secretary of **Punjab**. She became the First Woman to hold the position of Chief Secretary in Punjab.
- Former England captain **Clare Connor** is set to become the first-ever female president of the **Marylebone Cricket Club** in its 233-year history.
- Air-conditioners company **Carrier Midea** India Pvt. Ltd, a joint venture between Carrier and Midea, announced the appointment of **Sanjay Mahajan** as the new Managing Director.
- **Lazarus Chakwera** elected as New President of **Malawi** following evidence of irregularities in 2019 elections.
- Senior Advocate **K.K.Venugopal** reappointed as **Attorney General for India**.
- **Micheal Martin** elected **Ireland's** new PM after coalition deal.

#### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- **Kushal Pal Singh**, the face of India's largest listed real estate firm DLF, stepped down from the chairmanship of the company at the age of 90.
  - He will be replaced by son **Rajiv Singh**, currently serving as vice chairman.

#### Deaths

- Music director **Wajid Khan** passed away. He is known for his compositions for Salman Khan's popular movies such as 'Wanted', the 'Dabangg' franchise and 'Ek Tha Tiger'.
- **Bobby Joe Morrow** passed away.
  - The Texas sprinter who won three gold medals in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics while a student at Abilene Christian University.
- Ladakh's Congress veteran **P Namgyal** tests positive for Covid-19 after death.
- Veteran filmmaker **Basu Chatterjee**, known for his soulful cinema, passed away following age-related health issues.
- Acclaimed management guru and Padma Shri awardee, **Pritam Singh**, died following a cardiac arrest.
- Former **Delhi** Police commissioner **Ved Marwah** passed away. He was 87 years old.
- The Veteran **Urdu** poet **Anand Mohan Zutshi 'Gulzar' Dehlvi** passed away after recovering from COVID-19.
- Manchester United's European Cup-winning defender **Tony Dunne** passed away.
- Former first-class cricketer and historian **Vasant Raiji** who turned 100-years-old in January, passed away in Mumbai.
- Kannada novelist **Geetha Nagabhushan** passes away.

#### Awards/Honours

- **Kritika Pandey**, a writer from Ranchi, announced as the regional winner for Asia in the 2020 **Commonwealth Short Story Prize**.
  - The 29-year-old writer won for her story **The Great Indian Tee and Snakes**, which is about two young people trying to navigate the idea of love in an era of hatred and prejudice.
- **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**, Founder and Chairperson & Managing Director of Biocon, has been named **EY World Entrepreneur** for the year 2020.

- Acclaimed HIV researcher professor **Quarraisha Abdool Karim** recently won the prestigious **Christophe Mérieux Prize for 2020**.
  - The award is chosen by the **Institut de France**.
- **Javed Akhtar** was honored with **Richard Dawkins Award 2020** for critical thinking, holding religious dogma up to scrutiny, advancing human progress and humanist values. Akhtar is the only Indian ever to win this award.
- Indian Aerospace entrepreneur, **Renjith Kumar** has been honoured with “**NASA Distinguished Service Medal**” for his administration to NASA through executive leadership, engineering contribution, technical excellence and consumer loyalty.
- Indian-American soil scientist **Dr. Rattan Lal** has won the prestigious 2020 **World Food Prize**, which is considered to be equivalent to a Nobel Prize in the field of **agriculture**.
  - The award recognized his contribution to increasing the global food supply by helping small farmers improve the health of the soil.
- Indian Musician & founder of Kalakruthi music organization in Australia, **Shobha Sekhar** will be conferred the “**Medal of the Order of Australia**”.
- The **Deccan Development Society (DDS)**, a non-government organization based in **Hyderabad, Telangana**, has won the **Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation’s Biodiversity Award**.
  - The society has won the award “in recognition of the work of DDS women to rehabilitate degraded lands and promote biodiversity”.
- Professor **Amartya Sen**, 2020 winner of the **Peace Prize** of the **German Book Trade**.
  - This award for his “decades-long work on the question “as a questions of global justice.
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has recommended **IM Vijayan** for India’s fourth-highest civilian award, **Padma Shri** to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- **NASA** has named it’s headquarter building at Washington D.C after its first African American Female Engineer **Mary W.Jackson**.
- Secretary of Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) has informed that **K. Sanjita Chanu** will receive the **Arjuna Award** for 2018.
  - The two-time Commonwealth Games Gold medalist was cleared of doping charges earlier by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).
- Srikakulam TDP MP **K Ram Mohan Naidu** has created a record as he is the **youngest MP** to be honored with **Sansad Ratna Award 2020**.
  - Ram Mohan Naidu has been nominated for the ‘Jury Committee Special Award’ for his overall qualitative performance and individual efforts.

### Sports/Game

- **India** is to host the **2022 Women’s Asian Cup**. The hosting rights have been awarded to India by the **Asian Football Confederation**.
- **Ramon Magsaysay awards**, known as Asia’s version of the Nobel Prize, have been **cancelled** this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The Manila-based foundation issued a statement.
- Following up in its efforts to push for greater grassroots development of sports and infrastructure, the **Sports Ministry** has now decided to set up **Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE)** under **Khelo India**.

### Report

- Cricket superstar **Virat Kohli** remains the only Indian in the **Forbes’ list** of world’s **highest-paid athletes** with total earnings of USD 26 million, jumping to the **66th spot** from 100 in the 2020 standings.

- Tennis legend **Roger Federer** has topped the list for the first time with earnings of USD 106.3 million, rising from fifth place last year.
- India is home to the third largest startup ecosystem, but in a latest ranking of global startup ecosystems by **Startupblin**, India has dropped 6 places to the **23rd spot**.
  - India's Silicon Valley **Bengaluru** dropped three places to have the **14th rank** in the top cities with best startup ecosystems ranking, while the national capital **Delhi** climbed three spots to the **15th rank**.
  - Meanwhile, **Mumbai** held the **22nd rank**. **Hyderabad** lost 21 spots to be ranked **96th**.
- The **World Bank** recently launched the **Global Economic Prospects Report, 2020**.
  - The report highlighted the impact of COVID-19 on countries. The report says that the Emerging Market and the Developing Economies are highly vulnerable.
  - They face health crisis, external shocks, restrictions, tourism, falling trade, capital outflows and commodity prices. These countries according to the report are expected to have **3% to 8%** output loss.
- **ACT Fibernet** is verified as India's most consistent wired broadband, according to **Ookla** analysis of Speed test Intelligence data Q1 2020.
- The **Yale University** recently released the biennial **Environment Performance Index**.
  - **India** scored **168th** rank out of 180 countries. In 2018, India scored 27.6 out of 100 and secured 177th rank.
- **Gujarat** has topped among **larger States** in terms of **food safety index**, while **Chandigarh** tops among **UTs**.
  - **Goa** leads **smaller States** so far as food safety is concerned, as per the details shared by FSSAI.
  - Gujarat is followed by **Tamil Nadu** and **Maharashtra**, said the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), which released the results of the second '**State Food Safety Index**' to celebrate the World Food Safety Day during a webinar.
- According to the **Mercer's 2020 Cost of Living Survey**, **Mumbai** is the **60th** most expensive city in the world. Also, it is the **19th** most expensive in **Asia**.
- **India** has been ranked **56th** out of 200 countries in a **comprehensive report** on **safety and risk** assessment of nations tackling Covid-19.
  - According to the 250-page-long report, **Switzerland** is the **safest** country in the world for Covid-19, followed by **Germany** and **Israel**.
  - **South Sudan** is the most dangerous.
- The Nature Research, a division of the popular Springer Nature recently released **Nature Index**. **India** secured **12th** rank in the index.
  - Top 5: USA, China, Germany, UK and Japan.
  - Also, **three institutions** found their places among **top 30** Indian Institutions according to Nature Index 2020 ratings.
- The **FIFA** ranking was released. **Indian** team retained its **108th position** as the international football for the year 2020 has been suspended since March.
  - **Belgium** remained at the **top spot** and was ahead of **France** and **Brazil**.
- Union Human Resource Development minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** has released the **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2020**.
  - In the year 2019, IIT Madras had topped the list of higher education institutions followed by IISc Bengaluru and IIT Delhi.
- **Three Indian institutes** have made it to the top 200 of the latest **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University rankings**.
  - The three institutes are IIT Bombay, IISc Bangalore, and IIT Delhi. However, not a single Indian institute got a position in top 100 university of QS World University ranking.

- The **Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)** in **Beijing** has topped the **Nature Index 2020** Annual Tables list as the most prolific producer of research published in the 82 selected journals tracked by the Index.
  - Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts which came in second.
- The Swedish think-tank launched the **SIPRI Yearbook, 2020**.
- According to the yearbook, **India** and **China** have increased their **nuclear arsenal** as compared to 2019.
- The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development released its **World Investment Report, 2020**. According to the report, **India** is the **9th** largest recipient of FDI in 2019.
- **India** continues to remain ranked **43rd** on an annual **World Competitiveness Index** compiled by Institute for Management Development (IMD).
  - **Singapore** has retained its top position on the 63-nation list.
- **Mukesh Ambani** with a recent soar in net worth has jumped into the exclusive club of the world's **top 10 richest people**, as per Forbes Real-Time Billionaire list.
  - He is currently ranked **9th** on the list of World's top billionaires.
- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd**, announced that it has been ranked **24th** amongst **India's Top 100 Great Places to Work**.
  - Of this, 83 companies were from the BFSI sector this year by Great Place to Work Institute ("GPTW") in its 2020 study.
- **Swiss National Bank (SNB)** has released 'Annual banking statistics, 2019'. According to the latest SNB data, **India** has moved down three places to **77th rank** in terms of money parked by its citizens.
  - Pakistan is ranked 99th, Bangladesh 85th, Nepal 118th, Sri Lanka 148th, Myanmar 186th and Bhutan 196th.
- Indian's startup capital **Bengaluru** has been ranked in the world's top 30 startup ecosystems.
  - Topped by the **Silicon Valley in California**, Bengaluru is at the **26th** spot and the only India city to feature in the list by 'The Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2020' by Startup Genome.

### General - National

- Government of **India** launched the **Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi** Scheme for **street vendors**.
  - Under the scheme, **Rs 10,000** of credit is to be provided to street vendors.
  - The street vendors shall return the amount as monthly installments within a year.
- The Government of India is to conduct **SWADES initiative** to map the **skills of Indians** returning from **abroad**.
  - The SWADES initiative has been begun under **Vande Bharat Mission**.
- Government of **India** organized the first ever **ADIP camp**. The camp was conducted to distribute free assistive aids to **Divyangjans** under the ADIP scheme.
  - The first camp to distribute free assistive aids was organized at Firozpur district of **Punjab**.
- **India** joined the **Global Partnership of Artificial Intelligence** as a founding member.
- The Ministry of Labour is to fast track the **National Employment Policy**.
  - The policy will aim at absorbing additional 5 million workforce every year
- **India** was elected as a **non-permanent member** of the **UN Security Council** for a two-year term after winning 184 votes in the 193-member General Assembly.
  - Along with India, **Ireland, Mexico and Norway** also won the Security Council elections.
- The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** launched a unique project at **Dahanu** in Palghar district of **Maharashtra**, a state with more than 50 lakh palm trees.

- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** launched Sandalwood and Bamboo plantation to spur monetization of its assets.
- For 12,247 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and bigger industrial units in the state, the **Gujarat** Government has launched an **online cash** aid initiative.
  - The initiative is named as '**At One Click**'.
- The **Serological Survey** in **Delhi** starts from June 27, 2020. The survey will be conducted on as many as 20,000 households in Delhi on a random basis.
  - It will also include individuals below 18 years of age.

#### General - International

- **New Zealand** became the latest country to declare itself to be **free of the coronavirus**, whereas **Tanzania** declared itself free of the disease.
  - **Fiji, Montenegro, Seychelles** and **St Kitts and Nevis** have also said that they are left with no active coronavirus cases.
  - **Papua New Guinea, Holy See** and **Eritrea** have also declared themselves coronavirus-free.
- The National People's Congress Standing Committee (China) (NPCSC) has unanimously passed the **National Security Law for Hong Kong** on 30th June 2020.

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- Global Day Of Parents is celebrated on **June 1** to appreciate parents and parental figures for everything they do for their children.
- The Central government has announced a **1500** crore interest subvention for small business and cottage industries under Mudra Shishu loan.
- Video blogging contest **Jeevan Yoga** launched by PM Modi in Mann Ki Baat.
- **WHO** has launched 'COVID-19 Technology Access Pool' For Equitable Access To Life-saving Tech.
- The UNSC has extended the arms embargo on **South Sudan** until May 2021.
- **Mohandas Pai** is the head of the reconstituted advisory committee on service providers to provide professional support on regulation and development of service providers dealt by the IBBI.
- **Yes Bank** has partnered with Chalo launch to bring in a contactless card for bus passengers.
- Institute of Small Enterprises and Development (ISED) has rolled out a unique platform for extending advisory services to Covid19-affected MSMEs in **Kerala**.
- **Harsha Bangari** has taken charge as the Deputy Managing Director of Exim Bank.
- **Stefan Manegold** researcher has won the 2020 Sigmod Contributions Award.
- The World Milk Day observed on **June 1**, annually.
- Delhi-based NGO **SEEDS** has been conferred with the World No Tobacco Day Award 2020.
- International Sex Workers Day is observed annually on **June 2** to honors sex workers and recognize their often-exploited working conditions.
- **DRDO** has developed a disinfection unit named Ultra Swachh to disinfect a wide range of materials including PPEs, electronic items, fabrics and others.
- **Meghalaya** aims to provide tap connection to all rural households by December, 2022.
- **Narendra Modi** has launched the tech platform" CHAMPIONS" for MSMEs.

- **PM SVANidhi** scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide affordable loans to street vendors amid the COVID-19 crisis.
- Mobile company **OPPO** has partnered with T-Hub to support India's startup ecosystem and scale up in areas of AI, 5G, battery and image processing.
- Cyclone **Nisarga** has developed off the eastern coast of India and is likely to hit Maharashtra and Gujarat on 3 June.
- **Amit Panghal and Vikas Krishan** has been nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award by the Boxing Federation of India.
- E-learning platform **Khelo India e-Pathshala** launched by The Sports Authority of India to provide an online coaching programme for grassroot level.
- Wajid Khan who passed away at the age of 42 due to Covid-19 was a famous **Music composer**.
- The Telangana Formation Day is celebrated every year on **June 2** to mark the formation of the state.
- Former Olympic sprint champion Bobby Morrow who passed away recently, belonged to **US**.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has launched an online portal Skill Register to create a database of migrants.
- Moody's has downgraded India's sovereign rating to **Baa3** and warned that India's economy will face a prolonged period of slower growth amid rising debt and persistent stress in parts of the financial system.
- According to BoA securities India's GDP may contract by **2** per cent in FY21.
- **Karnataka** has introduced a Covid-19 tracking platform built by Nasscom.
- Researchers at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) have found a rare band-tail scorpionfish at **Gulf of Mannar**.
- Millipede discovered in **Scotland** is the world's oldest-known land animal that helped pave the way for the throngs that would eventually inhabit Earth's dry parts.
- **Mission Fateh** launched by Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh to spread awareness about COVID-19.
- SEBI has extended the deadline to implement power of attorney norms given by clients to trading members till **August 1st**.
- **Sibi George** has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Kuwait.
- World Bicycle Day is observed annually on **June 3** to recognize the longevity, uniqueness and versatility of the bicycle.
- Former Union Minister P Namgyal who passed away recently was related to **Congress**.
- Odisha, Sikkim and Mizoram have recently joined the 'One Nation-One Ration Card' scheme, this takes the total number of states who have joined the scheme to **20**.
- The RBI has approved the extension of Subramanian Sundar who is the MD & CEO of **Lakshmi Vilas** bank.
- **Kritika Pandey** has won the regional award for Asia in Commonwealth Short Story Prize.
- Former BJP president KN Lakshmanan passed away recently, he was the State president from **Tamil Nadu**.
- Indian hockey player **Rani Rampal** has been Nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.
- E-booklet **One Year of Modi 2.0 - Towards A Self-Reliant India** launched by the I&B Ministry releases on the 1st year of Narendra Modi government 2.0.
- India got **23th** place in the latest startup ecosystem survey by Startup blink.

- According to the latest report by Brand Finance. COVID-19 is likely to shave USD **25** billion off of the top 100 domestic brands.
- Jayantilal Nanoma who passed away in a road accident recently was related with **Archery**.
- Table Tennis player **Manika Batra** has been nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna.
- **Gaitri I. Kumar** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the UK.
- A special drive has been started by the Central government to provide Kisan Credit cards to **1.5** crore dairy farmers under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat package.
- **Ircon International** has inked a pact with NIIFL and Ayana Power to explore opportunities in solar energy.
- **Pradip Kumar Tripathi** has assumed charge as the Steel Secretary.
- **Rajnath Singh** is the head of the committee to resolve any problems in the implementation of the MSME scheme.
- Tata Power has acquired **51** per cent stake in Odisha's TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd (TPCODL).
- **Microsoft** has launched a programme for agritech start-ups to scale growth and offer access to deep technology.
- BSE Ebix Insurance Broking has launched health insurance on its platform by enrolling **Religare** insurance provider.
- Power Minister R K Singh has formally launched a real-time power market on **Indian Energy Exchange**.
- The Chief Minister of **Delhi** has launched an app to help track hospital beds, ventilators for COVID-19 patients.
- International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed every year on **June 4** to raise about children who have suffered physical, mental and emotional abuse.
- Wes Unseld who passed away recently was a famous **Basketball player**.
- Facebook is all set to acquire **9.9** percent stake in Jio Platforms via Jaadhu Holdings.
- Government scheme **SWADES** launched by the Central government to provide for jobs to returning Indians from abroad.
- **Uday Kotak** has taken over as the President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- **Patrick Pichette** has been appointed as the new Chairman of Twitter.
- **Krishnendu Majumdar** has been appointed as the new Chairperson of BAFTA.
- **VN Datt** has taken over as Chairman & Managing Director of the National Fertilizers Limited.
- **South Africa** has collaborated with NASA to support human missions to Moon, Mars and beyond.
- Facebook has signed a deal with **Saregama** music label to bolster the library of its music products across its flagship social networking platform and Instagram.
- The free internet project of **Kerala** is all set to be commissioned in December.
- The Central government has amended the Essential Commodities Act; Cereals for the Farmers to sell their produce outside the State. The act enacted on **1955**.
- **IndusInd** bank has launched a mobile app-based facility to open current accounts for self-employed individuals and businesses digitally within a few hours.

- Nitin Gadkari has announced the development of a new Greenfield expressway to **Amritsar** and will be made completely signal free.
- **DBS Bank** has partnered with TCIL for real time payments to truck drivers.
- The Government has launched a Electronics Manufacturing Scheme 2.0 with an outlay of **50,000** crore to promote production, not just for the domestic market but also for exports.
- The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU with **Bhutan** in the areas of environment.
- **Sushil Kumar Singhal** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.
- **UST Global** has been recognized as 'IT Service Provider of the Year 2020' by Everest Group.
- DPIIT has revised the public procurement order to encourage Make in India initiative. It has prescribed a minimum of **60** percent in 2020-21 for local chemicals and petrochemical contents in public procurement.
- **SBI** has created a separate business vertical for financial inclusion and micro markets in semi-urban and rural areas.
- World Environment Day is observed annually on **June 5** to stress on the importance of everyone's active participation in environment conservation and sustainable living.
- **Luke Countiho** has authored the new Book The Dry Fasting Miracle: From Deprive to Thrive to Promote Benefits Of 'dry Fasting' Diet.
- Andhra Pradesh government has provided a total amount of Rs 262.49 crores, providing Rupees **10,000** to 2.62 lakh auto and cab drivers in the state.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has launched an app to provide salary information to employees in remote & rural areas.
- **Axis Bank** has partnered with Mastercard and Worldline to launch Soft POS and enable smartphones to be used as POS devices.
- **Manushi Chillar** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Adidas India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently addressed the virtual Global Vaccine Summit 2020. India has pledged **15** million US dollars to Gavi vaccine alliance.
- **DRDO** has developed a device named SUMERU-PACS that helps wearers of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to feel comfortable without sweating.
- Energy Efficiency Services has signed an MoU with **GAIL** for development of Trigenation projects in India.
- Basu Chatterjee who passed away recently was a famous **Filmmaker**.
- **TULIP** initiative launched by the Union HRD Minister and MoS Housing & Urban Affairs to provide internship opportunities to fresh graduates in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Smart Cities across the country.
- **Urban Forest program** launched by Union Environment minister Prakash Javadekar on the occasion of World Environment Day.
- Theme of the WEF Davos summit for its next annual Davos meeting in January 2021 - **The Great Reset**.
- **India** is all set to host the AFC Women's Asian Cup Finals in 2022.
- **Kerala** is implementing the 'Food forest' project in tribal belts of the region to provide food security to 192 tribal villages.

- With 8 Indian institutes in top 100, India now ranks at the **3** position in the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Ranking.
- **Chhattisgarh** has launched the 'Spandan Campaign' to check suicide and fratricide involving police personnel.
- The Reserve Bank of India has announced the creation of a **500** crore Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) to encourage deployment of Point of Sale (PoS) infrastructure (both physical and digital modes) in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and the North-East.
- **Kolkata Port Trust** has been renamed by the Central government as the Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port Trust to mark the 150th-anniversary celebrations of the port trust.
- According to the World Bank, **60** million could be pushed into extreme poverty in 2020 in the wake of the coronavirus crisis.
- **Hyundai** has introduced an upgraded online retail platform 'Click to Buy' curated to provide future retail experience to customers in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.
- World Day Against Speciesism is observed annually on **June 5** to remind people that speciesism, like racism or sexism, has no place in a civilized society.
- Abu Dhabi's Mubadala is all set to buy a stake of **1.85** percent in Jio Platforms for Rs 9,093.6 crore.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has introduced MoU Monitoring Mechanism for efficient implementation of investment proposals through handholding interested investors and better tracking of the MoUs signed.
- NABARD will provide a sum of **270** crores to the Assam Gramin Vikash Bank for supporting the agricultural activities of the farmers.
- **Rajeev Topno** has been appointed as a senior advisor to the Executive Director of the World Bank.
- **Kiran Mazumdar Shaw** has been named as the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2020.
- Kylie Jenner and Kanye West have topped the annual Forbes list of the highest paid celebrities. **Akshay Kumar** is the only Indian to feature on the list.
- First-class cricketer Riaz Sheikh who died of suspected coronavirus recently, belonged to **Pakistan**.
- Campaign **iCommit** launched by the Power Minister on World Environment Day to continue moving towards energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability to create a robust and resilient energy system in the future.
- Anwar Sagar who passed away recently was a famous **Lyricist**.
- **CSIR** has joined hands with Atal Innovation Mission to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in various sectors of the country.
- **Chelsea FC Women** has recently won the Women's Super League champions title following the termination of the 2019/20 season.
- M Nethra, a thirteen-year-old girl from **Tamil Nadu** has been declared as the 'Goodwill Ambassador for the Poor' by UNADAP.
- Fit India is all set to launch special films to promote **10** indigenous sports of India under Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat initiative.
- EESL and USAID have announced the launch of the "Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings" Initiative program under the **MAITREE** initiative.
- According to the latest RBI survey, India's GDP may contract by **1.5** percent in FY21.
- **HDFC** bank has launched summer treats campaign with offers for both merchants and, salaried and self-employed customers.

- Insurance provider **Tata AIG** has launched a Telematics-Based 'PayAs-You-Drive' Cover for Private Cars.
- Pritam Singh who recently passed away due to cardiac arrest was a famous **Management Guru**.
- **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad** has received ACI recognition for green practices 2020 in the 15-35 million passengers per annum (MPPA) category.
- The Chief minister of **Andhra Pradesh** has launched an online portal to manage waste collection and disposal in the state.
- **Rahul Shrivastava** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Romania.
- UN Russian Language Day is observed on **June 6** and coincides with the birthday of Russian Poet, Aleksandr Pushkin.
- Ved Marwah who passed away recently was the Former Police Commissioner of **Delhi**.
- World Brain Tumour Day is observed annually on June 8 to raise awareness about brain tumor patients, started in **2000**.
- **Jaya Jaitly** is the head of the task force constituted by the Government to examine maternal mortality rate and age of motherhood.
- HRD Minister has launched an information booklet 'Safe online learning in the times of COVID-19'. NCERT has collaborated with **UNESCO** for the joint development of this booklet.
- Nitin Gadkari has launched a national awareness campaign on Prevention of Human, Animal Mortality on Highways. It aims to reduce the accident figures by **20 to 25 percent**.
- Scientists at the **CSIR-NCL** have developed the indigenous nasopharyngeal swabs for collecting samples from the throat cavity of COVID-19 patients.
- **Rohit Sharma** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of IIFL Finance.
- **Javed Akhtar** has become the only Indian to bag the prestigious Richard Dawkins Award.
- Researchers at **IIT Hyderabad** have developed a low-cost Artificial Intelligence-based test kit for COVID-19.
- World Food Safety Day is celebrated every year on **June 7** to draw global attention to the health consequences of contaminated food and water.
- RIL has raised Rs 4,546.80 Cr from **Silver Lake** company from a sale of further 0.93 percent stake taking the cumulative fundraising to Rs 92,202 crore.
- **IIT-Ropar** has developed a machine in which products can be sterilized using UV rays.
- ARCI has developed Rare earth based magnetocaloric material for the treatment of **Cancer**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has reported the maximum cases of poaching of Tigers in the country.
- Theme of World Oceans Day observed annually on June 8th - **Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean**.
- Anil Suri who passed away after Covid-19 infection was related with **Film Industry**.
- Former Santosh Trophy player Hamza Koya who passed away in Kerala after Covid19 infection played **Soccer**.
- World Pest Day is observed annually on **June 6** to raise awareness of how pest management helps preserve the quality of life for you. **ISRO** has signed an MoU with Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) to tackle space debris and cooperate in the field of astrophysics and space awareness.
- The 2020 World Archery Field Championships have been postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19. There were scheduled to be held in **US**.

- **AM Naik** has been appointed as a non-executive chairman to the board of L&T.
- India's first physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients **Covid BEEP** launched by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- SEBI has recently approved a regulatory sandbox framework for the stock market ecosystem. The organization was established in **1992**.
- **Gujarat** has topped India's Food Safety Index released by FSSAI.
- **China** has launched four satellites in two days at the same time during NASA's Demo-2 mission.
- **Tech Mahindra** has inked a pact with UN Global Compact on aligning recovery efforts with the latest climate science.
- Cricketer **Michael Clarke** has received the Order of Australia honor for his sporting career and community work.
- **1,01,500 crore** allocation made under MGNREGA during the financial year 2020-2021.
- Former Union Minister Arjun Charan Sethi who passed away recently belonged to **BJP**.
- **Rajasthan** has launched an Online Labour Employment Exchange to make it easier for the workers to get employment who are suffering from livelihood losses.
- **Meghasandesha App** launched by the Karnataka government for real time info on rains, flooding in Bengaluru.
- **Odisha** has approved a proposal to give "Bande Utkala Janani" status of anthem.
- **Tamil Nadu** has cancelled the Class 10 and 11 exams due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.
- PhonePe has collaborated with **ICICI Lombard** to launch a domestic trip insurance scheme.
- A. Balasamy who passed away recently, he associated with **Football**.
- Abu Dhabi Investment Authority will invest Rs 5,684 crore in Jio Platforms for a **1.16%** percent stake.
- **Hero MotoCorp** has recently launched a fully-digital online sales platform called e-Shop.
- World Champion Gymnast Kurt Thomas who passed away recently, belonged to **US**.
- **Iqbal Wani** has been appointed as the judge of Jammu & Kashmir High Court.
- **Anil Valluri** has recently joined as Senior Director of Google Cloud.
- India has signed an MoU with **Denmark** for developing cooperation between two countries in the power sector.
- A 23-year-old boy named Pratik Tirodkar has made the world's first 'Internet controlled' robot to help Covid-19 patients. He belongs to **Maharashtra**.
- India got **168th** rank on the recently released Environmental Performance Index 2020.
- Salwa Eid Naser, 400m world champion, faces a ban of **2** years for missing the drug test in a 12-month period.
- Chiranjeevi Sarja who passed away recently was a famous **Actor**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has started the Plantation drive named "Thank Mom".
- India to Launch First-Ever Coal Trading Exchange ending the domination of Coal India Ltd in the market. The company was set up in **1975**.
- Irdai has withdrawn its long-term third-party motor insurance for three and five years from **1 August, 2020**.

- CBIC has launched its flagship programme **Turant Customs** for technology supported faceless clearance of imported goods.
- **Renjith Kumar** has recently been honored with the “NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal”.
- **Recykal** has inked a pact with UNDP and HCCB for the management of plastic waste.
- **Ananya** formulation created by Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune to combat covid-19.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has become the top wheat procurer in the country and is set to pump in around Rs 25,000.
- Indian sprinter **Gomathi Marimuthu** has been banned for a term of 4 years by the Athletes Integrity Unit of the World Athletics.
- In a recent statement of the World Bank, the Global economy can shrink to **5.2** percent this year due to coronavirus pandemic.
- Wipro has collaborated with **IBM** to help clients accelerate their cloud journeys and move towards hybrid cloud.
- World Bank has lent Rs. 1,950 crore loans to **West Bengal** for tackling the COVID 19 situation.
- MLA J. Anbazhagan who died of COVID-19 disease recently, belonged to **DMK**.
- India will rebuild 56 schools destroyed in Nepal’s earthquake. The earthquake occurred in **2015**.
- **Gairsain** has been declared as the summer capital of Uttarakhand.
- The students of **IIT-Guwahati** have developed a mobile app for contactless air travel.
- **Amazon** has launched the ‘MSME Accelerate’ that provides purchasing solutions for registered businesses to shop for business supplies.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has launched the Panchvati yojana for development of parks and gardens for senior citizens in rural areas.
- **Adani Green** has won the world’s largest solar project worth \$6 billion to develop 8 GW of projects.
- World Accreditation Day is observed annually on **June 9** to highlight the role of accreditation in trade and economy.
- Pierre Nkurunziza who passed away at the age of 55 was the president of **Burundi**.
- **G Kishan Reddy** is the chairman of the committee to look into the welfare of freedom fighters.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has cleared an ordinance to prevent cow slaughter providing max imprisonment of 10 years.
- **Sonu Sood** has become the brand ambassador of Gargo International.
- **BK Manjunath** has been appointed as the Non-executive Independent director of Lakshmi Vilas Bank.
- **TCS iON** has partnered with the NSDC to accelerate skill development and provide its training partners access to digital skilling tools.
- Empays Payment Systems has collaborated with **Mastercard** to enable contact free ATM cash withdrawals.
- Russian high jumper **Alexander Shustov** has been given a four-year ban over doping offence.
- GRSE has recently delivered its **5** ship in Fast Patrol Vessels” series to Indian Coast Guard.
- India got **56th** rank in a comprehensive report among 200 countries on Covid-19 safety assessment.

- **Mumbai** is the most expensive Indian city for expats According to Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey'.
- **IIT Bombay** has ranked on top in the QS World University Rankings.
- **Varun Tej** has been named as the brand ambassador of Nagarjuna Cement.
- Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle Complex has been inaugurated at **Visakhapatnam** and is designed to accommodate the newly inducted Submarine Rescue System with state-of-the-art facilities.
- IFFCO has signed an MoU with **ICAR** for joint research, testing, validation of products.
- **Shambhu S. Kumaran** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Philippines.
- According to Fitch Ratings, Indian economy is all set to grow at **9.5** per cent in next fiscal.
- ICC has approved replacement in test cricket and has banned the use of saliva to shine the ball. **Anil Kumble** headed the committee which provided the recommendations.
- Indigenously designed and developed pod **ARPIT** inducted by the IAF to evacuate critical patients from remote areas.
- BS-VI compliant vehicles will have displayed a **Green** sticker and the order will come into force from October 1, 2020.
- Customs duty hiked on bamboo imports has been hiked from 10% to **25%** in a bid to encourage use of domestic bamboo under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme.
- **Alan Gemmell** has been appointed as the British Deputy High Commissioner for Western India.
- **Kathy Sullivan** has become the First American Woman to Walk in Space and reach the Deepest Spot in the Ocean known as Challenger Deep.
- The Chief Minister of **Andhra Pradesh** has launched the 'Jagananna Chedodu' scheme for tailors, barbers and washer men.
- World Day Against Child Labour is observed annually on **June 12** to raise awareness about the plight of child labourers worldwide.
- Jas Waters who passed away recently was a famous **Writer**.
- The central government has allotted **4000** crore to states under "Per Drop More Crop" component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC).
- To Boost Infrastructure spending the Central government has infused Rs 5,298 cr in **IIFCL**.
- Jagesh Mukati who passed away at the age of 47 was a famous **TV actor**.
- Indian musician **Shobha Shekar** has won an Australian Honour for her service to the community and the country.
- **Ramon Magsaysay Award** is Asia's version of Nobel prize and has recently been cancelled.
- Health-tech startup **Arvi** has set up contactless thermal scanning kiosks.
- **Apple** has become the first US company to hit \$1.5 trillion market cap.
- **IIT Madras** has topped in the list of higher education institutions released by NIRF Ranking 2020.
- Indian CWG champion lifter **Sanjita Chanu** has recently been cleared of doping charges.
- Atul Srivastava, who passed away recently, was the Director of **SAIL**.
- Indian-American **Rattan Lal** has won the 2020 World Food Prize for increasing food production that conserves natural resources and mitigates climate change.

- **Uttar Pradesh** is all set to launch a state-level sample collection campaign to find out the level of corona infection among the different sections of society.
- **Bangladesh** has launched plasma network for the treatment of COVID 19.
- Startup **VST Mobility solutions** has launched mask disposal smart bin & UV light-based disinfection device.
- **Maharashtra** has renamed its environment ministry as 'Environment and Climate Change Ministry'.
- **Anshuman Sharma** has been appointed on the IDBI board Government nominee director.
- India got **108th** spot on the latest ranking released by FIFA.
- The Government has constituted a **7-member** group of Empowered Group of Secretaries to facilitate investment in the country.
- **Sahakar Mitra** programme launched by the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar to provide an opportunity to professionals from academic institutions to develop leadership and entrepreneurial roles.
- **Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta** has taken charge as Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command.
- Gulzar Dehlvi who passed away at the age of 93, was a veteran **Poet**.
- **NHAI** has become the first construction sector organization to go 'Fully Digital' with the launch of unique cloud based and Artificial Intelligence powered Big Data Analytics platform.
- The Shipping Ministry has approved Revised cost estimates to augment Ship Repair facilities in **Andaman & Nicobar Islands**.
- **STREE** programme launched in Hyderabad to support and empower women against domestic violence.
- **Odisha** has become the First State to Get ISO Certification for Tribal Hostels.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has launched the 'Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana' in under which the children of the workers would be given financial assistance.
- **70** is the new upper limit of age as proposed by RBI for CEOs and whole-time directors of banks.
- **China's** academy ranked topped in the Nature Index 2020.
- Dr A Vaidyanathan who passed away recently, was a member of **Planning Commission**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has decided to adopt scheme of Flatted Factory Model which will ensure easy availability of land for industries, and in turn, generate employment.
- RBI has constituted an Internal Working Group to review the structure of private sector banks. **P K Mohanty** is the head of the committee.
- **SBI** has relaunched an Aadhaar-based online savings account opening facility.
- **Kathy Lueders** has become the first female head of human spaceflight and has led an inaugural private crewed flight into space.
- International Albinism Awareness Day 2020 is observed annually on **June 13** to educate everyone about the rights of people with albinism.
- Vasant Raiji who passed away at 100 was a veteran **Cricketer**.
- Sanitizing chamber **GermiKlean** developed by DRDO to sanitize uniforms of security forces.
- The Petroleum Ministry has set up **3-member** panel to inquire into incident of blowout at Oil India Ltd.

- World Blood Donor Day is observed annually on **June 14** to raise awareness about the urgency of blood donations all over the world.
- Mohammad Nasim who passed away at the age of 72 was a former minister from **Bangladesh**.
- The 3rd phase of SAUNI scheme is likely to be completed by 2021 to fill Saurashtra dams. SAUNI scheme being implemented in **Gujarat**.
- Ghar-Ghar Nigrani app has been launched in **Punjab** for COVID-19 house-to-house surveillance.
- Sushant Singh Rajput who passed away recently was a famous **Actor**.
- RBI has barred **People's Co-operative Bank** from granting fresh loans, accepting deposits for 6 months.
- **PNB** has extended a credit line of Rs 750 cr for the Gorakhpur Link Expressway.
- Facebook has collaborated with **Google** along with Microsoft to fight child exploitation online.
- RBI has approved the re-appointment of **Kaizad Bharucha** as the Executive Director of HDFC Bank.
- Robot **Captain Arjun** launched by the Central Railways ' for the screening of passengers for COVID-19 and surveillance in Pune.
- Oleksandr Gvozdyk who retired recently was a former **Boxer**.
- World Wind Day is observed on **June 15** to raise awareness about wind, its power and the possibilities it holds to change our world.
- Tony Dunne who passed away at 78 played football for **Manchester United**.
- Matt Poore who passed away recently was a **Cricket** player.
- Theme of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day observed on June 15 every year - **Building Strong Supports for Elders**.
- Noted folk singer Heera Singh Rana who passed away recently belonged to **Uttarakhand**.
- American Development Finance Corporation has decided to invest **350** million in India firms to support multiple projects in the country's financial services sector, health infrastructure, renewable energy and food security space.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has launched a new salary account for MSMEs.
- **ADB** has convened a High-Level Advisory Panel to Support COVID-19 Recovery in Southeast Asia.
- **Jitendra Singh** has inaugurated the 18th Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal for UTs of J&K and Ladakh.
- **Monika Kapil Mohta** has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Switzerland.
- Central Railway sets up Body Screening Facility **FebriEye** in Mumbai's CSMT and LTT Stations an effort towards passenger safety.
- India's first solar ferry **Aditya** has been shortlisted for the Gustave Trouvé Award.
- **Tata Power** has signed an MoU with MG Motor to deploy 50KW DC Superfast chargers at select MG dealerships.
- An unmanned submersible from **China** has set a new record to dives to the world's deepest ocean point and collect high-definition images of the geological environment.
- India's gets its first infectious disease diagnostic lab has been built by **BharatBenz**.

- Web-based solution **AarogyaPath** launched by the Government to serve manufacturers, suppliers and customers to effectively deal with the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Former Head of Publications Division, Surinder Kaur who passed away recently was a former **Indian Information Service** officer.
- ICICI bank has launched a digital overdraft facility for its salaried customers.
- **Uday Kotak** is the head of the committee reconstituted by the IBBI on the corporate insolvency resolution process.
- e-Paisa has joined hands with **First Alliance Bank** to promote POS solutions in Africa to small and medium enterprises and other businesses in the country.
- **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the 40th GST Council Meeting.
- Padmaja Radhakrishnan who passed away recently was a famous **Painter**.
- **Dharmendra Pradhan** launched India's maiden gas exchange to tap into the increasing demand for clean fuel.
- **e-Office** application launched by CBIC in over 500 CGST and Customs offices across India to automate its internal office procedures.
- The chief minister of **Manipur** has inaugurated three projects undertaken by Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) through video conferencing.
- **HDFC Ergo** has launched the country's First drone cover to offer commercial drone owners and operators third-party liability cover for property damages.
- **Imtaiyazur Rahman** has been appointed as the CEO of UTI Mutual Fund.
- **Dinyar Patel** has authored a biography on Dadabhai Naoroji Biography titled Naoroji.
- Mother Dairy has tied up with **Zomato** to deliver fruits, vegetables in the Delhi-NCR region.
- **Wipro** has launched a digital inspection solution to improve workplace safety & experience.
- **GermiBAN** device launched by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, G Kishan Reddy that kills surface and air microbes at 99.9 per cent.
- Arunkumar R Mehta who passed away recently, was famous **Diamantaire**.
- India got **9th** rank in case of foreign investment in 2019 as per UNCTAD.
- **Pankaj Tripathi** has been made the brand ambassador of Khadi in Bihar.
- Tata Power Renewable Energy will develop a **120 MW** solar project in Gujarat and will annually offset approximately 300 Million Kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- The Chief Minister of **Maharashtra** has launched the integrated flood warning system (IFLOWS) for flood management.
- **Santosh Jha** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Belgium.
- The government of **Maharashtra** has inked an MOUs worth Rs. 16,100 crore with 12 global corporations for various developmental projects.
- **India** has become the founding member of the Global Partnership for Artificial Intelligence.
- Attorney General of India Shri KK Venugopal has got an extension for **1** year by the Central government.
- Exim Bank has extended **215-million-dollar** line of credit to the Malawi government.
- **Devendra Kumar Singh** has been appointed as the new Director of SIDBI.
- International Day of Family Remittances is observed every year on **June 16**.

- **Nick Hockley** has recently been appointed as the interim CEO of Cricket Australia.
- Haribhau Jawale who passed away at 67, was a former MP belonging to **BJP**.
- Theme of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought observed annually on June 17 - **Food. Feed. Fibre.**
- Students from **West Bengal** have a Built 'Ayurvedic Sanitization Tunnel' to disinfect people entering their school.
- Three-day unique festival **Raja Parba** organized in Odisha which celebrates the onset of monsoon and the earth's womanhood.
- **Shantanu Preetam** has recently been appointed as the Chief Technology Officer of PayU.
- India has set up its first mobile Covid-testing lab to conduct coronavirus test. It has been set up within eight days by a team of researchers from **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Former Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen RM Vohra who passed away recently, won **Maha Vir Chakra** Award.
- **Germany** has launched a Coronavirus App as the EU looks to revive travel and ensure tourism safety.
- **Vivendi** has partnered with Grammy winner Ricky Kej to organize My Earth Concert for Kids initiative in cooperation with UNICEF.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has topped the list in the country to provide employment to workers under MGNREGA.
- According to telecom gear maker Ericsson, India's data consumption may touch 25 GB per month per user by **2025**.
- India reached **43rd** rank on the recently released IMD's World Competitiveness Index.
- According to the SIPRI yearbook 2020, **320** is the number of nuclear warheads available with China.
- Dinu Randive who passed away at 95 was veteran **Journalist**.
- A new species of fish named as Schizothorax sikusirumensis has been discovered in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The Cabinet of **Uttar Pradesh** has given nod to set up a worker's welfare commission to safeguard the interests of workers.
- EPFO has recently launched a multi-location claim settlement facility towards ensuring uniform standards of service delivery across the country. EPFO established in **1952**.
- India's foreign exchange reserves have crossed **500 billion** for the first time as the central bank absorbed inflows at a time when there was not enough demand.
- **Deccan Development Society** has won the Monaco Foundation Award.
- A 500-year-old Temple Submerged in **Mahanadi** has resurfaced in Odisha.
- **750 million** is the loan amount approved by China's Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank for India's COVID-19 response.
- Maruti Suzuki has partnered with **Karur Vysya Bank** to roll out simple and flexible financing schemes for new customers.
- In Pradesh government budget, **3000 crore** is the amount allocated for the Market stabilization Fund.
- **ZestMoney** has recently been awarded as a technology pioneer by the World Economic Forum.

- The International Picnic Day is observed every year on **June 18** to encourage people to spend the day outdoors and enjoy the company of other people.
- Achyut Usgaonkar who passed away recently, was a former minister belonging to **Goa**.
- Autistic Pride Day is observed every year on **June 18** to raise awareness among people about the autistic disorder.
- Indian Railways has installed an automated ticket checking machine at **Nagpur** station.
- Researchers from **IIT Hyderabad** have developed an AI-based low-cost testing kit to conduct rapid testing for quick results.
- **Bharti Airtel** has acquired a strategic stake in ed-tech startup Lattu Media as part of the company's startup accelerator program.
- According to Bernstein, Reliance Jio may capture nearly half of the Indian telecom market by **2025**.
- Writer **Kazuo Ishiguro** is all set to come out with new novel 'Klara and the Sun' in March.
- **Bayern Munich** has secured the 8th straight Bundesliga title after beating Werder Bremen.
- IM Vijayan who has been recommended for the Padma Shri award is related with **Football**.
- The Asian Youth Para Games will be held in **Bahrain** in December 2021.
- Madan Mohan Dutta who passed away at the age of 62, was an MLA belonging to **BJP**.
- India has been elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for **2** years.
- **Tamil Nadu** government has launched a new portal to assist job seekers in the post-Covid-19 scenario by connecting job seekers with job providers digitally.
- **India** has pledged to build a sanitation facility at Nepal's Pashupatinath Temple.
- PM Modi is all set to launch **Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan** in a bid to boost livelihood opportunities in rural India and empower rural citizens.
- TCS has collaborated with **IBM** to drive digital and cognitive enterprise transformations.
- The administration of **J&K** has won prestigious Deen Dayal Upadhyay Sashaktikaran Puraskar (DDUPSP) awards for its outstanding contribution to the development of the gram panchayats.
- **Anil Dave** is the head of the SEBI panel formed to strengthen enforcement mechanism in a bid to recover siphoned off money.
- **The Climate Pledge** initiative, Infosys has recently joined in a bid to make a commitment to meet the Paris Agreement 10 years early.
- **Volkan Bozkir** has been elected as the president of 75th UN General Assembly.
- According to the Asian Development Bank, India's economy is forecasted to contract by **4** per cent in the current fiscal due to the adverse effect of the coronavirus pandemic.
- Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed every year on **June 18** to acknowledge gastronomy as a cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity.
- Affordable housing loan scheme **SARAL** launched by ICICI Home Finance for women in lower and middle-income groups.
- Vera Lynn who passed away recently was a famous **Singer**.
- World Sauntering Day is observed on June 19 to remind us to stop and smell the roses. It started in **1979**.
- **Karnataka** has recently observed the Mask Day on June 18th to create awareness in the masses about the importance of wearing one amid the Covid pandemic.

- **Karnataka Bank** has launched COVID-19 health insurance in partnership with Universal Sampo at a premium of Rs 399.
- The RBI has approved the re-appointment of **Prakash Chandra** as the nonexecutive Chairman of RBL Bank.
- **Shaktikanta Das** chaired the 24th Meeting of the FSDC Sub-Committee over Video Conference.
- **Air-Venti** app launched in Mumbai which caters to the real-time information on ICU beds and ventilators.
- The Public Investment Fund of **Saudi Arabia** has recently bought a 2.32% stake in Jio for Rs 11,367 crore.
- **Zomato** has unveiled its new venture called Mindhouse which offers users guided meditation sessions and techniques.
- **Napoli** team has beaten Juventus during penalties to win the sixth Italian Cup in Rome.
- World Sickle Cell Day is observed every year on **June 19** to raise awareness about the red blood cell disorder.
- **Bank of Baroda** is now all set to completely digitize lending operations including home, agriculture, MSME, personal and auto loans.
- The RBI has proposed to increase the minimum Net Owned Fund size of HFCs from Rs. 10 crore to **Rs 20 crores**.
- India has released its first-ever Climate Change Tracker. According to its assessment, India's average temperature has increased by **0.7-degree celsius** between 1901-2018.
- **Kubatbek Boronov** has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan.
- Fifth state matter **Bose-Einstein condensates** has been seen by Scientists for the 1st Time In Space.
- The agriculture department of **Jammu & Kashmir** is being renamed to be called the Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department.
- BPR Vithal Baru who passed away at 93 in Hyderabad was former **Economist**.
- **Narendra Modi** has launched an action plan for commercial mining of coal in the country.
- A contingent of the Indian Armed Forces is all set to participate in the Victory Day Parade of **Russia**.
- India will be the United Nations Security Council President for August 2021. The UN body has **15** members.
- **British Petroleum** has decided to set up a major new global business services centre in Pune.
- **Dr Harsh vardhan** has launched India's First Mobile Infectious disease diagnostic lab for last-mile access to Covid-19 testing.
- The World Refugee Day is observed annually on **June 20** to raise awareness about the situation of refugees throughout the world.
- **IIT-Madras** has tied up with GE to construct a 3D-printed combustor.
- **Facebook** has acquired Sweden's Mapillary for an unknown sum to take on Google Maps.
- KR Sachidanandan who passed away recently was a famous **Filmmaker**.
- RBI has increased the PMC account withdrawal limit to **1 lakh** with restrictions extended by 6 months.
- **Nirakar Pradhan** has taken over the chief of The Professional Risk Managers' International Association.

- **Urjit Patel** is set to take over as chairman of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP).
- **Pralay Mondal** is set to join the Catholic Syrian Bank after leaving Axis Bank.
- **Sourav Ganguly** has been roped in by JSW Cement as one of the brand ambassadors.
- Researchers at **IIT Mandi** have developed an infusion technology for herbs in the mid-Himalayan region to help farmers.
- **Reliance Industries** has become India's first firm to hit the Rs.11 trillion market cap.
- **Shakhriyar Mamedyarov** has won the World Stars Sharjah Online.
- Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has signed an agreement with **SIDBI** as the implementation agency for PM SVANidhi.
- **Vijay Khanduja** has been appointed as India's next envoy to Zimbabwe.
- **Tech Mahindra** has been recognized among India's 50 best companies to work for in 2020.
- The Sports Ministry has decided to establish **1000** district-level Khelo India centers to engage past champions in training.
- According to the BP Statistical Review released, India was the **2nd** biggest growth driver of primary energy consumption in 2019.
- **Prahlad Joshi** has launched the R&D Portal for AatmaNirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement.
- **Vikram Pawah** has been appointed President of BMW India.
- India Ideas Summit is being organized by **US chamber of commerce** to discuss geopolitics in post-COVID world virtually on July 21-22.
- International Yoga Day is observed annually on **June 21** to raise awareness about the benefits of yoga.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company has started **Nishtha Vidyut Mitra Scheme** for women empowerment at gram panchayat level.
- **Amitabh Kant** will head the committee formed by NITI Aayog to develop job platform for migrant labours.
- World Music Day is observed every year in **June 21** to honor both amateur and professional musicians.
- France recently committed **200 million euros** to support India's Covid response.
- EXIM Bank has extended USD 20.1 mn credit line to **Nicaragua** for reconstruction of Aldo Chavarria Hospital.
- Hyundai Motor India has partnered with **HDFC** to offer online car loans on Click to Buy.
- **N.Chandrasekaran** has been re-nominated by the Central government as a part-time non-official director of the RBI.
- Rajinder Goel who passed away recently was related to **Cricket**.
- International Father's Day is celebrated on **Third Sunday of June** annually to acknowledge the many roles a father plays in his child's life.
- Bio-tech major **Biocon** has tied up with DKSH to distribute 7 generic products in Singapore and Thailand.
- **RIL** has been ranked 57th most valuable firm globally by market-capitalization.

- **NITI Aayog** has collaborated with the International Transport Forum to launch the Decarbonizing Transport: International Project to Develop Pathway to Low-CO2 Mobility for India.
- National Reading Day is observed on **June 19** in the honor of the father of the Library Movement, the late P N Panicker.
- **Jharkhand** is all set to launch a 100-day job guarantee scheme for the urban poor.
- NGT has imposed a Rs 10 lakh fine on **Karnataka** over pollution in the Kithiganahalli Lake.
- PM Modi has recently launched the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan for migrant workers. **50,000 crore** amount was allocated for the scheme.
- World Hydrography Day is observed annually on **June 21** to create awareness about the role of hydrography.
- Ahmad Radhi who passed away after battling COVID-19 was a famous football player belonging to **Iraq**.
- **Yes Bank** has partnered with Afford plan to launch a co-branded cashless health care card.
- National champion **Niki Poonacha** has been elected to the International Tennis Federation panel.
- **Indian** officials will attend the virtual EAG plenary meeting in June.
- **Amazon** has decided to host Small Business Day on June 27 to help SME sellers.
- With Reliance crossing the 11 trillion mark in market-cap, Mukesh Ambani is now the **9th** richest man, with Jeff Bezos on top.
- India's current position is **12th** in terms of holding the US govt securities.
- Kirk Smith who passed away following a cardiac arrest was related to **Education**.
- International Olympic Day is celebrated every year on **June 23** to make people aware of the importance of games.
- Vidyaben Shah who passed away, was a former **Social worker**.
- **S Jaishankar** will join the Russia-India-China trilateral virtual conference from India.
- International Widows Day is celebrated worldwide on **June 23** to raise awareness about conditions of widows.
- The Jagannath Puri Rath Yatra which is one of India's biggest religious festivals is celebrated in **Odisha**.
- **Karnataka Bank** has launched the KBL Micro Mitra for micro-enterprises.
- **Gaurav Maheshwari** has been appointed as the CFO of Standard Chartered bank.
- **Amartya Sen** will be awarded the 2020 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade.
- The 36th ASEAN Summit is being hosted in **Vietnam** and will take place by teleconference.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya** has inaugurated India's one of India's largest & first Virtual Healthcare & Hygiene EXPO 2020.
- **ISRO** has received a patent for protective clothing for human spaceflight.
- **Amish Tripathi** has launched a new book 'Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India'.
- **Nita Ambani** is the only Indian featured among top global philanthropists of 2020.
- WWE superstar **The Undertaker** has recently retired.
- Pournima Zanane who passed away recently was a former **Shooter**.

- United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on **June 23** annually to celebrate the virtue of public service.
- The Central government has sanctioned **190 crores** for the augmentation of healthcare facilities in North Eastern States.
- **IIM Ahmedabad** has launched a Rs 100-crore endowment fund.
- **NCERT** has launched an Online Yoga Quiz Competition to promote integration of Yoga in school curriculum.
- The Procurement of Minor Forest Produce by the government has touched an all-time high of more than **2000 crore rupees**, giving boost to tribal economy.
- The World Bank has approved \$1.05 billion for **Bangladesh** in a bid to create quality jobs, and ensure economic recovery.
- KVIC has started reviving the ancient glory of Pokhran potteries. Pokhran village located in **Rajasthan**.
- NI-MSME has inked a pact with **Nitte** university to train MSMEs.
- **Tripura** is preparing to start a 'Play little, Study little' scheme for school students.
- China has launched the final satellite in the GPS-like Beidou system. The first version of the Beidou system was decommissioned in **2012**.
- Atal Innovation Mission has partnered with **Coal India** to boost its Innovation & Entrepreneurship initiatives.
- **IIT Delhi** has collaborated with the UN World Food Programme to Increase Efficiency Of Government's Food Security Net.
- **Prakash Javadekar** has inaugurated the Virtual India Pavilion at Cannes Film Market 2020.
- **UCO Bank** has partnered with four insurers to sell their products to customers through its network of branches across the country.
- Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal** has launched the Food Processing Edition of Exclusive Investment Forum.
- Golden Globe awards have been postponed to February 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic. They were scheduled to be held in **California**.
- **Smriti Irani** has launched the FICCI-FLO initiative 'Empowering the Greater 50%' to empower women.
- **T. Rabi Sankar** has been appointed as the Chairman of IFTAS.
- Veteran journalist and Former MP Vishwa Mohan Gupta who passed away recently was related to **Congress**.
- The recent draft rules have proposed that the total foreign investment in case of Pension funds have been capped at **49 percent**.
- **Sethuraman Panchanathan** has recently been appointed as the 15th director of the National Science Foundation.
- **IIT-Bombay** has developed a chip Dhruva to be used in smartphones and navigation devices to find locations.
- PPE suit **NavRakshak** licensed by the National Research Development Corporation to meet the ongoing countrywide demand of quality PPE kits.
- India reached **3rd** position as an economy in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP).

- **Bombay Stock Exchange** has bagged a spot among world's 10 most valued stock exchanges.
- India pledged **10 million dollars** to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) over the next two years.
- **IISC, Bengaluru** has developed Nanozymes that destroys the cell membrane of bacteria.
- As per Moody's, India's GDP is expected to shrink by **3.1** per cent in 2020.
- **YUKTI** initiative launched by HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank to help systematically assimilate technologies and information related to incubated startups in the country's higher education institutions.
- **Maharashtra** has declared 29.53-sq-km area in Konkan as a conservation reserve.
- Indian-origin chief of the London Stock Exchange **Nikhil Rathi** has been appointed as CEO to UK's financial regulator.
- **China** is all set to join the UN Arms Trade Treaty to Enhance 'peace And Stability'.
- **International Olympic Committee** has recently joined hands with WHO and the United Nations to fight COVID-19.
- **Rajasthan** is all set to launch the Indira Rasoi Yojna to ensure that "no one sleeps hungry" in the state.
- **2,000 crore** amount has been paid by the PM CARES Fund for the supply of 50,000 ventilators to government run COVID hospitals.
- **15,000 crore** amount approved by the Government for the animal husbandry infrastructure fund with the focus to generate employment.
- Rachel Priest who announced her retirement from International Cricket played for **New Zealand**.
- K Ragunath who passed away recently, was a **Basketball** player.
- Nitin Gadkari has launched a scheme to provide **20,000** crores guarantee cover to micro, small and medium enterprises.
- **Jitendra Singh** has inaugurated the Devika and Puneja Bridges in Udhampur & Doda Districts.
- Tamonash Ghosh who passed away due to COVID-19 belonged to **Trinamool Congress**.
- **2%** interest subsidy to be provided to 'Shishu' borrowers under the Mudra Yojna.
- Financial services startup of Sachin Bansal **Navi** has launched a new instant lending app with paperless KYC.
- **Joe Biden** has won the Democratic Presidential primary in New York.
- Folk artist **Gulabbai Sangamnerkar** get a lifetime honor from the Maharashtra government.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has bagged the e-Panchayat Puraskar 2020.
- Haryana government has entered into an agreement with **Reliance Jio TV** to educate over 52 lakh students in rural areas.
- **IIT-Ropar** has been ranked the best in the country by THE Young University Ranking 2020.
- Joel Schumacher who passed away recently was a famous **Director**.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has partnered with **IBM** to unveil a Free Digital Learning Platform to reach job seekers.
- US Open has decided to Include **Wheelchair Tennis** in the 2020 Tournament at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing.
- The CCI has approved the acquisition of 9.99% stake in Jio Platforms by **Jaadhu Holdings**.

- **J&K Bank** has launched a product to provide financial support to business communities.
- The cabinet has decided to open **Space** sectors for private sector participation.
- CBDT has extended the last date for filing an income tax return for 2019-20 till **30th November**.
- IBMC Financial Professionals Group has collaborated with US Gold Currency Inc and **Blockfills** to launch the World's First Gold-backed Digital Gold Currency in India.
- According to Ind-Ra, India's GDP will contract to **5.3** per cent in FY21.
- According to the IMF, the Indian economy is set to contract by **4.5** percent in 2020.
- Insurance company **Max Life** is the Only Life Insurance Company to be Amongst India's Top 100 Great Places to Work.
- Terror financing watchdog FATF has decided to continue Pakistan in the Grey List. The FATF currently has **39** members.
- Six District Hospitals of **Jammu & Kashmir** has won the Kayakalapa award.
- Theme of the 2020 campaign of International Day of the Seafarer - **Seafarers are Key Workers**.
- Indian player **Rahul Dravid** has beaten Sachin Tendulkar in the Wisden poll on the greatest Indian Test batsman.
- International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is observed on **June 26**.
- **e-BloodServices** app launched by Health Minister Harsh Vardhan to order blood in this critical time of coronavirus.
- International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - **June 26**.
- **Tripura** has announced a scheme to combat infant, maternal mortality and malnourishment.
- **Kushinagar Airport** in Uttar Pradesh is all set to become an international airport.
- **Sanjay Kumar** will succeed Ajoy Mehta as the Chief Secretary Of Maharashtra.
- **Priyanka Chopra** has been invited as the ambassador for Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2020.
- World's first yoga university outside India has been launched in **Los Angeles**, United States.
- **Clare Connor** has become the first female Marylebone Cricket Club president in 233 years.
- The United Nations has honored **KK Shailaja** in a bid to show efforts and fight against covid-19 pandemic.
- **Kempegowda International airport** has installed an Aviation Weather Monitoring System for the first time in India.
- World Vitiligo Day is observed annually on **June 25** to build global awareness about vitiligo.
- PM Modi is all set to launch the 'Atma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Abhiyan' for migrant workers. **1.25 crore** beneficiaries will be getting employment under the scheme.
- **Telangana** has launched the Sixth Phase of the Haritha Haram programme.
- **NTPC** has won a contract for a 500-MW solar project in Mali.
- **Yes Bank** has launched the Yuva Pay, a digital wallet in partnership with UDMA Technologies.
- IRDAI sets up a panel on insurance for usage of drones. **Anjan Dev** will be head of the panel.
- **Niti Aayog** has launched the behavior change campaign 'navigating the new normal' to help people follow norms to contain the spread of Covid-19.
- **Liverpool** has been crowned as the Premier League champion for the first time.

- Australia with **New Zealand** has won the joint bid to host the 2023 Fifa Women's World Cup.
- **Deven J Parekh** has been nominated by Donald Trump to the board of International Development Finance Corporation.
- **Karnataka** has become the first one to Amend Industries (Facilitation) Act For Small, Medium & Large-Scale Industries.
- **Nagaland** has won in the category of best performing small states in the National TB Elimination Program 2019.
- World MSME Day is observed on **June 27**.
- The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and Petroleum Minister have inaugurated a compressed biogas plant. It is a joint venture between Germany's Oil tanking GmbH and **IOCL**.
- **1,500 crore** is the amount which will be raised by the Uttar Pradesh government for working on the 340-km Purvanchal Expressway.
- **Maharashtra** has announced the Maha Parwana plan to attract fresh investments in industries.
- **Instamojo** has launched the InstaCash facility to solve the liquidity challenge for MSMEs.
- PhonePe has partnered with **ICICI** on the UPI multi-bank model giving its users the option to create and use multiple UPI IDs.
- DGFT is all set to launch a new digital platform for delivery of services like issuance of Import-Export code which is aimed to promote ease of doing business. The IEC comprises **10** digits.
- Poets **Dr. Adyasha Das** has released an anthology "The Yogini Poems: Love and Life".
- India's current rank is **77** in terms of the money parked in Swiss banks at the end of 2019.
- The cricket board of **Bangladesh** has launched an app to track Covid-19 symptoms among its players.
- World Athletics has launched the 'Road to Tokyo' qualification tracking tool. The games will now be held in **2021**.
- **Sanjita Chanu** receive the Arjuna award after IWF has dropped its doping charges.
- Sqn Ldr Parvez Jamasji who passed away recently, participated in **1971 Indo-Pakistan War**.
- Indigenously developed Torpedo system **Mareech** adding to the warfare capability of the Indian Navy.
- **Narendra Singh Tomar** has launched the web portal of Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan.
- 'Surakshit Dada-Dadi, Nana-Nani Abhiyan' launched to ensure the well-being of Senior Citizens amid COVID-19 pandemic has been started by **Niti Aayog** in collaboration with Piramal Foundation.
- **Chhattisgarh** launched the Adarsh police station scheme.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has decided to form a dedicated force for industrial security of courts, metro and airports.
- The Petroleum Minister has inaugurated a Battery Swapping Facility along with Quick Interchange Service in **Chandigarh**.
- The Central government has decided to set up a task force for the 'Golden Hour' accident claims. **National Health authority** will be the nodal agency for coordinating payments made to the hospitals.
- **Yes bank** has launched a full-service digital savings account to eliminate the need for a branch visit.

- SOLV, a digital platform, has partnered with **Standard Chartered** Bank to launch credit cards for MSMEs.
- The President has promulgated the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020. It has amended **Section 45** of the Banking Regulation Act, to enable the making of a scheme of reconstruction or amalgamation of a banking company.
- **Carlyle Group** has decided to pick up a 20 per cent stake in the Piramal pharma business for \$490 million.
- According to S&P Global Ratings, India's economy may contract by 5 per cent in FY21.

## MODEL QUESTIONS

- When was the world milk day celebrated annually?  
 (1) May 28      (2) May 29      (3) May 30      (4) May 31      (5) June 1
- When was Global day of Parents celebrated annually?  
 (1) June 3      (2) June 12      (3) May 29      (4) June 5      (5) June 1
- The world oceans day (WOD) is observed every year on June 8. What is the theme for WOD 2020?  
 (1) "Our Oceans, Our Future"      (2) "Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean"  
 (3) "Preventing Plastic Pollution"      (4) "Gender and the Ocean"      (5) None of these
- When was the world accreditation day observed every year?  
 (1) May 17      (2) April 29      (3) June 9      (4) August 12      (5) July 2
- International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) was observed every year on June 13. What is the theme for IAAD 2020?  
 (1) "Celebrate diversity; promote inclusion; protect our rights"  
 (2) "Advancing with renewed hope"  
 (3) "Made to Shine"  
 (4) "Shining our light to the world"  
 (5) "Still Standing Strong."
- When was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day observed annually?  
 (1) May 30      (2) July 15      (3) June 15      (4) February 15      (5) None of these
- The International Day of Family Remittances was observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) June 18      (2) June 21      (3) June 24      (4) June 16      (5) None of these
- When was the World day to combat desertification and drought observed annually?  
 (1) June 20      (2) June 18      (3) June 17      (4) June 21      (5) None of these
- When was sustainable gastronomy day observed annually?  
 (1) June 15      (2) June 27      (3) June 18      (4) June 24      (5) None of these
- The world refugee day (WRD) was observed annually on June 20. What is the theme for WRD 2020?  
 (1) "Step with Refugees"  
 (2) "We stand together with refugees"  
 (3) "Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees"  
 (4) "Every Action Counts"  
 (5) None of these

11. Which edition of National reading day was celebrated on June 19, 2020?  
 (1) 25th (2) 15th (3) 20th (4) 10th (5) None of these
12. When was International Olympic Day 2020 celebrated annually?  
 (1) August 21 (2) July 19 (3) May 16 (4) April 18 (5) June 23
13. RBI has increased the withdrawal limit of Mumbai headquartered PMC bank depositors to Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ recently.  
 (1) 1 Lakh (2) 5 Lakh (3) 75,000 (4) 50,000 (5) None of these
14. RBI has extended special liquidity window for \_\_\_\_\_ to YES bank for 3 months in June 2020.  
 (1) 10000 cr (2) 30000 cr (3) 75000 cr (4) 25000 cr (5) 50000 cr
15. In accordance with cabinet approval the urban and multi-state cooperative banks will function under the supervision of which organization?  
 (1) Finance Commission (FC)  
 (2) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog  
 (3) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)  
 (4) National Development Council (NDC)  
 (5) None of these
16. Which public sector bank has relaunched Aadhaar-based online 'Insta Saving Bank Account'?  
 (1) State Bank of India (2) Punjab National Bank (3) Canara Bank  
 (4) United Bank of India (5) Indian Bank
17. Which private sector bank has introduced the 1st of its kind app to open current accounts?  
 (1) YES Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) RBL Bank (4) HDFC Bank (5) IndusInd Bank
18. Name the bank which launched digital wallet named "Yuva Pay" in partnership with UDMA Technologies Pvt Ltd.  
 (1) RBL bank (2) IDBI bank (3) HDFC bank (4) ICICI bank (5) Yes bank
19. Which bank has partnered with PhonePe on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) multi-bank model?  
 (1) HDFC Bank (2) RBL Bank (3) Axis Bank (4) IndusInd Bank (5) ICICI Bank
20. Name the bank which has partnered with Bengaluru based SOLV business platform to launch credit card for MSMEs.  
 (1) HSBC Bank (2) BNP Paribas (3) Deutsche Bank  
 (4) Standard Chartered Bank (5) None of these
21. Which data sharing website was blocked by Government of India recently?  
 (1) SmartTransfer (2) Firefox Send (3) WeTransfer (4) Xender (5) ShareIt
22. Which is the 1st Indian state to declare internet as fundamental right?  
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Goa (3) Tamil Nadu (4) Kerala (5) Haryana
23. Which state has launched "Spandan" campaign for police?  
 (1) Punjab (2) Goa (3) Haryana (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) Chhattisgarh
24. Which state/UT government has proposed Dinkar yojana in the state/UT budget?  
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Gujarat (3) Punjab (4) West Bengal (5) New Delhi

25. Which state has launched the Online Shramik Employment Exchange 'Raj Kaushal Portal' recently?  
 (1) Telangana (2) MP (3) Tamil Nadu (4) Karnataka (5) Rajasthan
26. Which state government implemented 'Food forest' project in tribal belts of the state recently?  
 (1) Maharashtra (2) MP (3) Haryana (4) Odisha (5) Kerala
27. Name the state which has launched 'Panchvati Yojana' for the senior citizens of rural areas.  
 (1) Arunachal Pradesh (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) Himachal Pradesh
28. Which state/UT has launched 'Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana'?  
 (1) Jammu & Kashmir (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) New Delhi  
 (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) Puducherry
29. Which state has launched 'Ghar ghar nigrani' app to conduct house-to-house surveillance in the state to eliminate the COVID-19 pandemic?  
 (1) Punjab (2) Gujarat (3) Haryana (4) Bihar (5) Odisha
30. Name the portal which was launched by West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee to help IT professionals.  
 (1) Champions (2) Udyam Sakhi (3) Karmo Bhumi (4) Akshay Urja (5) None of these
31. Which state has observed Mask day on June 18, 2020?  
 (1) Karnataka (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Andhra Pradesh (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
32. Name the state which issues ordinance to defer payment of employees & pensioners.  
 (1) Telangana (2) Haryana (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
33. Which state/UT has launched 'First Bell' initiative for online classes in the state schools?  
 (1) Kerala (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Goa (4) Assam (5) None of these
34. Which state observe 19th Great June Uprising Day every year?  
 (1) Meghalaya (2) Nagaland (3) Manipur (4) Assam (5) None of these
35. Which state government has partnered with Reliance Jio Tv to educate students during COVID-19 pandemic?  
 (1) Punjab (2) Rajasthan (3) Chhattisgarh (4) Haryana (5) None of these
36. 'Indira Rasoi Yojna' will be launched by which state?  
 (1) Punjab (2) Rajasthan (3) Chhattisgarh (4) Haryana (5) None of these
37. MukhyamantriMatru Pushti Uphaar scheme was launched by which state?  
 (1) Assam (2) Tripura (3) Meghalaya (4) Nagaland (5) None of these
38. Which state has announced "MahaParwana" initiative to attract fresh industrial investment?  
 (1) Odisha (2) West Bengal (3) Gujarat (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
39. Which is the 1st state in India to launch "Godhan Nyay Yojana" to procure the cow dung from livestock owners?  
 (1) Goa (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Haryana (4) Punjab (5) None of these
40. Find the Indian state which is going to launch Adarsh police station scheme from July 1, 2020.  
 (1) Goa (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Haryana (4) Punjab (5) None of these

41. The panchayat raj department of which state has won 1st prize under e-Panchayat Puraskars 2020?  
 (1) Goa (2) Assam (3) Haryana (4) Himachal Pradesh (5) None of these
42. Which state has launched 'At one click' online aid for MSMEs?  
 (1) Arunachal Pradesh (2) Haryana (3) Maharashtra  
 (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
43. Gairsain was declared as the summer capital of which state/UT?  
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Jammu & Kashmir (3) Haryana  
 (4) Rajasthan (5) Andhra Pradesh
44. The 500-year-old submerged temple was found under which river in Odisha recently?  
 (1) Mahanadi River (2) Brahmani River (3) Baitarani River  
 (4) Bhargavi River (5) None of these
45. Achyut Kashinath Sinai Usgaonkar who is in news in June 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Actor (2) Politician (3) Painter (4) Poet (5) None of these
46. Tillari forest area which was declared as conservative reserve is located in which state?  
 (1) Odisha (2) West Bengal (3) Gujarat (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
47. P Namgyal who is in news recently is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Photographer (2) Entrepreneur (3) Athlete  
 (4) Singer (5) Politician
48. High Jumper Alexander Shustov who is in news recently belongs to which country?  
 (1) Romania (2) Georgia (3) Ukraine (4) United States (5) Russia
49. Gulabbai Sangamnerkar who is in news recently is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Folk Artist (2) Actor (3) Film Director (4) Lawyer (5) None of these
50. Which organization has developed dry heat treatment chamber named "GermiKlean" to sanitize uniforms of security force?  
 (1) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)  
 (2) Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)  
 (3) Indian Space Research organization (ISRO)  
 (4) National Informatics Centre (NIC)  
 (5) National Development Centre (NDC)
51. How many member Indian military contingent was participated victory day parade in Russia?  
 (1) 65 (2) 80 (3) 45 (4) 75 (5) None of these
52. Who heads the 5-member Internal working group formed by RBI to review ownership and control of Private banks?  
 (1) Sachin Chaturvedi (2) PK Mohanty (3) Lily Vadera  
 (4) S. C. Murmu (5) Shrimohan Yadav
53. Who heads the committee formed by NITI Aayog to develop job platform for migrant labors & others?  
 (1) V K Paul (2) V.K. Saraswat (3) Amitabh Kant (4) Rajeev Kumar (5) None of these

54. Kondapochamma Sagar project was inaugurated in which state?  
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Karnataka (3) Andhra Pradesh (4) Telangana (5) Madhya Pradesh
55. The police of which city has launched STREE program for women?  
(1) Patna (2) Kolkata (3) Mumbai (4) Delhi (5) Hyderabad
56. Name the CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal which was launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recently?  
(1) Aarogyapath (2) Aarogya Kisan (3) Aarogya Vidhaan  
(4) Aarogya Yojana (5) Aarogya Mitra
57. Which ministry has launched SATYABHAMA Portal which was developed by National Informatics Centre?  
(1) Ministry of Culture  
(2) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
(3) Ministry of Human Resource Development  
(4) Ministry of Mines  
(5) None of these
58. Which organization has partnered with International Transport Forum of OECD to launch decarbonizing transport project in India?  
(1) Finance Commission (2) Reserve Bank of India (3) NITI Aayog  
(4) National Development Council (5) None of these
59. Which country hosts World environment day 2020 (June 5) along with Germany?  
(1) Russia (2) Georgia (3) Qatar (4) Peru (5) Colombia
60. Army commanders conference 2020 was conducted at which state/UT?  
(1) Goa (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Kerala (4) Karnataka (5) New Delhi
61. The G7 Summit 2020 which was postponed to September/November 2020 will be hosted by which country?  
(1) Canada (2) Japan (3) US (4) Germany (5) France
62. YES bank partnered with which company/app to launch contactless travel card?  
(1) Abhibus (2) Cleartrip (3) Red bus (4) Make my trip (5) Chalo
63. Find the private bank which partnered with Mastercard India & Worldline India to launch 'Soft POS'.  
(1) DBS Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) Axis Bank (4) HDFC Bank (5) City Union Bank
64. Which country has signed agreement with Italy to demarcate maritime boundaries?  
(1) Greece (2) Bosnia (3) Croatia (4) Turkey (5) Albania
65. Tata Power signed agreement with which state to develop 100 MW solar project?  
(1) Telangana (2) Uttarakhand (3) Madhya Pradesh  
(4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
66. What was the amount that was pledged by PM Modi to Global Vaccine Alliance GAVI?  
(1) USD 10 million (2) USD 15 million (3) USD 20 million  
(4) USD 25 million (5) USD 50 million

67. NABARD provided Rs. 270 crores as the Special Liquidity Facility (SLF) to which bank?  
 (1) Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank  
 (2) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank  
 (3) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank  
 (4) Central Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank  
 (5) Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank
68. What is the revised turnover limit of Medium enterprises as per approval of union cabinet recently?  
 (1) 100 crore (2) 150 crore (3) 50 crore (4) 250 crore (5) 200 crore
69. What is the amount that was allocated for the Jal Shakti mission in Budget 2020?  
 (1) 11,500 Cr (2) 10,000 Cr (3) 10,500 Cr (4) 12,000 Cr (5) 12,500 Cr
70. World bank has granted Rs. 1950 cr to which state to combat COVID-19?  
 (1) Punjab (2) Maharashtra (3) West Bengal (4) Arunachal Pradesh (5) Gujarat
71. World Bank has sanctioned \$500 million to which country for cross country (which includes Indian border) road projects?  
 (1) Pakistan (2) Nepal (3) China (4) Bhutan (5) Bangladesh
72. The education improvement project 'STARS', which got \$500 million world bank loan will be implemented across how many states in India?  
 (1) 5 (2) 7 (3) 6 (4) 3 (5) None of these
73. How much amount was granted by world bank to rejuvenate the Ganga through Second National Ganga River Basin Project (SNGRBP) in June 2020?  
 (1) \$500 million (2) \$350 million (3) \$300 million (4) \$450 million (5) \$400 million
74. According to World bank's report, global economy will contract by \_\_\_\_\_% in 2020.  
 (1) 5.2 (2) 3.2 (3) 1.2 (4) 4.2 (5) 2.3
75. What will be the contraction in India's GDP in 2020 as per estimation of Moody's?  
 (1) 4% (2) 4.4% (3) 3.1% (4) 5% (5) None of these
76. Which is the only G20 country that will record growth in economy in 2020, as per Moody's?  
 (1) South Korea (2) Japan (3) Saudi Arabia (4) India (5) China
77. What will be India's GDP in FY21 as per India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)?  
 (1) -3.1% (2) -4.7% (3) -3.9% (4) -5.3% (5) None of these
78. What will be the India's GDP growth in 2020 as per S&P global ratings?  
 (1) -5% (2) -4% (3) -6% (4) -3% (5) None of these
79. Which company has acquired 51% stake in TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd (TPCODL) recently?  
 (1) JSW Energy (2) SJVN power (3) Reliance power  
 (4) Tata power (5) NHPC ltd
80. Facebook to acquire 9.9% stake in Jio Platforms through which company?  
 (1) Jaadhu Holdings LLC (2) Keiretsu Holdings LLC (3) Berkshire Hathaway  
 (4) Chaebol Holdings LLC (5) Atlanta Holdings LLC

81. Abu Dhabi based Mubadala is going to buy \_\_\_\_\_% stake in Jio platforms.  
(1) 2.11 (2) 1.85 (3) 1.21 (4) 2.32 (5) 5.31
82. CCI has given its approval to merger Fiat Chrysler with which company?  
(1) Peugeot S.A (2) Tata Motors (3) Hero Moto (4) Bajaj Auto Limited (5) Chevrolet
83. Name the company which has launched 'Sodar' app to help people maintain social distancing.  
(1) IBM (2) Microsoft (3) Facebook (4) Google (5) Twitter
84. Which country has agreed to join United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (UN-ATT) recently (June 2020)?  
(1) Japan (2) India (3) UK (4) Russia (5) China
85. Find the 1st private company which has sent astronauts into the space.  
(1) AirLaunch (2) SpaceX (3) KinetX (4) Blue Origin (5) Astra
86. The research project undertaken by which IIT, has helped to triple the number of Irrawaddy dolphins in Chilika lake (Odisha)?  
(1) IIT Madras (2) IIT Kanpur (3) IIT Delhi (4) IIT Guwahati (5) IIT Calcutta
87. 'Schizothorax sikusirumensis' which was discovered in Arunachal Pradesh recently is a variety of which species?  
(1) Bird (2) Turtle (3) Fish (4) Bat (5) None of these
88. Name the longest expressway of India, which is likely to be completed by 2021.  
(1) Yamuna Expressway (2) Delhi-Meerut Expressway  
(3) Himalayan Expressway (4) Purvanchal Expressway (5) Belghoria Expressway
89. Which city was included in Delhi-Katra expressway which is part of Bharatmala Pariyojana?  
(1) Amritsar (2) Morena (3) Chandigarh (4) Ranchi (5) Raipur
90. Name the robot which was launched by central railways to boost the screening and surveillance of passengers.  
(1) Captain Amar (2) CaptainRam (3) CaptainArjun  
(4) CaptainSamarth (5) None of these
91. Raja Praba is the festival celebrated in which Indian state/UT?  
(1) Jharkhand (2) Odisha (3) J&K (4) Ladakh (5) None of these
92. Arun Singhal was appointed as the CEO of which organization recently?  
(1) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)  
(2) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)  
(3) Food Corporation of India (FCI)  
(4) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)  
(5) None of these
93. Who has been appointed as the new president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?  
(1) VikramKiroloskar (2) Uday Kotak (3) Sangita Reddy  
(4) Sanjiv Mehta (5) Pawan Kr Agarwal
94. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Adidas recently?  
(1) ManushiChhillar (2) Priyanka Chopra (3) YuktaMukhi  
(4) Diana Hayden (5) Aishwarya Rai

95. K. Shanmugam gets 3-month extension as the chief secretary of which state?  
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Madhya Pradesh  
 (4) Goa (5) Telangana
96. Name the person who was appointed as the 1st Indian origin Chair of BAFTA.  
 (1) Jyoti Prasad Agarwala (2) Dasari Ramathilakam (3) Vemuri Gaggaiah  
 (4) Ardeshir Irani (5) Krishnendu Majumdar
97. Who was appointed as the 1st ever brand ambassador of IIFL Finance?  
 (1) Rohit Sharma (2) MS Dhoni (3) KL Rahul (4) Ajinkya Rahane (5) Virat Kohli
98. Who has been appointed as the UNADAP's 'Goodwill Ambassador to the Poor'?  
 (1) Nethra (2) Krithika (3) Chitra (4) Divya (5) Karthika
99. Find the person who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Bihar's Khadi.  
 (1) Pankaj Tripathi (2) Anupam Kher (3) Boman Irani  
 (4) Om Puri (5) Swara Bhaskar
100. Imtaiyazur Rahman has been appointed as the CEO of which mutual fund?  
 (1) UTI Asset Management Company  
 (2) Canara Robeco Asset Management Company  
 (3) BNP Paribas Asset Management India  
 (4) Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC  
 (5) Axis Asset Management Company
101. Which company has appointed as auditor for the next three years for PM-CARES?  
 (1) SARC & Associates (2) BDO International (3) Ernst & Young  
 (4) RSM International (5) None of these
102. Kubatbek Boronov was appointed as the president of which country?  
 (1) Uzbekistan (2) Tajikistan (3) Kyrgyzstan (4) Pakistan (5) None of these
103. Which Indian has been elected as member of ITF World Tennis Tour Men's Panel representing the Asia-Oceania zone?  
 (1) Niki Kalyanda Poonacha (2) Leander Paes (3) Yuki Bhambri  
 (4) Mahesh Bhupathi (5) None of these
104. Evariste Ndayishimiye was elected as the president of which country recently?  
 (1) Rwanda (2) Congo (3) Tanzania (4) Burundi (5) None of these
105. Vini Mahajan has become the 1st women chief secretary of which state?  
 (1) Goa (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Haryana (4) Punjab (5) None of these
106. Wajid Khan who passed away recently is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Lawyer (2) Architect (3) Stunt man (4) Athlete (5) Music Director
107. Jayanti Lal Nanoma who passed away recently is associated with which sport?  
 (1) Shooting (2) Pole Vault (3) Wrestling (4) Archery (5) Rowing
108. Chiranjeevi Sarja who passed away recently is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Athlete (2) Banker (3) Actor (4) Architect (5) Sand Artist
109. Pierre Nkurunziza who passed away recently is the former president of which country?  
 (1) Rwanda (2) Congo (3) Tanzania (4) Burundi (5) Zambia

110. Pritam Singh who passed away recently is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Management trainer (2) Lawyer (3) Athlete  
 (4) Actor (5) Architect
111. Anand Mohan Zutshi 'Gulzar' Dehlvi who passed away in June 2020 is a renowned poet in which language?  
 (1) Telugu (2) Punjabi (3) Gujarati (4) Marathi (5) Urdu
112. Sushant Singh Rajput who is in news recently is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Freedom Fighter (2) Lawyer (3) Actor  
 (4) Cricketer (5) None of these
113. Cricketer Matt Poore who passed away in June 2020 belongs to which country?  
 (1) Australia (2) Pakistan (3) New Zealand (4) South Africa (5) None of these
114. Raj Mohan Vohra who passed away in June 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Actor (2) Army Personnel (3) Painter (4) Architect (5) None of these
115. B.P.R. Vithal Baru who passed away in June 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Cricketer (2) Sand Artist (3) Photographer (4) Actor (5) Economist
116. Vidyaben Shah who passed away recently is a Padma Shri recipient (1992) in which field?  
 (1) Science & Engineering (2) Medicine (3) Sports  
 (4) Literature & Education (5) Social Work
117. Rajinder Goel who passed away recently is associated with which sports?  
 (1) Football (2) Hockey (3) Cricket (4) Tennis (5) None of these
118. Pournima Zanane who passed away recently is associated with which sport?  
 (1) Shooting (2) Wrestling (3) Rowing (4) Archery (5) None of these
119. Joel Schumacher who passed away recently is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Classical Dancer (2) Painter (3) Architect  
 (4) Film Director (5) None of these
120. Who has been named as the EY world entrepreneur of the year 2020?  
 (1) Dilip Shanghvi (2) Shiv Nadar (3) Narayana Murthy  
 (4) Uday Kotak (5) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
121. Who has honored with "NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal" recently?  
 (1) Rajiv Kumar (2) VK Paul (3) C K Naidu (4) RK Pandipati (5) Renjith Kumar
122. Shobha Sekhar who received "Order of Australia" medal is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) Actor (2) Lawyer (3) Banker (4) Architect (5) Musician
123. Who becomes the 1st ever women to reach deepest point of ocean, the Challenger deep?  
 (1) Nancy Roman (2) Christina Koch (3) Peggy Whitson  
 (4) Stephanie Wilson (5) Kathy Sullivan
124. Who has won 2020 peace prize of the German Book Trade?  
 (1) Amartya Sen (2) Shobhana Narasimha (3) Sangeetha N. Bhatia  
 (4) Jagdish Bhagwati (5) None of these

125. Which is the best performing state more than 50 lakh population in controlling TB as per "India TB (Tuberculosis) Report 2020"?
- (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Telangana (3) Gujarat (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
126. Kiranjeet Kaur who was banned for 4-years due violation of anti-doping rule is associated with which sport?
- (1) Pole Vault (2) Shot Put  
(3) Long distance runner (4) Javelin Throw (5) Wrestling
127. Shehan Madushanka who is in news recently, belongs to which sport?
- (1) Football (2) Cricket (3) Tennis (4) Basket Ball (5) Hockey
128. Sprinter Bobby Morrow (Olympic medalist) who is in news recently belongs to which country?
- (1) Jamaica (2) Bahrain (3) Russia (4) China (5) United States
129. Salwa Eid Naser who is in news recently is associated with which sport?
- (1) Pole Vault (2) 400m running (3) Long jump (4) Discus Throw (5) Wrestling
130. Kurt Billeaux Thomas who is in news recently is related to which sport?
- (1) Badminton (2) Shooting (3) Table Tennis (4) Short Distance Runner (5) Gymnastics
131. Vasant Raiji who is in news recently is associated with which sport?
- (1) Football (2) Hockey (3) Baseball (4) Cricket (5) Basketball
132. The 4th edition of Asian youth para games is going to be held in which country in December 2021?
- (1) China (2) Nepal (3) Japan (4) India (5) Bahrain
133. Who is the only cricket player featured in Forbes' top 100 highest paid athletes of 2020?
- (1) MS Dhoni (2) Chris Gayle (3) Virat Kohli (4) Rohit Sharma (5) Steve Smith
134. Which institute/university ranked top in the QS World University Rankings 2021?
- (1) Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
(2) Stanford University  
(3) Harvard University  
(4) California Institute of Technology  
(5) University of Oxford
135. Which state has become the largest wheat procurer in the country recently?
- (1) Gujarat (2) Haryana (3) Punjab (4) Maharashtra (5) Madhya Pradesh
136. What is the rank of Mukesh Ambani in world's richest person list as per Bloomberg Billionaires Index?
- (1) 11 (2) 8 (3) 9 (4) 7 (5) None of these
137. What is the rank of India in World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2020?
- (1) 52 (2) 69 (3) 75 (4) 82 (5) None of these
138. India assured to reconstruct 56 schools in which country?
- (1) Bhutan (2) Myanmar (3) Sri Lanka (4) Nepal (5) Bangladesh

139. Find the PSU which is 1st in construction sector to become fully digital?  
(1) National Highway Authority of India  
(2) Hindustan Prefab Ltd  
(3) National Buildings Construction Corporation  
(4) National Project Construction Corporation Ltd  
(5) Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd
140. What will be the objective of India during its tenure in UNSC (2021-22)?  
(1) SORTS (2) NORMS (3) 3T (4) 5R (5) None of these
141. How many districts will be covered in “Nasha Mukht Bharat: Annual Action Plan (2020-21)” which was launched by Social Justice and Empowerment ministry?  
(1) 262 (2) 252 (3) 272 (4) 282 (5) None of these
142. Name the organization which organized the 1st ever ‘Virtual Healthcare and Hygiene Expo 2020’ (VHHE) inaugurated Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya.  
(1) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)  
(2) Electronic Component Industries Association (ELCINA)  
(3) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)  
(4) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)  
(5) None of these
143. Name the state which develops India’s 1st Lichen Park with over 150 lichen species?  
(1) Manipur (2) Uttarakhand (3) AP (4) Himachal Pradesh (5) None of these
144. Find the organization which released report titled “Money Laundering and the Illegal Wildlife Trade”.  
(1) World Trade Organization (WTO)  
(2) World Health Organization (WHO)  
(3) Financial Action Task Force (FATF)  
(4) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)  
(5) None of these
145. Which country has proposed the idea of G7+3 named as 10 Democracies (D10)?  
(1) United States (2) Russia (3) Germany (4) UK (5) Canada
146. Name the country which has committed 200 Million Euros to support India’s COVID response.  
(1) France (2) Spain (3) Sweden (4) Denmark (5) None of these
147. Which organization released report titled “Inclusion and Education: All Means All”?  
(1) UNICEF (2) IMF (3) UNESCO (4) WEF (5) None of these
148. Who authored the biography of Dadabhai Naoroji titled “Naoroji Pioneer of Indian Nationalism”?  
(1) Dinyar Patel (2) Damodar Dharmananda Kosambi  
(3) R. C. Majumdar (4) Jadunath Sarkar (5) None of these
149. Who authored the book titled ‘Klara and the Sun’?  
(1) Kazuo Ishiguro (2) Bob Dylan (3) Alice Munro  
(4) Peter Handke (5) None of these
150. Who authored the novel titled ‘A Burning’?  
(1) Mirza Waheed (2) Nikita Lalwani (3) Sujatha Gidla  
(4) Megha Majumdar (5) None of these

151. Who authored the book titled "The Family and The Nation" along with Acharya Mahapragya?  
(1) VP Singh (2) Manmohan Singh (3) Pranab Mukherjee  
(4) Pratibha Patil (5) APJ Abdul Kalam
152. Who authored the book titled "Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India" ?  
(1) Durjoy Datta (2) Kiran Desai (3) Amish Tripathi  
(4) Vinit Goenka (5) None of these

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