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### NATIONAL NEWS:

**Ministry of Tourism organizes the 50th webinar titled "Cultural heritage of Hyderabad" under DekhoApnaDesh series:**

The webinar showcased the culture of **Hyderabad** which is quite distinct from the rest of **Telangana** with its strong Islamic influences inherited from the period of the **Nizam rule** which is starkly visible on Hyderabad's architecture, food, lifestyle.

**Himachal Pradesh government signs Rs.110 crore MoU with Micro Tek New Technologies for setting up electronics manufacturing unit in Baddi:**

**Himachal Pradesh** government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) worth **Rs.110 crore** in the presence of chief minister **Jai Ram Thakur** with **Micro Tek New Technologies Private Ltd** for setting up a manufacturing unit of thermometers, online/offline UPS, high capacity invertors, oxymeters and other electrical products in **Solan** district's **Baddi** area.

**Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 45 Highway projects worth around Rs 11,427 cr in Madhya Pradesh:**

Union Minister for **Road Transport, Highways** and MSMEs **Nitin Gadkari**

virtually inaugurated **45 highway projects** in **Madhya Pradesh**.

These projects includes construction of **1,361 km** of Road, two over bridges and six bridges at an estimated cost of **Rs 11,427 crore**.

**Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare to integrate e- Pension Payment Order with Digi Locker:**

It will create a permanent record of their PPO in their **Digi Locker** and at the same time eliminate delays in reaching the PPO to new Pensioners, as well as the necessity of handing over a physical copy. The facility has been created with **Bhavisya Software**.

**Gujarat tops Niti Aayog's first ever Export Preparedness Index 2020, followed by Maharashtra and TN:**

Gujarat has topped the **Niti Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2020** followed by **Maharashtra** and **Tamil Nadu** in the second and third place respectively, according to the government think tank's report.

Niti Aayog in partnership with the **Institute of Competitiveness** released the first Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020.

**Haryana Government Signed MoU with M3M Foundation to Enable Students to get into Government Jobs:**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the **Department of**

**Employment, Haryana** and the **M3M** Foundation in order to facilitate the online preparation, training and mentoring for the government jobs for the students.

### **Tamil Nadu women top the list of MUDRA loan scheme beneficiaries:**

Women of **Tamil Nadu** have topped the list of women borrowers under the **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)** since its inception. **Tamil Nadu** followed by **West Bengal** and **Karnataka** are at 2nd and 3rd place.

More than **15 crore** loans amounting to **Rs.4.78-lakh-crore** have been disbursed to women borrowers under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY).

### **Andhra Pradesh sets up entity to finance social economic development projects:**

**Andhra Pradesh** government established the **Andhra Pradesh State Development Corporation (APSDC)**, a new avenue to borrow more money and channelize donations from different sources. The new entity will be a 100 percent state-owned **Public Limited Company**.

### **Defence minister launches app for online training of National Cadet Corps cadets**

The mobile app, called "**DGNCC**", aims at providing NCC cadets all training materials, including syllabus, training videos, and

frequently asked questions, on one platform. The NCC imparts values of unity, discipline, service to the nation.

### **Union Minister of State Som Parkash addresses 5th virtual BRICS Industry Minister's Meeting:**

The Industry Ministers of **BRICS** (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries held a meeting through video mode on 24 August 2020 to discuss ways to boost cooperation in areas including **5G** and **Artificial Intelligence**.

From India, the Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, **Shri Som Parkash**, participated in the 5th edition of the Industry Ministers' meeting.

### **Delhi government launches fitness channel on YouTube for students stuck at home:**

**Delhi** government launched '**Healthy Body, Healthy Mind**' campaign for students confined to their homes as schools remain closed in view of Coronavirus pandemic. A video will be uploaded which the students can practice for the week.

### **Union Minister Piyush Goyal launches National GIS-enabled Land Bank system:**

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, **Piyush Goyal** e-launched the National GIS(Geographic Information System) -

enabled Land Bank system  
(<https://iis.ncog.gov.in/parks>) for six states.

The platform will provide a database of **industrial areas/clusters** across the country and will serve as a one-stop solution to the free and easy accessibility of all industrial information.

### **Ministry of Social Justice launches Mental Health Rehabilitation helpline 'KIRAN':**

Department of Empowerment of **Persons with Disabilities** (DEPwD) under the Ministry of **Social Justice and Empowerment** has launched a **24x7 Mental Health Rehabilitation** helpline number under the name '**Kiran**' to assist people to cope with mental health issues, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Centre to develop three Bamboo Clusters in Jammu, Katra and Samba areas of J&K:**

Minister of Development of North East-Region, **Dr Jitendra Singh** said that **3 Bamboo Clusters** will be developed in Jammu, Katra & Samba areas for making of Bamboo basketry, Agarbatti & Bamboo Charcol that will provide direct employment to nearly **25000 people**.

### **Government Launches 'Chunauti' Contest To Identify And Support Startups From Small Towns:**

Government launched a contest to give a fillip to homegrown startups and software product companies with special focus on firms from **small towns** of the country.

The government's "**Chunauti**" - Next Generation Startup Challenge Contest, aims to identify **300 startups** working in select areas which will be provided with a seed fund of up to **Rs 25 lakh** along with other necessary support to help them grow.

### **First marine ambulance boat 'PRATHEEKSHA' commissioned in Kerala:**

Kerala Chief Minister **Shri Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated the first ever marine ambulance named '**PRATHEEKSHA**'. Pratheeksha is first in the series of 3 fully equipped marine ambulance boat built by **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**, for the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala.

The other two other boats namely '**Prathyasha**' and '**Karunya**' were also launched on the same day.

### **Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath launches NRI unified portal:**

**Uttar Pradesh** Government under Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** has launched an ambitious '**NRI unified portal**' to provide

assistance to overseas Indians and NRIs of the state during any emergency. The website can be assessed at [nri.up.gov.in](http://nri.up.gov.in).

### **Union Minister Piyush Goyal addresses ASEAN-India Business Council Meet:**

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry **Shri Piyush Goyal** addressed the **ASEAN-India Business Council** virtual meet. The business council meeting provided a forum to discuss concerns and best practices, share ideas, and flag the problems, so that together both the partners are able to succeed, secure future, work together, attain prosperity, and achieve a target of **\$300 billion trade**.

He emphasized **3 C's Cooperation, Collaboration & Commitment** as guide for the strategic partnership between India and ASEAN countries.

### **Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) Completed Six Years of Successful Implementation:**

6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY)** was observed which was launched. On this occasion, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** reiterated the importance of this biggest financial inclusion initiative in the world.

The Slogan of PMJDY: **"Mera Khata – Bhagya Vidhaata."**

### **NITI Aayog begins NDC- Transport Initiative for Asia(TIA) :**

**NITI Aayog** has started off **NDC (Nationally Determined Contributions) – Transport Initiative for Asia (TIA)**. the main purpose of it is to set up a multi-stakeholder dialogue and create a team. the team will provide their support on Greenhouse Gas emission reduction across the country.

### **Union Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launches completely wireless BSNL Bharat AirFibre for rural areas in Bihar:**

Union Telecom Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** inaugurated a next-generation network telephone exchange at New Bihar Vidhan Mandal compound and **Bharat Air Fibre** service at **Danapur** Telephone Exchange in Bihar through video conferencing from **New Delhi**.

### **First newspaper for kids 'The Young Minds' launched in Assam:**

Two **Guwahati**-based women entrepreneurs have launched a newspaper specifically designed for kids, to promote creative thinking among children and inculcate in them the habit to read and write. It is the brainchild of **Neelam Sethia** and **Neha Bajaj**. The

Young Minds, will cater to kids of **4-14** years of age.

**Assam Government to set up Skill University worth Rs 900 Crore at Darrang district:**

**Assam** Cabinet has approved the **Assam Skill Development University** Bill which allows for setting up a state-of-the-art skill University at **Mangaldoi** in **Darrang district** of Assam. The University at Mangaldoi will be the Centre of Excellence and first ever Skill University in north eastern states of the country.

The total cost of setting up the University is estimated at **Rs 900 crore** with financial assistance from the **Asian Development Bank**. Assam government has also inked a memorandum of understanding recently with the **ITE Education Service Singapore** for training resource persons of the university

**Union Education Minister addresses inaugural session of World Urdu Conference organized by NCPUL:**

Education Minister made an important announcement and said that **Urdu writers and literators** will be honoured with awards and honours in the name of important personalities of Urdu like **Amir Khusrow, Mirza Ghalib, Agha Hashar, Ram Babu Saxena, etc.**

It was organized by **National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL). Department of Economic Affairs & UNDP India Launched Sustainable Finance Collaborative to Promote Sustainable Finance in India:**

Department of **Economic Affairs Ministry** of Finance in partnership with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** India launched the **Sustainable Finance Collaborative (SFC)**.

In this regard, a three days consultation centered on the broad scope of Sustainable Finance architecture in India was held to accelerate **Green Finance** by bringing together leading experts and organizations.

**President Ram Nath Kovind honours 74 sportspersons with National Sports and Adventure Awards:**

President **Ram Nath Kovind** virtually conferred the National Sports & Adventure Award 2020 namely- **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award, Dhyan Chand Award, Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award & Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar.**

**Twenty-seven** sportspersons were honoured with the Arjuna Award.



### **51<sup>st</sup> International Film Festival India to be held in Goa from Nov 20:**

51<sup>st</sup> IFFI will be held in **Goa**, from November 20th to 28th. This film festival being a **hybrid film festival** due to Covid 19, would screen films on official digital platform along with the theatrical screenings. The festival is an annual event since 1975.

### **Uttar Pradesh government launches 'Major Dhyan Chand Vijaypath Yojana' to Build Roads to 19 International Player's houses:**

Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh **Keshav Prasad Maurya** launched the **Major Dhyan Chand Vijaypath Yojana** under which **19 international players** from the state will get road connectivity to their houses.

Indian pacer **Bhuvneshwar Kumar**, *former pacer Praveen Kumar, Piyush Chawla* and **Mohammad Kaif** are among the 19 athletes who will be benefited from the scheme.

### **Indian Railways has developed a remote-controlled medical trolley named 'MEDBOT' to help deliver food and medicines to COVID-19 patients:**

**Indian Railways** has developed a remote-controlled medical trolley named **'MEDBOT'** to help deliver food and medicines to COVID-19 patients. It is providing service in the

Central Hospital of the Diesel Rail Engine Factory of Indian Railways.

### **Kerala to set up India's first International Women's Trade Centre:**

**Kerala** will set up India's first **International Women's Trade Centre (IWTC)**, in consonance with the United Nations **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

This initiative aims to accelerate women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity while providing women with a **safe place away** from home to start **new businesses, set up or expand**, and get their products marketed globally.

### **MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Technology Centre at Bhiwadi in Rajasthan:**

MSME Minister **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated a technology centre at **Bhiwadi** in **Rajasthan** via video conferencing. 15 new technology centres are being set up & 18 existing ones are being upgraded to create skilled manpower, as part of efforts to make India a manufacturing hub. The manufacturing sector contributes around **22-24%** in GDP.

### **PM Modi inaugurates Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University in Jhansi:**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** digitally inaugurated college and administration buildings of the **Rani Lakshmi Bai (RLB)**

Central **Agricultural University**. Named after the iconic freedom fighter, **Rani Lakshmi Bai**, the RLB University is located in **Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh**.

**India To Invest Over Rs 4 Lakh Crore To Achieve 100 Million Tonne Coal Gasification Target By 2030:**

**India** aims for **100 million tonne (MT)** coal gasification by **2030** with investments worth over **Rs 4 lakh crore**, said Union Minister of Coal and Mines **Prahlad Joshi**.

The webinar was organized by Ministry of Coal (MoC) in **New Delhi** for discussing the road map for achieving the target. The webinar was attended by around 700 delegates from government of India, **Coal India Limited (CIL)** and the coal sector.

**Andhra Pradesh Government to launch two schemes for pregnant women on September 1:**

**Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** will launch two new schemes for **pregnant women**. The schemes, "**YSR Sampoorna Poshana**" and "**YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus**" to be launched on September 1, 2020 aim at providing nutritious food for pregnant women and lactating mothers along with children.

**Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Launched Life Insurance Scheme for**

**More than 10,000 Cantonment Employees:**

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** launched a life insurance scheme that will provide a cover of **Rs 5 lakhs** each to more than **10,000 employees** working in cantonment areas across India.

**'Chhavni Covid: Yodha Sanrakshan Yojana'**, a group life insurance scheme through the Life Insurance Corporation, was launched by Rajnath Singh during a webinar attended by presidents, vice-presidents and chief executive officers of all 62 cantonment boards.

**Coal India to invest over Rs 1.22 lakh crore on 500 projects by 2023-24:**

**Coal India** to invest over **Rs 1.22 lakh crore** on development of 500 projects related to coal evacuation, infrastructure, exploration and clean coal technologies. It aims to make India self-reliant & achieve production target of **1 billion tonnes** by **2023-24**.

**Karnataka CM flags off RO-RO train service between Bengaluru and Solapur:**

Karnataka Chief Minister **BS Yediyurappa** flagged off Roll-On/Roll-Off (RO-RO) train between **Bengaluru (Nelamangala)** to **Solapur (Maharashtra)** through video conferencing. CM Yediyurappa flagged off the



RO-RO train from Nelamagala station on the outskirts of Bengaluru at 9.15 am.

Explaining about the **RO-RO service**, the **South Western Railway (SWR)** stated it will have open flat wagon on which trucks with goods are loaded. The driver and cleaner of the lorries sit in their vehicles.

### **Odisha CM launched "Ama Sahar" and "Swachha Sahar Odisha" Mobile app on Local Self Government Day:**

Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched two citizen-centric mobile phone applications- **AMA SAHAR** and **SWACHHA SAHAR ODISHA** at the Lok Seva Bhawan here on the occasion of Local Self Government Day. With the launching of web app, the **urban local bodies (ULBs)** will be able to submit utilisation certificate online which will bring better fiscal management.

### **Uttar Pradesh government decides to set up exclusive anti-electricity theft police stations in every district:**

**Uttar Pradesh** government decided to set up exclusive **Anti-Electricity Theft** police stations in every district of state to address the problem of frequent cases of power theft. One police station dedicated to deal with the issue of power theft to be opened.

### **European Investment Bank To Invest €650 Million Into Kanpur's First City Metro Line:**

**European Investment Bank (EIB)** is set to invest a total of **€650 million** into the construction of Kanpur city's first metro line, marking its second-biggest operation outside the European Union.

The **32.4 km** urban rail line, with 18 elevated and 12 underground stations is EIB's 2nd biggest operation outside the European Union(EU) till date. It is the 2nd metro rail project supported by the EIB in **Uttar Pradesh(UP)**.

### **Union Cabinet approves 'Mission Karmayogi' for Civil Servants:**

Union Cabinet has approved **"Mission Karmayogi"** for **civil servants** across the country to help them meet the challenges in the society. A council headed by PM having CMs as members will approve the civil services capacity building plans under the scheme.

### **Madhya Pradesh government launches 'Gandagi Bharat Chhodo' campaign:**

**Madhya Pradesh** government has launched a 15-day campaign named **'Gandagi Bharat Chhodo'**. Under the campaign awareness programmes were organized in seven thousand **178 settlements**. About 35 lakh

people from **378 urban** bodies in Madhya Pradesh took part in the campaign.

Gandagi Bharat Chhodo campaign is divided into **5 themes**- Cleanliness Oath, Continuous reduction in urban waste emissions, Cleanliness in COVID conditions, Separation of waste from sources of houses & launching a cleanliness campaign for public places.

## **Union Power Minister RK Singh launches "Green Term Ahead Market":**

Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, **Raj Kumar Singh** launched the Pan-India **Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM)** in **New Delhi** virtually, for electricity. GTAM is the World's First Exclusive Product Market for the renewable energy sector.

## **Cabinet approves MoU between India and Finland for cooperation in Geology and Mineral Resources:**

The MoU facilitates cooperation in the field of **geology, training, mineral prognostication, 3/4D modelling, Seismic** and other **Geophysical** surveys finalized with the intent of reinforcing and strengthening scientific links between the two Organizations.

## **PM Modi to address Leadership Summit of US-India Strategic Partnership Forum:**

**US-India Strategic Partnership Forum** (USISPF) 's 3rd Annual Leadership Summit is going to be organized. On this occasion, The Prime Minister Narendra Modi is going to address a Special Key Note via a video conference. The theme of the 5-day Summit: **"US-India Navigating New Challenges"**.

## **Lakshadweep and Ladakh joined One Nation-One Ration Card scheme:**

Two more UTs **Ladakh** and **Lakshadweep** have decided to join the '**One Nation-One Ration Card**' scheme. now, **26 States /UTs** have joined this scheme and this Yojana will give benefits to almost 70 crore citizens.

## **Jal Shakti Ministry launched 'Water Heroes' Contest:**

The Jal Shakti ministry has launched a **"Water Heroes – Share Your Stories"** contest with an aim to reach out to people with the important message of water conservation and management. The primary objectives of the **Ministry of Jal Shakti** are to make water conservation a people's movement and strengthen the water consciousness in the country.

## **Sadananda Gowda launches 8 Nutraceutical-immunity boosting products under PMBJP for sale through Janaushadhi Kendras:**

Government is also providing one-time grant of **Rs 2.00 lakh** for store set-up to persons belonging to **SC, ST, women & divyang** category and to any applicant opening store in **North-Eastern States**, aspirational districts & **Himalayan states** under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Priyojana (**PMBJP**).

### **India's First Regional Voters' Awareness Centre to Come Up in Jaipur:**

**Election Commission of India** (ECI) will set up the country's first regional voters' awareness centre in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**. It will cater to four states — **Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh**.

The centre will carry out various awareness activities under the **Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP)** programme.

### **Arjun Munda inaugurates '2 Days National Tribal Research Conclave' being held virtually:**

Ministry of **Tribal affairs** is funding **26 Tribal Research Institutes** for research under Grant to TRIs and is engaged in quality research in collaboration with various institutes. National Institute for Tribal research is being set up in partnership with **IIPA (Indian Institute of Public Administration)**.

### **Maharashtra Government and SIDBI ink pact to develop MSME ecosystem:**

**Small Industries Development Bank of India** (SIDBI) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Maharashtra Government** to develop the **Micro, Small And Medium Enterprise** (MSME) ecosystem in the state.

Under the agreement, a **Project Management Unit (PMU)** will be deployed by **SIDBI** with the Government of **Maharashtra**.

### **Punjab Govt launches 'I Rakhwali' app to make citizens 'Greenery Saviours':**

**Punjab State Forest Department** launched '**I Rakhwali**' application to help netizens to become '**Greenery Saviours**'. Launching the application, Punjab Forest Minister **Sadhu Singh Dharamsot** said that the application has been developed to ensure greenery and to protect the environment in Punjab, and its main aim is to inspire people to **plant more trees**.

### **Rajasthan government inks MoU with ShriVallabh Pittie to invest Rs 4,000 cr in aviation, textile sectors:**

**Rajasthan** government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **ShriVallabh Pittie (SVP)** International

Group for development of facilities related to **aviation, defence** and **textile** sectors.

Investment of **Rs 4,000 crore** is estimated under the projects which would generate employment for more than 4,000 people, an official release stated.

### **Festival Pang Lhabsol Celebrated In Sikkim:**

**Pang Lhabsol** is one of the most historically significant festivals celebrated in **Sikkim**. Pang Lhabsol is a unique festival of Sikkim and commemorates the consecration of Mount Khangchendzonga as the guardian deity of Sikkim.

### **Tripura receives first ever inland shipping cargo from Bangladesh:**

The **Daukandi** (Bangladesh) – **Sonamura** (Tripura) **Inland Waterway** Protocol route was operationalised marking a milestone in **India-Bangladesh relations**.

"Bangladeshi vessel, MB Premier carrying cement started from **Daukandi** and will reach **Sonamura** traversing 93 km along the river **Gumti**.

### **Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar to chair a webinar on first ever International Day of Clean Air For Blue SkiesL:**

Union Environment Minister **Prakash Javadekar** to chair a webinar on the first-

ever **International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies**. He will review the progress of the activities under the **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)** during the course of the webinar.

### **Andhra Pradesh tops Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking of states 2019:**

**Andhra Pradesh** has topped the 4th edition of the **Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)** ranking of states for 2018-19. It is also known as The **Ease of Doing Business rankings**. The ranking was announced by **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs.

**Uttar Pradesh** is ranked second and **Telangana** is ranked third in the ranking. Till date, State Rankings have been released for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017-18. The latest one is the fourth edition for 2018-19.

### **Andhra Pradesh to float India' largest solar tender for 10 GW capacities:**

**Andhra Pradesh** government to float India's largest solar tender for setting up **10 GW capacity**. AP has around 7.7 GW of solar and wind projects & has India's **second-largest** installed capacity of clean energy. **AP Green Energy Corporation Ltd (APGECL)** to be the nodal agency. This mega solar bid aims to entail a Rs.35,000 crore investment.

### **Andhra Pradesh government signs MoUs with Netherlands, 7 firms on food processing, marketing:**

**Andhra Pradesh** State government signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the **Netherlands** government and **seven companies** in food processing, marketing and technologies, to benefit the horticulture and aquaculture farmers across the State.

The MoUs were signed in the presence of Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy**, Agriculture Minister **K Kannababu**, Andhra Pradesh State Agriculture Mission vice-chairperson **MVS Nagi Reddy** and Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture) **Poonam Malakondaiah**.

### **Assam re-launches self-employment scheme SVAYEM worth Rs 1,000 crore:**

The state government of **Assam** re-launched an old scheme titled '**Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment (SVAYEM)**' which aims to provide self-employment to around **2 lakh youths** of the state.

The **SVAYEM** scheme was launched by the government in 2017-18. Under the scheme, the state government would provide **Rs 50,000 each** as seed money to selected youths to start business ventures.

### **First-ever cannabis medicine project to come up in Jammu:**

Union minister **Jitendra Singh** announced that the first-ever cannabis medicine project will soon be set up in **Jammu**. The **cannabis medicine** project will be set up with the collaboration of Canada at the **Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM)** in Jammu.

### **J-K LG Launches SPARROW System For J-K Administrative Service Officers:**

Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** launched **Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW)** system for Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service officers, at Raj Bhavan.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Rashtriya Poshan Maah being celebrated in September 2020 to promote nutrition among Women and Children:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> **Rashtriya Poshan Maah** is being celebrated in **September 2020** to address the problem of malnutrition among women and young children. Every year Poshan Maah is celebrated all over the country under POSHAN Abhiyaan, launched in **2018**. The aim behind the celebration of Poshan Maah is to encourage **Jan Bhagidaari** in order to ensure health and nutrition for everyone.

### **Karnataka approves Rs. 600-cr watershed project 'REWARD' with World Bank assistance:**

**Karnataka** Cabinet has approved a project titled '**Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development**' (REWARD). The **REWARD** project is designed to ensure soil and water conservation in **20 taluks** with low groundwater levels in Karnataka.

The total cost of this project is **Rs 600 crore**. The **World Bank** will fund 70% of the project amount, which amounts to Rs 420 crore, whereas, **30%** of the expenses (Rs 180 crore) will be borne by the state government of Karnataka.

### **State of Young Child in India Report released by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu:**

**Kerala, Goa, Tripura, Tamil Nadu & Mizoram** are among the top 5 States for well-being of children according to a report by NGO **Mobile Creches**. The index was constructed for 2 time periods - 2005-2006 and 2015-2016. India spent **Rs.1,723 per child** in 2018-2019.

### **Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu selected as fully Digital Economy district:**

**Virudhunagar district** of **Tamil Nadu**, which houses a large number of small and

medium enterprises, especially in the fire crackers and allied sectors, has been selected by the Central Government as the **state's first Fully Digital Economy district**.

These include widespread use of **ATM debit cards**, increased usage of **internet banking**, widespread use of **QR codes etc**.

### **Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri e-launches Kochi Metro Thykoodam-Petta stretch:**

Housing & Urban Affairs Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched **Thykoodam-Petta stretch** of **Kochi Metro** through video conference. The launch marks the completion of Phase I of Kerala Metro service which is estimated to be completed at a cost of **Rs Rs.6218 crore**. Kochi metro has a dedicated **Automated Fare Collection system**.

### **Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission signs MoU with Northeast Small Finance Bank:**

**Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission** (ASRLM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB)** on Saturday to work in cohesion in support of Bank Linkage of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Producer Groups/ Enterprises under ASRLM.

ASRLM is the first amongst all the State Livelihood Missions to initiate the signing of



MoU with the new generation small finance banks. The MoU was signed by **Utpala Saikia**, SMD, ASRLM and **Rupali Kalita**, Managing Director cum CEO, NESFB.

### **Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal Relaunches '10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 Minute' Anti-dengue Campaign:**

**Delhi's** Chief Minister **Arwind Kejriwal** will kicked-off the second edition of the 10-week long anti-dengue campaign. The aim of this campaign is to create awareness on prevention of vector-borne diseases like dengue among the people of Delhi, said the officials. Last year, the '**10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 Minute**' campaign received support from many celebrities as well as government officials.

### **Gujarat will be first to implement National Education Policy 2020:**

**Gujarat** Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** said his government aims to become the first to implement the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and will soon form a task force to create a road map for the same. It comprises of 15 politicians, administrative officials and academicians. It is to study NEP-2020 and take implementation measures.

### **NITI Aayog constitutes Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee (MPICC) :**

**NITI Aayog** has constituted a **Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee (MPICC)**. The MPICC is chaired by **Ms. Sanyukta Samaddar, Adviser (SDG)**.

NITI Aayog is the nodal agency for the Global **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)** and has been assigned the responsibility of leveraging the monitoring mechanism for it and to drive reforms.

### **Tamil Nadu CM releases state's Electronic Hardware Manufacturing Policy-2020**

**Tamil Nadu** government announced a new **electronics & hardware** manufacturing policy to increase the State's electronics industry output to **\$100 billion** by **2025**. It hopes to contribute **25 per cent** of India's total electronic exports to the world by 2025. It undertakes skill training for more than 1Lakh people by 2024.

### **Union Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot launched '24x7 toll-free Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline 'KIRAN':**

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Thaawarchand Gehlot** virtually launched the **24x7 Toll-Free Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline "KIRAN"** (1800-500-0019). The aim is to provide relief and support to persons with Mental Illness.

### **Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates 22 bamboo clusters in nine states:**

Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** inaugurated **22 bamboo** clusters in nine states by virtual mode. Indian Forest Act 1927 was amended in 2017 to remove bamboo for the category of trees so that anyone can undertake cultivation and business in bamboo.

### **India and ADB sign 500 million US dollar loan for Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System corridor:**

**India** and the **ADB** signed a **500 million US** dollar loan for **Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)** corridor. This is the first tranche of a total one-billion-dollar facility. The **82-km** long corridor will reduce the journey time to one hour.

### **Haryana CM Launches 1st of its Kind Educational Chatbot "Apka Mitra" & Online Admission Platform for UG courses:**

**Haryana** Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** virtually launched an online platform for admission to undergraduate courses in government-aided and self-financed colleges. Khattar also launched first-of-its-kind educational whatsapp chatbot '**Apka Mitra**' to resolve any admission related queries of the students.

### **NABARD organizes awareness cum sensitization programme for newly proposed FPO in J&K:**

In **Jammu and Kashmir** awareness cum sensitization programme for newly proposed **Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO)** was organized by **NABARD** in coordination with District Administration in **Anantnag**.

The programme was organized to promote sustainable and **equitable agriculture** and **rural prosperity** through effective credit support related services, institutional development and other initiatives.

### **Fruits & vegetables in J&K covered under 'Operation Green's TOP to TOTAL' scheme:**

Centre has brought majority of fruits and vegetables grown in Jammu under a fresh initiative of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**. All the fruits and vegetables in J&K will be covered under the '**Operation Green's TOP to TOTAL**' scheme.

The scheme has been extended from Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) to all fruits and vegetables (TOTAL) for a period of six months.

### **Prime Minister virtually inaugurates Patrika Gate in Jaipur, Rajasthan:**

Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated the Patrika Gate in **Jaipur**,

**Rajasthan** through video conference on 8th September 2020.

The Iconic Gate is built by the Rajasthan-based **Patrika Group** of Newspapers on the **Jawaharlal Nehru Marg in Jaipur**, to bring together the art, craft, and cultural heritage of all the regions of Rajasthan at one place.

**Cabinet approves asset monetization of subsidiaries of PGCIL through Infrastructure Trust:**

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved Asset Monetization of subsidiaries of **Power Grid Corporation of India Limited** through **Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT)**. It will undertake monetization of its Tariff Based Competitive Bidding assets.

**World Bank approves USD 82 mn for Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation project:**

**World Bank** has approved loan amount worth **\$82 million** for the implementation of **Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project** which will strengthen transport and road safety institutions of Himachal Pradesh by improving the condition, **safety, resilience, and engineering standards** of state road network.

**Kerala tops literacy rate chart with 96.2%; Andhra Pradesh worst performer at 66.4%: Report by NSO:**

**Kerala** has once again emerged as the most literate state in the country With 96.2 per cent literacy while **Andhra Pradesh** featured at the bottom with a rate of 66.4 per cent, showed a report based on **National Statistical Office (NSO)** survey.

On the other hand, **Rajasthan** is the second worst performer with literacy rate at 69.7 per cent, followed by Bihar at 70.9 per cent, Telangana at 72.8 per cent, UP at 73 per cent and Madhya Pradesh at 73.7 per cent.

The report on 'Household Social Consumption: Education in India as part of 75th round of **National Sample Survey** - from July 2017 to June 2018' provides for state-wise detail of literacy rate among the persons aged seven years and above.

**Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates webinar on Enhancing Water Use Efficiency:**

Government set target of covering **100 lakh** hectares in **5 years** under micro-irrigation. Dedicated **Micro Irrigation Fund (MIF)** of **Rs. 5000 crores** with NABARD was created to facilitate states in mobilizing resources for expanding coverage of Micro Irrigation.

### **UiPath partners with Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) to train youth in robotic skills:**

Robotic Process Automation software company **UiPath** partnered with the **Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation** as part of its academic alliance programme which is designed to build RPA resiliency among more than 50000 students in the coming year.

### **Second Kisan train to transport Agri products from Andhra Pradesh to New Delhi, linking farmers directly to markets:**

India's **second** and **South India's first** Kisan Train was flagged off to provide a seamless supply of perishable produce. The first Kisan Rail flagged off between **Maharashtra** and **Bihar**. It aims to help in doubling farmers' income by **2022**.

### **PM Modi digitally launches Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and e-Gopala App:**

PM **Matsya Sampada Yojana** is a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of the fisheries sector in India with an estimated investment of **Rs 20,050 crores** for its implementation from FY20-FY25. **E-Gopala** is a breed improvement marketplace.

### **Delhi CM launches online portal for filing of consumer complaints:**

Delhi CM **Arvind Kejriwal** inaugurated the government's online portal for e-filing of consumers' complaints. It has been developed by **National Informatic Centre (NIC)** in coordination with SBI which is providing payment gateway for payment of fees digitally.

### **Karnataka CM Launches India's First Integrated Air Ambulance Service with ICATT:**

Karnataka CM **B.S. Yediyurappa** unveiled India's first integrated air ambulance service jointly launched by the **International Critical Air Transfer Team (ICATT)** and the **Kyathi** in the city. The ambulance is equipped with state-of-the-art German Isolation Pod.

### **Education Ministry to organise 2 -day conclave on School Education in 21st Century under Shikshak Parv:**

**Shikshak Parv** is celebrated from 8th September- 25th September, to felicitate the Teachers and to take **New Education Policy 2020** which was approved and forward. Education Ministry is to organize a two-day conclave on School Education in 21st Century.

### **CIPET to establish two new Centres for Skilling and Technical Support at Bhagalpur & Varanasi:**

Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (**CIPET**) under the Ministry of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** will be shortly establishing two new Centres for Skilling and Technical Support- CSTS at **Bhagalpur** (Bihar) and **Varanasi** (UP).

**Mumbai International airport put in place QR code-enabled check-in mechanism:**

**Mumbai International airport** has put in place a **QR code-enabled contactless check-in** mechanism for the passengers. Mumbai International Airport Limited stated that the **touch less technology** solution is a vital step in reducing passenger contact with **kiosk surfaces** and is in full compliance with the civil aviation ministry's passenger processing guidelines.

**Nagaland launches Naga Telehealth aiming at providing affordable healthcare services:**

**Naga Telehealth** is an initiative of the government of Nagaland in partnership with **USAID, NISHTHA** and **Jhpiego**. Telehealth is a method wherein communication technologies like computers and mobile phones are used to delivery healthcare, public health and health education services.

**Santosh Kumar Gangwar chairs 227th Meeting of Central Board of Trustees of Employees' Provident Fund:**

Labour and Employment Minister **Santosh Kumar Gangwar** chaired the **227th** Meeting of the **Central Board of Trustees** of Employees' Provident Fund. The Central Board has recommended the same interest rate at **8.50%** to the Central Government.

**Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi Palaniswami launched portal for Eye Donation:**

Chief Minister **Edappadi K Palaniswami** launched the website **hmis.tn.gov.in/eye-donor** designed by the **National Health Mission** Tamil Nadu to help donors. He has pledged to donate his eyes during National Eye Donation Fortnight in **Tamil Nadu**.

He has initiated the state-led portal for eye donation enabling people who are willing to pledge to donate their eyes.

**Telangana Government and UK India Business Council renew their MoU to strengthen the state's industrial development:**

**UK India Business Council** (UKIBC) renewed its' Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Industries and Commerce Department, Government of **Telangana**.

This collaborative partnership between the **UKIBC** and the Government of **Telangana** is well-established and has already led to two UK business delegations to the State and a further delegation of leading UK universities.

### **Uttar Pradesh government signs pact with UN for take-home-ration scheme for women self help groups:**

Take-Home ration will now be manufactured and supplied through women **Self-Help Groups** (SHGs) in Uttar Pradesh. The **State Rural Livelihood Mission** (SRLM) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UN World Food Programme for this.

Around 200 women SHG enterprises are expected to gain business with Rs **1,200 crore** annual turnovers through this collaboration.

### **India Post launches Five Star Villages Scheme to ensure 100% rural coverage of postal schemes:**

**Department of Posts** has launched a scheme called **Five Star Villages**, to ensure universal coverage of **flagship postal schemes** in rural areas of the country. The scheme seeks to bridge the gaps in public awareness and reach of postal products and services, especially in **interior villages**.

### **SAROD ports launched by Shipping Ministry to resolve disputes:**

Union Shipping Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** launched a dispute resolving mechanism to ease affordable and timely resolution of disputes for the maritime sector.

**SAROD**-Ports consist of members from the **Indian Ports Association** (IPA) and **Indian Private Ports and Terminals Association** (IPTTA).

### **Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan attends 73rd session of WHO South East Asia Region:**

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** has attended the **73rd** session of WHO **South East Asia Region (SEARO)** through video conference.

This is the first time the two-day event is being held entirely through virtual platforms owing to the COVID pandemic. The 73rd session is being hosted by the Government of **Thailand** (from Bangkok) while the previous session was held in **New Delhi**.

### **Government forms three-member expert panel to assist in assessment of relief to bank borrowers:**

**Finance Ministry** set up an expert committee to assess the impact of waiving interest payments on loans under moratorium and suggest measures to provide relief to borrowers. It will be headed by former CAG **Rajiv Mehrishi**.

### **Madhya Pradesh reintroduces Deendayal Rasoi Scheme for meals at Rs 10:**

**Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoi Scheme** to provide meals at a subsidized rate to



underprivileged people was re-introduced in **Madhya Pradesh**. Now the rate per thali has been increased to **Rs 10** from **Rs 5**, said an officer from the urban development and housing department.

**Five Petroleum and Gas sector PSUs to join International Solar Alliance:**

**Five Public Sector Undertakings** (PSUs) under Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry will be joining **International Solar Alliance** (ISA) 's Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (ISA-CSCA) as Corporate Partners and will be contributing to ISA's Corpus Fund, said Ministry of **Petroleum & Natural Gas**.

**Hubballi railway station to be renamed after Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji:**

**Hubballi railway station** headquarters of **South Western Railway** is being changed for the second time in last 5 years. It was changed in 2015 from Hubli to Hubballi. It is being renamed after **Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji** who was a Hindu Guru and Philosopher.

**Vice President inaugurates 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary celebrations of Kavi Samrat Shri Viswanatha Satyanarayana:**

Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** virtually inaugurates the 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary celebrations of the **Kavi Samrat Shri Viswanatha Satyanarayana**. He had

highlighted the importance of imparting learning in the mother tongue, preserving culture and protecting the nature.

**Atal Innovation Mission Launches Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-ANIC Initiative:**

**Atal Innovation Mission** (AIM), **NITI Aayog** has launched the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal** New India Challenges to foster innovation in Indian MSMEs and startups. The programme will support research-based innovations by providing funding support to MSMEs and startups up to **Rs 50 lakh**.

**Gujarat government announces state's first Heritage Tourism Policy:**

The policy has provisions to permit use of pre-1950 historical buildings such as **heritage palaces** and **forts**, as heritage hotels, heritage museums, heritage banquet halls and heritage restaurants, provided that basic heritage structure is not disturbed.

**Housing Ministry launches Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF 2.0) and Streets for People Challenge:**

**Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** (MoHUA) launched the **Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0**, along with the '**Streets for People**

**Challenge'** in a virtual event organized by the **Smart Cities Mission**.

**India's 'largest piggery mission' launched in Meghalaya:**

**Meghalaya** has launched India's Biggest **"Piggery Mission"** with an outlay of **Rs 209 Crores**. It is being launched under the aegis of **Meghalaya Livestock Enterprises Advancement Society (MLEADS)** and funded by the **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)**.

The main objective of the Piggery Mission is to reduce the annual import of Pork worth **Rs 150 Crore** and make Meghalaya self-sufficient (**"Aatma Nirbhar"**) in pork production over the **next 3 years**.

**Food processing minister inaugurates Organic India unit in Uttar Pradesh:**

Food Processing Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal** through video conferencing inaugurated Organic India Pvt Ltd's plant at **Barabanki in Uttar Pradesh** that has been set up at a cost of **Rs 55 crore**. The food processing sector is growing at **8.5 percent** annually.

**13th Aero India-21 to be held in Bengaluru, Karnataka in Feb 2021:**

The 13th edition of **Aero India-21** is scheduled to be held at Air Force Station, **Yelahanka, Bengaluru** from 3 to 07

February 2021. Raksha Mantri, **Shri Rajnath Singh** has launched the website for Aero India 2021. Aero India is Asia's largest air show and aviation exhibition held biennially in Bengaluru since 1996. The website can be accessed at **aeroindia.gov.in**.

**Government increases scholarship amount under 'Pragati and Saksham' schemes for J&K students to Rs 50,000:**

Central government has increased the scholarship amount under **'Pragati and Saksham Scholarship Schemes'** for students of **Jammu and Kashmir** from **Rs 5,000 to Rs 50,000** per annum.

Pragati scheme provides scholarships to the girls of UT Jammu and Kashmir who belong to families having an annual income of less than **Rs 8 lakh** and who shall be admitted in the AICTE approved institutions for the session **2020-21**.

**Union Home Minister e-launches development projects worth Rs 221 crore in Ahmedabad:**

Home Minister **Amit Shah** e-dedicated and e-launched development projects worth Rs 221 crore in **Ahmedabad district**. The works e-dedicated include Rs 130.91 crore pipeline network to carry water from **Vaishnavdevi Circle to Shantipura and Sarkhej**.

### **Union Home Ministry grants FCRA registration to Golden Temple:**

**Ministry of Home Affairs** (MHA) has approved registration of the Sri Harmandir Sahib under the **Foreign Contribution Regulation Act** (FCRA), 2010 on 9 September 2020. **Sri Harmandir Sahib** is famous as Golden Temple in **Amritsar**.

### **Andhra Pradesh CM Launches 'YSR Aasara' Scheme For Women Empowerment:**

**Andhra Pradesh CM Jaganmohan Reddy** launched **YSR Aasara scheme** to empower women socially and economically. The beneficiaries will have the full freedom on how they would like to utilize the amount.

Andhra Pradesh has released **Rs 6,792.20 crores** towards the first installment of the total due of **Rs 27,168.83 crores** to banks of 87,74,674 women belonging to **8.7 lakh Self Help Groups (SHG)** in a virtual meeting with all district collectors and some of the beneficiaries.

### **Hardeep Singh Puri launches framework for cities to inculcate climate-sensitive approach to urban planning:**

Union minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched a framework which provides a roadmap for cities to inculcate a climate-sensitive approach to urban planning and

development. The Union housing and urban affairs minister also launched '**Streets for People Challenge**', which aims to inspire cities to create walking-friendly and vibrant streets through quick, innovative, and low-cost measures in response to COVID-19.

### **MoRTH organized the Orientation and Training Programme of "iRAD" App:**

**Ministry of Road Transport & Highways** conducted **2-days** Orientation and Training programme on **iRAD (Integrated Road Accident Database Project)** App on 7 & 8 September for the selected districts of **Karnataka**, and on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for some districts of **Uttar Pradesh**.

### **Jammu and Kashmir announce Rs 5 lakh annual health insurance for residents:**

**Lt Gov Manoj Sinha** announced **Jammu and Kashmir** health scheme intended to provide universal health insurance cover. It will have the same benefits as available under **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** (AB PM-JAY) with an annual health insurance cover of **Rs. 5 lakh** per family on floater basis.

### **Government Sets up Empowered Group of Ministers Headed by Rajnath Singh to Oversee OFB's Corporatization:**

Central Government has constituted an **Empowered Group of Ministers** (EGoM) to

oversee the process of the corporatisation of the **Ordinance Factory Board** (OFB). Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** is the chairman of this EGoM. The ordnance factories form an integrated base for indigenous production of defence hardware and equipment.

**Central discom first to adopt e-office in India; Madhya Pradesh:**

**Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company** Bhopal is the first power **Distribution Company** in India in which e-office system is operated from corporate office to local circle offices level. It has implemented e-file & e-correspondent system through **NIC e-office**.

**PM Modi addresses the 'Grih Pravesham' event in Madhya Pradesh:**

Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** addressed the '**Grih Pravesham**' event in **Madhya Pradesh** through video conferencing. Under this, 1.75 Lakh Families in Madhya Pradesh were delivered pucca houses under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Grameen (PMAY-G)**.

**Odisha Government Launches "GARIMA" Welfare Scheme For Sanitation Workers:**

Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** launched "**GARIMA**" a new Scheme to ensure Safety and Dignity of Core Sanitation Workers of the State. Under this scheme, about **20,000 core**

sanitation workers and their families covering one lakh population are likely to be benefitted.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicates to the Nation three key projects related to Petroleum sector in Bihar:**

PM dedicated 3 key projects related to the Petroleum sector in **Bihar**. The projects include the **Durgapur-Banka (D-B)** section and 2 LPG Bottling Plants in East Champaran and Banka. It will empower the '**Atmanirbhar Bihar**' by meeting the rising demand for **LPG**.

**Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh Launches Smart Ration Card Scheme To Cover 1.41 Crore Beneficiaries:**

Punjab Chief Minister **Amarinder Singh** rolled out a "**smart ration card**" scheme for providing subsidised food grains to 1.41 crore beneficiaries in the state. He also announced a separate state-funded scheme to provide subsidised rations to **9 lakh** beneficiaries not covered under the **National Food Security Act (NFSA)**.

**India's First Airport Coronavirus Testing Facility Launched in Delhi:**

India's first coronavirus airport testing facility has been launched at **Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport**. Passengers can book the testing the slot an hour before the time of

arrival and around four-six hours before the departure flight. The test results are available within **four-six hours**.

**Union Minister Prahlaad Singh Patel inaugurates Sangeet Sandhya as a part of 550th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji:**

**Prahlaad Singh Patel** inaugurated **Sangeet Sandhya programme** as a part of the **550th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev**. The Sangeet Sandhya was organised by the **Indira Gandhi National Centre** for Arts under the aegis of Ministry of Culture.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches seven urban infrastructure projects in Bihar:**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually inaugurated **seven** urban infrastructure transformation projects in **Bihar**, which is scheduled to go to polls this year. Among the seven projects, six are under the **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation** (AMRUT) scheme, while one is under the **Namami Gange Mission**.

**Maharashtra government accords ambulance status to vehicles carrying medical oxygen for one year:**

For an uninterrupted supply of **oxygen**, vehicles carrying oxygen cylinders for medical

use will be treated at par with ambulances as emergency vehicles in **Maharashtra** for a period of **1 year**. The notification was issued under **Disaster Management Act, 2005**.

**Maharashtra CM announces 'My Family-My Responsibility' campaign to fight Covid-19:**

**Maharashtra** chief minister **Uddhav Thackeray** announced the launch of '**My family-My responsibility**' from September 15 to fight the pandemic.

Under this campaign, **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation** (BMC) will reach out to every family residing in the financial capital and will provide **medical help** and guidance if needed.

**HIKAI Online academic classes inaugurated at Ramakrishna Mission Sec School in East Khasi Hills district, Meghalaya:**

Online academic classes of **HIKAI (Hybrid Interactive Knowledge Assimilation Initiative)** were inaugurated at **Ramakrishna Mission Secondary School** demonstrating the technological capability of conducting online classes in a **no-internet zone** by using intranet

**Government formed 16-Member Committee To Study Ancient Indian Culture; Prahlaad Singh Patel:**

**Central Government** formed an expert committee for conducting a study on the origin and evolution of **Indian culture 12,000 years ago**. The 16-member committee will include **KN Dikshit Chairman** Indian Archaeological Society & former Joint Director General ASI, among others.

**Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh** virtually lays foundation stone of **Arun Jaitley Memorial Sports Complex** in **Jammu**:

Union Minister of State, Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), **Dr Jitendra Singh** along with Youth Affairs & Sports Minister **Kiren Rijiju** and Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** laid the foundation stone for the construction of **Arun Jaitley Memorial Sports Complex** at **Hiranagar**, in Kathua district of **Jammu & Kashmir** through video conferencing.

**Rajasthan government signs pact with SIDBI to develop MSME ecosystem:**

**Rajasthan's** Department of Industries and **SIDBI** will work together to provide financial, technical, marketing and export support to MSMEs in the state, Industries Minister **Parsadi Lal Meena**.

**Tripura gets it's first-ever Special Economic Zone (SEZ) :**

First-ever **Special Economic Zone (SEZ)** was laid to foundation stone by the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb at **Sabroom** which is the southernmost town of the state bordering Bangladesh. It is around 120 km from **Agartala**. The estimated investment in the project will be around **Rs 1550 Crore**.

**'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19' Extends for another 6 months:**

The Insurance Scheme announced under **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan** Package for health workers who are fighting to contain COVID-19 has been extended for another **six months** till **March 2021**.

This is the second extension given to the scheme, which aims to provide an insurance cover of **Rs 50 lakh** to around over **22 lakh** public healthcare providers.

**Union Cabinet approves establishment of new AIIMS at Darbhanga, Bihar:**

Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** has approved establishment of a new **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)** at **Darbhanga, Bihar**. The AIIMS at Darbhanga will be established under the **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)**.



The total cost of setting the project will be **Rs.1264 crore** and is likely to be completed within a period of **48 months**.

**Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor gets nod from cabinet:**

Cabinet Committee on **Economic Affairs** approved 121-km **Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor**, which will connect **Palwal** and **Sonipat**. It will be implemented by **Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd** at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,617 crores in **5 years**.

**Union Education Minister presents first ever AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award 2020 to 12 faculty members of AICTE:**

The first ever AICTE **Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Awards 2020** were presented by Union Minister of Education Shri **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** to **12 faculty members** of AICTE approved institutes on the occasion of **Engineers Day (September 15)**.

**Jammu and Kashmir Horticulture Department launches "Backyard Horticulture" programme under CAPEX scheme in Jammu district:**

In **Jammu and Kashmir**, the Horticulture Department has launched the Flagship programme "**Backyard Horticulture**" under

**CAPEX scheme** at Panchayat Jaswan in Marh block of **Jammu district**. Under the programme at least three fruit plants costing **Rs. 200** will be distributed among the farmers at **90%** subsidy covering **600 households**.

**Postage Stamp on India's First A-SAT Released On Engineers' Day:**

**Department of Post** launched a customized stamp on India's First **Anti-Satellite Missile (A-SAT)**. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had successfully conducted an Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) missile test "**Mission Shakti**" from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in **Odisha** on March 27, 2019.

A DRDO developed A-SAT Missile successfully engaged an Indian orbiting target satellite in **Low Earth Orbit (LEO)** in a '**Hit to Kill**' mode.

**111th Birth Anniversary of 1st CM of Tamil Nadu C. N. Annadurai being celebrated:**

**111th Birth Anniversary** of the first Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **C. N. Annadurai** is popularly known as Arignar Anna celebrated on 15th September. He was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from **1963 to 1967**. Well known for his powerful oratorical skills, Anna was a prolific writer too.

### **Uttar Pradesh to get special security force with powers to search and arrest without any warrant:**

**Uttar Pradesh** Special Security Force will be able to arrest any person without the orders of a **magistrate** or a **warrant**. Five battalions of the force to be constituted in the first phase and it will be headed by an ADG-ranked officer at an expense of **Rs 1747 crore**.

### **Provision of Rs 40,000 cr made under MGNREGA Scheme through Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package:**

Government has made a provision of **40 thousand crore** rupees under **MGNREGA Scheme** through **Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package** to provide employment to the needy workers. It is in addition to allocation of **61 thousand 5 hundred crore** rupees under MGNREGA for Financial Year **2020-21**.

### **Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 4th Global Ayurveda Summit virtually:**

The **4th** edition of **Global Ayurveda Summit** was virtually inaugurated by Vice-President **Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu** on the theme **"Emerging Opportunities for Ayurveda during Pandemic"**. The objective of the summit is to showcase the Ayurveda immunity model to the global level as a

solution named **'Health as One'** and **'Immunity through Ayurveda'**.

Global Ayurveda Summit is being organized by the **CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) -Kerala** in partnership with **Ministry of Ayush** (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy).

### **Gujarat government and SIDBI ink MoU to help MSMEs amid COVID-19 crisis:**

**Gujarat** government signed an MoU with the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** to increase self-reliance and provide capacity building and market support to the state's **35 lakh micro-small-medium enterprises** (MSMEs). State Additional Chief Secretary of Industries and Mines **MK Das** and SIDBI Deputy Managing Director **Vasantharao Satya Venkata Rao** signed the MoU in the presence of Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** in **Gandhinagar**.

### **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister to inaugurate 'Poshan Sarkar' programme:**

**'Poshan Sarkar'** programme is being started to ensure participation and leadership of local bodies-**Gram Panchayats** and **Urban Bodies** in the nutrition campaign. Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** will inaugurate this programme.

The main objective of the Poshan Sarkar programme is to **eliminate** the **malnutrition** by helping the Gram Panchayat and the Urban Bodies in the nutrition campaign.

**Parliament approved the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda Bill:** **Rajya Sabha** has given its approval to implement the Institute of **Teaching and Research in Ayurveda Bill**. as per the New Bill, **Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA)** will be built at **Jamnagar, Gujarat**.

The Bill will also provide the status of **Institution of National Importance (INI)** to the Institute.

**Mizoram, Punjab, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Top List; India Happiness Report 2020:**

**India Happiness Report 2020** has been released and it covers all States and Union Territories in India. The survey was conducted and covered 16,950 people between **March 2020** and **July 2020**.

Among smaller states **Mizoram, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh** all from the Northeast are the top three states in happiness rankings. Among the big states, **Punjab, Gujarat, and Telangana** are among the top three states. **Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Puducherry, and Lakshadweep**

are the top three union territories in the happiness rankings.

**Maharashtra, Delhi and Haryana** have shown the worst possible impact of COVID-19 on happiness.

**Telangana minister KT Rama Rao launches farm cooperative society website:**

**Telangana** IT and Industries Minister **KT Rama Rao (KTR)** launched the **Primary Agricultural Co-Operative Society (PACS)**, Pothgal web portal. He launched the web portal [www.pacspothgal.com](http://www.pacspothgal.com). This society is located in **Pothgal** village of **Mustabad Mandal** in **Rajanna Siricilla District**.

**Prakash Javadekar attends G20 Environment Ministerial Meeting virtually:**

Environment Minister **Shri Prakash Javadekar** represented India in **G20 Environment Ministerial Meeting** was held through video conferencing. The meeting was chaired by **Saudi Arabia**.

**Karnataka Govt launches loan disbursal programme "Arthika Spandana":**

**Karnataka** Chief Minister **B.S. Yediyurappa** launched the **"Arthika Spandana"** programme which loans worth **Rs. 39,300 crore** would be disbursed through various

cooperative institutions, for helping people during the times of COVID-19 and floods.

Of the total amount approved under the scheme, **Rs. 15,300 crore** would be disbursed to the agriculture sector while **Rs. 24,000 crore** would be earmarked for the non-agricultural sector.

### **Union minister Harsimrat Badal resigns over protest against agri bills:**

Minister of Food Processing Industries **Harsimrat Badal** resigned and the President of India, as advised by Prime Minister accepted her resignation from the Union Council of Ministers with immediate effect, under clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution. **Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar** given additional charge of Food Processing Industries Ministry

### **Tamil Nadu to launch SkillTech varsity for varied courses:**

**Tamil Nadu** is taking the lead in imparting students with training on **future skills** with plans to launch a **SkillTech University** to offer courses in different sectors, including **automotive** and **power**. SkillTech University will be an online platform and will be beneficial to all stakeholders, including government, industries and students.

### **Government has set a target to increase the number of Janaushadhi Kendras to 10500 by the end of March 2025:**

Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers **Shri D V Sadananda Gowda** has said that with a vision to provide quality medicines at an affordable rate for the common man especially the poor.

Government has set a target to increase the number of **Pradhan mantri Janaushadhi Kendras** PMBJK to **10500** by **March 2025**. As on 15th September 2020 the number of stores has increased to **6606**.

### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate Kosi Rail Mega Bridge in Bihar:**

Prime Minister of India **Shri Narendra Modi** dedicated the historic **Kosi Rail Mahasetu (Mega Bridge)** of the Indian Railways to the nation through video-conference. The length of the rail bridge is **1.9 kilometres** and has been constructed at the cost of **Rs 516 crore**. PM Modi also inaugurated **12 other Indian Railway projects** in **Bihar** related to passenger facilities for the benefit of the state. The approximate cost of these projects is worth almost **Rs 3,000 crore**.

### **Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport opens India's First And Exclusive Private Jet Terminal:**

**Delhi international airport** has opened an exclusive terminal for **private airplanes**. This is India's first terminal for private jets to cater to the high and mighty rich population. Union Civil Aviation Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** inaugurated the terminal at **Indira Gandhi International Airport** has 57 parking bays and will allow movement of 150 private jet flights daily, over 50 passengers an hour.

**Gujarat government launches Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana (MMUY) to Give Interest Free Loans To Women's Groups:**

Chief Minister of Gujarat **Vijay Rupani** has launched a scheme named **Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana (MMUY)** that will provide **interest-free** loans to **women's groups** in the state.

**Joint liability and earning group (JLEG)** of women will be formed in the state. Each JLEG group will have 10 members. **50,000** such JLEGs will be formed in urban areas and 50,000 such groups will also be formed in rural areas.

**Government forms Expert Committee Headed by Rajesh Pant to probe reports of snooping by Chinese firm:**

Government of India formed an Expert Committee led by **National Cyber Security**

**Coordinator (NCSC) Rajesh Pant**, India's Chief Coordinator on Cyber Security to examine the reports of digital surveillance on Prominent Indian Nationals including President, Army Chief by Chinese firm **Shenzhen Zhenhua Data Information Technology** Company Ltd.

**Maharashtra government approves accidental insurance scheme named after Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray:**

**Maharashtra** has launched a new accidental insurance scheme in the state that will provide free treatment up to **Rs 30,000** to any person injured in a road accident. Around **74 types of treatment** that are needed in case of road accidents have been included in the scheme.

The scheme has been named **Balasaheb Thackeray Accidental Insurance Scheme** to commemorate the founder of the Shiv Sena and father of the current Chief Minister of the state Uddhav Thackeray.

**Ministry of AYUSH partners with Ministry Women and Child Development to control Malnutrition:**

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the **Ministry of AYUSH** and **Ministry of Women and Child Development** to control Malnutrition as a

part of **POSHAN Abhiyaan**. The MoU will see some time-tested and scientifically proven **AYUSH**-based solutions being adopted for controlling malnutrition in the country.

### **Eight Indian Beaches recommended for "Blue Flag" International Eco-Label:**

**Blue Flag certification** is a globally recognized **eco-label** accorded by international agency '**Foundation for Environment Education, Denmark**' based on 33 stringent criteria in 4 major heads. International Coastal Clean-Up Day is observed on **19th September**.

### **Goa Government signs MOU with GIM to carry out vocational training for ITI trainers:**

**Goa** Minister for Industries, Trade and Commerce and Skill Development **Vishwajit Rane** said that Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Goa Institute of Management (GIM)** to carry out vocational training for ITI trainers to enhance their skill set.

### **India to conduct Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit:**

Prime Minister of India, **Shri Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV)** Summit on 2nd October 2020 through video conferencing.

The **VAIBHAV Summit** is a collaborative initiative by **Science & Technology** and **Academic Organisations of India** to enable deliberations on thought process, practices and R&D culture with a problem-solving approach for well-defined objectives.

### **Tamil Nadu becomes first state in India to launch ethical AI, blockchain, cybersecurity policies:**

**Tamilnadu** has become the first State in the country to launch Safe and **Ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, **Blockchain** and **Cybersecurity** policies. The policies were unveiled by Chief Minister **Edappadi K Palaniswami** during the valedictory session of the 19th edition of Connect 2020.

**State Family Data Base (SFDB)** and **Block-Chain Backbone** infrastructure will be established in the state for the implementation of these policies.

### **PM Narendra Modi launches 'Ghar Tak Fibre' Scheme and lays foundation stone for 9 highway projects in Bihar:**

Prime Minister of India, **Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated the "**Ghar Tak Fibre**" project, under which all the 45,945 villages of **Bihar** will be connected through **Optical Fibre Internet Service**. He also laid the foundation stone of nine highway projects worth **Rs.**



**14,258 crore** in Bihar through video conferencing.

### **Centre Approves an Outlay of Rs 600 crore for PM Svanidhi Scheme:**

Government of India has approved a total outlay of **Rs.600 crores** for the **PM SVANidhi scheme**. This was informed by Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**.

The Prime Minister Street Vendor's **Amta Nirbhar Nidhi Scheme** (PM SVANidhi) was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has on **01 June 2020**.

### **Government Increases minimum support price for wheat and five other rabi crops:**

Union Government has announced an increase in the **Minimum Support Prices (MSPs)** for all mandated Rabi crops. MSP of **6 Rabi** crops including **Wheat, Chana, Masoor, Mustard, Jowar** and **Safflower** has been hiked in the range of **50 to 300 rupees**.

### **Southern Railway's Chennai Division launches "Freight Seva" app:**

**Chennai Division** of **Southern Railways** (SR) has launched an in-house mobile application **Freight Seva** to serve customers better. The app will be a one stop destination for information needs, and have requisite details for access by freight customers.

### **Civil Aviation Ministry approves 78 new routes under UDAN, sanctions Rs 108 crore for up-gradation of 3 airports in Chhattisgarh:**

Ministry of **Civil Aviation** identified and approved **78 new routes** under the first phase of **UDAN 4.0 (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik)**. Airports

Authority of India, the Implementing Agency is in the process of awarding these routes to the **Selected Airline Operators (SAOs)**.

Government has sanctioned **Rs 108 crore** under UDAN for up-gradation of **3 Chhattisgarh Airports**. Rs.48 crore have been allocated for Jagdalpur, Rs.27 crore for Ambikapur and Rs.33 crore for Bilaspur under UDAN scheme for upgradation and development.

### **Nutrition park to be set up in Chandrasekharapuram, Namakkal:**

Steps are being taken up to set up a nutrition park in **Chandrasekharapuram, Namakkal**. This is part of the National Nutrition Month programme undertaken in **Tamil Nadu**. 3acre ground has been identified for organic drumstick cultivation in Namakkal district.

### **President Ram Nath Kovind to confer National Service Scheme Awards for 2018-19:**

President **Ram Nath Kovind** will confer the **NSS Awards** for the year 2018-19 virtually from Rashtrapati Bhawan. The NSS Award for the year 2018-19 will be given to **42 awardees** in 3 diff. categories like University, NSS Units and their Officers & NSS Volunteers.

**India's first Coast Guard academy to come up at Mangaluru:**

**India's first Coast Guard** academy will be established at **Mangaluru**, Defence Spokesperson (PRO) **Bengaluru**. Around 158 acres **Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board** (KIADB) land has been taken over for setting up ICG Academy.

**Madhya Pradesh celebrates 4th day of 'Gharib Kalyan Week' as 'Vanadhikar Diwas':**

**Gharib Kalyan Week** is being organized from **16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>** September to mark the Birthday of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in **Madhya Pradesh**. On the **fourth day** of the week, '**Vanadhikar Diwas**' was celebrated in the State.

**Madhya Pradesh Government announces Mukhya Mantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana to benefit farmers:**

**Madhya Pradesh** government has announced '**Mukhya Mantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana**' on the lines of **Pradhan Mantri**

**Kisan Samman Nidhi**. Under the announced scheme, the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, getting **Rs. 6,000 per annum**, will be getting additional financial assistance of **Rs. 4,000** making their total annual assistance to be Rs. 10,000 per annum.

**Government has launched National Conservation Strategy for Indian One-Horned Rhino:**

Union Minister **Prakash Javadekar** stated India is home to the largest number of **Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros** in the world with population in the range of 3000 animals in **Assam, West Bengal** and **UP**.

Mr Javadekar stated Environment Ministry has launched a **National Conservation Strategy** for Indian One-Horned Rhino.

**Indian Cricketer Suresh Raina to set up cricket academy in Jammu and Kashmir:**

Former India cricketer **Suresh Raina** would set up a cricket academy in **Jammu and Kashmir** to train **aspiring cricketers**, particularly youngsters from remote areas of the union territory.

Lt Governor **Manoj Sinha** agreed to set up **five schools** in **Kashmir** division and an equal number in Jammu division to train aspiring cricketers.

### **Government launched "YuWaah" a multi-stakeholder platform to make young people career ready:**

Ministry of **Youth Affairs & Sports** and **United Nations Children Fund** (UNICEF) have signed a **Statement of Intent** (SoI) with **Generation Unlimited** (GenU), a global multi-stakeholder platform in India, to establish **YuWaah** to make young people career ready. This information was passed by the Union Minister of State (IC) for Youth Affairs and Sports **Kiren Rijiju**.

### **Maharashtra CM launches "e- Peek Pahani" app to reduce hardships of farmers:**

**Maharashtra** Chief Minister **Uddhav Thackeray** has stated that **"e- Peek Pahani"** mobile application of the State Government will reduce hardships of farmers and help them get the right price and good market for their produce. "Peek pahani" roughly translates to crop survey.

### **ITBP Joins Hands With Uttarakhand Govt For Promoting Adventure Tourism At Tehri Lake:**

**Indo-Tibetan Border Police** (ITBP) and **Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board** (UTDB) joined hands to promote adventure sports activities at **Tehri Lake**.

**Gambhir Singh Chauhan**, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), ITBP, and **Prashant Arya**, Director of UTDB signed a memorandum of understanding.

### **SIDBI and CRIF India collaborate to introduce sector-based insight reports 'Industry Spotlight':**

**Small Industries Development Bank of India** (SIDBI) has partnered with **CRIF High Mark**, a leading Indian credit bureau owned by **CRIF**, for the launch of sector-based insight reports called **'Industry Spotlight'**.

The first edition of the report will present a **deep-dive analysis** into the **Indian Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry**.

### **Rajasthan government approves "Moksha Kalash Yojana 2020" free travel to Haridwar for ashes immersion:**

**Rajasthan** roadways will now take passengers going to **Haridwar**, for immersion of ashes of their deceased family members in the **Ganga river**, free of cost after chief minister **Ashok Gehlot** approved the **'Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020'** to be run by the **Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation** (RSRTC).

### **Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy Passage Exercise (PASSEX) underway in Eastern Indian Ocean:**

**PASSEX** underway is held between **Royal Australian Navy** and **Indian Navy** in **Eastern Indian Ocean Region**. Air Warfare Destroyer **HMAS Hobart**, Stealth Frigate **INS Sahyadri** and Missile Corvette **INS Karmuk** are engaged in complex **Maritime Exercises**.

**IEA and NITI Aayog launch Special Report on Sustainable Recovery Post:**

**International Energy Agency (IEA)** in alliance with **NITI Aayog** released Special Report on **Sustainable Recovery**. Part of IEA's flagship World Energy Outlook series, the report proposes a no. of actions that could be taken over the next **3 years** to revitalize economies & boost employment.

**Government Increases limit for use of SDRF funds by states from 35 per cent to 50 per cent to tackle COVID situation:**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has announced that the limit of using the **State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** for COVID specific infrastructure has been increased from **35 per cent to 50 per cent**. It will help States have more finances at their disposal to fight the virus.

**Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal launches "Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni" to improve rural connectivity:**

**Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** launched the **"Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni"** and distributed vehicles under the scheme to beneficiaries at a programme held at Assam Administrative Staff College by **transport department**.

The scheme aims to improve rural connectivity and generate employment in the villages. In the first phase of the scheme, **10,000 villages** would be covered with financial outlay of **Rs 100 crore**.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the summit 'Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020:**

**Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** and **NITI Aayog** will organize a **Mega Virtual Summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020 (RAISE)** from October 5-9, 2020. RAISE 2020 will be a global meeting of minds to exchange ideas and chart a course for using AI for social transformation, inclusion and empowerment in areas like **Healthcare, Agriculture, Education and Smart Mobility**, among other sectors.

**51st IFFI to be held from 16th to 24th January 2021 in Goa:**

The 51st Edition of the **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** will be held from

16th to 24th Jan, 2021 in **Goa**. Earlier it was scheduled to be held from 20th to 28th Nov, 2020. The festival will be conducted in a Virtual and Physical format.

**'Saubhagya' scheme completes three years since its inception:**

**Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana- "Saubhagya"** was launched on the 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2017 to ensure electrification of all willing households in the country in rural as well as urban areas. Scheme aims to achieve universal **household electrification**.

**Union Minister S Jaishankar attends Special Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers of CICA:**

Union Minister of External Affairs **S Jaishankar** participated in the Special Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the **'Conference on Interaction & Confidence Building Measures in Asia' (CICA)**. CICA is an inter-governmental forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in **Asia**.

**Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya 104th Birth Anniversary 2020:**

**Deendayal Upadhyaya** was born on **September 25, 1916** in **Mathura**. He was a veteran politician and a social thinker. He started the weekly Panchjanya and the daily Swadesh. He was the co-founder of

**Bharatiya Jana Sangh** (forerunner of Bharatiya Janata Party).

**PM Narendra Modi launches "Fit India Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols" on first anniversary of 'Fit India Movement:**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** interacted with fitness experts, citizens and influencers from across the country during a nation-wide online Fit India Dialogue on 24 September 2020, to mark the one-year anniversary of **Fit India Movement**. PM Modi also launched the **'Fit India Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols'** during the event.

**Union HRD Minister Harsh Vardhan chairs 'Aarogya Manthan' 2.0:**

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare chaired **'Aarogya Manthan' 2.0** celebrating its 2nd Anniversary of **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**. He also presented awards to the winners of the AB-PMJAY Start-up Grand Challenge to support the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana.

**Uttar Pradesh State government introduce "U-Rise" portal to counsel students in learning, career counselling and employment:**

**Uttar Pradesh** State government introduce **'U-Rise'** portal to counsel students in learning, career counselling and employment.

The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has initiated a unified portal named 'U-Rise'.

This portal is launched by the State CM **Yogi Adityanath** in the capital city, **Lucknow**. The main aim for launching this portal is to guide students in learning, career counselling, and getting employment in the state.

**West Bengal Transport Corporation Introduces India's First 'Tram' Library in Kolkata:**

**West Bengal Transport Corporation** (WBTC) introduced a tram library in the city's iconic College street area. **Tram Library** is a special tram with books & magazines that can be read while travelling. In addition to books, **free Wifi** will be provided to passengers to read online.

**West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee Inaugurates Two Green Projects To Be Built In Collaboration With EU Countries:**

**West Bengal** chief minister **Mamata Banerjee** virtually inaugurated two major green projects worth around **Rs 1226 crore** to be built by European Union countries in **Kolkata** and **East Midnapore district**.

One project involves waste management and sustainable development at the **Kolkata Leather Complex** at **Bantala** in the eastern outskirts of the city. The second is a solar power project worth Rs 1200 crore to be set

up in **East Midnapore** by a **German company**.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

**Germany to issue 'Green Bonds' worth up to \$13B:**

**German** government plans to generate up to **11 billion euros** for clean transportation and renewable energy projects this year by issuing so-called "**Green Bond**". Each green bond will mirror a regular debt issuance by the German government, known as as "**bunds**".

**India and Nepal to expand energy cooperation, explore new pipeline:**

**India** and **Nepal** are exploring to see if state-owned **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** could look at another petroleum pipeline that runs into the northern and eastern parts of India. Nepal is aiming to meet its rising fuel demands by extending cooperation.

**India, Vietnam Agree To Add "New Momentum" To Economic and Defence Ties:**

**India** and **Vietnam** have agreed to add new momentum to their **economic** and **defence** engagement besides resolving to explore closer cooperation in sectors like civil nuclear energy and space.



The decisions were taken at a virtual meeting of the India-Vietnam Joint Commission on **Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation** which was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** and his Vietnamese counterpart **Pham Binh Minh**.

### **India Pavilion Inaugurated at Army-2020 International Military and Technical Forum In Russia:**

The ARMY 2020 **International Military and Technical Forum** has been organised in **Moscow, Russia** from August 23 to 29, 2020. The forum is being organised by the **Russian Defence Ministry** since 2015, at the Patriot Park near Moscow.

The India Pavilion at the **6<sup>th</sup>** edition of the International Military-Technical Forum was inaugurated by Secretary (Defence Production) **Raj Kumar** and Indian Ambassador **DB Venkatesh Verma**.

### **World Health Organization declares Africa free of polio:**

**World Health Organization** has declared Africa free of polio, a landmark in a decades-long campaign to eradicate the notorious disease around the world. This was announced by WHO Regional Director of Africa, **Dr Matshidiso Moeti**.

### **India co-sponsors UN security council resolution on women peacekeepers:**

India has co-sponsored a **Security Council** resolution that calls for full, effective & meaningful participation of women personnel in peacekeeping operations which was put forth by **Indonesia**. India is one of the largest troop contributors to UN peacekeeping **India** is a non-permanent member of the UNSC for a **two-year term**.

### **14<sup>th</sup> India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) held with focus on maritime security cooperation:**

The **14<sup>th</sup> India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD)** was held virtually to further boost the **defence** and **security** partnership between the two countries, with a special focus on the maritime sphere.

The meeting was co-chaired by Defence Secretary **Dr Ajay Kumar** and Permanent Secretary (Defence), Singapore **Mr Chan Heng Kee**.

### **Togo is first African country to end sleeping sickness as a public health problem:**

**Togo** has received validation from the **World Health Organization (WHO)** for having eliminated human African **"Trypanosomiasis"** or **"sleeping sickness"** as a public health problem,

becoming the first country in Africa to reach this milestone.

Sleeping sickness is caused by parasites which are transmitted by infected tsetse flies and is only found in **36 countries** in **sub-Saharan Africa**.

**India withdraws from multilateral military exercise Kavkaz 2020 in Russia:**

**India** has announced that it is withdrawing from multilateral Military Exercise **Kavkaz 2020** to be held in **Russia**. In view of Pandemic & consequent difficulties in exercise, including arrangements of logistics, India has decided not to send a contingent.

**Piyush Goyal Attends 8th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting:**

8<sup>th</sup> **East Asia Summit** Economic Ministers' Meeting was held virtually to strengthen the regional supply chains, become resilient during this challenging time of Covid-19 pandemic, and to spur economic growth.

The meeting was attended by the Economic ministers from the **10 ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)** members and eight other nations, including India, the US, China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, Australia and New Zealand.

**'Agriota' e-market platform launched to bridge the gap between Indian farmers and UAE food industry:**

The **UAE** has launched **Agriota** (developed with India's CropData Technology) a new technology-driven agri-commodity trading and sourcing e-market platform that will bridge the gap between millions of rural farmers in India and the Gulf nation's food industry. It was launched by the **Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)**.

**CSIR-CMERI develops world's largest solar tree creates models for wider use in agri operations:**

**World's Largest Solar Tree** has been developed by the **CSIR-CMERI**. The solar tree has been installed at the Residential Colony of CSIR-CMERI in **Durgapur, West Bengal**. The solar tree has the annual capacity to generate **12,000-14,000** units of Clean and Green Power while its installed capacity is above **11.5 kWp**.

**6<sup>th</sup> International Military-Technical Forum "Army-2020 held in Russia:**

6<sup>th</sup> International Military-Technical Forum **"Army-2020"** was held at the Patriot Park near **Moscow, Russia** which was organized by **Russian Defence Ministry** and operated by **International Congresses and Exhibitions Ltd. (ICE Ltd)**.

During the forum, Indian Pavilion was inaugurated by Secretary (Defence Production) **Raj Kumar** and Indian

Ambassador to Russia **D.Bala Venkatesh Varma.**

**India to receive development assistance loan worth Rs 3,500 Cr from Japan to fight COVID-19:**

**Japan** committed an official Development Assistance loan of **Rs 3,500 crore** for the COVID-19 Crisis Emergency Response Support. The notes were exchanged between the Additional Secretary in DEA **Dr C S Mohapatra** and ambassador of Japan to India **Suzuki Satoshi.**

**India, Australia and Japan to launch resilient supply chains for Indo-Pacific Region:**

**India, Australia and Japan** agreed to launch an initiative to ensure the resilience of supply chains in the **Indo-Pacific**, with the move coming against the backdrop of tensions created by China's aggressive actions across the region.

The creation of the **"Supply Chain Resilience Initiative"** was mooted by **Japan** amid the Covid-19 crisis.

**First "historic" direct flight between Israel and UAE lands in Abu Dhabi:**

A chartered El Al airliner carrying **Israeli and American** diplomats landed in the **United Arab Emirates**, completing a symbolic first direct flight from **Tel Aviv to Abu Dhabi.**

This would pave the way for formal diplomatic and commercial ties and might inspire **other Arab nations** to follow suit in normalizing relations with the Jewish state.

**Indian Navy to hold mega exercise with Russia near the Andaman and Nicobar Islands:**

**India** and **Russia** will hold bilateral naval exercise **INDRA 2020** in **Andaman Sea**, close to strategic **Strait of Malacca**, while the Indian Navy is on high operational alert due to the standoff with **China** in **Ladakh**. 3 Russian Naval ships will take part in this.

**India to host summit of SCO council of heads of government:**

**India** will host a summit of the council of heads of government of the **SCO** on November 30 with a focus on contributing to the trade and economic agenda of the influential grouping said by **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).**

**Eight-nation** regional grouping that represents around **42 per cent** of the world's population and **20 per cent** of the global GDP.

**China boasts world's largest navy:**

**US Department** of defence has released its '**2020 China Military Power Report**' showing that the **People's Republic of China** has the **largest navy** in the world,

surpassing the US Navy. China was on course to expand its fleet to 360 vessels by the end of **2020**.

### **Germany launches Indo-Pacific strategy with 'key role' for India:**

Current **EU president** and Europe's biggest economy **Germany**, has launched its **Indo-Pacific** strategy with India that is expected to play a key role in **Berlin's** outreach in the region where China's aggressive foreign policy has rattled countries.

Berlin's strategy also suggested opening dialogue with institutions where India plays a key role **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation** and **Indian Ocean Rim Associations** in the areas of business and maritime safety, as well as disaster risk management.

### **India-Russia finalise AK-47 203 rifles manufacturing deal, will boost Make in India:**

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** ongoing visit, **India** and **Russia** have finalised a major deal for manufacturing **AK-47 203** rifles in India, Russia. The AK-47 203 is the latest and most advanced version of the AK-47 rifle, which will replace the **Indian Small Arms System** (INSAS) **5.56x45 mm assault rifle**.

Indian Army has a requirement for around **770,000** AK-47 203 rifles. The rifles will be manufactured in India as part of IRRPL.

### **India attends Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) Meeting of BIMSTEC:**

India participated in the **Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)** of the regional grouping **BIMSTEC** to discuss ways to further expand cooperation among its member nations to effectively deal with key challenges including impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

The key meeting of **BIMSTEC** was held under the chairmanship of **Sri Lanka**.

### **Donald Trump announces Wilmington as first World War II Heritage City:**

**US President Donald Trump** announced **Wilmington** in southern US state **North Carolina** as the first World War II **Heritage City** at a ceremony held to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of **World War II**.

### **Prahlad Singh Patel Represented India in 5th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting Held Virtually:**

The **5th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting** was held under the chairpersonship of **Russian Federation**. India was represented by Union Minister of State (I/C) for Culture and Tourism **Shri Prahlad Singh Patel** in the 5th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meet.

### **Bangladesh to host FAO Asia-Pacific regional conference for first time in 2022:**

The member states agreed to the proposal of **Bangladesh** to hold the next session in Dhaka at a virtual meeting after the **35th APRC** of the **Food and Agriculture Organisation**, Agriculture Minister **Abdur Razzaque** said at a media briefing at Hotel Intercontinental.

**"China, India, Bhutan, Iran, Timor-Leste, Thailand, Philippines and Cambodia** directly supported and the other states agreed to the proposal to hold the 36th conference in **Bangladesh**.

### **Eurasian Foundation organised Indo-Russian Young Scholars International E-Conference 2020:**

**Indo-Russian** Young Scholars International E-Conference 2020 on "India-Russia domestic and bilateral developments" organized by **Eurasian Foundation: India**, Institute of Oriental Studies: Moscow, Russia and Russian Centre for Science and Culture: New Delhi, India on the eve of celebration of 20th year of strategic partnership. 2020 Conference **"India-Russia domestic & bilateral developments"**

### **First World Solar Technology Summit of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) held Virtually:**

Prime Minister of India **Shri Narendra Modi** virtually inaugurated the first edition of the **World Solar Technology Summit (WSTS)** of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** with focus on new Technologies and Innovations in the field of Solar.

The **World Solar Technology Summit (WSTS)** was organized by ISA and **FICCI**. India is to achieve its ambitious target of having 100 GW of solar energy by **2022**.

### **India, France, Australia hold first trilateral dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific Region:**

**India, Australia** and **France** held talks for the first time under a trilateral framework with focus on enhancing cooperation in the **Indo-Pacific**, a region that has been witnessing increasing Chinese military assertiveness.

The virtual meeting was co-chaired by foreign secretary **Harsh Vardhan Shringla**, secretary-general in French ministry for Europe and foreign affairs **Fran ois Delattre** and secretary in Australian department of foreign affairs **Frances Adamson**.

### **Ministry of State V. Muraleedharan attends 10th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting:**

**East Asia Summit** is the premier forum in the Asia-Pacific region to deal with issues relating to security and defence. Since its inception in 2005, it has played a significant role in the strategic, geopolitical and economic evolution of East Asia.

### **U.S. spacecraft named after late Indian-American astronaut Kalpana Chawla:**

**Northrop Grumman's** commercial cargo spacecraft, NG-14 Cygnus bound for the International Space Station has been named after fallen NASA astronaut **Kalpana Chawla**, the first India-born woman to enter space, for her key contributions to human spaceflight.

### **Child Mortality Rate in India declined substantially between 1990 and 2019; UNICEF Report:**

According to the new mortality estimates released by **UNICEF**, India's child mortality rate has declined substantially between **1990** and **2019**.

The under-five mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births) in India declined to **34%** in 2019 from **126%** in 1990.

### **Apple's first 'floating' store to be launched in Singapore:**

Technology giant **Apple Inc.** has announced that it is going to open its first ever "**Floating**" store, in Singapore. The floating Apple Store will be located at Singapore's posh Marina Bay Sands resort. It will be the third retail store of Apple in Singapore.

### **India and Angola hold 1st joint commission meet, agree to diversify trade ties:**

**India** and **Angola** held the first Joint Commission Meeting during which the two sides agreed to diversify their trade relationship and discussed cooperation in **health, pharmaceuticals, defense, agriculture, food processing, digitization** and **telecom**.

### **India and Japan sign key agreement for reciprocal supplies in defence sector:**

**India** and **Japan** sign key agreement for reciprocal supplies in defense sector. India and Japan, signed a landmark defence agreement for reciprocal provision of supplies and services between their defence forces as Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his Japanese counterpart **Shinzo Abe** held their annual summit over a phone.

The **Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement** (ACSA) between Japan's Self-Defense Forces and India's armed forces was signed by Japanese ambassador **Satoshi**



**Suzuki** and defence secretary **Ajay Kumar** in **New Delhi**.

**India is yet to take urgent action for eliminating trans fats: WHO report**

According to Countdown to **2023** report by **WHO** 58 countries have introduced laws to protect 3.2 billion people from **Trans fats** by the end of **2021**. But more than 100 countries still need to take actions to remove these substances from their food supplies. WHO has set a goal of eliminating trans fats by **2023**.

**ADB and ENGIE Sign Loan agreement to Support India's Renewable Energy Development**

**Asian Development Bank** and **ENGIE group** signed a long-term loan of up to 4.66 billion Indian rupees to construct and operate a **200-MW** alternating current solar photovoltaic-based power plant at **Raghanesda Solar Park** in India's western state of **Gujarat**.

**ASEAN-India virtual meeting reviews maritime cooperation, adopts 5-year plan to boost ties:**

**India** and the **10-nation ASEAN** carried out a comprehensive review of their strategic partnership in a range of areas, including maritime cooperation, and adopted a new **five-year plan** of action to further boost overall ties.

The two sides also exchanged views on important regional and international developments and discussed ways to strengthen cooperation to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, at an ASEAN-India virtual meeting. It was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** and his **Thailand** counterpart **Don Pramudwinai**.

**Liberia declares rape a national emergency after spike in cases:**

**Liberian** President **George Weah** has declared rape a **national emergency** and ordered new measures to tackle the problem after a recent spike of cases in the **West African state**. The nation would install a special prosecutor for rape as well as set up a national sex offender registry.

**India beats China to become member of UN's Commission on Status of Women:**

**India** is elected as a member of UN's Commission on **Status of Women**, a body of the **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**. India, Afghanistan and China had contested the elections. This year is **25th** anniversary of the famous Beijing World Conference on Women. India is to be a member for four years from **2021 – 2025**.

**India is second-fastest-growing freelance market in the world:**

**India** is the **second-fastest**-growing freelance market in the world with a massive increase in the number of freelancers this year, according to a report on '**Freelancing in 2020: An Abundance of Opportunities**' by **Payoneer**.

**India joins Djibouti Code of Conduct to Enhances Indian Ocean outreach:**

**India** has joined the **Djibouti Code of Conduct/ Jeddah Amendment**, as Observer, following the high level meeting of the Djibouti Code of Conduct/ Jeddah Amendment (DCOC/JA) held virtually boosting its **Indian Ocean Region outreach**.

**10<sup>th</sup> Indo-US Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting held virtually:**

10th **Defence Technology and Trade Initiative** (DTTI) Group Meeting through virtual platform held between **India** and **United States**, in the wake of COVID pandemic.

The DTTI Group Meetings are normally held **twice a year**, alternatively between **India** and the **United States**, as a part of Indo-US Bilateral Defence Cooperation. The virtual meeting was co-chaired by **Raj Kumar**, Secretary of Defence Production, Defence

Ministry and **Ellen M. Lord** from the US Department of Defence.

**India, Brazil, South Africa (IBSA) Jointly call for comprehensive reform of UN Security Council:**

External Affairs Minister **Dr S. Jaishankar** chaired the meeting of **IBSA** Foreign Minister. IBSA emphasized the need for international community to redouble efforts to achieve tangible progress for accelerated & comprehensive reform of the **UN Security Council**.

**New Zealand becomes first country to mandate climate risk disclosures:**

**New Zealand** has become the first country to pass legislation requiring financial firms to declare their **climate-related risks**. New Zealand minister for climate change **James Shaw**, hailed the passage of the law as a step towards a "**cleaner, safer planet**".

Financial firms will now be expected to comply with the framework laid down by the **Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)**. The rule will apply to banks, insurers, all listed debt and equity issuers.

**Mexico issues world's first sovereign bond linked to UN sustainable goals:**

**Mexico** has become the **first country** in the world to issue a **Sovereign Bond** linked to

the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations. It has raised **EUR 750 million** (\$890 million) by such bonds.

The SDG bond will mature in **September 2027** and offers a yield to maturity rate of 1.603% and a coupon rate of 1.350%.

**56<sup>th</sup> edition of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme observed in Dhaka, Bangladesh:**

The 56th **Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)** day was observed online by the High Commission of India in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme was instituted by a decision of the **Indian Cabinet** in **1964**.

**Israel, UAE, and Bahrain sign Abraham Accord:**

**Abraham Accord** is the first Arab-Israeli peace deal in **26 years**. Egypt was the first Arab State to sign a peace deal with Israel in 1979. Jordan signed a peace pact in 1994. The agreement between **Bahrain** and **Israel** makes no mention of Palestinian land.

**India Extends \$250 Million In Financial Support To Maldives To Overcome Impact Of Covid-19:**

**India** has provided financial assistance of **250mn dollars** as budgetary support to the

**Maldives**. The assistance is being routed through SBI, Male for which sovereign guarantee has been provided by Government of India. Soft loan has a tenor of **10 years** & minimal interest rate.

**53rd Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of ADB 2020 held virtually:**

**Asian Development Bank (ADB)** will hold the second stage of its **53rd** annual meeting as a virtual event on **September 17-18**. ADB and the Government of the **Republic of Korea** have agreed not to proceed with a physical meeting in **Incheon**. Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** represents India.

**First-ever Direct Cargo ferry service "MCP Linz" unveiled between India and Maldives:**

**India** and the **Maldives** have launched the first ever **Direct Cargo Ferry Service** to boost trade between the two countries. The cargo ferry service will connect the Indian ports of **Tuticorin** and **Cochin ports** with **Kulhudhufushi** and **Male ports** in the **Maldives**.

**Tel Aviv to become first city with electric roads that charge public buses:**

The city of **Tel Aviv** is working on creating **Wireless Electric Roads** to charge and power public transportation in the city. Aimed

at reducing **air pollution**, the **electric road** does away with the need for **recharging stations**.

The roads will span from **Tel Aviv University Railway station** to **Klatzkin Terminal** in Ramat Aviv, a route of about **1.2 miles**.

**United Nations and Britain to co-host climate summit on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020:**

**United Nations** and **Britain** will co-host a global climate summit on **December 12**, the fifth anniversary of the landmark **Paris Agreement**. The summit is intended to increase momentum ahead of the United Nations **Climate Change Conference** (COP 26) to be held in **Glasgow** in November **2021**.

**India and Nepal begin joint security patrol along border in Kapilvastu, Nepal:**

Security personnel of **India** and **Nepal** have started joint security patrol of the border between the two countries in Nepal's **Kapilvastu district** to check illegal **Cross-Border Activities** and control the spread of corona virus.

The **Krishnanagar Municipality** of the Kapilvastu district is a major point of transit along the Nepal-India Border.

**Israel's National Start-up and India's iCreate to collaborate for innovative projects:**

**Israel's Start-Up National Central** and **iCreate** (India's International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology) inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for starting a programme to bring together Israeli and Indian entrepreneurs as well as startups to collaborate on **innovative projects**.

**India and United Kingdom sign MoU on Water Partnership via video conferencing:**

**India** and the **United Kingdom** held a virtual **Water Partnership** meeting to discuss ways to work together on issues pertaining to water conservation and building better water infrastructure.

The programme was inaugurated by the Indian High Commissioner to UK, **Gaitri Issar Kumar** with the Ministry of Jal Shakti Secretary **UP Singh**.

**World Economic Forum's Sustainable Development Impact Summit held virtually:**

**World Economic Forum's** fourth and first fully virtual **Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2020** was held under the banner "**Realizing a Great Reset for Sustainable Development**" to convene 2100 leaders. The summit was based on the five themes of Shared Prosperity, Catalysing

cooperation, Better business, Harnessing technology, and Liveable planet.

During the summit, WEF's '**EarthTime Visualisation**' report was released which stated that **Delhi** may have eight months a year with temperature averaging **32°C** by **2100**, up from six at present.

### BANKING AND ECONOMY:

**ICICI Bank becomes first bank in India to use satellite data to assess credit worthiness of farmers:**

Private lender **ICICI Bank** has become the first ever bank in India to make use of satellite data, imagery from **Earth observation satellites**, to assess credit worthiness of farmers.

Using the satellite data, the bank will be able to measure an array of parameters related to the land, irrigation and crop patterns and use it in combination with **demographic** and **financial parameters** to make speedy lending decisions for **farmers**.

**Mastercard teams up with Goals101.ai to improve personalised banking:**

Financial services giant **Mastercard** has partnered with **Goals101.ai**, a bank-tech and **Artificial Intelligence** (AI) company, to make banking more personalised and automated.

Using big data, AI and automation, Goals101.ai connects merchants and issuers to create targeted and personalised offers for **Bank Cardholders**.

**NSE to launch 'silver options' in commodity derivatives segment from September 1:**

**National Stock Exchange** will launch '**Silver Options**' in the commodity derivatives segment from September 1. The exchange has received markets regulator **SEBI's** nod for 'options' in goods contracts on the underlying silver spot price for trading in the commodity derivatives segment

Earlier, the National Stock Exchange (NSE) had launched '**Gold Mini Options**' on **June 8**.

**Bajaj Allianz General Insurance launches comprehensive Pet Dog Insurance starting at Rs 315:**

**Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** has launched a pet insurance product, called '**Bajaj Allianz Pet Dog Insurance Policy**'. The company claims this policy to be India's only retail comprehensive pet insurance offering for pet dogs.

This policy will provide comprehensive coverage to domesticated pet dogs of **indigenous origin, pedigree, non-pedigree, cross-bred** and also exotic breeds

over the lifetime of the dogs from age **3 months to 10 years**.

### **Axis Bank introduced 'Liberty Savings Account' for the Indian Youth:**

**Axis Bank** has introduced '**Liberty Savings Account**' for the Indian Youth, to address the ever-changing lifestyle needs of young and digitally interested Indians.

It offers a complimentary hospital cash insurance cover of up to **Rs 20,000** per year, which covers hospital expenses incurred under COVID -19, which makes this a 1st of its kind savings account to cover the pandemic.

### **HDFC Bank partners with Adobe to enhance digital customer experiences:**

**HDFC Bank** announced a strategic partnership with **Adobe** to enhance the digital experience journey of its customers. Powered by Adobe Experience Cloud solutions, this partnership will enable HDFC Bank to deliver personalised **digital experiences** to existing as well as new customers, at anytime and anywhere.

### **HSBC India Launched Omni Collect, a One Stop Solution for multiple payment options:**

**HSBC India** has launched **Omni Collect**, a one-stop solution in India. It supports businesses to offer **multiple payment**

options on a single platform. It is designed for businesses to easily collect payments through various digital methods, thereby allowing them to easily adapt to the changes in consumer spending.

### **RBI Annual Report 2019-20: Economy To Grow, Inflation To Ease:**

**Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released its Annual Report for **2019-20**. It is Report of the Central Board of Directors on the working of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the year ended June 30, 2020 submitted to the Central Government in terms of **Section 53(2)** of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 In the report, RBI projected that India's growth at minus **4.5%** for **2020-21**. It will be (-) **3.7%** in the single hit scenario and (-) **7.3%** in the double hit scenario in FY 20-21.

### **RBI announces special OMO worth of Rs 20,000 crore in 2 tranches:**

**Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced a simultaneous purchase and sale of **Government Securities (G-Secs)** under **Open Market Operations (OMO)** for an aggregate amount of **Rs 20,000 crore** in two equal tranches of Rs 10,000 crore on August 27, 2020 and September 03, 2020 on account of current and evolving liquidity and market conditions.



**SBI integrates YONO Krishi with Government's Online Seed Portal ICAR IIHR:**

**YONO (You Only Need One) Krishi** platform has integrated with government's online seed portal **Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) & Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR)** to serve the agricultural needs of the farmers, right from sowing till harvesting.

**Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance launches 'Smart Assist', a real-time assistance service:**

**Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance**, one of India's leading Indian private life insurers launched a first-of-its-kind revolutionary technology service in the insurance industry '**Smart Assist**'. The service will enable buyers to connect with the Company, through a secure screen sharing feature, to avail real-time assistance on completion of their buy journey, anywhere.

**RBI launches surveys on consumer confidence and inflation expectations:**

**RBI** is conducting the **Consumer Confidence Survey** and **Inflation Expectations Survey** of Households. CCS seeks "**Qualitative Responses**" from households, regarding their sentiments on

general economic situation & IESH aims to capture assessment on inflation

**Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance & Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank Entered into a Strategic Partnership to Offer Life Insurance:**

Tie up with the bank will provide an opportunity & onus to create awareness in the rural market about the need of having life insurance, health insurance and pension plans. The distribution tie up is for **selling Life insurance, health and pension products**.

**State Bank of India gets global recognition for HR initiative 'Nayi Disha':** **State Bank of India** to receive Brandon **Human Capital Management (HCM)** Excellence Award(also known as the Academy Awards of Learning & Development) 2020 a global recognition for its HR initiative, "**Nayi Disha**".

SBI has won the award in The HCM Spring Program under '**Excellence in Learning and Development**' in 3 categories.

**India's GDP contracts by 23.9% in Q1 of FY21: NSO data**

As per the official data released by the **National Statistics Office (NSO)**, India's GDP has contracted by **23.9%** in the first quarter (April-June 2020) for FY21.

This is the first instance of an economic contraction for India in at least **four decades**. It is also the **first GDP decline** since India began publishing quarterly numbers in **1996**.

### **India's real GDP may decline by 10.9% in FY21; SBI Ecowrap:**

After a worse-than-expected **23.9 per cent** decline in GDP in the June quarter, the top economist at State Bank of India expects a steeper decline in FY21.

**Soumya Kanti Ghosh**, Group Chief Economic Adviser, **State Bank of India**, now expects FY21 real GDP growth to decline by **10.9 per cent**, compared to a previous estimate of **6.8 per cent**.

### **IRDAI sets up panel to study index-linked products for Life Insurance Company:**

**IRDAI** constituted a **6-member** working group headed by **Dinesh Pant** to examine various aspects for allowing life insurance companies to offer index-linked products. The current regulations do not specifically permit insurers to sell index-linked products

### **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance introduces AI-powered voice chatbot "LiGo" on Google Assistant:**

**ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** launched an AI-powered voice chatbot, **"LiGo"** on

Google Assistant as part of its customer service initiative. This new option will enable the policyholders to have their queries addressed by simple voice commands.

Customers can use commands such as "Ok Google, I want to speak to ICICI Prudential Life LiGo" or **"May I talk to ICICI Prudential Life LiGo"**.

### **Federal Bank & Innoviti Partnered to provide Affordable Options of Federal Bank Debit Cards by Innoviti POS terminals:**

**Federal Bank** and **Innoviti Payment Solutions** announced today their partnership to provide convenient and affordable options of **Federal Bank Debit Cards** through Innoviti POS terminals.

This partnership will offer convenient EMI options to over **7.5 million** Federal Bank Debit Card holders at over **70,000 Innoviti POS terminals** across **1000 cities**.

### **ICICI Bank launches 'Home Utsav', a virtual property exhibition:**

**ICICI Bank** has launched a virtual property exhibition under the name **'Home Utsav'**. The exhibition will digitally showcase real estate projects by renowned developers, across India. The exhibition can be accessed by both **customers** and **non-customers** of ICICI Bank.

### **IRDAI allows insurance companies to use video-based KYC:**

India's Insurance regulator **IRDAI** is set to soon allow insurance companies to use **video-based authentication** modes to vet customer credentials for new onboardings. Insurers may use Video-Based Identification Process to enhance the ease of doing KYC.

### **LazyPay introduces LazyUPI digital credit cards in India:**

Indian online instant credit app **LazyPay** has launched a digital credit card to offer easy access to credit across online and offline platforms. **LazyUPI** will help to provide easy access to credit across online and offline platforms. LazyUPI is **1<sup>st</sup> digital credit card** that is combined with **UPI**.

### **Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank ceased to be a banking company: RBI**

**Reserve Bank of India** has issued a notification to all banks stating that "**Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Limited**" has ceased to be a banking company within the meaning of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**. "**Westpac Banking Corporation**" also ceases to be a banking company as announced by **RBI**.

### **RBL Bank launches cardless cash withdrawal facility through ATMs via MoBank app:**

**RBL Bank** has partnered with **Empays Payment Systems** to launch a **cardless cash** withdrawal facility from ATMs by leveraging the **Instant Money Transfer (IMT)** system.

Customers can use RBL Bank's **MoBank app** for this IMT function and initiate cash withdrawal by either using his or her mobile number linked to the account or by following a few easy steps on the app.

### **RBI Releases Revised Priority Sector Lending Guidelines:**

**Reserve Bank of India** has reviewed the priority sector guidelines to align it with emerging national priorities and bring a sharper focus on inclusive development. Some new categories eligible for finance under the **priority sector** have been added like- Bank finance to start-ups (**up to Rs 50 crore**). Loan limits for renewable energy have been increased (doubled). from Rs 15 lakhs to **Rs 30 lakhs**

### **RBI constituted KV Kamath committee names 26 sectors for restructuring:**

**RBI** released the report a **five-member** committee that the central bank formed under the chairmanship of former **ICICI Bank** CEO **KV Kamath** for recommending parameters for loan restructuring. The committee made recommendations for **26**

**sectors** that could be factored by lending institutions while finalizing loan resolution plans.

### **Mahindra Insurance Brokers launches digital insurance portal PayBima:**

**Mahindra Insurance Brokers (MIBL)** has launched a digital insurance portal, **"PayBima"** to help customers directly buy insurance policies online providing **end-to-end services**. Customers will be able to buy car, two-wheeler, health and life insurance products.

### **Bank of India launches 'Signature Visa Debit Card' for High Net Worth Individuals:**

**Bank of India (BoI)** launched **"Signature Visa Debit Card"** for the affluent/high net worth individuals maintaining an average quarterly balance of **Rs.10 lakhs** and above. BOI virtually inaugurated new buildings of **Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI)** at **Barabanki, Lucknow** (Uttar Pradesh) and **Giridih** (Jharkhand).

### **Fitch Ratings Projects Indian economy to contract 10.5% in FY21:**

US-based Fitch Ratings **Global Economic Outlook (GEO)** has sharply lowered the forecast for the gross domestic product (GDP) growth of India for the current fiscal 2020-21

(FY21) and now expects the GDP to contract **10.5 percent**.

The downward revision comes after India's GDP shrank by **23.9%** year-on-year in the April-June quarter, the worst performance in nearly four decades.

### **India GDP to contract 11.8 growth to rebound to 9.9 in FY22; India Ratings**

Domestic rating agency **India Ratings and Research** revised downward the country's FY21 GDP growth forecast to **(-) 11.8 per cent**, lowest in Indian history, from an earlier estimate of **(-) 5.3 per cent**. The rating agency also expects India's GDP to rebound and grow at **9.9% year-on-year** in FY22 primarily due to the weak base of FY21.

The Indian economy contracted by a record 23.9% in 1st (April-June) quarter of FY21, which is much higher than Ind-Ra's forecast of 17.0%.

### **FM Nirmala Sitharaman Launches Doorstep Banking Services For Public Sector Banks and EASE 2.0 Index results:**

**Public sector banks** will now provide **Doorstep Banking Service** that will bring convenience of banking services to the customers at their homes through the universal touch points of the call centre, web portal or mobile app.

**BoB, SBI** and erstwhile **Oriental Bank of Commerce** were felicitated for being the top three in the Top Performing Banks. **Bank of Maharashtra**, Central Bank of India & erstwhile Corporation Bank were awarded in the Top Improvers category basis **EASE 2.0** Index.

### **SBI Modernizes its Payment Switching System with ACI Worldwide Technology:**

**ACI Worldwide**, a leading global provider of real-time **Digital Payment** software and solutions, has modernized payments infrastructure for ATM and point-of-sale (POS) at **State Bank of India**, India's largest bank with more than **440 million** account holders.

### **SBI to launch loan product 'SAFAL' for organic cotton growers:**

**SBI** managing director **C S Setty** has announced that **State Bank of India** will launch a loan product, **SAFAL**, for organic cotton growers who don't have any credit history. It stands for **Safe and Fast Agriculture Loan (SAFAL)**. SBI will use **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and **Machine Learning (ML)** for this purpose.

### **SBI Mutual Fund Launched SBI Magnum Children's Benefit Fund (Investment Plan) :**

SBI Mutual Fund has launched the **New Fund Offer (NFO)** of **SBI Magnum Children's**

**Benefit Fund** - Investment Plan last week. It is an open-ended equity-oriented fund for investment for goals related to your child. According to the fund house, SBI Magnum Children's Benefit Fund- Investment Plan is suitable for child aged **1 to 14 years**.

### **Goldman Sachs predicts India's GDP for FY21 at -14.8%:**

**Goldman Sachs** has predicted India's GDP for FY21 at **-14.8%**. For Calendar Year 2020 it has projected a contraction of 11.1%. For **FY22**, Goldman Sachs predicts India's GDP to grow at **15.7%** and for Calendar Year 2021 at **9.9%**.

### **Mastercard launches Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) testing platform:**

**Mastercard** has launched a **Digital Currency** testing platform aimed at helping central banks test their digital currencies. The system will also demonstrate how consumers can use central bank digital currencies to pay for goods and services wherever Mastercard is accepted worldwide.

### **ICICI Bank launches iStartup 2.0, dedicated offering for start-ups:**

**ICICI Bank** has launched **iStartup 2.0**, for start-ups with improved features. Under this, ICICI customers to get a current account in three variants that will offer **additional**

**services, salary accounts for employees, dedicated relationship manager, etc.,**

iStartup 2.0 is a startup bank account (in form of current account) that can be opened within **10 years** of date of incorporation of the business.

**ICICI Prudential Life signs corporate agency pact with NSDL Payments Bank:**

Private Life Insurer **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** entered into a corporate agency agreement with **NSDL Payments Bank**, a subsidiary of NSDL. Under this, the insurer will provide its protection and savings products to customers of NSDL Payments Bank.

**CRISIL projects India's GDP for FY21 at -9%; For FY22 at 10%:**

**CRISIL** has projected India's GDP rate for **2020-21 (FY21)** at **-9%** For FY22, Crisil has projected India's GDP to grow at **10%**.

For the next three years, between fiscals 2023 and 2025, CRISIL projects the Indian GDP to average a growth of **6.2%** annually.

**Capital India Finance gets forex business licence from RBI:**

**Capital India Finance Ltd** (CIFL) received Authorised Dealer Category II licence from RBI for conducting forex business, the first listed NBFC in India to receive a licence. It is

now authorised to build and do forex business under the brand name **RapiMoney**.

**RIL becomes first Indian company to cross \$200 billion in market valuation:**

The market valuation of **Reliance Industries** (RIL) hit another milestone by becoming the **first Indian firm** to cross **\$ 200 billion**.

Apple Inc is the world's most-valued company with a market value of \$2 trillion followed by **Saudi Aramco** at \$1.9 trillion.

**RBI issues guidelines for appointment of Chief Compliance Officer in banks:**

**RBI** has issued guidelines for the appointment of **Chief Compliance Officer (CCO)** in banks to ensure a uniform approach with regard to compliance and risk management culture across the banking industry. A person should be a senior executive of the bank.

Tenor for the appointment of CCO is minimum fixed tenure of not less than **3 years**. Age is not more than **55 years**.

**Union Cabinet gives approval to increase FDI limit from 49% to 74%:**

The new policy raising the cap of foreign direct investment through automatic approval in the defence sector from **49 per cent** to **74 per cent** now has a '**National Security**' clause as a condition.



The government has been focusing on the defence sector to act as an engine for boosting manufacturing in the country, and is aiming to achieve a turnover of **Rs 1.75 lakh crore**, including exports worth **Rs 35,000 crore**, by **2025**.

**Moody's forecasts India's GDP at -11.5% for FY21 and 10.6% for FY22:**

Ratings agency **Moody's** has projected the GDP growth rate for India to contract **11.5 percent** in the fiscal 2020-21 (FY21) due to the coronavirus pandemic. For **2021-22 (FY22)**, Moody's projected the economy of India to grow at **10.6 percent**.

**PNB launches festival offer 'Festival Bonanza Offer' waives processing charges on some loans:**

State-owned **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** launched '**Festival Bonanza Offer**' for its customers to give a push to subdued loan demand due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Under the 'Festival Bonanza Offer', the bank will waive all upfront or processing fees and documentation charges on some of its major retail products like **housing loans** and **car loans**.

**SEBI issues clarification on asset allocation framework for multi-cap Mutual Funds:**

**Securities and Exchange Board of India** tweaked the categorisation rules for multi-cap funds increasing the minimum equity investment. **Multi cap** funds to invest minimum **75%** of total assets in equities with **25%** each in large-cap, midcap & small-cap companies.

**CARE Ratings projects India's GDP to contract between 8 and 8.2% in FY21:**

Domestic rating agency **CARE Ratings** said the country's economy is likely to see a sharper contraction of **8-8.2 per cent** in the current financial year **2020-21 (FY21)** compared to a decline of 6.4 per cent it had projected earlier. The forecast for GVA growth in FY21 is **-7.7%**.

**ICICI Lombard announces bancassurance tie-up with Yes Bank:**

**India's** leading private sector non-life insurance company **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited** has entered into a Bancassurance tie-up with **Yes Bank**. The partnership will provide the Bank's diverse customer base access to the **insurer's portfolio** and make insurance more accessible to its customers across India.

**S&P Global Ratings Projects India's GDP at -9% in FY21 & 6% in FY22:**

**S&P Global Ratings** has projected the GDP of India to contract by **9%** in the fiscal year

**2020-21** (FY21), as against its previous estimate of a 5% contraction, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the **FY-22** (2021-22), S&P expects GDP growth of **6%**. For the **FY-23** (2022-23), GDP is projected at **6.2%**.

**RBI directs banks to complete automation of NPA recognition, provisioning calculation by June 2021:**

**Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) asked banks to complete the automation of **bad-loan recognition** and provisioning calculation processes by **30 June, 2021**. The system-based asset classification will improve efficiency and transparency and will enable the participants (**investors, depositors, regulators, etc.**) to have enhanced confidence over controls and reporting in this critical area.

**SBI General Insurance signs corporate agency agreement with YES BANK to make non-life insurance solutions accessible to customers:**

**SBI General Insurance Company** and **Yes Bank** signed a **Corporate Agency Agreement** for the distribution of **retail products** of SBI General Insurance Company for its corporate and retail customers. The products of SBI General Insurance Company

will be offered to **YES BANK's customers** across **28 states** and **8 Union Territories**.

**Indian economy to shrink by 9% in FY21; Asian Development Bank:**

According to ADB's **Asian Development Outlook** (ADO) 2020 Update, India's economy is expected to contract by **9%** this year worse than the **4%** contraction it had forecast three months ago. However, it expects India to bounce back with **8%** growth **FY22**.

**OECD projects India's GDP at -10.2% in FY21 & 10.7% in FY22, Global GDP at -4.5% in 2020:**

**Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** expects the Indian economy to contract by **10.2%** in **FY21** (2020-21) as compared to its previous estimate of 16.7% in June. India's gross domestic product (GDP) to grow at **10.7 %** For **FY22** (2021-22),

OECD expects the global GDP at **-4.5%** in 2020, which is an upward revision from its previous estimate of **-6%**.

**India's GDP to contract by 8.6% in FY21; UBS Securities:**

Swiss brokerage **UBS Securities** said it forecasts a GDP contraction of **8.6 per cent** (Earlier it was -5.8%) in **FY21** as against its earlier prediction of 5.8 per cent, citing factors

including the “modest” government response to the crisis for its estimate. UBS Securities projects India’s GDP to grow by **10%** for **FY22**.

### **Lok Sabha Passes Bill To Bring Cooperative Banks Under RBI Supervision:**

**Lok Sabha** passed an amendment to the **Banking Regulation Act** to bring cooperative banks under the supervision of the **RBI**.

The **Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020** replaces an ordinance that was issued on June 26. It will bring **1,482 urban** and **58 multi-state cooperative banks** under the supervision of the central bank. The amendments do not apply to **Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS)**.

### **State Bank Of India Extends OTP-Based ATM Withdrawal Facility:**

To safeguard customers from frauds and to minimize unauthorised transactions **OTP-based withdrawals** of **Rs. 10,000** and above will be available **24x7** at SBI’s ATMs with effect from September 18. SBI which introduced this for **12 hours** on **Jan 1** is extended now.

**SBI Partners with Titan to launch India’s first contactless payment watch “Titan Pay”:**

**State Bank of India (SBI)**, India’s largest public sector lender, and **Titan Company** have partnered to launch contactless payment services through watches, called **“Titan Pay”**. With this SBI account holders can tap their Titan Pay watch on **contactless payment POS machine** without swiping or inserting **SBI bank card**.

### **SBM Bank India Partners With Mastercard To Debut ‘Premium’ Debit Card:**

Mumbai-based lender **SBM Bank India** and **Mastercard** have introduced a **Premium Debit Card** for high-net-worth customers. The SBM World Debit Card will club niche banking solutions and carefully curated **lifestyle privileges** including some of the finest shopping and dining opportunities.

### **RBI issues draft Rupee interest rate derivatives (IRDs) :**

**RBI** proposed allowing **Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)** to undertake exchange-traded rupee interest rate derivatives transactions subject to an overall ceiling of **Rs.5,000 crores**. IRDs are contracts whose value is derived from one or more interest rates.

### **ICICI Home Finance launched “Apna Ghar Dreamz” Home Loan Scheme:**

**ICICI Home Finance** launched "**Apna Ghar Dreamz**", its new home loan scheme for skilled laborers like electricians, mechanics, painters, grocery store owners etc in the informal sector of Delhi. The credit amount of this loan ranges from **Rs 2 lakh to 50 lakhs**.

**DBS Bank India Unveiled Online Loan Platform 'DBS Digital Business Loans for SMEs':**

**DBS Bank India** launched an online platform "**DBS Digital Business Loans**" for making loans available to small and mid size businesses in a hassle-free manner, with credit facility up to **Rs.20 crore**. The platform is enabled to **auto-generate** an e-offer letter if the lending criteria are met.

**Canara Bank launches i-Lead 2.0 Initiative to improve Customer services:**

**Canara Bank** has launched a **Lead Management System (LMS)** named as **i-Lead 2.0**(Inspiring Leads System version 2.0).

Customers can use internet banking, mobile banking, call centre, SMS and missed call services to enquire and get services rendered to them. They can also use CANDI mobile app of Canara Bank.

**KVGB launches special gold loan scheme "Vikas Laghu Suvarna" for pandemic:**

**Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)** has launched a special gold loan scheme "**Vikas Laghu Suvarna**" with a reduced interest rate of **7.25%**. The rate has been reduced considering the pandemic and also to provide easy and affordable credit to customers at a cheaper cost.

**IDFC Mutual Fund launches 'SIP in Fixed Income' marketing campaign:**

**IDFC Mutual Fund** has began a brand new marketing campaign known as "**SIP in Fixed Income (SIFI)**" to make traders extra privy to the advantages of investing in fastened earnings merchandise by way of **Systematic Investment Plans**. According to the fund home, most individuals sometimes affiliate SIPs with fairness **mutual fund investments**.

**HDFC Bank ranked as India's most valued brand for 5th year in a row; BrandZ report:**

**HDFC Bank** was ranked as India's top brand for the **seventh consecutive** year in a row in the 2020 **BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands** rankings. It has a total brand value of more than \$20.2 billion. **LIC** is ranked second while **Tata Consulting Services** has been ranked at no.3.

### **SBI starts "Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" (Women Self-Reliance programme) in Assam:**

**State Bank of India** has launched a programme named "**Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani**" (meaning- Women Self-Reliance programme) in order to accelerate **Self Help Group** (SHG) finance in the Bank.

The main objectives of "Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" are to create a **strong bonding** with the **SHG member**.

### **SBI Life Insurance and YES Bank sign bancassurance Agreement:**

**State Bank of India** (SBI) Life Insurance signed a bancassurance agreement with **YES Bank** to provide a range of insurance solutions to the customers of YES Bank across the nation. YES Bank aims to provide **financial security** to its customers and reduce the protection gap in India.

### **SBI Card collaborates with Google to enable cardholders to make payments "Tap-to-pay" through Google Pay:**

**SBI Credit Cards** to make card payments using the **Google Pay app** on their Android smartphones, SBI Card (legally- SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited) has collaborated with Google.

It will enable users to safely transact with their cards and use **Tap-to-pay** feature on **Near-Field Communication** (NFC) -enabled **Point Of Sale** (POS) terminals and online merchants.

### **Finance ministry expects India's nominal GDP to grow 19% in FY22:**

**India's** economy is likely to bounce back to grow by as much as **19%** in nominal terms in **FY22**, albeit on a low base, as per, chief economic advisor **Krishnamurthy Subramanian** in the finance ministry.

### **Kazakhstan Financial Regulator Cancels Licence of PNB Subsidiary:**

State-owned **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** stated the financial regulator of **Kazakhstan** has revoked licence of its associate for failure to meet prudential standards and other mandatory norms. PNB holds **41.64 per cent** in **JSC Tengri Bank**, the bank stated in a regulatory filing. JSC Tengri Bank has **nine** branches in Kazakhstan.

**SEBI constitutes technical committee on social stock exchange under the chairmanship of Harsh Kumar Bhanwala:** **SEBI** has set-up a technical committee on the **Social Stock Exchange (SSE)** to develop a framework for onboarding **Profit** and **Non-Profit** organisations on such bourses and prescribe disclosure requirements relating to

financials and governance. The technical group would be chaired by **NABARD** former chairman **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala**.

### **HDFC Life enters into partnership with YES Bank to sell insurance policies:**

**HDFC Life** and **YES Bank** Limited entered into a **Corporate Agency** (CA) arrangement. It will enable customers of YES Bank to avail HDFC Life's wide range of life insurance products, which include solutions for **protection, savings and investment, retirement and critical illness**.

### **India's GDP is forecast to contract 5.9% in 2020 and recover to 3.9% in 2021; UNCTAD:**

**United Nations Conference on Trade and Development** (UNCTAD) has predicted that the GDP of India will contract by **5.9%** in the year **2020**. For the year 2021, UNCTAD projects the Indian economy to grow by **3.9%**. The projection was made in its Trade and Development Report 2020.

### **SEBI to set up 'Backstop Entity' to buy MFs' illiquid corporate bonds:**

**SEBI** plans to set up a '**Backstop Entity**' to buy **Illiquid Investment-Grade Corporate Bonds** from mutual funds in a bid to reduce the stress in debt schemes. A backstop will ensure that a part of the offering is purchased if it goes unsold. SEBI Chairman **Ajay Tyagi**

stated at the 25th AGM of the **Association of Mutual Funds in India** (AMFI).

### **BOB Financial Solutions Limited partners Signzy to unveil its 'Video KYC':**

**BOB Financial Solutions Ltd** (BFSL) has selected **RegTech firm Signzy**, to digitize its customer verification through '**Video KYC**'. It will enable BFSL a quick, **zero-contact & paperless KYC** that omits the requisite for physical submission of documents.

### **Bajaj Finserv Launched "Bajaj Finserv Health Ltd (BFHL) ", Health Tech Solutions Business:**

Pune based **Bajaj Finserv** has recently announced the launch of its fully owned subsidiary **Bajaj Finserv Health Limited** (BFHL), a health-tech solutions business, aimed at improving the health outcomes of Indian consumers through smarter, connected and holistic care plans.

This new venture will offer "**Aarogya Care**" an industry-first product, providing preventive, personalised, prepaid **Health Care Packages**.

### **IDFC First Bank to launch contactless debit card payment facility "SafePay":**

**IDFC First Bank** will launch a contactless debit card-based payment facility, "**SafePay**". It will allow transactions up to **Rs 20,000 per day**. Per transaction limit will be



**Rs 2000** under this payment facility of SafePay. It will allow payments by simply waving one's smartphone against a **Near Field Communication** (NFC) -enabled PoS terminal.

**RBI suggests five-pillared approach 'GUARD' to deal with cybersecurity issues in UCBs:**

**Reserve Bank** brings five-pillared strategic approach '**GUARD**' to deal with cybersecurity threats being faced by **Urban Cooperative Banks** (UCBs). It comprises Gov. **Oversight, Utile Tech. Investment, Appropriate Regulation & Supervision, Robust Collaboration & Developing necessary IT, & cybersecurity skills set.**

The RBI said in its document '**Technology Vision for Cyber Security for Urban Cooperative Banks 2020-2023**' that the number, frequency and impact of cyber incidents and attacks have increased manifold in the recent past, more so in the case of the financial sector, including UCBs.

### ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS:

**APEDA signs MoUs with AFC India Limited and NCUI of India:**

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**) has signed MoUs with **AFC India Limited**, and **National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI)**, Delhi to synergize the activities in the interest of agriculture and allied sectors.

**TVS Automobile Solutions and Google tie up to digitise auto aftermarket:**

**TVS Automobile Solutions Ltd** has selected **Google Cloud** as its technology partner to build its **Digital Transformation Strategy**. The initiative would be seen as an accelerator in digitizing the global aftermarket landscape. The industry has over 40K retailers.

**Cognizant to acquire Tin Roof Software to expand digital engineering services:**

The acquisition is expected to expand **Cognizant's** software product engineering footprint in the U.S. & connect **Tin Roof's** experts with Cognizant's broader global software development capabilities. Transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2020.

**Mahindra and Israeli firm REE Automotive Sign an MoU To Co-Develop Electric Commercial Vehicles:**

**Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M)** has inked a pact with **Tel Aviv**-based **REE Automotive** to explore the production of electric commercial vehicles. The aim is to explore the development and manufacturing of electric commercial vehicles for global markets.

### **Greenko Signs MoU With NTPC to Explore Renewable Energy and Storage Solutions:**

Energy solutions provider **Greenko Energies** has announced that it has entered into an agreement with **NTPC** to explore energy storage and **Renewable Energy (RE)** power supply solutions. The company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC.

### **CCI approves Carlyle Group's stake acquisition in Airtel's data centre biz:**

**Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved acquisition of compulsorily convertible preference shares and equity shares in **Airtel's** data centre business, Nxtra Data, by Carlyle Group's Comfort Investments II.

### **NeGD signs MoU with CSC E-Governance Services India Limited:**

**National e-Governance Division (NeGD)**, Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) has partnered with **CSC (Common Service**

**Center)** e-Governance Services India Limited. The partnership aims to enable delivery of **UMANG** services to citizens through the network of **3.75 lakh** CSCs.

### **ISRO Signs MoU with VSSUT to Set up First of Its Kind Innovation cum Incubation Centre to Promote Space Research:**

**Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT)**, **Burla, Odisha**, a technical institute, to set up the first of its kind innovation cum incubation centre, **VSSUT Space Innovation Centre(VSSIC)** in India to promote space research.

### **UTIITSL ties up with National Health Authority to provide print services for PMJAY e-cards:**

**UTI Infrastructure Technology And Services Limited** will be providing printing services & support the beneficiary identification and verification process in the issuance of e-cards to beneficiaries of **AB PM-JAY scheme**. It will also provide the services of printing of e-cards through its branches.

### **Ericsson and UNICEF in partnership to map school Internet connectivity in 35 countries:**

Swedish telecom company Ericsson and the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** announced a global partnership Wednesday to help map school Internet connectivity in 35 countries by the end of **2023**.

**Mapping the Internet** connectivity landscape for schools and their surrounding communities is a critical first step toward providing every child with access to digital learning opportunities, said UNICEF in a press release.

**Innoviti partners with Visa to develop installments platform for face-to-face transactions:**

**Innoviti** had entered a partnership with **Visa**, the leader in payments technology to develop a platform that will enable issuers to extend credit to their cardholders at **Face-To-Face** point-of-sale (In India).

It provides shoppers the ability to choose how they pay during the purchase with the introduction of a suite of platform capabilities leveraging **Innoviti's uniPAY** Next platform and Visa's APIs.

**IIT Alumni Council partners with Russia to build world's largest & fastest hybrid quantum computer:**

With the objective to achieve the mission of **Atma Nirbhar Bharat**, the **Indian Institute of Technology's (IITs) Alumni** Council has

signed an agreement with Russian state-owned companies, **Lomonosov Moscow State University** and **Russoft**, to build the world's largest and fastest hybrid quantum computer in India.

Quantum Computing is **several million times** faster than the largest supercomputer in India, and once operational it will make existing supercomputers obsolete.

**Reliance buys Kishore Biyani's Future retail for Rs 24,713 crore:**

**Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL)**, subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited will buy **Kishore Biyani's** Future retail for Rs 24,713 crore.

The first step in this acquisition will be the merger of five Future Group's listed entities including Future Retail, Future Lifestyle and **Future Consumer – into Future Enterprises (FEL)**.

**Vedanta ties up with SBI for long-term syndicated loan of Rs 10,000 crore:**

**Vedanta** tied up with **State Bank of India** for long-term syndicated loan facility worth **Rs 10,000 crore**. A syndicated loan is offered by a group of lenders who work together to provide credit to a large borrower. SBI has committed **Rs 5000 crores** as a lender.

## **Adani Group buys 74% stake in Mumbai International Airport:**

**Adani Group** has acquired **74%** stake in **Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL)** that operates Mumbai Airport. Mumbai Airport is the second largest airport in India.

Under this, Adani Group will acquire 50.5% stake of GVK group. Additionally, Adani will also acquire 23.5% stake of minority partners **Airport Company of South Africa (ACSA)** and Bidvest.

## **Tata Power and Tata Motors collaborate to set up India's largest solar carport:**

The **solar carport** set up by signing **Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)** will have a capacity of **6.2 MWp** and is expected to help the automaker cut down 1.6 lakh ton of carbon emissions in its lifetime. It is expected to generate **96 lakh units** per year.

## **Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd signs MoU with CSIR-IICT to establish a bulk drug park:**

**CSIR-IICT** is the knowledge partner and will offer needed technical backing to make the proposal which will be submitted by the **Andhra Pradesh** government to the **Department of Pharmaceuticals** to seek financial assistance from the Centre.

The **Government of India** has recently launched a scheme for the development of three **bulk drugs** and **four medical device parks** with grants-in-aid to states with a maximum limit of **Rs 1,000 crore**.

## **Infosys to acquire US-based firm Kaleidoscope for \$42 million:**

**Infosys** has announced that it would acquire **product design** and development firm, **Kaleidoscope Innovation** for up to **\$42 million**. Kaleidoscope is a **US-based firm** and would bring to Infosys a diverse talent pool with extensive knowledge of design and engineering.

## **WhatsApp partners with Cyber Peace Foundation to drive cyber safety awareness:**

Facebook-owned **WhatsApp** has partnered **Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF)** to create awareness on cyber safety among students. The partners aim to reach about 15,000 students in five Indian states **Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand** and **Maharashtra** by the end of this year under the first phase of a **pan-India programme, IIT Roorkee inks MoU with NIUA for collaboration in building accessible, safe and inclusive Indian cities:**

The **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)** has signed an MoU with **IIT Roorkee**

for collaboration in areas of universal design principles and inclusive development in the backdrop of '**Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities**' (BASIIC) program.

### **SREI Equipment Finance bags €10-m loan from KfW IPEX-Bank:**

**SREI Equipment Finance** has bagged a **€10-million** (about 87 crore) loan from **KfW IPEX-Bank** to facilitate German exports to India. The financing is backed by cover from Euler Hermes.

Through this arrangement, KfW IPEX-Bank will provide modern and energy-efficient construction machinery for use in **Indian infrastructure projects**.

### **Atal Innovation Mission partners with Freshworks to empower AIM start-ups:**

To provide robust support to innovators and entrepreneurs, **Atal Innovation Mission** of **NITI Aayog** has partnered with Freshworks to increase the efficacy of the institutions and start-ups in the **AIM portfolio** and foster innovation among innovators.

### **NSDC and LinkedIn Partner To Accelerate Digital Skills Training For Youth:**

**National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** and **LinkedIn** announced a partnership to provide access to free learning

resources for **digital skills** that are in demand.

According to LinkedIn data, Indian professionals with digital skills were **20 per cent** more in demand than professionals without digital skills in 2020.

### **STEPapp Partnered with Tribal Affairs Ministry to implement gamified learning app across all tribal schools:**

**Student Talent Enhancement Program Application (STEPapp)** has received a mandate from the Indian **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** to implement its gamified learning app across all tribal schools in the country.

This is the first time a government institution has tied up with an Indian **EdTech startup** on a monetised project. This initiative will benefit more than **1.5 lakh students** from grades 1 to 12 across the country immediately and will expand the scope

### **TCS partners with TPT South Africa for pioneering Logistics Supply Chain Transformation:**

IT major, **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**, has partnered with **Transnet Port Terminals (TPT)** in **South Africa** to help the latter develop an integrated online marketplace platform by bringing together cargo owners, shipping lines, clearing and forwarding agents, and road haulers.

### **International Solar Alliance Signs MoUs With NTPC, MNRE And World Bank:**

**Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** along with **World Bank** will design the plan for implementing '**One Solar One World and One Grid**'; **NTPC** will implement the solar projects in **47** ISA member countries

### **Silver Lake to invest Rs 7,500 crore in Reliance Retail:**

**Silver Lake** Partners has picked up 1.75 per cent stake in the retail arm of **Reliance Industries** for **Rs 7,500 crore**. This investment values **RRVL** at a pre-money equity value of Rs 4.21 lakh crore. **Silver Lake's** investment will translate into a **1.75 per cent** equity stake in **RRVL** on a fully diluted basis.

### **WE HUB and NutriHub partner to Scale-up Agriculture Businesses:**

India's first state-led incubator **WE HUB** to foster and promote women entrepreneurship to start-up, scale-up and accelerate with global market access, announced its partnership with **NutriHub**, first of its kind incubator to cater start-ups needs in the **Nutricereals** sector.

### **Liberty General Insurance Partners with SpiceJet to Offer Travel Insurance:**

**Liberty** and India's leading airline **SpiceJet** have partnered together to offer '**Liberty**

**Secure Travel**' an insurance policy to consumers who book airline travel through **SpiceJet's** website and mobile site.

The sum insured in the event of a ticket cancellation is **Rs. 5000/-**. The premium for a single passenger on a single flight booking will vary anywhere between **INR 399/-** for bookings made in advance of a minimum of **7 days** to **INR 643/-** for a maximum of **30-90 days**.

### **IIT Roorkee inks MoU with OUAT for cooperation in agricultural research and education:**

**IIT- Roorkee** has signed MoU with **Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT)** to generate frontier technologies and produce quality manpower in the field of agricultural research & education for resolving the challenges faced by the rural communities.

### **HCL Technologies joins NVIDIA partner network will pursue opportunities in AI space:**

**HCL Technologies (HCL)**, a leading global technology company announced it has joined **NVIDIA Partner Network (NPN)**, the US-based technology company's partner program, with plans to pursue expanded opportunities in the **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** space.



**Microsoft and Nasscom FutureSkills launch AI classroom series to prepare India's AI workforce by 2021:**

**Microsoft** joined hands with **Nasscom FutureSkills** to launch a nation-wide initiative that aims to skill 10 lakh students in **Artificial Intelligence** by **2021**. Partnership is an ext. of Microsoft's global skilling initiative to help 25 mn people to acquire **new digital skills**.

**International Financial Services Centre Authority Inks Mou With India Gold Policy Centre Of IIM Ahmedabad:**

**International Financial Services Centre Authority** (IFSCA) and India Gold Policy Centre (IGPC) – **IIM Ahmedabad** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the IFSCA, **GIFT City Gandhinagar**, Gujarat for providing consulting to facilitate the establishment of **International Bullion Exchange in India**.

**Infosys to acquire Europe-based GuideVision for €30 million:**

IT major **Infosys** has signed a definitive agreement to acquire European consultancy firm **GuideVision** for up to **Euro 30 million** (approximately \$35 million). GuideVision is one of the largest Service Now Elite Partners in Europe, specialized in **offering strategic**

**advisory, consulting, implementations, training and support.**

**HCL and Google Cloud Expand Partnership to Deliver Accelerated Business Intelligence Platform:**

**HCL** and **Google Cloud** partnered to bring HCL's Actian portfolio starting with Actian Avalanche to Google Cloud. Actian Avalanche is a high-performance **hybrid cloud data** warehouse designed to power an enterprise's most demanding operational analytics workloads

**BHEL ties up with SwissRapide AG to bring Maglev trains to India:**

State-run engineering firm **BHEL** announced its tie up with **SwissRapide AG** to bring **Maglev trains** (magnetic levitation) to India. Aimed at expanding its footprint in the **urban transportation sector** as part of its diversification initiatives, BHEL has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SwissRapide AG for Maglev **Train projects in India**.

**WhatsApp partners with Common Services Center to deliver Digital Literacy Services via Chatbot:**

**WhatsApp** announced that it has partnered with **Common Services Centers (CSC)**. With this partnership, the **Facebook**-owned platform launched a **chatbot** that will enable

citizens to receive digital literacy services and resources. It also aims to **"bridge the digital divide and spur rural entrepreneurship"**.

### **Volvo Car India Partnered With HDFC Bank To Launch Volvo Car Financial Services:**

**Volvo Car India** has introduced **Volvo Car Financial Services** in collaboration with **HDFC Bank** to enable buyers to receive easy finance for a Volvo car of their choice. Loans can be availed for **upto 7 years**. There is also an option to finance insurance, extended warranty, service package and accessories.

### **NITI Aayog and Indian School of Public Policy join hands for capacity building:**

**Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office** (DMEO) of the **Aayog** has signed a statement of intent with the **ISPP** to build collaboration for faster intermediation of knowledge and use within the public system. To **provide training, mentoring** and other activities to strengthen the **knowledge, ability, skills** of Government Officials and **public policy scholars**.

### **Tech Mahindra partners with Japan's Rakuten Communications Platform to bring Rakuten Communications Platform:**

**Tech Mahindra** and **Rakuten Mobile, Inc.**, a Rakuten Group company responsible for

mobile communications announced that India's **fifth largest** tech services provider will be a preferred partner for global go-to-market opportunities for the **Rakuten Communications Platform (RCP)**.

### **Competition Commission of India approves merger of Medlife with PharmEasy:**

**Competition Commission of India** has approved the proposed merger of e-pharmacy companies **Medlife** and **PharmEasy**, the country's **fair-trade** regulator. This comes a month after Medlife made a formal filing to merge with the Temasek-backed company. PharmEasy was set to acquire **100%** equity shares of **Medlife**.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

### **Indian Satellite AstroSat Detects Extreme UV Light Coming from Galaxy 9.3 Billion Light-years Away:**

**AstroSat**, India's first multi-wavelength satellite, has detected an extreme **Ultraviolet (UV)** light from a galaxy which is **9.3 billion light-years** away from Earth, the **Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA)**.

A release from the Pune-based **Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics** said a global team led by

IUCAA scientists has achieved the major breakthrough.

**IIT Madras and Stuttgart University develop method to dispose pharma waste:**

**Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras** along with German researchers have developed 'Co-Composting' methods that can be used to safely dispose of toxic **pharmaceutical wastewater** and sludge. Their method converts the waste into compost of high quality and within **just 20 days**.

**Researchers from Andhra University find rare fish 'Mahseer' in Sileru river:**

A team of researchers from the **Department of Zoology, Andhra University** has spotted a species of rare fish called **Mahseer** (scientific name Tor) on 24 August 2020, from the upper part of **Sileru river**, in Andhra Pradesh.

This species of fish is listed under the endangered category by **IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)**.

**Ahmedabad Railway Division launches Baggage Sanitization & Wrapping machine:**

**Baggage Sanitization & Wrapping machine** has been launched by the Ahmedabad

Railway Division at **Ahmedabad Railway Station, Gujarat**. The machine is a first of its kind across the Indian Railways.

The recently launched machine aims to ensure safe travel amid the pandemic. It uses **Ultraviolet Radiation** for **360 degree sanitization** of the luggage.

**Bangladesh's Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd & Serum Institute of India join hands for Covid-19 vaccine:**

The two entities have announced that **BPL** will be investing with SII, for the development of the Covid-19 vaccine less than 10 days after Foreign Secretary's visit to **Dhaka**. The BPL will be the exclusive distributor of SII for this vaccine in **Bangladesh**.

**IIT Bombay students launch AI-powered document scanning app:**

**AIR Scanner app** does not collect any information about the user and all the documents are stored in the phone's local storage. Any cloud storage to store the documents of the users has not been used. The app guarantees complete user security.

**CISF launches 'Pension Corner' app for its retired personnel:**

With the help of this new digital initiative, pensioners will get connected to the **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** units spread across the country, and receive

invitations, over SMS, on important occasions in the nearest unit.

### **IIT Guwahati collaborates with university in Czech Republic for data protection project:**

A team of researchers from **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati**, in collaboration with scientists from the University of **Pardubice, Czech Republic**, is working towards developing indigenous algorithms that can protect the Nation's digital data from cyber-attacks by advanced computers.

### **IIT Delhi incubated startup launches 'Chakr DeCoV' to decontaminate N95 masks; Atmanirbhar Bharat:**

**IIT Delhi** has Designed in the shape of a cabinet '**Chakr DeCoV**' is built with an innovative decontamination mechanism, which utilises the high penetrability of Ozone gas for cleaning the pores of the **N95 mask**, ensuring complete decontamination of its intricate layers.

### **SpiceJet launches portable ventilator SpiceOxy for patients with breathing issues:**

**SpiceJet** introduced a portable ventilator for patients '**SpiceOxy**', the compact ventilator was designed by engineers of **SpiceJet Technic**, a subsidiary of SpiceJet.

This light weight device can be used at home, in an **ambulance**, on hilly terrain like **army base camps, hospitals**, and **portable applications** like wheelchairs and gurneys, according to the airlines.

### **SpaceX launches 60 Starlink satellites, inches closer to faster internet:**

Elon Musk's **SpaceX** has successfully sent 60 Starlink internet satellites aboard the Falcon 9. The satellites are meant to provide '**Cheaper And Faster**' internet to inaccessible areas. The satellites in its initial tests had provided over **100 Mbps speeds**.

### **China Launched Reusable Experimental Spacecraft on a Long March-2F Carrier Rocket:**

**China's** experimental reusable spacecraft landed safely after orbiting the Earth for two days. It was launched with a **Long March-2F** rocket from the **Jiuquan satellite** centre. Details of the craft remain secret but it may act like the US X-37B spaceplane.

### **DRDO successfully flight tests Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) :**

A product of the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, the vehicle supposedly utilizes air-breathing scramjet technology to propel it to **hypersonic speeds**. The cruise vehicle

attained **6 times** the speed of sound. India has now joined a group of nations including the US, Russia & China that have demonstrated hypersonic technology.

### **WIHG Developed a Neural-Based Practical Approach for Automatic Interpretation of 3D Seismic Data:**

In order to accelerate the analytical process, scientists from the **Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG)**, an autonomous **Institute under the Department of Science & Technology**, Govt. of India, have developed a neural-based (machine learning-based) practical approach for automatic interpretation of 3D seismic data.

### **Dell Technologies and NITI Aayog's AIM Launches "SheCodes Innovation Challenge", Aimed at Championing Girl-Led Innovation:**

**Dell Technologies** in association with NITI Aayog's **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** launches '**SheCodes Innovation Challenge**', aimed to encourage girls to create, tinker, sustain and innovate.

This collaboration has proved to be useful for students and educators alike, for that has enabled them to work with **state-of-the-art technologies**, systems and software.

### **Chandrayaan-3 launch likely to take place in early 2021: Jitendra Singh**

**Minister of State** for the Department of **Space Jitendra Singh** stated that **Chandrayaan-3**, India's mission to Moon, would be launched in early **2021**. Singh added that Chandrayaan-3 will be different from Chandrayaan-2 as the former will not have an orbiter, but will include a lander and a rover.

### **IIT Guwahati in Collaboration with Workspace Metal Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Develops a First-of-its-kind Self-Check Kiosk:**

**Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati** in collaboration with **Workspace Metal Solutions Pvt. Ltd.**, Udaipur, has developed a first-of-its-kind self-check kiosk. The small structure helps by streamlining the flow of people through the kiosk.

The Kiosk only takes about **30 seconds** to check whether the person safe to enter the premises or not.

### **SCTIMST Develops Low-cost Indigenous Device For Preventing Blood Clot In Deep Vein:**

**Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology**, Trivandrum (SCTIMST), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, has

developed an indigenous low-cost device for the prevention of **Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)**. The device by the SCTIMST costs less than **1 Lakh**.

**IPFT Develops 'Disinfectant Sprays' To Prevent Microbial Infections And To Decontaminate Vegetables, Fruits:**

**Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT)** an autonomous Institution under the **Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals**, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers has successfully developed two new technologies namely **"Disinfectant spray for surface application"** and **"Disinfectant spray for Vegetables & fruits"**.

**China successfully launches nine satellites into orbit from ship stationed in the Yellow Sea:**

**China** successfully launched a solid-propellant carrier rocket from a ship in the **Yellow Sea**, sending nine satellites into orbit in the second such sea-based launch mission. The Long **March 11-HY2**, the 10th member of the Long March 11 family blasted off.

**CSIR Collaborates With Aurobindo Pharma To Develop COVID-19 Vaccines: Council of Scientific and Industrial Research** - Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology & **Aurobindo Pharma Limited**

partnered to develop vaccines for COVID-19. Aurobindo is already developing a vaccine through its wholly-owned US subsidiary Auro Vaccines.

**Delhi Metro Launched India's 1st Indigenous Signalling Technology 'i-ATS' under Make in India:**

**Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)** has taken a major step towards the development of an indigenously built signalling technology for metro trains in line with the government's flagship **'Make in India'** initiative. **i-ATS(Automatic Train Supervision)** is an important sub-system of the signalling system.

**Byju's launches 'Education for All' to empower 5 mn children by 2025:**

**Bengaluru** based edtech company **Byju's** has launched a social initiative **'Education for All'**. Objective: To empower **5 million** children from underserved communities by **2025**.

Through **'Education for All'**, millions of children from underserved and economically deprived communities will get equal access to **quality learning opportunities**.

**IIT Kharagpur researchers develop AI-based system to detect arsenic pollution:**

Researchers from **IIT Kharagpur** have developed an artificial intelligence-based



prediction model for detecting arsenic pollution in **drinking water**.

The researchers have mapped the high and low arsenic zones across the entire **Gangetic delta** using **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and the number of people exposed.

### **Drug Controller Approves Commercial Launch Of Low Cost Covid Test "Feluda":**

Drugs Controller General of India has approved the commercial launch of **"Feluda"**, the Tata **CRISPR** (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) COVID-19 test, the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**.

### **IIIT-Bhubaneswar Students Make Ventilation Device "Swasner" To Ease Mild Breathing Issues Among COVID-19 Patients:**

**IIIT Bhubaneswar** students developed a new low-cost device to aid COVID-19 patients. They have designed a hyperbaric chamber, first of its kind ventilation device to **ease breathing**. Device **'Swasner'** to let patients breathe more conveniently.

### **DRDO conducts second successful flight-test of missile target vehicle ABHYAS:**

**Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** conducted successful flight-tests of the indigenously designed

Abhyas **High-speed Expendable Aerial Target** (HEAT) in **Balasore**. This is the second time that the target vehicle was flight-tested successfully. The first successful test was in May 2019.

### **'Kritagya' Hackathon Launched by National Agricultural Higher Education Project of ICAR:**

**Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** under the **National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)** has launched a hackathon named **"KRITAGYA"**. The aim is to promote potential technology solutions to enhance farm mechanization with special emphasis on women-friendly equipment.

### **IIT Madras develops AI model to process text in 11 Indian languages:**

The **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M)** faculty and **AI4Bharat** have developed **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** models and datasets to process texts in **11 Indian languages**.

According to IIT-Madras researchers and AI4Bharat released AI models and datasets for the following languages: **Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Punjabi, Bengali, Odia, Assamese, Gujarati, and Marathi**.

## **DRDO Successfully Test Fires Laser Guided Anti Tank Missile From MBT Arjun:**

**Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully test fired the **Laser-Guided Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)** from **MBT Arjun** at **KK Ranges, Armoured Corps Centre and School (ACC&S) Ahmednagar**. It is developed with multiple-platform launch capability & is currently undergoing technical evaluation trials.

## **NASA outlines \$28 billion plan to land the first woman on the Moon by 2024:**

**NASA** has formally outlined its **\$28 billion** (£22bn) plan to return to the Moon as part of a programme called "**ARTEMIS**", **NASA** will send a man and a **Woman** to the lunar surface in the first landing with humans since 1972.

## **Department of Biotechnology launches Programme for "Strengthening Clinical Trial Research Capacity in Neighbouring Countries":**

Department of Biotechnology has launched the programme for "**Strengthening Clinical Trial Research Capacity in Neighbouring Countries**". The programme will help neighbouring countries, and LMICs (**Low and**

**Middle Income Countries**) to build capacities for Covid-19 vaccine trials.

Department of Biotechnology has initiated the first phase of the training program in partnership with **Ministry of External Affairs**, Government of India.

## **Kineco flags off India's first commercial indigenously manufactured Sonar Dome for Indian Navy Warships:**

**Goa** based Kineco Limited, one of India's leading composite technology provider for **defence, aerospace, railway and industrial sectors**, flagged off India's first ever commercial Sonar Dome, at the hands of State Chief Minister **Pramod Sawant**.

The **Sonar Dome** is a critical component of a warship as it houses the Sonar (Sonar Navigation and Ranging) **Array** – which is used for detection, navigation, and ranging.

## **Indian Railways extends pact with IIT-Kanpur to facilitate research on railway modernization:**

**IIT-Kanpur** signed a MoU with **Indian Railways** for research on **railway infrastructure modernisation**. MoU will facilitate research in the core areas of electrical locomotive, comm. systems, traction installation, etc. through the Centre for Railway Research.

### **Indigenously Developed Prithvi-II Missile Successfully Test Fired from Chandipur, Odisha:**

**India** conducted a successful night testfire of its indigenously developed nuclear capable surface-to-surface **Prithvi-II** missile as part of a user trial by the Army from a base in **Odisha**. The state-of-the-art missile was testfired from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR)** at **Chandipur** near here in darkness and the trial was successful in meeting all the parameters

### **APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS:**

#### **DRDO chief G Satheesh Reddy gets two-year extension till August 2022:**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of the tenure of renowned scientist **G Satheesh Reddy** as the Chairman of **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, and as the Secretary of the Department of Defence Research & Development for a period of two years. He was appointed as the chief in August 2018 for two years.

#### **Yatinder Prasad appointed on Coal India board:**

State-owned **Coal India** said **Yatinder Prasad**, joint secretary and financial advisor with the **Ministry of Coal**, has been

appointed on its board. Prasad is a 1993-batch Indian Audit and Accounts Service officer, **Coal India Ltd (CIL)**.

#### **Indian Energy Exchange MD & CEO Rajiv Srivastava resigns:**

**Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, **Rajiv Srivastava** has resigned from the post. The Board of Directors of **Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)** accepted his resignation. He was relieved from his position with immediate effect from 24th August 2020.

#### **Vinay Tonse appointed as MD and CEO of SBI Mutual Fund:**

**Vinay Tonse** has been appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer of **SBI Mutual Fund (MF)**. He has replaced **Ashwani Bhatia**, who has been now appointed as the managing director (MD) of **State Bank of India**.

#### **DRDO sets up 5-member committee to overhaul its labs to meet future defence needs:**

**DRDO** constituted a **5-member committee**, headed by the **IIT-Delhi** director professor **V. Ramagopal Rao** to overhaul its 52 laboratories for current and future defence and battlefield needs. This is the 2nd attempt being made in recent years to overhaul the DRDO.

### **Former IOC Chairman Sanjiv Singh joins Reliance as Group President:**

Former **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)** chairman **Sanjiv Singh** has joined Reliance Industries Ltd as Group President for billionaire **Mukesh Ambani**-run firm's oil-to-chemicals business. He will lead and drive the **Group manufacturing services (GMS)** organisation.

### **TikTok Chief Executive Officer Kevin Mayer resigns:**

**TikTok** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Kevin Mayer** has decided to give resignation from the post. he left the company within a period of three months. U.S. General Manager Vanessa Pappas is going to take place of Kevin Mayer as interim CEO.

### **Banks Board Bureau recommends Dinesh Khara as next SBI chairman:**

**Banks Board Bureau** recommended **Dinesh Kumar Khara** for the post of chairman of the **State Bank of India (SBI)**. The board further said that **Challa Sreenivasulu Setty** will be in the reserve list for vacancy. Dinesh Kumar Khara and Challa Sreenivasulu Setty are both managing directors of SBI.

### **Japan's longest-serving PM and a champion of economic reforms Shinzo Abe resigns for health reasons:**

Japanese **PM Shinzo Abe** has announced his resignation for health reasons. The 65-year-old has suffered for many years from ulcerative colitis. Last year, he became **Japan's longest serving prime minister**. His current period in office began in 2012. His aggressive economic policy is known as "**Abenomics**".

### **Mustapha Adib set to be become Lebanon's new Prime Minister:**

**Lebanon's** Ambassador to Germany, **Mustapha Adib** is set to become the country's next **Prime Minister**. Adib was named by four former Lebanon Prime Ministers as their choice for the post. His designation will come on the eve of French President **Emmanuel Macron's** second trip to Lebanon in under a month.

### **Retired IAS Officer Utpal Kumar Singh Appointed Secretary In Lok Sabha:**

Retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer **Utpal Kumar Singh** has been appointed as **Secretary in Lok Sabha** with effect from September 1. The appointment was approved by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. Utpal Kumar Singh was earlier the chief secretary of **Uttarakhand**.

### **Myntra appoints Kiara Advani as brand ambassador:**

E-commerce website **Myntra** has appointed **Kiara Advani** as its brand ambassador. Actress Kiara Advani will be the brand ambassador and nationwide celebrity endorser for Myntra.

### **Tamil Nadu Appoints India's First-ever Woman Ambulance Driver:**

**M Veeralakshmi** was appointed driver of one of the newly launched '108' ambulances in Tamil Nadu. **Tamil Nadu** has appointed India's first-ever woman ambulance driver under a new initiative by **CM Palaniswami**.

### **Aveek Sarkar elected new Chairman of Press Trust of India:**

**Aveek Sarkar** has been elected as the Chairman of the **Press Trust of India**. He replaces **Vijay Kumar Chopra**, Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers. Aveek Sarkar is the Vice Chairman of the Ananda Bazar Group of Publications. He was also the founding Managing Director of **Penguin India**.

### **Central Board of Direct Taxes Chairman Pramod Chandra Mody Gets 6-Month Extension:**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved extension in the re-appointment of **Pramod Chandra Mody** as

Chairman, **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** for a period of **six months**. The CBDT is headed by a chairman and can have a maximum of six members. It frames policy for the Income-Tax Department.

### **Hemant Khatri takes over as CMD of Hindustan Shipyard:**

**Hemant Khatri** succeeds Rear Admiral **L V Sarat Babu** (Retd) and assumed charge as the **Chairman and Managing director(CMD)** of **Hindustan Shipyard limited(HSL)**, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, is a Miniratna public sector undertaking (PSU) of the Ministry of Defence. Previously he was serving as the Director of Strategic Projects HSL.

### **M V Raja Sekhar takes charge as Director (R&D) of Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) :**

**M V Raja Sekhar** took charge as Director (R&D) of Navratna Defence PSU **Bharat Electronics Ltd**. He was a Chief Scientist of BELs Central Research Laboratory-Bangalore & Officer on Special Duty at BELs corporate office. He joined BELs Ghaziabad Unit in 1985.

### **Charu Sinha becomes first woman IG to lead CRPF in Kashmir:**

IPS officer **Charu Sinha** has become the first woman commander to head the Central Reserve Police Force formation in **Kashmir**. She is appointed as the IG of CRPF's Srinagar

sector that oversees the deployment of the paramilitary forces' battalions in Srinagar.

## **Vice Admiral S R Sarma assumes charge as Chief of Materiel of the Indian Navy:**

Vice Admiral **SR Sarma** assumed charge as Chief of Materiel of the **Indian Navy**. In recognition of his distinguished services, the Admiral was awarded **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal** and **Vishisht Seva Medal**. He is also a recipient of Lt VK Jain Gold Medal in 1994.

## **Usha Padhee becomes 1st woman DG of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security:**

Joint secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, **Usha Padhee** has been given additional charge as Director-General of the **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)**. She is the first woman and third IAS officer to have been appointed to the post.

The central deputation tenure of Usha is scheduled to end on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022. She succeeds **Rakesh Asthana** (IPS) who was appointed as the Director-General of **Border Security Force** (BSF).

## **K Padmakar takes additional charge as BPCL CMD as D Rajkumar retires:**

**K Padmakar**, Director of **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited** (BPCL) has been given additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of BPCL until further orders by the **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural**

**Gas**. He succeeds **D Rajkumar** who superannuated after attaining 60 years on August 31, 2020.

## **Bureaucrat Kshatrapati Shivaji appointed as Secretary in Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation:**

**Government of India** appointed **Kshatrapati Shivaji**, a 1986-batch Maharashtra cadre IAS officer as the secretary in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Secretary at this ministry is by design, known as the chief statistician of India.

## **India Trade Promotion Organisation CMD L C Goyal gets one-year extension till Sep 1, 2021:**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has approved one-year extension in tenure of **L C Goyal** as the Chairman and Managing Director of **India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)**.

The 1979 batch **Kerala cadre IAS** (retired) Goyal will continue in the post from September 1, 2020 till September 1, 2021.

## **Former Australian Cricket Icon Matthew Hayden As A Trade Envoy To India:**

Australian government appoints former Australian cricketer **Matthew Hayden** as a



trade envoy for broadening business ties with India along with **Lisa Singh**, an Indian-origin Australian politician and former Victoria premier **Ted Baillieu**.

Australia-India Council plays a vital role in developing business relationships and broadening Australia's foreign and **Economic Policies** with India.

**Murali Ramakrishnan appointed as MD and CEO of South Indian Bank:**

**Murali Ramakrishnan** will take over as the new **Managing Director & CEO** of Kerala-based **South India Bank**. He retired from **ICICI Bank** as Senior General Manager at Strategic Project Group. He will succeed incumbent **VG Mathew**.

**ACC approves appointment of VK Yadav as Railway Board's first ever Chairman and CEO:**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of the current chairman of the Railway Board **VK Yadav** as the CEO, making him the first to hold such a post in the railway's history.

**Pradeep Kumar** has been appointed Member, Infrastructure, **PC Sharma** has been appointed Member, Traction and Rolling Stock, **PS Mishra** has been made Member, Operations and Business Development and

**Manjula Rangarajan** has been appointed Member, Finance.

**S Krishnan becomes new MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank:**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **S Krishnan** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of **Punjab & Sind Bank**. He will replace **S Harishankar**.

**Dwayne Bravo becomes first cricket ambassador for "SBOTOP" sportsbook brand:**

West Indies cricketer **Dwayne Bravo** has been chosen as an ambassador for **"SBOTOP"** sportsbook brand. due to this, he becomes the first cricketer. Isle of Man betting group **Celton Manx** has made an announcement for his appointment for its flagship **sportsbook**.

**Bajaj Allianz Life ropes in Ayushmann Khurrana as brand ambassador:**

**Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Limited** has appointed bollywood actor **Ayushmann Khurrana** as its brand ambassador. As the brand ambassador of the life insurer, actor will be promoting the products as well as the digital services of the Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Limited.

**Justice Arun Kumar Mishra retires from Supreme Court:**

Justice **Arun Kumar Mishra**, who took over as a **Supreme Court judge** back in the year 2014, retires from the apex court. He recently delivered key judgments including granting 10-year time to telecom firms like Vodafone Idea, Bharti Airtel and Tata Teleservices for paying the adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues to the **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)**.

**Maruti Suzuki India MD & CEO Kenichi Ayukawa appointed as SIAM President:** **Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)** elected Maruti Suzuki India Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer **Kenichi Ayukawa** as its new President.

Kenichi Ayukawa, who has been the MD and CEO of the country's largest carmaker since 2013, succeeds **Rajan Wadhera**. Ayukawa was earlier the Vice President of SIAM.

**Dr Neena Malhotra named India's next envoy to Italy:**

Diplomat **Dr Neena Malhotra** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of **India to Italy**, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated. Malhotra is a 1992-batch **Indian Foreign Service (IFS)** officer and is presently Additional Secretary in the ministry.

**Rajiv Lall resigns as IDFC First Bank non-executive chairman:**

**Dr Rajiv B. Lall** has decided to take resignation from the post of Part-Time Non-Executive Chairman of **IDFC First Bank** due to prolonged personal health issues.

Lall was the founder MD and CEO of the IDFC Bank since **October 2015**, he ceased to be the MD and CEO after the bank got merged with **Capital First** in December 2018.

**Manisha Kapoor appointed as ASCI's secretary-general:**

**Advertising Standards Council of India** has named **Manisha Kapoor** as its new secretary-general. Her mandate includes the consumer complaints redressal process as well as marketing, public relations and social media initiatives.

She has been part of ASCI's **Consumer Complaints Council (CCC)** for the past five years. She will take over from **Shweta Purandare**.

**SEBI's Manoj Kumar joins GIFT City's regulatory body:**

**Manoj Kumar**, Chief General Manager at **SEBI**, has moved to **Gujarat International Finance Tech (GIFT) City**. He has joined as an Executive Director (ED) with the International Finance Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), which regulates GIFT City institutions and exchange trading.

### **Raj Srivastava appointed as India's Ambassador to Republic of Croatia:**

**Raj Kumar Srivastava** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Croatia**. He is an IFS officer of 1997 batch and is presently serving as the Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of India, Tokyo.

### **ITC appoints Supratim Dutta as new CFO:**

Diversified conglomerate **ITC** has appointed **Supratim Dutta** Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as part of its organizational restructuring. He would be replacing **Rajiv Tandon**. **Rajnikant Rai** has been made the chief executive of agri-business.

### **WHO Appoints Former Health Secretary Preeti Sudan To Its Panel For Pandemic Preparedness:**

**World Health Organisation's** independent panel for pandemic response has appointed India's former health secretary **Preeti Sudan** as one of its **11 panellists** from across the world. However, the decision by the panel's head, former New Zealand PM **Helen Clarke** and former Liberia President **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf**, received a subdued response from India.

### **Justice R F Nariman appointed as chairperson of Supreme Court Legal Services Committee:**

Central Authority nominated Justice **R F Nariman** as the chairperson of **Supreme Court Legal Services Committee**. SCLSC is constituted for implementing legal services programme insofar as it relates to the Supreme Court. He will replace Justice **Arun Mishra**.

### **Vinkesh Gulati Appointed As Fada's 35<sup>th</sup> President For The Year 2020-22:**

**Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations** (FADA), the apex national body of Automobile Retail in India has announced the appointment of **Vinkesh Gulati** as FADA's **35<sup>th</sup>** President for the year 2020-22. He is also the first President from **Uttar Pradesh**.

Vinkesh Gulati took over the new role from **Ashish Harsharaj Kale**, who presided on the body for the last two years.

### **R Masakui Appointed As Next High Commissioner Of India To Jamaica:**

Diplomat **R Masakui** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to **Jamaica**. Masakui is presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Zimbabwe. He has also served as Director in the **Ministry of External Affairs**.

### **Cricketers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Smriti Mandhana roped in as Playerzpot brand ambassadors:**

Fantasy sports gaming platform **Playerzpot** announced ace cricketers **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** and **Smriti Mandhana** as its brand ambassadors. The partnership will see the cricketers in the brand's upcoming campaigns and promote Playerzpot through engagement activities.

### **Anil Jain becomes new President of All India Tennis Association:**

**All India Tennis Association** (AITA) has elected Anil Jain as its new president, while **Anil Dhupar** was chosen as its secretary-general. India's Davis Cup captain Rohit Rajpal was elected as the treasurer for a four-year term till **2024**.

All the office-bearers, as well as the new executive committee members, were elected unopposed. Anil Jain will replace **Praveen Mahajan** as AITA president. Dhupar will replace **Hironmoy Chatterjee**.

### **Citigroup names Jane Fraser to succeed Michael Corbat as CEO:**

**Citigroup** named **Jane Fraser** as its next chief executive tapping a woman to lead a giant Wall Street bank for the first time. Fraser, who has served as president and CEO

of global consumer banking since 2019, will join the board of directors immediately.

### **Actor Paresh Rawal appointed chairperson of National School of Drama:**

Union Culture Minister **Prahlad Singh Patel** said that actor **Paresh Rawal** has been appointed the chairperson of the **National School of Drama**. Rawal replaces veteran theatre artist **Amal Allana** as the chairperson of the esteemed institution.

### **World's 2nd largest miner's CEO Jean Sébastien Jacques quits after destruction of 46,000-yr-old caves:**

**Jean Sébastien Jacques**, CEO of world's 2nd largest mining firm **Rio Tinto**, has resigned after criticism over the decision to legally blow up two 46,000-year-old Aboriginal rock shelters in **Australia**. It enabled Rio to access \$135 mn of high-grade iron ore.

### **Subhash Kamath elected as chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) :**

**Subhash Kamath**, chief executive at advertising agency BBH & Publicis Worldwide, India, has been unanimously elected chairman of the board of governors of the **Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)**. Kamath, who was serving as ASCI

vice-chairman, will replace Rohit Gupta, president, Sony Pictures Networks.

**NS Rajan**, managing director at public relations firm Ketchum Sampark P. Ltd. was elected **vice-chairman** and **Shashidhar Sinha**, chief executive; Mediabrands India Pvt. Ltd was reappointed as **honorary treasurer**.

**UNICEF India and Indian youth icon Ayushmann Khurrana join hands to advocate for Child Rights:**

**UNICEF India** announced popular Indian film actor and thought-leader, **Ayushmann Khurrana**, as its celebrity advocate for promoting rights **#ForEveryChild**. Ayushmann Khurrana will support UNICEF towards its work around ending violence against children.

**Yoshihide Suga elected as Prime Minister of Japan, to succeed PM Shinzo Abe:**

**Yoshihide Suga** has been elected leader of Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), paving the way for him to become the country's next **prime minister**. Suga won internal vote to pick a successor to Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe**, who announced in August that he would step down due to health problems. Suga is currently the **chief Cabinet secretary** of Abe's government.

**Haryana IAS officer Rajesh Khullar appointed executive director of World Bank:**

Principal Secretary to Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** and Senior Haryana IAS officer **Rajesh Khullar** has been appointed executive director of the **World Bank** in Washington DC for three years. As executive director, Khullar will represent India, **Bangladesh, Bhutan** and **Sri Lanka** in the **World Bank**.

**Sameer Kumar Khare appointed Executive Director at Asian Development Bank:**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Sameer Kumar Khare** as new **Executive Director of Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, Manila. Khare is a 1989-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Assam cadre. He is currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Department of **Economic Affairs** under Ministry of Finance.

**Harivansh Narayan Singh re-elected as Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha:**

NDA candidate **Harivansh Narayan Singh** has been re-elected as the **Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha**. This would be Harivansh's second innings as the Deputy Chairman of the Upper House. Deputy

Chairman presides over the proceedings in the absence of the chairman. Harivansh will be the **12th** Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha.

### **Paytm First Games announces Sachin Tendulkar as brand ambassador:**

India's homegrown digital financial service platform **Paytm** announced that its subsidiary **Paytm First Games ( PFG)** has roped in global sporting legend **Sachin Tendulkar** as the brand ambassador. The firm in partnership with Tendulkar will increase its reach in **smaller cities** and **towns**.

### **Virat Kohli roped in as Brand Ambassador by EdTech major Great Learning:**

One of India's leading **Edtech companies** for professional and higher education, **Great Learning** announced the appointment of **Virat Kohli**, as its brand ambassador. The captain of the **Indian cricket team** and the world's No.1 batsman, who also topped a recent ranking of India's most powerful celebrities, will now be the face of the Great Learning brand.

### **Amazon signs Amitabh Bachchan for its Alexa voice assistant:**

**Amazon.com Inc** has signed up Bollywood actor **Amitabh Bachchan** for its **Alexa voice**

**assistant**. Amitabh Bachchan is the first Indian celebrity to lend his voice to Alexa. Alexa users will be able to access Amitabh Bachchan's voice on Alexa by purchasing the Amitabh Bachchan voice experience.

### **Asian Development Bank appoints Takeo Konishi as Country Director for India:**

**Asian Development Bank** (ADB) has appointed **Takeo Konishi** as its new **Country Director for India**. Konishi will replace **Kenichi Yokoyama** who has taken over as Director-General of ADB's South Asia Department. India is the fourth-largest shareholder of ADB and has been its largest borrower since 2010.

### **Facebook India appoints Arun Srinivas as Director of Global Business Group:**

**Facebook India** appoints **Arun Srinivas** as Director of Global Business Group. Facebook announced the appointment of Arun Srinivas as the Director of Global Business Group. Srinivas will spearhead the strategy and delivery of the **India Marketing Solutions** which aims to tap large advertisers and agencies.

### **Indian Cricketer Suresh Raina appointed as brand ambassador of online poker platform 9stacks:**

Online poker platform **9stacks** has signed **Suresh Raina** as its brand ambassador. A



left-handed batsman and a spin bowler, Raina will anchor the brand and help in creating a higher brand recall amongst the key target audience. He announced **retirement** from the **International Cricket** last month.

### **Bandhan Bank appoints Kumar Ashish to head Emerging Entrepreneurs Business vertical:**

**Kumar Ashish** has been appointed as the head of **Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB)**. He is a former executive of ICICI Bank. Bandhan Bank has launched a new vertical named "**Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB)** " to focus on small businesses.

The vertical Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB) will focus on **microloans, micro home loans, micro bazaar loans**, and **micro-enterprise loans**.

### **ICICI Bank to seek approval to appoint Sandeep Batra as whole-time director:**

**ICICI Bank** will resume seeking approval from **RBI** for the appointment of **Sandeep Batra** as a whole-time director (designated as Executive Director) of the Bank.

The appointment should be for a period of **five years** or date of retirement, whichever is earlier, effective from September 17, 2020, or the date of approval from RBI, whichever is later.

### **Simanchala Dash Appointed As Advisor To IMF Executive Director:**

Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved the proposal to appoint **Simanchala Dash** as an advisor to Executive Director, **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, in **Washington**. He has been appointed for a period of **three years**.

### **Former RAW chief Anil Dhasmana appointed as new chief of National Technical Research Organisation:**

Former **Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)** chief **Anil Dhasmana** appointed as the new chief of **National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO)**. He will take charge on Saturday and serve till 65 years of age. He will replace former **Intelligence Bureau (IB)** officer **Satish Jha**.

### **Former PM HD Deve Gowda Takes Oath as Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka:**

Former **Prime Minister** of India, **Shri H D Deve Gowda** took oath as a member of the Rajya Sabha from **Karnataka**. The 87-year-old President of the Janata Dal (Secular) party was elected to the Rajya Sabha in June 2020.

### **Senior bureaucrat S Aparna to take charge as Department of Pharmaceuticals secretary:**

Senior bureaucrat **S Aparna**, an Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer of Gujarat cadre of 1988, has been appointed as Secretary, **Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP)**, under the Union ministry of chemicals and fertilizers. S Aparna is presently **principal secretary** to Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

In 2017, she was appointed to the post of ED, **World Bank**, representing the Constituency of **India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka**.

**Retired IAS Officer Raghvendra Singh Appointed India's Culture Secretary:**

**Raghvendra Singh** was appointed as the **Culture Secretary** in place of **Anand Kumar**, who has shifted as the secretary of the National Commission for Backward Classes. Singh, at present, is the CEO, Development of Museums & Cultural Spaces.

**Rajesh Verma gets One-year extension as head of Company Law Committee:**

Ministry of **Corporate Affairs** has extended the tenure of the Company Law Committee by one year until **September 2021**. Corporate affairs secretary **Rajesh Verma** is the present chairperson of the committee. The **11-member committee** has a mandate to submit periodic recommendations to the government in phases and subject-wise, as may be decided by the chairman.

**Colonel Dr Girija Mungali appointed in Asian Football Confederation task-force:**

Colonel **Dr. Girija Shanker Mungali** has been appointed a member of the **Asian Football Confederation's** task force. The task force consists of **7 members**. The force aims to regulate football clubs in **Asia and Australia**.

**RBI appoints AK Dixit as new administrator of PMC Bank:**

**Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has appointed former **Union Bank of India** general manager **AK Dixit** as the new administrator of crisis-hit **Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative** (PMC) Bank with effect from September 23. The present administrator **Jai Bhagwan Bhorla** has stepped down due to health reasons.

**Former Mali Defense Minister Bah Ndaw appointed as interim president:**

Former **Mali** defense minister and retired colonel **Bah Ndaw** has been named the **President** of the country's new transition government. He will be in power for 18 months before holding elections and returning Mali to civilian rule. Colonel **Assimi Goita** was appointed as Vice President.

**Mohamed Hussein Roble appointed as Somalia Prime Minister:**

**Somali President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmaji** has appointment the replacement of former Prime Minister **Hassan Ali Khaire** who was impeached by parliament. The president appointed **Mohamed Hussein Roble**, a humanitarian, as the country's new prime minister.

**Former Rebel Leader Ishmael Toroama elected as president of Bougainville:**

President **John Momis** elected Former rebel military commander **Ishmael Toroama** as president of **Bougainville**, an autonomous region of **Papua New Guinea**. This was the first general election, since Bougainville voted overwhelmingly to separate from Papua New Guinea in November 2019.

**Belarus president Aleksandr Lukashenko sworn in for a sixth term:**

President **Alexander Lukashenko** of **Belarus** was sworn his **sixth** term in office at an inaugural ceremony that was not announced in advance amid weeks of huge protests of the authoritarian leader's reelection.

**Government extends term of Uday Kotak as non-exec IL&FS chairman by one year:**

Government extended the term of **Uday Kotak** as a non-executive chairman of debt-ridden Infrastructure Leasing and Financial

Services Limited group by one year till **October 2, 2021**. Kotak was appointed by the Government as the head of the lender's board in 2018.

**Rajat Sud appointed as new managing director of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) :**

**Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, a joint venture of PSUs under the **Ministry of Power**, Government of India has announced the appointment of **Rajat Sud** as its new Managing Director. Sud takes over from **S. Gopal** Director (Commercial), who had taken on the additional charge of interim.

**Bollywood actor Sonu Sood appointed as Brand Ambassador of Acer India:**

**Acer India** appointed actor **Sonu Sood** as its brand ambassador. As the brand ambassador of Acer India, Sonu Sood will support the range of innovative products of Acer over the social media and campaign on the commitment of Acers in **improving the lives** of the people through technology.

**CITI appoints Arjun Chowdhry as acting head of consumer banking business in India:**

**Citigroup** has appointed **Arjun Chowdhry** as the acting head of its consumer banking business in India. Chowdhry, who has been with Citi for **25 years**, currently serves as the

head of credit cards, payments and unsecured lending for the **American bank in India**. He took charge from **Shinjini Kumar**.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

**Delhi University student Neelakanta Bhanu Prakash wins 'World's Fastest Human Calculator' title at age 21:**

**Neelakanta Bhanu Prakash**, a 21-year-old boy of **Hyderabad** has won the title '**World's Fastest Human Calculator**' after winning first-ever gold for India in **Mental Calculation World Championship** at **Mind Sports Olympiad (MSO)**. The championship was held in London.

He has created a new All Time Record and has beaten the records of Math Maestros like **Shakuntala Devi** and **Scott Flansburg**. India's **Aryan Shukla** finished **fourth** with a score of 96.

**Army Sports Institute of Pune Awarded With Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar 2020:**

**Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports** has given the **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar 2020** to **Army Sports Institute, Pune** on 24th August 2020. Army Sports Institute (ASI) is serving as the part of Indian Army's "**Mission Olympics**" program.

The main purpose of this programme was to offer training the vast reservoir of talent in the Indian Army in selected 7 disciplines such as **Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Diving, Fencing, Weightlifting, and Wrestling**.

**29-year-old Marieke Lucas Rijneveld becomes youngest author to win International Booker Prize:**

**Marieke Lucas Rijneveld's "The Discomfort of Evening"** a dark story about a devout farming family in a strict Christian community in the rural Netherlands, was announced as the winner. This year the judges considered **124 books**, translated from **30 languages**.

**Renowned folk musician Archana Mahanta Passes Away:**

One of Assam's legendary singers, **Archana Mahanta**, who was at home in both the traditional and modern genres and belonged to a committed generation of singers for whom singing was a "**devotional**" act, died.

**Pioneering computer designer Arnold Spielberg passed away at 103:**

**Arnold Spielberg** helped design the **GE-225** mainframe computer that enabled researchers at Dartmouth College to develop the coding tool known as **BASIC**, which ushered in the era of personal computers. He assisted his son in the making of Firelight.

**Writer-journalist Gail Sheehy passes away at 83:**

**Gail Sheehy**, the **journalist, commentator** and **pop sociologist** whose best-selling *Passages*, has passed away. Sheehy's honors included the National Magazine Award, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award and a citation from the American Psychological Association.

**Noor Inayat Khan Becomes First Indian-Origin Woman To Be Honoured With Blue Plaque:**

**Noor Inayat Khan** was an undercover radio operator in Nazi-captured France in 1943 working for Britain's **Special Operations Executive** (SOE). The memorial plaque will be installed at her family home in central London, 4 Taviton Street at Bloomsbury where she lived.

**Panjab University wins prestigious Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy for 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year:**

The **Panjab University** has been conferred with the **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA)** Trophy for the year 2019. This is the second consecutive year in a row that Panjab University has won this coveted trophy, which is given to overall top performing University in **Inter-University Tournaments**.

**Para swimmer Satyendra Singh 1st Divyang sportsperson of country to get prestigious Adventure Award:**

**Satyendra Singh Lohia** of **Madhya Pradesh** is the 1st **Divyanga** Indian sportsperson of the country, to be awarded with Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award. He is also the 1<sup>st</sup> **Asian Divyang** swimmer to cross the 42-km Catalina Channel in US in just **11 hours 34 mins**.

**Amul (16th) becomes first Indian dairy company to be in Rabobank's Global Top 20 list; Top- Nestle:**

**Amul**, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) has been ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the **Rabobank's Global Top 20 Dairy Companies** list. Amul has achieved an annual turnover of \$5.5 billion.

**Switzerland's Nestle** topped the list with a turnover of US \$22.1 billion. Amul is the first Indian company to enter the top 20 ranking of Rabobank's Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list.

**Hyderabad International Airport wins CII-GBC 'National Energy Leader' award:**

The GMR led **Hyderabad International Airport** was awarded at the 21<sup>st</sup> **National Awards for Excellence in Energy management** organized by **CII** and **GBC** during the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of Energy Efficiency

Summit, Virtual Conference and Exposition on Energy Efficiency.

**Air Force Sports Control Board Conferred with 'Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2020':**

**Air Force Sports Control Board**, apex body for planning and conduct of sports activities, was conferred with '**Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2020**' for outstanding contribution in helping sportsperson to excel & implement robust sports welfare measures.

**'Vattatha Uravakkayi Jalasamrudhi' wins award for excellence at the National Water Innovation Summit:**

The '**Vattatha Uravakkayi Jalasamrudhi**' project for water conservation in the **Kattakada** constituency has won the award for excellence at the National Water Innovation Summit organized by **Elets Technomedia Pvt. Ltd.** in association with the Union Ministry of **Jal Shakti**.

**Deep Grace and Jayanti Behera get Biju Patnaik awards on National Sports Day:**

Indian women's hockey team defender **Deep Grace Ekka** and para-athlete **Jayanti Behera** received the Biju Patnaik sports award for outstanding performance from Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** through video conference on the occasion of the National Sports Day.

**Biju Patnaik Bravery Award** was presented to two girls from **Kendrapara**, **Purnima Giri** and **Sabita Giri**, who received cash award of Rs 1 lakh each, medal and citation.

Biju Patnaik Sports Award for excellence in coaching went to chess coach **Satya Ranjan Patnaik**.

**ABB India's Factory to Be Awarded Green Factory Building Certification By IGBC:**

**ABB India** has won a gold certification by the **Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)** for its environmentally-friendly smart factory, becoming the first to be certified as a green building within the **Nashik industrial area** which houses about 10,000 factories across various industries.

**Eklavya Model Residential School teacher selected for National Award to Teachers 2020:**

For the first time, a teacher of **Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)** established under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been selected for the National Award to Teachers (NAT). **Sudha Painuli**, a vice-principal of EMRS-Kalsi, **Dehradun, Uttarakhand** was selected for the award, according to a release by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

**Isha Ambani Piramal and Akash Ambani in Fortune global 40-under-40 technology list:**



Reliance Industries Chairman **Mukesh Ambani** is the most successful businessman in the country. With a net worth of \$80.5 billion, Ambani is currently the 8th richest person in the world and the only Indian in the top 10.

The twin children of billionaire Mukesh Ambani, **Akash** and **Isha**, have made it to the Fortune's latest '**40 Under 40**' list of influential people around the world.

### **Memphis' Ja Morant wins 2019-20 Kia NBA Rookie of the Year Award:**

The Memphis Grizzlies' **Ja Morant** has been named the 2019-20 **Kia NBA Rookie of the Year**. He is the second player to win the Rookie of the Year Award with the Grizzlies, joining **Pau Gasol** (2001-02). Morant received 99 first-place votes from a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters and earned 498 total points.

### **Police Officer Poonam Khatri crowned Wushu World Champion:**

Indian Wushu stalwart **Poonam Khatri** claimed World Championship status after her silver medal at **Wushu World Championship** last year was upgraded to a **Gold medal**. Poonam had lost the final to Iranian opponent **Mariyam** but she recently failed the dope test.

### **British Broadcaster David Attenborough Awarded Indira Gandhi Peace Prize:**

Former Prime Minister **Manmohan Singh** conferred the **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize** on British broadcaster David Attenborough at a virtual event.

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development was instituted in the memory of the former prime minister by a trust in her name in 1986. It consists of a monetary award of **Rs. 25 lakh** along with a citation.

### **USA President Donald Trump named for 2021 Nobel Peace Prize:**

USA **President Donald Trump** has been named for **Nobel Peace Prize 2021**. he played an important role as broker peace between nations **Israel** and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.

The Norwegian Parliament member Christian **Tybring-Gjedde** named Trump. Along with it, he also praised Trump for his work and solved conflicts worldwide.

### **Lifetime Achievements Award to Prof. Aditya Prasad Padhi:**

Indian Chartered Accountancy **Parivar** and Delhi University Ramanujan College Professor **Aditya Prasad Padhi**, former Vice – Chancellor of Berhampur University has been honoured with **"Lifetime Achievements**

**Award** for his outstanding contribution to higher education in India.

**DBS Rated as World's Best Bank; Reported by New York-based financial publication:**

**Southeast Asia's biggest lender DBS** has been recognized as the world's best bank by New York-based financial publication Global Finance.

DBS latest global best bank accolade comes from the New York-based financial publication Global Finance, which named DBS **Best Bank** in the World for the **second time** in **three years** in its **World's Best Global Banks 2020 Awards**.

**West Bengal government wins WSIS award 2020 for its Sabuj Sathi scheme in WSIS Price Contest:**

**West Bengal** government wins **WSIS award 2020** for its Sabuj Sathi scheme in WSIS Price Contest. After **Kanyashree scheme**, another West Bengal government project has received a global prize. The **World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)** handed over the winner prize 2020 to the state government for Sabuj Sathi project through a virtual ceremony.

**Indian filmmaker Chaitanya Tamhane's film "The Disciple" wins Best Screenplay award; Venice Film Festival 2020:**

Mumbai-based filmmaker **Chaitanya Tamhane's** Marathi language feature film **"The Disciple"** has bagged the prestigious award for Best Screenplay at the 77th annual **Venice International Film Festival 2020**.

**Kevin De Bruyne and Beth England win 2020 PFA player of the year awards:**

**Kevin De Bruyne** and **Beth England** win **2020 PFA player of the year** awards. Manchester City midfielder Kevin De Bruyne was named men's Player of the year while Chelsea forward Bethany England won the women's award, England's **Professional Footballer's Association (PFA)**.

**Aditya Puri conferred Lifetime Achievement Award by Euromoney Awards of Excellence 2020:**

Managing Director of HDFC Bank **Aditya Puri** has been conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by **Euromoney Awards of Excellence 2020**. He has been awarded for his skills in building a **world-class bank** in **India** at a time where there were no similar institutions in existence.

**Lionel Messi Remains Ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo as World's Richest Footballer:**

According to a list compiled by **Forbes**, **Messi's** total earnings this year are **126 million** dollars. **Cristiano Ronaldo** comes in second although earnings of **117 million**

**dollars** will soften the blow for the Juventus forward.

**Neymar** comes in third on the Forbes list (96 million dollars) with his Paris St Germain team mate, 21-year-old **Kylian Mbappe**, up in fourth spot (42 million dollars).

**Fiumicino International Airport in Rome becomes World's First Airport to earn "COVID-19 5-star airport rating" from Skytrax:**

**Fiumicino International Airport** (FCO) in **Rome, Italy** has become the first airport in the world to be certified with **"COVID-19 5-star airport rating"** from Skytrax, a U.K.-based airport and airline review firm.

FCO, also known as the Leonardo **Da Vinci International Airport**, is the **busiest airport** in Italy.

**Chef Vikas Khanna honoured with Asia Game Changer Award 2020 for feeding millions in India amid Covid crisis:**

New York-based Michelin-star chef **Vikas Khanna** will be honoured with the prestigious **2020 Asia Game Changer Award** for feeding millions across India amid the COVID-19 pandemic through a massive food distribution drive **"FeedIndia"**.

He coordinated from thousands of miles away in his Manhattan home. He is the only Indian

among the **six honorees** named by the leading organisation.

**Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra felicitated "EMINENT ENGINEERS AWARD 2020" on the Occasion Engineer's Day:**

Honourable Governor of **Rajasthan** and Chancellor of State Universities **Kalraj Mishra** felicitated the Eminent Engineers Awards to **Prof. H. D. Charan**, Vice-Chancellor, Bikaner Technical University as Visionary Leader of the Year, **Dr Manish Kumar Goyal**, IIT Indore, Best Researcher of the Year, and **Dr. Shamsheer Bahadur Singh**, Birla Institute of Technology and Science **Pilani**, as Best Academician of the Year Award 2020 in Individual Category.

**Columbian journalist Jineth Bedoya Lima wins Golden Pen:**

The **Golden Pen of Freedom** annual press freedom award of the World Association of News Publishers has been awarded to **Colombian** journalist **Jineth Bedoya Lima**. Star Media Group Bhd (SMG) currently sits on the board of WEF. It is also a member of WEF's Asia Chapter.

**Indian Teenager Udit Singhal, named in UN's 2020 list of Young Leaders for Sustainable Goals:**

An 18-year-old Indian boy **Udit Singhal** has been included by the United Nations (UN) in the 2020 Class of 17 Young Leaders for the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Udit is the founder of **Glass2Sand**, a zero-waste ecosystem that addresses the growing menace of glass waste in **Delhi**.

### **Schitt's Creek Wins All Major Comedy Awards At The 2020 Emmys:**

**Schitt's Creek** set a new record for most wins in a single season for a comedy series, **winning 7 Emmys** in a row including the awards for Outstanding **Comedy Series**, Outstanding **Writing**, and **Directing**. *Succession* & *Watchmen*, both from HBO, won 4 awards each.

### **PM Narendra Modi awarded Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for medical education:**

Prime Minister of India **Narendra Modi** won the **Medical Education Prize** of **Ig Nobel Prize 2020** at the 30th First Nobel Prize Ceremony over virtual platform.

Modi became the **2nd Prime Minister** from India to win the Ig Nobel Prize after Atal Bihari Vajpayee who won the 1998 Peace award for **"Aggressively peaceful explosion of atomic bombs"**.

Besides Modi, the medical education prize was jointly awarded to **Jair Bolsonaro** of Brazil, **Boris Johnson** of the United Kingdom,

**Andrés Manuel López Obrador** of Mexico, **Alexander Lukashenko** of Belarus, **Donald Trump** of the USA, **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** of Turkey, **Vladimir Putin** of Russia, and **Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow** of Turkmenistan.

### **Prakasam police's 'Dasha Sutras' nominated for SKOCH award:**

**'Dasa Sutras'**, a project initiated by Prakasam **SP Siddharth Kaushal** as a precautionary measure to protect the police and public from Covid-19, has been nominated for the prestigious **"SKOCH Award 2020"**. To a three member jury of SKOCH Award led by **MD K. Gurusharan Dhanjal**.

### **Prime Minister Modi named in Time Magazines 100 Most Influential People 2020 List:**

**Time Magazine** has released the **TIME 100 Most Influential People** List 2020. Prime Minister of India, **Shri Narendra Modi** is the only politician on the list. He has been named in this for the **fourth time** since coming in power in **2014**.

Among four Indians Professor **Ravindra Gupta (Pioneer)** is a Professor of Clinical Microbiology and has worked for the cure of HIV, Bollywood Actor **Ayushmann Khurrana (Artists)**, **Bilkis (Icons)** the 'dadi from

Shaheen Bagh' and **PM Modi**. The List has named people in five categories- **Pioneers, Artists, Leaders, Titans, Icons**.

**GAIL wins Leaders Award at the Frost & Sullivan and TERI's Sustainability 4.0 Awards 2020:**

**GAIL (Gas Authority of India Limited)** Limited has won the Leaders Award in the **Mega Large Business**, Process Sector category in the 11th edition of **Frost & Sullivan - MEASA and TERI - The Energy and Resources Institute's Sustainability 4.0 Awards 2020**. The award recognises corporates in sustainable development practices that provide a measurable and verifiable framework for sustainability.

**17-Year-Old Surat Girl Khushi Chindaliya Is Named UNEP's Green Ambassador For Her Efforts To Save Environment:**

Seventeen-year-old **Khushi Chindaliya** from **Surat** has been passionately involved in the protection of the environment. Her passion has now resulted in her being appointed as **Regional Ambassador (RA)** for India by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Tunza Eco-Generation (TEG)**.

**NID-Ahmedabad student Shashank Nimkar's zero waste manufacturing process wins James Dyson India award:**

**Shashank Nimkar** from the **National Institute of Design** (Ahmedabad) has won the **James Dyson India Award 2020** for his invention- '**Earth Tatva**'. He used ceramic rejects called '**Grog**' from the surrounding production cluster and clay to make new products.

**Lieutenant Shivangi Singh set to become India's first woman fighter pilot to fly Rafale:**

Flight Lieutenant **Shivangi Singh** is set to become the first woman fighter pilot of India to fly the **Rafale combat aircraft**. Shivangi Singh, who hails from **Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi**, was commissioned into the Indian Air Force (IAF) in the year 2017 as part of the second batch of women fighter pilots.

**Indian Navy to deploy Kumudini Tyagi and Riti Singh to become the 1st Women Observers to Operate from Warships:**

Sub Lieutenant **Kumudini Tyagi** and Sub Lieutenant **Riti Singh** would be the first women "**Airborne Tacticians**" in India to operate from the deck of warships. They were a part of a group of 17 officers of the Navy, who were awarded '**Wings**' on graduating as 'Observers' at a ceremony held at (Indian Navy Ship) **INS Garuda**, Kochi, Kerala.

### BOOKS AND AUTHORS:

**A Book titled 'Cricket Drona' on Renowned Coach Vasudev Jagannath Paranjpe to be Released:**

'Cricket Drona' a book on one of India's most renowned cricket coaches, **Vasudev Jagannath Paranjpe** will be released on September 2, 2020. The Book is written by Vasudev Paranjpe's son and current national selector **Jatin Paranjpe** along with Cricket Journalist **Anand Vasu** and published by **Penguin.s**

**Army Chief releases book titled "National Security Challenges: Young Scholars' Perspective":**

Indian Army Chief, General **Manoj Mukund Naravane** has released a book titled "**National Security Challenges: Young Scholars' Perspective**" penned by **university students**, ranging from the undergraduate level to doctoral candidates. The book published by the Army think-tank **Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS)**.

**Indian Cricket Coach Gurcharan Singh Co-authored his Memoir "Pitching It Straight" with MS Unnikrishnan:**

Indian Cricket Coach **Gurcharan Singh** penned his memoir titled "**Pitching It Straight**" which is co-authored by sports

journalist **MS Unnikrishnan** and published by **Vitasta**.

The book portrays the personal and professional **life of Gurcharan Singh**, who trained numerous young talents.

**Karan Johar writes his first children's book "The Big Thoughts of Little Luv":**

Bollywood Filmmaker **Karan Johar** authored a children's picture book titled "**The Big Thoughts of Little Luv**" inspired by his Twins **Yash** and **Roohi**. The book will be published by **Juggernaut Books**.

**Hollywood Actor Channing Tatum is Set to Publish His First Children's Book "The One and Only Sparkella":**

Hollywood Actor **Channing Tatum** (American) announced the release of his first book, a Children's picture book titled "**The One and Only Sparkella**" dedicated to his daughter **Everly**. The book featuring the illustrations of **Kim Barnes** is set to be published by **Feiwei & Friends**.

**Pope Francis' new book "Let Us Dream" to hit stands on 1st December:**

The book titled "**Let Us Dream**" is a product of the numerous exchanges between **Pope Francis** and his biographer **Austen Ivereigh**, in the weeks following the coronavirus outbreak. It will hit the stands on



December 1 in **English** and **Spanish** editions. It has been published by **Simon & Schuster**. **UNEP Launches New Book "The Little Book of Green Nudges" For Universities:** **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)** has launched a new publication titled "**The Little Book of Green Nudges**", which aims to inspire around **200 million students** around the globe to adopt environmentally friendly habits and greener lifestyles.

The book is UNEP's first on behavioral science and nudge theory, which focuses on **encouraging** more sustainable practices among students and staff for reducing the campus' environmental impact through **behavioural change**.

**Mr Goonmeet Singh Chauhan's New Book 'Invertonomics' Talks about Transforming India:**

**Invertonomics** is a book of ideas presenting pragmatic models for solving chronic problems of the country arising from the spectrum of **Social Inequality, Pollution, Gender disparity, and Decadent Rural Economy**.

**Author Radha Nair on her book 'Breaking The Cocoon @ 40':**

Radha Nair's '**Breaking The Cocoon @ 40**' is a delightful collection of select events from her life, which also holds a mirror to the time

the incidents are set in. The book ends with a moving poem written on the eve of her husband's first death anniversary.

**A Book titled "The End of an Era; India Exits Tibet" authored by Claude Arpi:**

**Claude Arpi's** four volumes on **Tibet's relations** with **India** show how China developed its Tibet playbook that includes **encroachment, occupation,** and the spinning of a narrative of false claims. The last book in the series focuses on the last five years of **India's diplomatic** presence in Tibet.

**Gauri Khan announces her debut book 'My Life in Design':**

Interior designer, **Gauri Khan** has authored her first book titled "**My Life In Design**", which will be published by **Penguin Random House India** in 2021. It is a coffee-table book, in which Gauri has written about her journey as a designer.

**A New Book titled "Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction" Authoured by Arundhati Roy:**

Booker Prize-winning author **Arundhati Roy** has come up with her new book titled "**Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction**". The book has been published by the **Penguin Books Ltd**.

### **A Promised Land": First Volume of Former US President Barack Obama's Memoir:**

The first volume of former President **Barack Obama's** memoir is coming out November 17, two weeks after Election Day. It's called **"A Promised Land"** and will cover his swift and historic rise to the White House and his first term in office. It will be published by **Penguin Random House**.

### **A New book titled "Kitchens of Gratitude" authored by Chef Vikas Khanna:**

Star chef **Vikas Khanna** has authored a book titled **"Kitchens of Gratitude"** in which he has written about his **Feed India initiative**. The book will be released in **2021**. Feed India initiative is one of the largest food drives in the world serving meals to the underprivileged. He will also be honoured with the **2020 Asia Game Changer Award** in October.

### **A Book Titled "Voices of Dissent" authored by Historian Romila Thapar":**

New book titled **"Voices of Dissent"** authored by Historian **Romila Thapar**. **Penguin Random House India** and **Seagull Books** have come together to publish the book. The book is set to publish in October 2020.

### **Actor Neena Gupta To Release Her Memoir Titled "Sach Kahu Toh" in 2021:**

National Award-winning actor **Neena Gupta** is coming out with a memoir, titled **"Sach Kahu Toh"**. In the book, the actress will talk about her life, spanning from her childhood in **Karol Bagh, Delhi** to her 35 years of professional career. The book will be published under Penguin **'Ebury Press'** imprint and is scheduled to be out in 2021.

### **RANKINGS:**

**India ranks 72nd on global list with average monthly wage of Rs.32,800; Reported by Picodi.com:**

With an average monthly wage of **Rs.32,800** (USD 437), **India** has been ranked at **72<sup>nd</sup>** position among 106 countries surveyed by Picodi.com. Picodi.com is an international e-commerce platform, headquartered in Poland, provides discount coupons.

The ranking has been topped by **Switzerland**, where the average wage converted into rupees amounts to Rs 4,49,000 (USD 5,989).

**Elon Musk becomes world's third richest man; Bloomberg Billionaires Index:**

Tesla and SpaceX CEO **Elon Musk** has surpassed Facebook chief **Mark**

**Zuckerberg's** net worth to become the third richest person in the world.

Musk, 49, saw his wealth increase by over \$11.7 billion in a single day after Tesla Inc stocks continued to surge, according to the **Bloomberg Billionaires** Index. The Tesla boss is now worth Rs 115.4 billion, nearly \$5 billion more than Zuckerberg's \$111 billion.

**India ranks 48th in Global Innovation Index; Switzerland Tops:**

**India** has joined the group of top 50 countries in the **Global Innovation Index** for the first time, moving up four places to the 48<sup>th</sup> rank and keeping the top position among the nations in central and southern Asia.

According to the **Global Innovation Index (GII)** list, 2020 released jointly by the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**, Cornell University and INSEAD Business School

**Switzerland, Sweden, the US, the UK and the Netherlands** lead the innovation ranking, and the top 10 positions are dominated by high-income countries, **WIPO**.

**IISc Bangalore among top 350; THE World University Ranking 2021:**

**India** records it's highest ever number of universities to qualify for the **Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking (WUR)** 2021. A total of **63**

**universities** from India qualified for the ranking, however, none could make it to the **top 300**.

**China's Tsinghua University** becomes the first-ever Asian university to make the overall top 20. US were the most represented country. UK's **Oxford University** placed in top for **5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year**.

**India ranked 105<sup>th</sup> in Global Economic Freedom Index 2020; Topped by Hong Kong:**

**India** has been ranked **105<sup>th</sup>** in the Global Economic Freedom Index 2020 released by the **Fraser Institute, Canada**. **HongKong** has topped the ranking followed by **Singapore** at the **second** spot.

India has fallen 26 spots from 79<sup>th</sup> spot in last year's ranking. **Venezuela** has been ranked last among **162 countries**. The rankings are prepared based on the data of the year 2018.

**Gujarat tops States Startup Ranking Results 2019; Andaman and Nicobar Islands tops in small state/UT category:**

**Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** released the much-awaited State Startup Ranking on the basis of the startup policy framework that was announced. **Gujarat** and **Andaman & Nicobar Islands** have been named the best performers, while **Karnataka** and **Kerala**

were named top performers. Aspiring Leaders are **Haryana, Jharkhand, Punjab, Telangana, Uttrakhand.**

### **TCS Becomes Second Indian Firm to Cross Rs 9 Lakh Crore-market Valuation Mark:**

**Tata Consultancy Services** (TCS) became the **second Indian firm** to attain a market valuation of over **Rs 9 lakh crore** after **Reliance Industries Limited.** The company's market valuation went past Rs 9 lakh crore in early trade helped by a rally in its share price.

### **India ranked 116 in the World Bank's Human Capital Index: Singapore Tops;**

**World Bank** released the report titled "**The Human Capital Index 2020 Update: Human Capital in the Time of COVID-19**".

India has been ranked **116** in the list of **174 countries.** Last year, India was ranked 115 in the list of 157 countries. The country of **Singapore** topped the score with 0.88 followed by **Hong Kong** at 0.81 and Japan at 0.80.

### **Hyderabad Placed 85<sup>th</sup> Position in IMD's Global Smart City Index 2020; Singapore Tops:**

**Institute for Management Development** in collaboration with Singapore University for Technology and Design, has released the

**2020 Smart City Index.** The index has been topped by **Singapore** followed by **Helsinki** and **Zurich** as top three smart cities.

**Hyderabad** was placed at the **85<sup>th</sup>** position (down from 67 in 2019), New **Delhi** at **86<sup>th</sup>** rank (down from 68 in 2019), **Mumbai** was at **93<sup>rd</sup>** place (in 2019 it was at 78) and **Bengaluru** at **95<sup>th</sup>** (79 in 2019).

### **OBITUARY NEWS:**

#### **Veteran Filmmaker AB Raj passes away at 95:**

Veteran filmmaker **AB Raj** passed away, following a cardiac arrest. He was 95. A B Raj began his career as a filmmaker in **Sri Lanka.** He directed more than 10 films in Sinhalese under the name A Bhaskar Raj.

#### **Former Republic of Congo president Pascal Lissouba dies at 88:**

Former President of the **Republic of Congo, Pascal Lissouba** passed away. He became the minister of agriculture in 1960 after Congo became an independent country. He served as the president from 1992 to 1997. He served as the Prime minister under the Presidency of Alphonse Massamba Debat.

#### **Film academician Father Gaston Roberge passes away at 85:**

Film academician Father **Gaston Roberge** who mentored thousands of young

filmmakers in his three-decade-long career died. He was 85. He started television programmes for UGC for **Doordarshan** National TV channel which is still running.

### **Veteran Athletics coach Purshottam Rai passed away at 79:**

Veteran athletics coach **Purshottam Rai** died due to a cardiac arrest in Bengaluru. He was to be conferred the prestigious Dronacharya Award in the lifetime category at the age of **79**.

### **'Black Panther' star Chadwick Boseman passes away at 43:**

**Chadwick Boseman**, who played Black icons Jackie Robinson and James Brown before finding fame as Black Panther in the Marvel cinematic universe, died of cancer.

### **Congress MP and Vasanth & Co founder H Vasanthakumar dies at 70:**

**Tamil Nadu** Congress Committee Working President and MP from Kanyakumari **H Vasanthakumar**, died. He was 70. He was the founder of Vasanth & Co, a successful chain of consumer electronics and home appliances stores.

### **Former Indian TT Player Nipjyoti Barua Passed away:**

**Assam's Nipjyoti Barua**, who represented India in various **Table Tennis championships**, passed away. He played for

India in the IVth Junior Asian Cup TT Championship 1989 held at New Delhi and the US Open TT 1990 held at Baltimore USA.

### **'Scooby Doo' Co-Creator Joe Ruby Passes Away at 87:**

**Joe Ruby** who helped invigorate children's television as the **co-creator of Scooby-Doo**, the long-running animated franchise about a group of teenage private eyes and their chicken-hearted, snack-guzzling Great Dane, died. He was 87.

### **Veteran Athletics coach Purshottam Rai passes away at 79:**

The veteran athletics coach **Purshottam Rai** has passed away due to a cardiac arrest. Rai was to be conferred the prestigious **Dronacharya Award** in the lifetime category on 29 August 2020, on the occasion of the **National Sports Day**.

### **Former Supreme Court judge Justice AR Lakshmanan passes away at 78:**

**Justice AR Lakshmanan** served at the Supreme Court from 2002-2007. Prior to his elevation, he was a judge at the Madras and Kerala High Court. He also served as Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh & Rajasthan High Courts. He was 78 years old.

### **Former President Pranab Mukherjee passes away at 84:**

Former President of India **Pranab Mukherjee** passed away. The Coalition Years, Turbulent Years, The Dramatic Decade are some of the books written by him. He was awarded India's highest civilian honour, the **Bharat Ratna** by President of India, Ram Nath Kovind. He was the **13<sup>th</sup>** President of India. He was from Congress.

**India's first female cardiologist Dr Siva Ramakrishna Iyer Padmavati, dies at 103:**

**Dr Siva Ramakrishna Iyer Padmavati**, India's first female **cardiologist**, passed away at the age of 103 of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) -related complications. She is popularly known as the God Mother of Cardiology. She was the founder of NHI hospital.

**Former envoy Katyayani Shankar Bajpai Passe Away at 92:**

**Katyayani Shankar Bajpai**, former ambassador to China, US and Pakistan and Secretary in MEA passed away. His father Girija Shankar Bajpai was the first secretary-general of the Ministry of External Affairs of a newly independent India.

**Former England cricket allrounder David Capel dies at 57:**

**David Capel**, the former **cricket all-rounder** who played 15 Tests and 23 one-day

internationals for **England** from 1987-1990, has died after a long illness. He has represented England between **1987 and 1990**. In the first-class career, he played 270 matches for Northants between 1981 and 1998.

**Veteran Producer-Director Johnny Bakshi passes away at 82:**

Veteran producer-director **Johnny Bakshi** has passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 82. Johnny Bakshi mostly worked as a producer, in his career spanning over four decades.

He was best known for producing films such as **Raavan** (1984), **Phir Teri Kahani Yaad Aayee** (1993), and **Manzilein Aur Bhi Hain** (1974).

**Tom Seaver, Mets legend and Baseball Hall of Famer, passes away at age 75:**

Longtime big leaguer and Hall of Famer **Tom Seaver** has passed away. He was 75. Seaver was named the NL Rookie of the Year after throwing 251 innings with a 2.76 ERA in 1967. He won three **Cy Young awards** (1969, 1973, 1975) and was selected to 12 All-Star Games.

**Renowned radio astronomer and Padma Shri Govind Swarup dies at 91:**

Globally acclaimed scientist **Govind Swarup**, one of the pioneers in radio-astronomy,



passed away. He played a key role in building highly innovative, world-class radio telescopes such as **Ooty Radio Telescope** and the **Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT)**.

## **Oscar-winner Czech Director Jiri Menzel died at 82:**

Czech film director **Jiri Menzel** has taken his last breath. He was born in Prague, **Czechoslovakia**. In the year, he earned an Academy Award (Oscars) for Best Foreign Language film "Closely Watched Trains".

## **Kesavananda Bharati Swamiji of Edneer Mutt passed away at 80:**

**Swami Kesavananda Bharati**, head of Edneer Mutt in Kerala's Kasaragod, passes away at 79. The pontiff of Edneer Mutt Swami Keshavananda Bharathi attained samadhi at Kasargod in **Kerala**.

## **Former BSF DIG Dr Mahesh Kumar Dwivedy passes away at 73:**

Former DIG of BSF (Medical Wing) **Dr Mahesh Kumar Dwivedy** passed away after prolonged illness. Dr Dwivedy, a native of Sukinda in **Jajpur district** served in North-East Punjab and various parts of the country as a doctor in the BSF.

## **Actor Jaya Prakash Reddy Dies At 74:**

Actor **Jaya Prakash Reddy**, who was best-known for his comic and villainous roles in

**Telugu films**, died. Jaya Prakash Reddy featured in a number of Telugu and Tamil films like Brahma Puthrudu, Samarasimha Reddy, Uthamaputhiran, Aaru, etc.,

## **Diana Rigg, Avengers and Game of Thrones star, dies aged 82:**

Award-winning British actress **Diana Rigg**, who shot to fame in the 1960s television series The Avengers and won new fans in Game Of Thrones, passed away at the age of 82. She won Emmy, Tony and Bafta awards during her lengthy career.

## **Ashok Leyland's Chairman Emeritus R J Shahaney passes away:**

Ashok Leyland's Chairman Emeritus, **R J Shahaney** passed away after a brief illness. Shahaney was Ashok Leyland's first Indian managing director and served in that capacity from 1978 till 1998. He subsequently served as the company's chairman until 2010.

## **Social activist and Arya Samaj leader Swami Agnivesh passed away at 81:**

**Swami Agnivesh** founded Bonded Labour Liberation Front in 1981 and worked against bonded labour. He also led numerous movements against alcoholism. Swami Agnivesh also served as president of the Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, World Council of Arya Samaj.

## **Former Union minister and Bihar leader Raghuvansh Prasad Singh passed away at 74:**

Veteran Socialist **Raghuvansh Prasad Singh** represented the state's Vaishali constituency and was the Union Minister for Rural Development in the Congress-led UPA-I govt. He served as the Union MoS for Animal Husbandry, & Food as well as Consumer Affairs.

## **Former Chhattisgarh Minister Chanesh Ram Rathiya passes away at 78:**

Veteran Congress leader and former **Chhattisgarh** minister **Chanesh Ram Rathiya** has passed away due to COVID-19. He was 78. He had served as animal husbandry minister in the Digvijay Singh led-Congress government in erstwhile **Madhya Pradesh**.

## **Former Maharashtra Cricketer Sadashiv Patil passes away at 86:**

Former **Maharashtra** cricketer **Sadashiv Patil**, who played as medium-pacer, has passed away. Patil had represented India in only one Test and played 36 first-class matches between **1952** and **1964**.

## **Padma Vibhushan art scholar Kapila Vatsyayan passes away at 92:**

**Kapila Vatsyayan**, Member of Parliament, a major scholar of **art, architecture, Indian**

**classical dance** and Founding Director of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, passed away at the age of 92 at her home in New Delhi.

## **Lok Sabha MP Balli Durga Prasad Rao passes away at 65:**

**Tirupati** MP and YSRCP leader **Balli Durga Prasad Rao** passed away after testing positive for COVID-19. Rao had been a three-term MLA in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly and a minister in the Chandrababu Naidu Cabinet in undivided **Andhra Pradesh**.

## **Mali's Former President Moussa Traore passes away at 83:**

**Mali's** former president **Moussa Traore**, who ruled the West Africa nation for more than **22 years**, has passed away at age 83. Traore ruled the country as its military leader until 1979 when he installed himself as civilian president of a one-party state.

## **Former RBI governor Amitabha Ghosh passed away at 90:**

**Amitabha Ghosh**, Re-serve Bank of India (RBI) governor for **21 days**, passed away at the age of 90. Ghosh had the shortest stint as RBI governor, from **January 15, 1985** to **February 4, 1985**.

## **Veteran Ayurveda physician from Tamil Nadu PR Krishnakumar passes away at 69:**

**P R Krishnakumar**, CMD of the **Arya Vaidya Pharmacy (AVP) Coimbatore Limited**, who had devoted his entire life to creating awareness on Ayurveda, died of Covid-19. He was also the Chancellor of the renowned **Avinashilingam University in Coimbatore**.  
**Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Gasti** **passé away at 56:**

**Karnataka MP of Rajya Sabha Shri Ashok Gasti** has taken his last breath at the age of **56**. He was suffering from COVID-19. Ashok was born in the year 1965 and was from **Raichur district**. On July 2020, he took oath as Rajya Sabha MP.

**Former Mumbai cricketer Sachin Deshmukh** **passes away at 52:**

Former Mumbai cricketer **Sachin Deshmukh**, who played **Cooch Behar Trophy** and **Ranji trophy**, has passed away, after he developed coronavirus complications. The 52-year-old player was referred to as '**Mini Gavaskar**' in local cricket.

**Veteran Tamil Director Babu Sivan** **passes away at 54:**

Tamil filmmaker **Babu Sivan** has passed away in Chennai following multiple organ failure. Babu Sivan made his directorial debut in 2009 with the film **Vettaikaaran** starring Vijay and Anushka Shetty.

**Veteran BJP leader and Maharashtra legislator Sardar Tara Singh** **passes away at 82:**

**BJP leader** and former **MLA** from Mulund **Sardar Tara Singh** passed away due to prolonged illness. Singh developed & was associated with Education Trust & played a proactive role in promoting welfare works of several gurudwaras in **Mumbai** and **Nanded**.  
**Fashion Designer Sharbari Dutta** **passed away at 63:**

Eminent fashion designer **Sharbari Dutta** was found dead under mysterious circumstances at her **Kolkata residence**. She was 63. Her label became popular for a unique blend of ethnicity and modernity in fabric and vibrancy in colour.

**Forrest Gump author Winston Groom** **dies aged 77:**

Writer **Winston Groom**, whose novel Forrest Gump was made into the hugely successful **Oscar-winning 1994** film starring **Tom Hanks**, has died aged 77. The book, about the childlike optimism of a slow thinking but kind-hearted man, **won six Oscars**.

**Assam musician Bibhuranjan Choudhury** **Passes away at 71:**

Renowned Music composer, singer, lyricist and actor **Bibhuranjan Choudhury** passed away at the age of 71 years due to cancer.

Choudhury composed the music of **Guwahati Doordarshan's** first serial '**Jibonor Batot**', retired as the superintendent of the Assam State Film (Finance and Development) Corporation.

**Nepal Mountaineer Ang Rita Sherpa, first Person to climb Mount Everest 10 times, passes away at 72:**

Nepal-based **Ang Rita Sherpa**, the first man to climb Mount Everest 10 times, has passed away suffering brain and liver ailments for a long time. He was 72. He was therefore also known as the "**Snow Leopard**" for his climbing skills.

**Former Canadian Prime Minister John Turner Passed Away at 91:**

**Canada's** 17th Prime Minister **John Turner** has died at the age of 91. He served as the Prime Minister for just **79 days** in 1984, the **2nd shortest term** in the office recorded in the history of Canada.

**Former Rajasthan minister Zakia Inam Passed away at 71:**

Former Minister of **Rajasthan Zakia Inam** from the Congress Party and **three times MLA** from Tonk constituency has passed away due to coronavirus infection. She was the only woman candidate who became MLA three-time in **Rajasthan**.

**'Vicky Donor' actor Bhupesh Kumar Pandya passes away:**

Theatre personality and Bollywood actor **Bhupesh Pandya**, who is best known for his role in **Ayushmann Khurrana's** debut film '**Vicky Donor**' has passed away due to lung cancer. Pandya was an alumnus of **National School of Drama (NSD)**.

**Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi passes away at 65:**

Union **Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi** has passed away after he contracted coronavirus disease. He was a **four-time** Lok Sabha MP from **Karnataka's Belagavi constituency**. He was elected in 2004, 2014 and 2019. He is the first member of the Union Cabinet to die due to coronavirus.

**Veteran Marathi Actor Ashalata Wabgaonkar Passed Away at 79:**

Veteran Marathi actor **Ashalata Wabgaonkar**, passed away at the age of 79 at Satara, Maharashtra after testing positive for COVID-19. Ashalata Wabgaonkar was born on 2nd July 1941 in Goa.

**Former Australian Cricket Legend Dean Jones passes away at 59 in Mumbai:**

Former **Australia** cricket commentator, coach and legendary batsman **Dean Jones** has passed away on 24 September 2020 after

suffering a heart attack. He was in Mumbai as a commentator for the ongoing **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020**.

Jones had represented Australia in **52 Tests** and **164 ODIs**. He was also part of Australia's 1987 World Cup-winning squad.

**Karnataka Congress MLA Narayan Rao passes away at 65:**

**Karnataka Congress MLA B Narayan Rao** passed away due to the novel coronavirus. He was the MLA from Bidar district in **North Karnataka**. In the 2018 elections, he defeated Mallikarjun Khutba of the BJP and PGR Sindhia of the JD(S).

**Justice Ashutosh Mohunta passes away at 67:**

Justice **Ashutosh Mohunta**, former acting Chief Justice of **Punjab** and **Haryana** High Court and incumbent member of Punjab State Human Rights Commission passed away. He was appointed as a member of Punjab State HRC in Sept. 22, 2016.

**Renowned Nuclear Scientist Dr. Sekhar Basu passes away at 68:**

Veteran atomic scientist and former chairman of Atomic Energy Commission **Dr. Sekhar Basu** succumbed to COVID-19. Dr. Basu was the brain behind the designing, construction, and operation of nuclear recycle plants at **Tarapur** and **Kalpakkam**.

### SPORTS NEWS:

**James Anderson Becomes First Fast Bowler To Take 600 Test Wickets:**

England's **James Anderson** became the first fast bowler to take **600 Test wickets**. He is fourth on the all-time list of Test wicket-takers, behind spinners **Muttiah Muralitharan, Shane Warne** and **Anil Kumble**. Glenn **McGrath** took 563 Test wickets.

**Olympic badminton gold medalist Ayaka Takahashi to retire:**

**Ayaka Takahashi** (30) and her Partner **Misaki Matsutomo** (28) became **Japan's first Olympic gold** medalists in badminton when they overcame Christinna Pedersen and Kamilla Rytter Juhl of Denmark in **Brazil**. She has announced that she will retire at the end of the month.

**Seven-time National Table Tennis Champion Poulomi Ghatak announces retirement, to focus on coaching:**

Veteran **Indian table tennis** player from West Bengal, **Poulomi Ghatak**, has announced her retirement from the game to shift focus on coaching career. The Kolkata-born athlete is a seven-time national champion, winning between 1998 and 2016.

## Legendary tennis pair Bryan brothers announce retirement:

Identical twins **Bob Bryan** and **Mike Bryan**, now 42, are leaving the sport in the same way they had won tournament after tournament in a decade-spanning three decades- together. They finish their legendary careers with a 1,108-359 team win-loss record.

## AIFC and Football Coaches Australia sign MoU for development of game in India:

**Association of Indian Football Coaches (AIFC)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Football Coaches Australia (FCA)** to assist each other in development of football in the two countries. According to a statement issued by AIFC, the two bodies will look to encourage the involvement of more female coaches and increase access to football for all participants.

## India plans to host BRICS Games during Khelo India Games in 2021:

**India** will get the chairmanship of the five-nation independent international group in **2021. BRICS Games 2021** will be held during the same time and at the same venues as of **Khelo India Games 2021** so that our players from various parts of the country who will gather for Khelo India Games will have the benefit of witnessing BRICS Games from close quarters.

## Sri Lanka Cricketer Tharanga Paranavitana retires from International Cricket:

**Sri Lankan** Opening batsman **Nishad Tharanga Paranavitana** announced retirement from all forms of International Cricket at the age of 38. He has represented Sri Lanka in 32 Test Matches scoring 1792 runs including two hundreds and 11 fifties.

He is **Sri Lanka's highest** ever run-getter in first-class cricket with **12, 522 runs**.

## Dwayne Bravo becomes first bowler to scalp 500 wickets in T20 cricket:

West Indies all-rounder **Dwayne Bravo** became the first bowler to reach the mark of **500 wickets** in T20 cricket. The pacer achieved the feat in the ongoing **Caribbean Premier League (CPL)** match between Trinbago Knight Riders and St Lucia Zouks.

## India and Russia declared joint winners of the Chess Olympiad:

**India** team at the **FIDE Online Olympiad** created history by winning its **first ever gold**. However, in another first, this was shared with **Russia**, following an internet failure that affected two games.

India No. 2 Grandmaster **Vidit Gujarati** was Captain of the Indian Team. Teenage grandmasters (GM) **Nihal Sarin** and **R Praggnanandhaa** led them to the



quarterfinals; **Koneru Humpy**, women's chess.

**Lewis Hamilton wins Belgian Grand Prix to secure 89th victory of career:**

**Mercedes** driver **Lewis Hamilton** dominated the **Belgian Grand Prix** to take his fifth victory in seven races this year and the **89<sup>th</sup>** of his career.

Hamilton headed team-mate **Valtteri Bottas** to a Mercedes one-two, from Red Bull's Max Verstappen. He is **two victories away** from **Michael Schumacher's** all-time record and sets to equal his seven titles.

**Chennaiyin FC Appoint Csaba Laszlo As Head Coach For 2020-21 Season:**

**Csaba Laszlo** has more than two decades of coaching experience at the club and international level. The Romania-born Laszlo had coaching stints in eight countries, including two national teams -- **Uganda and Lithuania**. Laszlo replaced **Owen Coyle**.

**Arsenal beat Liverpool on penalties to win 2020 FA Community Shield:**

**Arsenal** beat Premier League champions **Liverpool** by 5-4 on penalties to claim the **2020 FA Community Shield** after a 1-1 draw. The annual football match was played between the winners of the previous season's Premier League, Liverpool, and the previous

season's FA Cup, Arsenal at the **Wembley Stadium** in **London**.

**Sumit Nagal is first Indian in seven years to win main draw match at a Grand Slam:**

**Sumit Nagal** became the first Indian to win a round at a Grand Slam in 7 years when he downed **Bradley Klahn** in his US Open first round, setting up a contest against **Dominic Thiem**. **Somdev Devavarmman** was the last Indian to win a main draw match at a major.

**Cycling Federation of India is set to Host the First Ever Cycling Summit in 2021:**

**Cycling Federation of India (CFI)** is all set to host the first-ever Cycling Summit in **2021**, with an aim to promote the culture of cycling in the country. This one-day summit is designed to promote the culture of cycling and exchange knowledge with budding and professional cyclists.

The Cycling Summit 2021 will be hosted in **Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore** and is expected to be a unique confluence of cycling enthusiasts, renowned athletes, and businesses from all over the country.

**Olympic and Giant Slalom ski Champion Viktoria Rebensburg retires at 30:**

**Germany's** Olympic Ski Champion **Viktoria Rebensburg** announced her retirement from Alpine Skiing. **Rebensburg** was a German World Cup-winning Alpine Ski Racer.

The 30-year-old German, who won the **gold medal** in giant slalom at the **2010 Vancouver Olympics**, was injured in a crash during a World Cup super-G race in February in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

**World Cup host Qatar set to play in Gold Cup in 2021 and 2023:**

**World Cup** host **Qatar** is set to play in the Gold Cup next year in the **United States** after accepting an invitation from soccer's governing body for North and Central America and the Caribbean.

**Asian Cup champion** will participate in the **2021** and **2023 Gold Cup** tournaments as a guest under a memorandum of understanding signed in Bahrain in 2017.

**Indian Grandmaster P Iniyan clinches victory at prestigious World Open online chess tournament:**

Indian Grandmaster **Paneerselvam Iniyan** won the **48<sup>th</sup>** edition of the prestigious Annual **World Open online chess tournament** held recently. The Tamil Nadu player scored 7.5 points from nine games with six victories and three draws to finish on top.

The 17-year-old Iniyan tied his score with **GM Sanan Sjugirov (Russia)** but emerged winner because of a better tie-break score.

**Team NTPC emerges as winner at AIMA Chanakya National Management Games 2020:**

Team **NTPC Vallur** from **Tamil Nadu** has overcome stiff challenge to emerge as winner at the recently concluded **AIMA Chanakya** (Business Simulation Game) **National Management Games(NMG) 2020**, an all India competition for corporate. The competition was organized by **All India Management Association**.

**Pierre Gasly wins Italian Grand Prix, Lewis Hamilton finished seventh after a time penalty:**

France's **Pierre Gasly** won an astonishing **Italian Grand Prix** thriller for Italy-based AlphaTauri. McLaren's Spaniard Carlos Sainz finished a close second. The victory was a first in F1 for Gasly, the first for a French driver since Olivier Panis in 1996.

**England cricketer Ian Bell announces retirement from professional cricket:**

Cricketer **Ian Bell** from England has announced that he will retire from all forms of cricket at the end of the 2020 domestic season. Ian Bell, 38, retired from ODIs in 2015 to focus on Test cricket.

He is a **five-time Ashes winner** and has spent his entire career with Warwickshire.

**Afghanistan Cricket Board bans Coach Noor Mohammad for 5 years on corruption charges:**

**Afghanistan Cricket Board** (ACB) has banned domestic-level coach **Noor Mohammad 'Lalai'** from all forms of the game for **five years** after he was found guilty of approaching a national team player to **spot-fix matches**.

**Swiss Parachutist Raphael Domjan makes world's first jump from solar-powered plane:**

A parachutist **Raphael Domjan** has completed the world's first jump from a solar-powered aircraft. Raphael Domjan reached a speed of 93mph (150kph) before releasing his parachute and landing safely in **Payerne, western Switzerland**.

**Naomi Osaka wins second US Open title after beating Azarenka:**

World number nine **Naomi Osaka** of Japan defeated world number 27 **Victoria Azarenka** in the US Open women's singles final to clinch her second title in three years at Flushing Meadows. The 22-year-old Osaka clinched her **third** Grand Slam title.

**Dominic Thiem Beats Alexander Zverev To Lift Maiden Grand Slam Title; US Open 2020:**

**Dominic Thiem** became Austria's 2nd Grand Slam singles champion. He became the **youngest Grand Slam champion** and 1st maiden Grand Slam champion since Marin Cilic in 2014. He became the 1st player to win from two sets down since Pancho Gonzales in 1949. He defeated **Alexander Zverev** of Germany with 2-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6.

**Mercedes Lewis Hamilton wins F1 Tuscan Grand Prix 2020:**

**Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One Tuscan Grand Prix 2020. This was his 6th win of the season and 90th F1 win of his career. **Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes-Finland) came second followed by **Alexander Albon** (Red Bull – Thailand) at third place.

**Cristiano Ronaldo becomes first European men's footballer to score 100 international goals:**

**Cristiano Ronaldo** became the **first European** to score **100 international goals**. He became the **second male footballer** after **Ali Daei**, to score **100** international goals after scoring against Sweden in Tuesday's UEFA Nations League match. Ali Daei scored **109 times** for **Iran**.

**Thomas and Uber Cup Finals postponed to 2021 by Badminton World Federation:**

**Badminton World Federation (BWF)** has announced that the **Thomas Cup** and the **Uber Cup**, which were scheduled to be held from 3 to 11 October 2020 in **Denmark**, has been postponed for **2021**.

This decision has been taken following the **withdrawal** of many participating countries from the tournament due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

**International Tennis Federation Renames Fed Cup as Billie Jean King Cup:**

**International Tennis Federation (ITF)** has renamed the **Fed Cup**, an annual team competition in women tennis, as the "**Billie Jean King Cup**". Billie Jean King was a pioneer in women's tennis who helped the United States win the inaugural event.

**Simona Halep wins first title in Rome after Karolina Pliskova retires injured; Italian Open 2020:**

World number two **Simona Halep** won her first **Italian Open** title after defending champion **Karolina Pliskova** retired while trailing 6-0, 2-1. Simona was competing in her third Rome WTA final, having finished runner-up in **2017** and **2018** on the clay at the Foro Italico.

**Novak Djokovic wins fifth Italian Open by defeating Argentine Diego Schwartzman to make Masters History:**

World number one **Novak Djokovic** overcame a sluggish start to lift his fifth Italian Open title defeating Argentine **Diego Schwartzman** 7-5 6-3 for a record **36th** ATP Masters crown.

And also, Men's Doubles won by **Marcel Granollers / Horacio Zeballos**. Women's Doubles won by **Hsieh Su-wei / Barbora Strýcová**.

**Tennis world No.1 player and former cricketer Ashleigh Barty wins golf tournament:**

The 24-year-old, world number one **Australian** has won the Brookwater Golf Club women's championship. Multi-talented **Ashleigh Barty** has conquered **tennis**, been a professional **cricketer** and has now added another string to her sporting bow by winning a golf tournament.

## IMPORTANT DAYS:

DATE	DAY	THEME
September 1	World Letter Writing Day	-
September (1-7)	National Nutrition Week	-
September 2	World Coconut Day	"Invest in Coconut to save the world"
September 5	National Teachers' Day	International Day of Charity
September 7	International Day of Clean Air for blue skies	"Clean Air for All"
September 8	International Literacy Day	"Literacy teaching & learning in Covid-19 crisis and beyond"
September 8	World Physical Therapy Day	"Rehabilitation After Severe Respiratory Illness"
September 9	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	"Protect Education, Save a Generation"
September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	"Working Together to Prevent Suicide"
September 12	United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation	"Pathways toward the SDGs through South-South solidarity beyond COVID-19"
September 12	World First Aid Day	"First Aid Saves Lives"
September 14	Hindi Diwas Day	-
September 15	International Day of Democracy	-
September 15	National Engineer's Day	-
September 15	World Lymphoma Awareness Day	-

September 16	International Day for the preservation for Ozone layer (World Ozone Day) -	"Ozone for life: 35 years of ozone layer protection"
September 17	World Patient Safety Day	"Safe health workers, Safe patients"
September 18	International Equal Pay Day	-
September 18	World Bamboo Day	"BAMBOO NOW"
September 18	World Water Monitoring Day	"Solve Water"
September 19	International Coastal Clean Up Day 2020	"Achieving a trash-free Coastline"
September 21	World Alzheimer's Day	"Let's talk about dementia"
September 21	International Day of Peace	"Shaping Peace Together"
September (21-27)	International Week of the Deaf or Deaf Awareness Week	-
September 22	World Rose Day	"Changing the Way We Look at Cancer"
September 22	World Rhino Day	"Five Rhino Species Forever"
September 23	International Day of Sign Languages	"Sign Languages Are for Everyone"
September 24	World Maritime Day (Fourth Saturday of September)	"Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet"
September 25	World Pharmacist Day	"Transforming global health"
September 26	World Contraception Day	-
September 27	World Tourism Day	"Tourism and Rural Development"
September 27	World Rivers Day (Fourth Sunday of September)	-
September 28	World Rabies Day	"End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate"
September 29	World Heart Day	-
September 30	International Translation Day	-



## ENGLISH VOCABULARY:

### 1. INEFFABLE (adjective)

**Meaning:** too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.

**Synonyms:** inexpressible, indescribable, marvelous, wonderful

**Antonyms:** definable, describable, utterable

**Example:** I breathed an air of ineffable sweetness.

### 2. TRAILBLAZING (Adjective)

**Meaning:** introducing new ideas or methods; innovative or pioneering.

**Synonym:** innovative, radical

**Antonym:** conservative

**Example:** He could drum up the support of the municipal council for the trailblazing idea.

### 3. PROTRACTED (Adjective)

**Meaning:** lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual.

**Synonym:** prolonged, extended

**Antonym:** curtail, shorten

**Example:** In the Senate, there was a protracted struggle.

### 4. HARPING (Verb)

**Meaning:** talk or write persistently and tediously on (a particular topic).

**Synonym:** dwell, reiterate, repeat

**Antonym:** forbid, fearfulness

**Example:** He kept harping on about something.

### 5. RE-LITIGATING (Verb)

**Meaning:** To dispute, debate, contest again.

**Synonym:** prosecute, dispute

**Antonym:** agree

**Example:** This litigation filled the state and federal courts for many years.

### 6. POTENT (ADJECTIVE)

**Meaning:** having an abundance of some characteristic quality (as flavor)

**Synonyms:** vigorous, influential, competent

**Antonyms:** ineffective, insignificant

**Example:** The potent poison killed him within seconds

### 7. INTRANSIGENCE (Noun)

**Meaning:** refusal to change one's views or to agree about something.

**Synonyms:** inflexibility, stubbornness, obstinacy

**Example:** I can't understand Rachel's intransigence, considering that we have undeniable proof that her idea is incorrect.

## 8. DEBASE (Verb)

**Meaning:** reduce (something) in quality or value; degrade.

**Synonyms:** degrade, demean, disgrace, undermine.

**Antonyms:** enhance

**Example:** The politician tried to debase his rival's good reputation by spreading false rumors about him.

## 9. STAID (ADJECTIVE)

**Meaning:** marked by settled sedateness and often prim self-restraint

**Synonyms:** dignified, composed, earnest, grave, humorless, no-nonsense

**Antonyms:** indecorous, frivolous, hilarious

**Example:** She was given a staid title-'The Iron Lady'.

## 10. NEUROSIS (NOUN)

**Meaning:** a mental and emotional disorder that affects only part of the personality

**Synonyms:** aberration, dementia, hallucinosis, hypomania, paranoia

**Antonyms:** lucidity, rationality, rationalness, reasonability

**Example:** These are givers whose philanthropy has been absent neurosis and aggression.

## 11. QUIANT (adjective)

**Meaning:** attractively unusual or old-fashioned.

**Synonyms:** picturesque, charming, attractive, unconventional.

**Antonyms:** ordinary, common, usual, prosaic

**Example:** The quaint village does not appear to have changed since it was first settled in the early 1900s.

## 12. PROTEAN (adjective)

**Meaning:** tending or able to change frequently or easily.

**Synonyms:** variable, inconsistent, erratic, fluctuating.

**Antonyms:** consistent, continual, incessant, constant.

**Example:** I am unable to make a final decision because of my protean nature which makes me indecisive.

## 13. ARRANT (adjective)

**Meaning:** Complete, utter.

**Synonyms:** total, absolute, thorough, sheer.

**Antonyms:** minor, light, unclear, obscure.

**Example:** These people crumble when their arrant nonsense is confronted with simple common sense.

## 14. STARK (adjective)

**Meaning:** Unpleasantly or sharply clear.

**Synonyms:** blunt, plain, unembellished, harsh.

**Antonyms:** lush, bleak, cheerful, opulent.

**Example:** His evidence in chief stood in stark contrast to his evidence on cross-examination.

## 15. PREPONDERANCE (noun)

**Meaning:** the quality or fact of being greater in number, quantity, or importance.

**Synonyms:** prevalence, predominance, majority, generality.

**Antonyms:** subservience, disability, inferiority, flaw

**Example:** The preponderance of unemployed workers is linked to the manufacturer's desire to cut costs by sending jobs overseas.

## 16. EPICENE (adjective)

**Meaning:** Effeminate; effete.

**Synonyms:** Sissy, womanish, unmanly, girlish.

**Antonyms:** manly, mannish, masculine, virile.

**Example:** More epicene than handsome, if you asked me, he muttered a bit darkly.'

## 17. ATROPHY (verb)

**Meaning:** gradually decline in effectiveness or vigour due to underuse or neglect.

**Synonyms:** dwindle, deteriorate, decline, wane.

**Antonym:** strengthen, revive, advance, flourish.

**Example:** When the gang leader died, his organization's hold on the city began to atrophy as other gangs moved into the area.

## 18. SEMINAL (adjective)

**Meaning:** Strongly influencing later developments.

**Synonyms:** Influential, Formative, Important, Primary.

**Antonyms:** Dull, Inessential, Minor, Unsubstantial.

**Example:** Newton's laws are seminal in the field of physics.

## 19. PURPORTEDLY (adverb)

**Meaning:** As appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; allegedly.

**Synonyms:** professedly, supposedly, seemingly, superficially.

**Antonyms:** absolutely, authentically, certainly, earnestly.

**Example:** The woman found a letter purportedly signed by the Prime Minister.

## 20. MALFEASANCE (noun)

**Meaning:** wrongdoing, especially by a public official.

**Synonyms:** misconduct, mistreatment, malpractice, misdoing.

**Antonyms:** openheartedness, propriety, dignity, manners.

**Example:** In almost every section of his speech, malfeasance or illegal practices were mentioned.

## 21. Indigenous(adjective)

**Meaning:** originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.

**Synonyms:** native, innate, inborn, primitive, congenital

**Antonyms:** alien, foreign

**Example:** They were our indigenous peoples, our first peoples, our first speakers and our first hearers.

## 22. Futuristic(adjective)

**Meaning:** having or involving very modern technology or design.

**Synonyms:** innovative, modern, cutting edge, visionary

**Antonyms:** old, retro.

**Example:** It almost seems futuristic in design, but you can have it right now.

## 23. Intimidate(verb)

**Meaning:** frighten or overawe (someone), especially in order to make them do what one wants.

**Synonyms:** dishearten, dismay, terrify

**Antonyms:** please, praise

**Example:** Her boss intimidates her

## 24. COUP (noun)

**Meaning:** an instance of successfully achieving something difficult.

**Synonyms:** accomplishment, achievement, attainment, triumph.

**Antonyms:** debacle, failure, downfall, fiasco.

**Example:** Since our team is usually eliminated early in the competition, we considered it a major coup when we won the championship.:

## 25. MELLOW (adjective)

**Meaning:** (especially of a sound, flavour, or color) pleasantly smooth or soft; free from harshness.

**Synonyms:** dulcet, euphonious, melodious, mellifluous, mellifluent.

**Antonyms:** rugged, abrading, gruff, abrasive, harsh.

**Example:** His mellow voice and his qualitative speech made everyone applaud him.

**26. REPINE (verb)**

**Meaning:** feel or express discontent; fret.

**Synonyms:** mope, languish, despondent, lament.

**Antonyms:** complacent, fulfilled, rejoice, contented.

**Example:** The soldiers repine for their families when they are stationed overseas.

**27. PRECARIOUS (adjective)**

**Meaning:** dependent on chance; uncertain.

**Synonyms:** unsure, unpredictable, doubtful, dubious.

**Antonyms:** certain, stable, confirmed, definite.

**Example:** As Finance Secretary I found that the finances of the state were in a precarious condition.

**28. SMUG (adjective)**

**Meaning:** having or showing an excessive pride in oneself or one's achievements.

**Synonyms:** bighead, complacency, egotism, vainglory.

**Antonyms:** diffidence, bashfulness, demureness, shyness.

**Example:** Because Rocky had a smug attitude during his meeting with the principal, he projected the image he was proud of his misdeeds.

**29. Jeer (noun)**

**Meaning:** a rude and mocking remark.

**Synonyms:** hoot, ridicule, scuff, taunt

**Antonyms:** compliment, praise, flatter

**Example:** Virat Kohli asked the crowd not to jeer Steve Smith

**30. Quandary (noun)**

**Meaning:** a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation

**Synonyms:** dilemma, plight, bewilderment, uncertainty

**Antonyms:** enhance, certainty

**Example:** Finds himself in the most awkward quandary situation.

**31. SEDATE: (adjective)**

**Meaning:** avoiding excitement or great activity and usually calm and relaxed.

**Synonyms:** calm, composed, recollected, tranquil.

**Antonyms:** agitated, discomposed, flustered, perturbed.

**Example:** Dean stepped back further, the smile fading from his face as the two men drove away at a very sedate pace.

**32. BEDECK (verb)**

**Meaning:** to decorate or cover.

**Synonyms:** adorn, bedizen, embellish, emblaze.

**Antonyms:** denude, blemish, deface, disfigure.

**Example:** The cars were all bedecked with flowers for the wedding ceremony.

### **33. MOTE (noun)**

**Meaning:** a tiny piece of a substance; a speck.

**Synonyms:** bit, dribble, fleck, nugget.

**Antonyms:** lump, abundance, bushel, heaps.

**Example:** Feeling anxious about the state of her home, the obsessive housewife scrubbed away every tiny mote of dust.

### **34. ENVIRON (verb)**

**Meaning:** surround; enclose.

**Synonyms:** encircle, envelop, cloak, swathe.

**Antonyms:** unbridle, free, open, release.

**Example:** The stone circle was environed by an expanse of peat soil.

### **35. USHER (verb)**

**Meaning:** show or guide (someone) somewhere.

**Synonyms:** lead, accompany, conduct, assist.

**Antonyms:** retract, conclude, cease, stop.

**Example:** A nurse ushered us into the hospital room.

### **36. VERNACULAR (noun)**

**Meaning:** used in or suitable for speech and not formal writing.

**Synonyms:** colloquial, jargon, argot, patois.

**Antonyms:** standard, undialectical, genteel, formal.

**Example:** While the author never stated the novel's setting, the vernacular of the characters identified the location as somewhere in Asia.

### **37. SACK (verb)**

**Meaning:** dismiss from employment.

**Synonyms:** bounce, discharge, dismiss, terminate,

**Antonyms:** recruit, employ, engage, hire.

**Example:** Any official found to be involved would be sacked on the spot.

### **38. SUBTERRANEAN (adjective)**

**Meaning:** secret; concealed.

**Synonyms:** covert, subversive, sunken, private.

**Antonyms:** aboveground, surface, open, palpable.

**Example:** The robbers are digging a subterranean path that will allow them to



enter the bank from underneath the vault's floor.

**39. SUBVERT (verb)**

**Meaning:** undermine the power and authority of (an established system or institution).

**Synonyms:** destabilize, unsettle, overthrow, depose.

**Antonyms:** dignify, exalt, honor, ameliorate.

**Example:** She subverted my noble desire to do a good deed without reward.

**40. CLINCH (verb)**

**Meaning:** to make final, definite, or beyond dispute.

**Synonyms:** settle, conclude, finalize, wrap up.

**Antonyms:** confuse, unsettle, release, unfasten.

**Example:** Her work on the project should clinch her a promotion.

**41. STASH (noun)**

**Meaning:** A store or supply of something, typically one that is kept hidden or secret.

**Synonyms:** hoard, stockpile, store, reservoir.

**Antonyms:** cast, discard, dump, jettison.

**Example:** He looks around for a place to stash the dough and start a new identity.

**42 HEFT (verb)**

**Meaning:** lift or carry (something heavy).

**Synonyms:** lift, heave, hoist, haul.

**Antonyms:** lower, drop, fix, dodge.

**Example:** Reluctantly, she hefted herself up and picked up the phone.

**43. SUPERANNUATED (adjective)**

**Meaning:** outdated or obsolete through age or new developments;

**Synonyms:** anachronistic, antiquated, defunct, obsolete.

**Antonyms:** modern, modish, newfangled, modernized.

**Example:** The information on my website was superannuated and needed updating

**44. STEER (verb)**

**Meaning:** Guide the movement or course of.

**Synonyms:** guide, conduct, direct, lead.

**Antonyms:** abandon, ashore, fuddle, trail.

**Example:** I held back a smile at his obvious attempt to steer me back on course.

**45. Brickbat: (noun)**

**Meaning:** an act or expression showing scorn and usually intended to hurt another's feelings

**Synonyms:** affront, barb, epithet, indignity.

**Antonyms:** accolade, commendation, compliment, acclaim.

**Example:** The candidates were reduced to hurling brickbats at each other.

#### **46. TREASON: (noun)**

**Meaning:** the action of betraying someone or something.

**Synonyms:** betrayal, disloyalty, falsity, treachery.

**Antonyms:** faithfulness, loyalty, staunchness, steadfastness.

**Example:** Reading a friend's diary without permission would have to be regarded as the ultimate act of personal treason.

#### **47. MEDDLE: (verb)**

**Meaning:** interfere in something that is not one's concern.

**Synonyms:** interlope, intrude, poke, pry.

**Antonyms:** shun, disregard, neglect, overlook.

**Example:** Please stop meddling in your sister's life, even though you mean well.

#### **48. OVERTURE (noun)**

**Meaning:** an introduction to something more substantial.

**Synonyms:** prelude, introduction, opening, voluntary.

**Antonyms:** conclusion, epilogue, aftermath, coda.

**Example:** He spent more time with the orchestra, with the overture in the beginning of the show than the whole block of the show.

#### **49. SMUG (adjective)**

**Meaning:** having or showing an excessive pride in oneself or one's achievements.

**Synonyms:** bighead, complacency, egotism, vainglory.

**Antonyms:** diffidence, bashfulness, demureness, shyness.

**Example:** Because Rocky had a smug attitude during his meeting with the principal, he projected the image he was proud of his misdeeds.

#### **50. DAFT (adjective)**

**Meaning:** silly; foolish.

**Synonyms:** balmy, bedlam, demented, deranged

**Antonyms:** rational, reasonable, judicious, sensible.

**Example:** We were shocked that Diana was so daft to believe John's tale

**51. Scoff (Verb)**

**Meaning:** speak to someone or about something in a scornfully derisive or mocking way.

**Synonyms:** mock, deride, ridicule

**Antonyms:** flatter, praise, compliment

**Example:** The rude little rich girl thought it was fun to scoff at the poor children at her school.

**52. Enchant (verb)**

**Meaning:** fill (someone) with great delight; charm.

**Synonyms:** bewitch, captivate, carry away, charm

**Antonyms:** annoy, bore, depress

**Example:** Her singing especially seemed to enchant and fascinate the girl.

**53. Coup (Noun)**

**Meaning:** an instance of successfully achieving something difficult.

**Synonyms:** success, triumph, feat,

**Antonyms:** failure

**Example:** There have been seven coup attempts against the beleaguered government.

**54. Hoard (Noun)**

**Meaning:** to stockpile or store things excessively

**Synonyms:** accumulation, heap

**Antonyms:** debt, need

**Example:** The shopaholic likes to hoard clothing and has filled three closets with dresses and shoes that she doesn't need.

**55. Obscene (Adjective)**

**Meaning:** offending against moral principles; repugnant.

**Synonyms:** shocking, scandalous, vile, foul, atrocious, outrageous

**Antonyms:** clean, decent, gentle, magnificent

**Example:** The salaries some company directors earn are obscene.

**56. Exotic (adjective)**

**Meaning:** originating in or characteristic of a distant foreign country.

**Synonym:** foreign, non-native

**Antonym:** native, familiar

**Example:** It gave me the notion of an exotic Immensity ruled by an august Benevolence.

**57. Surreptitiously (adverb)**

**Meaning:** in a way that attempts to avoid notice or attention; secretly.

**Synonym:** restricted, hidden

**Antonym:** open, overt]

**Example:** Surreptitiously Naomi pinched her hip till it felt black and blue.

### **58. Hapless (Adjective)**

**Meaning:** (especially of a person) unfortunate.

**Synonyms:** unfortunate, unlucky

**Antonyms:** fortunate, lucky

**Example:** When Jason lost his wife and job on the same day, he knew he was a hapless soul.

### **59. Plummet (Verb)**

**Meaning:** fall or drop straight down at high speed.

**Synonyms:** plunge, drop, crush, decline

**Antonyms:** ascend, increase

**Example:** Experts predicted compact disc sales would plummet when the ability to download music became available.

### **60. Vitriolic (Adjective)**

**Meaning:** filled with bitter criticism or malice.

**Synonyms:** acrimonious, rancorous, bitter, caustic, mordant

**Antonyms:** pleasant, kind

**Example:** The newspaper launched a vitriolic attack on the president.

### **61. Throng (Noun)**

**Meaning:** A crowd of people or animals

**Synonym:** stream, swarm, flock,

**Antonym:** scantling, take apart

**Example:** we parked the car and made our way to the little tearoom, packed with throngs of tourists.

### **62. Amend (verb)**

**Meaning:** make minor changes to (a text, piece of legislation, etc.) in order to make it fairer or more accurate, or to reflect changing circumstances.

**Synonyms:** alter, enhance, lift, modify

**Antonyms:** lower, worsen, break

**Example:** I was for going to Wiscasset, like two prodigals, own our fault, and endeavor to amend.

### **63. Substantive (adjective)**

**Meaning:** having a firm basis in reality and so important, **Meaningful**, or considerable.

**Synonym:** biggish, considerable

**Antonym:** inconsequential, inconsiderable

**Example:** The State Department reported that substantive discussions had taken place with Beijing.

**64. Accrual (Noun)**

**Meaning:** the accumulation or increase of something over time, especially payments or benefits.

**Synonym:** result, arise

**Antonym:** abatement, decline

**Example:** Do not confuse limitations on the accrual of benefits with limitations on deductible contribution.

**65. Conspire (verb)**

**Meaning:** make secret plans jointly to commit an unlawful or harmful act.

**Synonym:** collude, connive,

**Antonym:** Neglect, disagree

**Example:** The Culprit conspired to overthrow the government

**66. Sulky (Adjective)**

**Meaning:** morose, bad-tempered, and resentful; refusing to be cooperative or cheerful.

**Synonyms:** Sullen, surly, pouting, petulant

**Antonyms:** cheerful, amiable

**Example:** Jay was quite sulky at the graduation party, but he tried to hide his apathetic attitude.

**67. Inchoate (adjective)**

**Meaning:** just begun and so not fully formed or developed; rudimentary.

**Synonyms:** budding, inceptive, incipient, nascent.

**Antonyms:** developed, full-fledged, evolved, ripened.

**Example:** Having just come into existence a few years ago, the new political party is considered inchoate by many historians.

**68. Conflate (verb)**

**Meaning:** combine (two or more sets of information, texts, ideas, etc.) into one.

**Synonyms:** amalgamate, converge, unify, fuse.

**Antonyms:** divide, part, separate, rupture.

**Example:** To conflate art and science, teachers must design activities that blend the two.

**69. Pander (Verb)**

**Meaning:** gratify or indulge (an immoral or distasteful desire or taste or a person with such a desire or taste).

**Synonyms:** indulge, gratify, fulfill, humor

**Antonyms:** annoy, frustrate

**Example:** Because Jim wants his son to value a dollar, he does not pander to his whims by giving him everything he wants.

**70. Peculiar (Adjective)**

**Meaning:** different from what is normal or expected; strange.

**Synonyms:** strange, unusual, curious, abnormal

**Antonyms:** common, general, indefinite, ordinary

**Example:** My uncle is a peculiar man who wears the same outfit several days a week.

**71. Compel**

**Meaning:** force or oblige (someone) to do something.

**Synonyms:** force, oblige, coerce, enforce

**Antonyms:** impede, obstruct, discourage, dissuade

**Example:** Illness compelled him to stay in bed.

**72. Trail**

**Meaning:** a mark or a series of signs or objects left behind by the passage of someone or something.

**Synonyms:** track, trace, drag, pursue, path

**Antonyms:** lead, surpass

**Example:** The hurricane left a trail of destruction behind it.

**73. Incumbent**

**Meaning:** necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.

**Synonyms:** necessary, tenured, compulsory, officeholder

**Antonyms:** optional, unnecessary

**Example:** It is incumbent upon all users of this equipment to familiarize themselves with the safety procedure.

**74. Retain**

**Meaning:** continue to have (something) ; keep possession of.

**Synonyms:** keep, hold, preserve

**Antonyms:** abandon, release

**Example:** The union needs to retain the allegiance of all its members for the strike to succeed

**75. Verdict**

**Meaning:** a decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest.

**Synonyms:** decision, sentence, judgement

**Antonyms:** accusation, suggestion

**Example:** In the case of an adverse verdict, the company could stand to lose millions.



## 76. Tarnish

**Meaning:** lose or cause to lose lustre, especially as a result of exposure to air or moisture. (Verb)

**Synonyms:** discolour, stain, sully, besmirch, blacken, smear, defile

**Antonyms:** improve, purify, clean, brighten, enhance

**Example:** The scandal tarnished his reputation.

## 77. Stride

**Meaning:** walk with long, decisive steps in a specified direction. (Verb)

**Synonyms:** pace, tread, advance, progress, strut

**Antonyms:** drag, hobble, crawl

**Example:** A gang of armed men strode into the bank and approached the teller.

## 78. Robust

**Meaning:** strong and healthy; vigorous.

**Synonyms:** strong, sound, powerful

**Antonyms:** weak, feeble, frail

**Example:** The company is taking a more robust approach to management.

## 79. Charismatic

**Meaning:** exercising a compelling charm which inspires devotion in others.

**Synonyms:** charming, captivating, enchanting, glamorous

**Antonyms:** repulsive, unrelatable, tedious, abominable, unappealing

**Example:** Not an obviously charismatic figure, Mr Chan's principal qualities are those of a high-order bureaucrat.

## 80. Lopsided

**Meaning:** with one side lower or smaller than the other

**Synonyms:** uneven, unequal, irregular, unbalanced, disproportionate, partial

**Antonyms:** level, balanced, even

**Example:** After all, such lopsided enthusiasm indicates that you feel well equipped to tell judges how to do their jobs

## 81. Beset

**Meaning:** (of a problem or difficulty) trouble (someone or something) persistently.

**Synonyms:** harass, plague, assail, hound, attack

**Antonyms:** protect, defend, aid, assist

**Example:** A lack of money is the greatest problem besetting the city today.

## 82. Underscore

**Meaning:** emphasize

**Synonyms:** stress, underline, highlight

**Antonym:** ignore

**Example:** The Labour Department figures underscore the shaky state of the economic recovery.

### **83. Vacuum**

**Meaning:** a space entirely devoid of matter.  
(Noun)

**Synonyms:** void, emptiness, vacancy

**Antonyms:** fullness, abundance

**Example:** The writer criticized the moral vacuum in society.

### **84. Disconcerting**

**Meaning:** tending to cause discomfort, uneasiness or alarm; unsettling; troubling; upsetting.

**Synonyms:** unsettling, disturbing, embarrassing

**Antonyms:** soothing, affable, comforting

**Example:** I found it very disconcerting to be in the function in which I was not invited.

### **85. Proxy**

**Meaning:** the authority to represent someone else, especially in voting.

**Synonyms:** substitute, surrogate, deputy, representative

**Example:** Your proxy will need to sign the form on your behalf.

### **86. Stark**

**Meaning:** severe or bare in appearance or outline.

**Synonyms:** crisp, distinct, obvious

**Antonyms:** fuzzy, indistinct, pleasant

**Example:** The remains of the building stand as a stark reminder of the fire.

### **87. Eponymous**

**Meaning:** (of a person) giving their name to something.

**Synonyms:** self-titled, namesake, homonymous, titular

**Antonyms:** anonymous, nameless, unknown, incognito

**Example:** Benko is the author of an eponymous opening line for the black pieces.

### **88. Fillip**

**Meaning:** something which acts as a stimulus or boost to activity.

**Synonyms:** incentive, stimulus, boost, encouragement

**Antonyms:** deterrence, disincentive

**Example:** The news gave a fillip to the telecommunication sector.

## 89. Saving grace

**Meaning:** the redeeming grace of God.

**Synonyms:** good point, attractive aspect, advantage

**Antonyms:** weak point, disadvantage, difficulty, weakness

**Example:** Dogs are a man's best friend and a cop's saving grace.

## 90. Uptick

**Meaning:** a small increase or slight upward trend.

**Synonyms:** uptrend, rise, increase, growth, increment, surge

**Antonyms:** downtick, decrement, decline, loss, abatement, decrease

**Example:** Unfortunately, the passage of the law didn't translate into an uptick of tenants using vouchers in the city, Martin acknowledged.

**91. Nuance (noun)** A slight degree of difference or distinction in opinion

**Meaning:**

**Synonyms:** Refinement, Nicety

**Example:** Without understanding the finer nuances, you cannot enjoy the humor

**92. Novel (Noun)** Completely new or original

**Meaning:** Kind not seen before

**Synonyms:** Different, Unique, Strange

**Example:** The computer produced a completely novel proof of a well-known theorem.

**93. Surpassed (verb)** Doing something beyond expectation

**Meaning:** Greater in scope

**Synonyms:** Outperform, Outpace

**Example:** One line of soldiers surpassed the others

**94. Ramped (verb)** Going up with a speed

**Meaning:** Climbing up

**Synonyms:** Heighten, Boost

**Example:** The roses ramped over the wall

**95. Steadily (Adjective)** That happens at a predictable, reliable, unchanging pace

**Meaning:** Happening at a regular pace

**Synonyms:** Regularly

**Example:** With the growing popularity of International Kite Festival in Gujarat, the kite making industry is also growing steadily.

**96. Sensitivity (Noun)** Ability to respond to affective changes in your interpersonal environment

**Meaning:** Responsiveness to emotional feelings

**Synonyms:** Nervousness, Feeling

**Example:** The source declined to be identified by name or nationality due to the **sensitivity** of the evolving contacts

**97. Advisory (noun)** Usually advising or warning the public about something.

**Meaning:** Recommendations

**Synonyms:** Consultative, Consultatory

**Example:** He also reiterated the agency's plans to consult its vaccine advisory committee before making a decision.

**98. Theoretically (adv)** In a theoretical manner

**Meaning:** According to the assumed facts

**Synonyms:** Hypothetically, Apparently

**Example:** Because I mean, theoretically, you emerged at the same time he was leaving.

**99. Stretched (verb)** Spread over a wide area or distance

**Meaning:** Relieved of stiffness

**Synonyms:** Flexible, Extended

**Example:** Well- stretched muscles are less susceptible to injury

**100. Probable (adj)** Likely or not certain to be true or real

**Meaning:** Apparently Destined

**Synonyms:** Likely

**Example:** The probable consequences of going ahead with the scheme

## CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ:

Q.1) Name the first multi-wavelength satellite of India which has recently detected an extreme ultraviolet (UV) light from a galaxy 9.3 billion light-years away from Earth?

- a) CartoSat
- b) AstroSat
- c) GSAT
- d) RISAT
- e) Gaofon

Q.2) 45 highway projects were inaugurated by the Union Minister Nitin Gadkari recently in which state for around Rs 11,427 crore?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Tripura
- d) Assam
- e) Gujarat

Q.3) Name the Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation, whose tenure has been extended for two more years till 2022

a) Kailasavadivoo Sivan

b) G Satheesh Reddy

c) A. S. Kiran Kumar

d) Sanjay Mitra

e) Manik Chandran

Q.4) Which company has partnered with Goals101.ai to create targeted and personalized offers for customers?

a) Paisa

b) Visa

c) Mastercard

d) Rupay

e) American Express

Q.5) IIT Madras has collaborated with which university to develop a method to safely dispose of toxic pharmaceutical wastewater?

a) Princeton University

b) Stuttgart University

c) Harvard University

d) Oxford University

e) Yale University

Q.6) Who has emerged as the fastest human calculator in the world after winning first-ever gold for India in Mental Calculation World Championship held in London?

a) Akshay Venkatesh

b) Nayandeep Deka Baruah

c) Vimal Soundararajan

d) Neelakanta Bhanu Prakash

e) Sucharit Sarkar

Q.7) Who among the following cricketer has become the first fast bowler to take 600 Test wickets?

a) Kagiso Rabada

b) James Anderson

c) Vernon Philander

d) Stuart Broad

e) Lungi Ngidi

Q.8) Which state government has signed MoU with Micro Tek new technologies to set up electronics manufacturing unit in the state (August 2020) ?

a) Gujarat

b) Arunachal Pradesh

c) Maharashtra

d) Himachal Pradesh

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.9) Which railway station has introduced baggage sanitization and wrapping machine recently?

a) Mangalore Railway station

b) Kanpur Railway station

c) Ahmedabad Railway station

d) Chennai Railway station

e) Mumbai Railway station

Q.10) Pascal Lissouba who passed away in August 2020 is the former president of which country?

a) Burundi

b) Congo

c) Rwanda

d) Ethiopia

e) Zambia

Q.11) Which of the following stock exchanges has launched 'silver options' in the commodity derivatives segment from September 1?

a) Indian Energy Exchange

b) National Stock Exchange

c) London Stock Exchange

d) Calcutta Stock Exchange

e) Bombay Stock Exchange

Q.12) Which of the following state has topped the 2020 Export Preparedness Index (EPI) ?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Karanataka

d) Gujarat

e) Kerala

Q.1) Which state has topped the list for having the highest number of women beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), since the launch of the scheme?

a) Rajasthan

b) Uttar Pradesh

c) Tamil Nadu

d) West Bengal

e) Jharkhand

Q.14) Poulomi Ghatak, has recently announced her retirement from which sports?

a) Golf

b) Table Tennis

c) Cricket

d) Badminton

e) Football

Q.15) What is the theme of World Water Week 2020?

a) Water and Climate change: Accelerating Action

b) Water, Ecosystems and Human Development

c) Water for society – including all

d) Water and waste: Reduce and reuse

e) Water for society; Accelerating Action

Q.16) Which continent was declared wild polio free by World Health organization in August 2020?

a) Australia

b) South America

c) Asia

d) Africa

e) Europe

Q.17) What is the projected growth rate of India for 2020-21 as per Reserve Bank of India's annual report 2019-20?

a) -2.7%

b) -4.5%

c) -3.5%

d) -5.2%

e) -0.7%



Q.18) Which state government has signed MoU with M3M Foundation to enable students to get into government jobs?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Punjab
- c) Karnataka
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) Haryana

Q.19) Who has been appointed as the Group President of Reliance?

- a) Mukesh Ambani
- b) Sanjiv Singh
- c) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- d) Nita Ambani
- e) Rajiv Kumar

Q.20) 'Cricket Drona', a book on renowned coach Vasudev Jagannath Paranjpe was written by whom?

- a) Jatin Paranjpe
- b) Anand Vasu
- c) Boria Majumdar
- d) Both a) and c)
- e) Both a) and b)

Q.21) Greenko Energies signed MoU with which public sector company to explore renewable energy power supply solution and energy storage?

- a) Damodar Valley Corporation
- b) Bokaro Transmission Company
- c) NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam

- d) Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals
- e) Akaltara Power

Q.22) The IITs Alumni Council has signed an agreement with which country to develop world's largest and fastest hybrid quantum computer in India?

- a) United States
- b) Germany
- c) France
- d) Russia
- e) Japan

Q.23) Who represented the Indian delegation at the 2020 BRICS Industry Ministers' meet held virtually recently?

- a) Rattan Lal Kataria
- b) Nityanand Rai
- c) Arjun Ram Meghwal
- d) Som Parkash
- e) Naveen Kumar

Q.24) Name of the Minister that launched the Directorate General National Cadet Corps (DGNCC) mobile app in order to conduct online training of NCC cadets?

- a) Harsh Vardhan
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Amit Shah
- d) Narendra Modi
- e) Ramnath Kovind

Q.25) Which state/UT government has launched 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind' campaign for students?

- a) Ladakh
- b) Goa
- c) Chandigarh
- d) Assam
- e) Delhi

Q.26) Which of the following states has established a State Development Corporation to borrow more money and channelize donations?

- a) Odisha
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Haryana
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.27) Who has become the youngest author to win the International Booker Prize?

- a) David Grossman
- b) Olga Tokarczuk
- c) Han Kang
- d) Marieke Lucas Rijneveld
- e) Jokha Al-Harhi

Q.28) Which company has partnered with UNICEF to map internet connectivity landscape for schools in 35 countries by the end of 2023?

- a) AT&T
- b) Verizon

- c) Ericsson
- d) Bharti Airtel
- e) Reliance Jio

Q.29) Centre has formed a 5-member expert panel to redefine the role of the DRDO for the current and futuristic defence and battlefield scenarios. Who is the Chairperson of this committee?

- a) S. Somnath
- b) V. Ramagopal Rao
- c) Samir V. Kamat
- d) Sandeep Singh
- e) Hari Kumar

Q.30) Find the company which has partnered with Innoviti Payment Solutions to develop installments platform for face-to-face transactions.

- a) Capital One
- b) Visa
- c) Mastercard
- d) Rupay
- e) American Express

Q.31) Association of Indian Football Coaches (AIFC) signed MoU with which country's coaches' association recently?

- a) United Kingdom
- b) Australia
- c) Germany
- d) Argentina
- e) Portugal

Q.32) Who among the following represented India at the ASEAN-India Business Council virtual meet?

- a) Suresh Prabhu
- b) Piyush Goyal
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Nitin Gadkari
- e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Q.33) The 'NRI unified portal' has been launched by which state for overseas Indian and NRI residents of the state to provide them assistance during the time of needs?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Odisha
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.34) Name the toll-free helpline by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to enable access to mental health resources.

- a) Naveen
- b) Nistha
- c) Kiran
- d) Araha
- e) Astha

Q.35) Japanese PM \_\_\_\_\_ has announced his resignation for health reasons.

- a) Shinzo Abe
- b) Naoto Kan
- c) Yukio Hatoyama

d) Yoshihiko Noda

e) None of the above

Q.36) Who became the first Indian-origin woman to be honoured with a memorial Blue Plaque in London?

- a) Noor Inayat Khan
- b) Sheerin Khan
- c) Nusrat Ali Khan
- d) Fatima Khan

e) Noor Sheikh

Q.37) National Sports Day celebration highlights the birth anniversary of which legendary player?

- a) Milkha Singh
- b) Balbir Singh
- c) Major Dhyan Chand
- d) Dhanraj Pillay
- e) Vikrath Nath

Q.38) Bob and Mike Bryan who have announced their retirement recently played which sport?

- a) Basketball
- b) Shooting
- c) Badminton
- d) Rugby
- e) Tennis

Q.39) Which of the following country will host the BRICS Games 2021?

- a) China
- b) South Africa

- c) India
- d) Brazil
- e) Russia

Q.40) Pratheeksha is the first in the series of three marine ambulances that were launched recently. The first-of-its kind marine ambulance boats have been inaugurated in which state?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Kerala
- e) Maharashtra

Q.41) The 14th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) was co-chaired by Defence Secretary of India and Singapore. Who is the Defence Secretary of India?

- a) Sanjai Bajpai
- b) Ajay Kumar
- c) Vishal Gagan
- d) Nivedita Shukla Verma
- e) Mahesh Kumar

Q.42) Recently, Archana Mahanta passed away. She was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Climate Activist
- b) Actress
- c) Journalist
- d) Politician
- e) Singer

Q.43) Recently, the minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched an Next Generation Startup Challenge Contest named as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Pratham
- b) Chunauti
- c) Lakshay
- d) Bhavishya
- e) Karthan

Q.44) Who among the following recently launched e-launches "National GIS-enabled Land Bank system"?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Amit Shah
- e) Ramnath Kovind

Q.45) Which among the Universities has been conferred with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad(MAKA) Trophy 2019?

- a) Jamia Millia Islamia
- b) Lovely Professional University
- c) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)
- d) Panjab University
- e) Delhi University

Q.46) Assam government has signed an MoU with which country to set up the Skill University in the state?

a) Singapore

b) Germany

c) Japan

d) Russia

e) Maldives

Q.47) Who participated in the 8th East Asia virtual Summit (Economic Ministers' Meeting) 2020 from India side?

a) Nirmala Sitharaman

b) Nitin Gadkari

c) Piyush Goyal

d) Ravi Shankar Prasad

e) S Jaishankar

Q.48) Name the top ranking Indian company in the Rabobank's Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list?

a) Amul

b) Mother Dairy

c) Namaste India

d) Kwalitiy Ltd

e) Honey taste

Q.49) Who among the following player has won the F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2020?

a) Valtteri Bottas

b) Sebastian Vettel

c) Max Verstappen

d) Lewis Hamilton

e) None of the Above

Q.50) The mobile app 'Pension Corner' has been launched by which organisation for its retired personnels?

a) Border Security Force (BSF)

b) Intelligence Bureau

c) Indian Coast Guard

d) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

e) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

Q.51) Which of the following football team has won the 2020 FA Community Shield?

a) Manchester United

b) Liverpool

c) Arsenal

d) Juventus

e) Barcelona

Q.52) India has recently been declared as the joint winner with which country in the maiden FIDE Online Chess Olympiad 2020?

a) Russia

b) Belgium

c) France

d) Poland

e) Germany

Q.53) Congress MP Shri Harikrishnan Vasantha Kumar died, he was from which state?

a) Maharashtra

b) Gujarat

c) Tamil Nadu

d) Kerala

e) Karnataka

Q.54) What is India's rank based on average monthly wage as per the data prepared by Picodi.com (Switzerland tops) ?

- a) 44<sup>th</sup>
- b) 72<sup>nd</sup>
- c) 81<sup>st</sup>
- d) 53<sup>rd</sup>
- e) 111<sup>th</sup>

Q.55) Which of the following state has become the first country in Africa to eliminate human African Trypanosomiasis or sleeping sickness?

- a) Zambia
- b) Togo
- c) Chad
- d) Kenya
- e) Ghana

Q.56) Who among the following has been picked by the former Lebanese prime ministers to head the country's next government?

- a) Sadd Hariri
- b) Hassan Diab
- c) Najib Mikati
- d) Mohammad Mustiff
- e) Mustapha Adib

Q.57) Who is the 1<sup>st</sup> divyang sportsperson of the country to get prestigious Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award?

a) Varun Singh Bhati

b) MariyappanThangavelu

c) Deepa Malik

d) Satyendra Singh Lohia

e) DevendraJhajharia

Q.58) Name the former cricketer/Cricket coach who co-authored the book titled, "Pitching It Straight" with MS Unnikrishnan.

- a) J. Arunkumar
- b) Ranjith Chowdry
- c) Sanjay Bangar
- d) Gurcharan Singh
- e) Ravi Shastri

Q.59) Government has increases prize money of Arjuna Award From 5 lakhs to \_\_\_\_\_ lakhs.

- a) Rs 15 lakh
- b) Rs 10 lakh
- c) Rs 7 lakh
- d) Rs 20 lakh
- e) Rs 12 lakh

Q.60) Which country has launched an agri-commodity trading and sourcing e-1market platform Agriota to bridge the gap between its food industry and rural farmers in India?

- a) Russia
- b) Netherlands
- c) Japan
- d) UAE
- e) Maldives



Q.61) Who has been elected as the new Chairman of the Press Trust of India to replace Vijay Kumar Chopra?

- a) Vineet Jain
- b) Aveek Sarkar
- c) Mahendra Mohan Gupta
- d) K.N. Shanth Kumar
- e) Naveen Keshav

Q.62) As per the data released by the National Statistical Office, India's GDP for the April-June quarter slipped by how much percent??

- a) 18.5%
- b) 11.6%
- c) 25.7%
- d) 23.9%
- e) 15.9%

Q.63) Who among these celebrities has been roped in as the brand ambassador of Myntra?

- a) Disha Patani
- b) Kriti Sanon
- c) Kiara Advani
- d) Shraddha Kapoor
- e) Alia Bhat

Q.64) Which of the following state has roped in India's first-ever woman ambulance driver?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Gujarat
- e) Karnataka

Q.65) Recently, Former President Pranab Mukherjee passed away he served as the ———Indian President?

- a) 13<sup>th</sup>
- b) 12<sup>th</sup>
- c) 15<sup>th</sup>
- d) 17<sup>th</sup>
- e) 14<sup>th</sup>

Q.66) Which of the following company tied up with State Bank of India for a long-term syndicated loan facility worth Rs 10,000 crore?

- a) Vedanta
- b) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd
- c) Reliance Industries Ltd
- d) Coal India Ltd
- e) Indian Oil Corp

Q.67) Which of the following Airport is bestowed with the 21st National Awards for Excellence in Energy management organised by CII and GBC?

- a) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
- b) Kolkata International Airport
- c) Lucknow International Airport
- d) GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd
- e) Indira Gandhi International Airport

Q.68) Who among the following has won the Biju Patnaik award on National Sports Day?

- a) Sakshigopal
- b) Varun Bhati

- c) Amit Kumar  
d) Sharad Kumar  
e) Jayanti Behera
- Q.69) The government of which state will set up India's first International Women's Trade Centre in consonance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ?
- a) Chattisgarh  
b) Haryana  
c) Madhya Pradesh  
d) Kerala  
e) Uttar Pradesh
- Q.70) PM Modi inaugurated the college, administration buildings of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University in which city recently?
- a) Patna  
b) Roorkee  
c) Jhansi  
d) Mandi  
e) Nainital
- Q.71) The 6th edition of International Military-Technical Forum "Army-2020" held at which city?
- a) Geneva, Switzerland  
b) Washington DC, United States of America  
c) Moscow, Russia  
d) New Delhi, India  
e) Beijing, China

- Q.72) The 'Vattatha Uravakkayi Jalasamrudhi' of which state has won the award for excellence at the National Water Innovation Summit in association with the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti?
- a) Mizoram  
b) Telangana  
c) Kerala  
d) Andhra Pradesh  
e) Karnataka
- Q.73) Which month of the year has been announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to be observed as "Nutrition Month"?
- a) December  
b) October  
c) September  
d) November  
e) August
- Q.74) India has set the target of achieving 100 million tonnes (MT) coal gasification until which year?
- a) 2024  
b) 2026  
c) 2029  
d) 2030  
e) 2025
- Q.75) European investment bank plans to invest € 650 Million for the 1st metro line of which city?
- a) Lucknow

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| b) Patna  | b) 17.1%   |
| c) Noida  | c) 10.9%   |
| d) Kanpur   | d) 11.2%   |
| e) Surat  | e) 12.5%   |
| Q.76) Who has become the first woman IG to lead CRPF in Kashmir?  | Q.80) Who has been appointed as the Director (R&D) of Bharat Electronics Limited?  |
| a) Charu Sinha  | a) R Madhavan  |
| b) Sandhya Singh  | b) Sharma Sekar  |
| c) Amitab Bhattacharya  | c) M V Raja Sekhar   |
| d) Kiran Bedi   | d) Harish Kumar  |
| e) Archana Ramasundaram   | e) Sivarama Krishna  |
| Q.77) Which state has announced to set up an exclusive anti-electricity theft police station in every district?           | Q.81) Name the person who got 6-month extension as the chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).                                       |
| a) Maharashtra  | a) Sanjay Gupta  |
| b) Uttar Pradesh  | b) Pramod Chandra Mody   |
| c) Andhra Pradesh   | c) Rajnish Kumar   |
| d) Madhya Pradesh   | d) Rahul Chaudhry  |
| e) Himachal Pradesh   | e) M Ajit Kumar  |
| Q.78) The chartered Airliner of which country has completed its symbolic First Direct Flight to the United Arab Emirates? | Q.82) Hemant Khatri assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing director of which public sector company (with effect from September 1, 2020) ? |
| a) Thailand   | a) Hindustan Shipyard limited  |
| b) Qatar  | b) Power Grid Corporation of India   |
| c) Israel   | c) National Thermal Power Corporation  |
| d) Palestine  | d) Power Finance Corporation   |
| e) Japan  | e) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers   |
| Q.79) As per the estimation of SBI Ecwrap, India's GDP for the FY21 is _____.   |  |
| a) 13.8%  |  |

Q.83) Who is the head of the 6-member committee set up by IRDAI to study index-linked products for life insurance companies?

- a) Dinesh Pant
- b) Manish Kumar
- c) Srinivasa Rao
- d) John Caron
- e) Anil Kumar

Q.84) Name the bot developed by Indian Railways to remotely control medical trolley to deliver food and medicines to COVID-19 patients?

- a) PEDICBOT
- b) HUMANBOT
- c) MEDBOT
- d) DAVAIBOT
- e) ROBOBOT

Q.85) Name the person who has written the book named "The Big Thoughts of Little Luv".

- a) Naseeruddin Shah
- b) AyushmannKhurrana
- c) Rishi Kapoor
- d) Karan Johar
- e) Twinkle Khanna

Q.86) Who has become the first Indian to win a round at Grand Slam in seven years?

- a) Mahesh Bhupathi
- b) Sumit Nagal
- c) Yuki Bhambri
- d) Prajnesh Gunneswaran

e) Leander Paes

Q.87) Who among the following has been appointed as the Secretary in Lok Sabha with effect from September 1?

- a) Rajesh Talwar
- b) Anand Singh
- c) Rajiv Kumar Singh
- d) Ravi Gupta
- e) Utpal Kumar Singh

Q.88) 'AIR Scanner' is an AI based Reading Assistant and Document Scanner app launched by the students of which institute?

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Kanpur
- e) IIT Mandi

Q.89) Name the state which had recently launched 15 days long Gandgi Bharat Chhodo campaign to make the state garbage free?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Haryana
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Karnataka

Q.90) Which of the following university in Asia has become the first-ever to make the overall top 20 in THE World University Ranking 2021?

- a) Peking University
- b) Fudan University

c) Zhejiang University

d) Oxford University

e) Tsinghua University

Q.91) What is India's rank in the Global Innovation Index (Switzerland Tops) ?

a) 53<sup>rd</sup>

b) 33<sup>rd</sup>

c) 44<sup>th</sup>

d) 56<sup>th</sup>

e) 48<sup>th</sup>

Q.92) Who has launched world's 1st exclusive product market for the renewable energy sector named Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) ?

a) PiyushGoyal

b) Pralhad Joshi

c) Giriraj Singh

d) Raj Kumar Singh

e) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Q.93) Which state government received the nod from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) recently to form its own insurance firm?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Telangana

c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Haryana

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.94) Who has become the 1st women director general of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security?

a) Nirmala Devi

b) Anshi Sharma

c) Usha Padhee

d) Meera Mithun

e) Nirupama Rao

Q.95) Cycling Federation of India (CFI) planned to host the first ever cycling summit in \_\_\_\_\_.

a) 2022

b) 2023

c) 2021

d) 2024

e) 2025

Q.96) Which IIT has collaborated with Czech Republic's University of Pardubice for data protection project?

a) IIT Madras

b) IIT Kanpur

c) IIT Guwahati

d) IIT Delhi

e) IIT Bhopal

Q.97) Who among the following has assumed charge as the Chief of Material of the Indian Navy?

a) Jayant Singh

b) Dinesh Gupta

c) Ramesh Kumar

d) Robin Singh

e) SR Sarma

Q.98) Who is the author of the book titled, "The One and Only Sparkella"?

a) Lena Dunham

b) Channing Tatum

c) Matt Damon

d) Tom Hanks

e) Ben Affleck

Q.99) Who has been appointed as the Secretary in Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?

a) Jayant Sinha

b) Dinesh Gupta

c) Kshatrapati Shivaji

d) Robin Singh

e) Sarath Sarma

Q.100) Olympic Ski Champion Viktoria Rebensburg who announced retirement recently belongs to which country?

a) Demark

b) Sweden

c) Germany

d) Switzerland

e) Netherland

Q.101) Who has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board?

a) Arun Pratap Maurya

b) Vinod Kumar Yadav

c) Shashank Singh Bisht

d) Jyoti Das

e) Hemant Singh

Q.102) Which city of India is set to get the country's first regional voters' awareness centre by the Election Commission of India?

a) Pune

b) Delhi

c) Mumbai

d) Jaipur

e) Lucknow

Q.103) Which airlines has launched a portable ventilator SpiceOxy for patients with breathing issues?

a) Swiss Air

b) Go Air

c) Jet Air

d) SpiceJet

e) Air India

Q.104) Which of the following University has topped the "THE World University Rankings 2021"?

a) University of Oxford

b) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

c) Harvard University

d) Stanford University

e) Zhejiang University

Q.105) What is the total number of states and Union Territories in India that have been



linked with the ration card portability scheme 'One Nation-One Ration Card' of the GoI (September 2020) ?

- a) 29
- b) 21
- c) 26
- d) 23
- e) 28

Q.106) Who among the following has been given the charge of the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) ?

- a) Sunil Yadav
- b) K Padmakar
- c) Arun Kumar Singh
- d) Rajesh Aggarwal
- e) Ram Shankar

Q.107) Name the CMD who has extended the tenure of India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) by one year.

- a) Ajay Tripathi
- b) Shashank Priya
- c) L C Goyal
- d) Rahul Kumar Shrawat
- e) Sanjay Gupta

Q.108) Which Indian University has achieved the highest rank in the "THE World University Rankings 2021"?

- a) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- b) Indian Institute of Technology Indore

c) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

- d) Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- e) None of the Above

Q.109) Which institution's incubated startup launched 'Chakr DeCoV' mechanism to decontaminate N95 masks?

- a) IIT Kharagpur
- b) IIT Kanpur
- c) IIT Bombay
- d) IIT Madras
- e) IIT Delhi

Q.110) Which country appointed cricket icon Matthew Hayden as its trade envoy to India?

- a) Australia
- b) Singapore
- c) Russia
- d) England
- e) Germany

Q.111) Which country will host summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) council of heads of government on 2020 November?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) Japan
- e) France

Q.112) SIDBI has inked a pact with the government of which state to develop the MSME ecosystem?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Himachal Pradesh
- e) Kerala

Q.113) Which country has the world's largest navy as per the report released by the US Department of Defence?

- a) China
- b) Israel
- c) Russia
- d) Germany
- e) India

Q.114) Who becomes the first cricket ambassador for "SBOTOP" sports book brand?

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Chris Gayle
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) Dwayne Bravo
- e) Rohit Sharma

Q.115) US President Donald Trump has announced which of the following cities as the first World War II Heritage City to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II?

- a) Conroe
- b) Stafford
- c) Wilmington

d) Kansas

e) Kingwood

Q.116) Which state signed MoU with Shri Vallabh Pittie International Group to invest Rs. 4000 crores in various sector?

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Haryana

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.117) Name the Indian GM who has won the Annual World Open online chess tournament title for 2020?

- a) Gukesh D
- b) R Praggnanandhaa
- c) Nihal Sarin
- d) Panneerselvam Iniyan
- e) Gunasekaran

Q.118) Who is the author of the book "Let Us Dream"?

- a) Dalai Lama
- b) Sadguru
- c) António Guterres
- d) Pope Francis
- e) Mark Henry

Q.119) India has inked deal with which country to manufacture AK-47 203 rifles for Indian Army?

- a) France
- b) Israel

c) Germany

d) Russia

e) Japan

Q.120) Which Indian company is all set to be awarded the Green Factory Building Certification By IGBC?

a) Schneider

b) Fanuc

c) L&T

d) ABB

e) Abbot

Q.121) Name the organization which released the publication named "The Little Book of Green Nudges".

a) United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

b) International Labour Organization (ILO)

c) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

d) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

e) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Q.122) Which state government has launched the app named 'I Rakhwali' to make citizens 'Greenery Saviours'?

a) Kerala

b) Chhattisgarh

c) Maharashtra

d) Haryana

e) Punjab

Q.123) 11<sup>th</sup> INDRA NAVY bilateral exercise was held in which place?

a) Bay of Bengal

b) Arabian Sea

c) Indian Ocean

d) Pacific Ocean

e) Andaman and Nicobar

Q.124) CSIR-IICT in partnership with of the following states has planned to establish a bulk drug park?

a) Telangana

b) Uttar Pradesh

c) Gujarat

d) Andhra Pradesh

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.125) Who among the following has been named as India's next envoy to Italy?

a) Ajay Kumar

b) Anand Sinha

c) Neena Malhotra

d) Ravish Kumar

e) Suresh Ranjan

Q.126) Which state of India has topped the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking of states for 2018-19?

a) Maharashtra

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Gujarat

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.127) RBI has notified that Start-ups will be eligible for finance under the priority sector and maximum amount that can be availed is\_\_\_\_\_

- a) Rs 20 crore
- b) Rs 50 crore
- c) Rs 75 crore
- d) Rs 100 crore
- e) Rs 40 crore

Q.128) Which state has launched the 'Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) ' scheme?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Assam
- c) Haryana
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Kerala

Q.129) Who was the winner of the Italian Grand Prix 2020?

- a) Max Verstappen
- b) Lewis Hamilton
- c) Pierre Gasly
- d) Lance Stroll
- e) Sebastian Vettel

Q.130) Which country will host the 36th edition of FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC) 2022?

- a) Japan

b) Bangladesh

- c) India
- d) Bhutan
- e) Nepal

Q.131) Name of the person who has made an announcement that Jammu will get first-ever cannabis medicine project soon?

- a) Amit Shah
- b) Jitendra Singh
- c) Harsh Vardhan
- d) Rajnath Singh
- e) Ramnath Kovind

Q.132) Ian Bell who has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket played for which country?

- a) South Africa
- b) New Zealand
- c) Australia
- d) England
- e) Netherland

Q.133) Which company has partnered with CyberPeace Foundation to launch awareness programme on cyber safety among students in India?

- a) WhatsApp
- b) Google
- c) Amazon
- d) Facebook
- e) Microsoft

Q.134) SVAYEM scheme has been launched by which state to provide self-employment to around 2 lakh youths of the state?

- a) Assam
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Odisha
- d) West Bengal
- e) Karnataka

Q.135) Which IIT signed MoU with National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) for collaboration in Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities (BASIIIC) programme?

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Delhi
- c) IIT Bombay
- d) IIT Roorkee
- e) IIT Bhopal

Q.136) Which country has launched a reusable experimental spacecraft on a Long March-2F carrier rocket recently?

- a) Japan
- b) Germany
- c) United States
- d) India
- e) China

Q.137) Which of the following district of Tamil Nadu has become the first one to be regarded as a 'fully Digital Economy district'?

- a) Chennai
- b) Coimbatore

c) Virudhunagar

d) Salem

e) Madurai

Q.138) Who has been appointed as the Secretary-General of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) ?

- a) Manisha Kapoor
- b) Yatinder Prasad
- c) Charu Sinha
- d) Utpal Singh
- e) Shweta Purandare

Q.139) Who among the following has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Croatia?

- a) Pawan Singh
- b) Suresh Mathur
- c) ShilpaReddy
- d) Raj Kumar Srivastava
- e) Anand Prakash

Q.140) Who among the following has won the 2019-20 Kia NBA Rookie of the Year Award?

- a) James Hope
- b) Chris Paul
- c) Kendrick Nunn
- d) Zion Williamson
- e) Ja Morant

Q.141) Who among the following has joined the International Finance Services Centres Authority as an Executive Director?

- a) Rajesh Gupta

b) Manoj Kumar

c) Pramod Tiwary

d) Amitesh Sinha

e) Raj Kumar

Q.142) Which of the following companies has appointed Supratim Dutta as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) ?

a) Reliance Jio

b) Tata Motors

c) ITC limited

d) Google India

e) GMR Group

Q.143) What was the theme of the first edition of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies?

a) Breathe Clean Air

b) Breathing Easy in the 21st century

c) Clean Air in a Pandemic

d) Clean Air for All

e) Let's Act Together for better air

Q.144) Who will Chair the Multidimensional Poverty Index Coordination Committee (MPICC) formed by NITI Aayog?

a) Rakesh Jain

b) Nikunj Sanghi

c) Kailash Gupta

d) Sanyukta Samaddar

e) Jai Shanker

Q.145) Which state/UT government has relaunched 10-week anti dengue campaign named "10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 minute"?

a) Punjab

b) Chhattisgarh

c) Delhi

d) Jammu and Kashmir

e) Haryana

Q.146) Who has been appointed as president of Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) ?

a) Ashish Kapoor

b) Venkatesh Kumar

c) Vinkesh Gulati

d) Ashish Harsharaj Kale

e) Ranjith Kumar

Q.147) Who inaugurated 24x7 toll-free Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline KIRAN?

a) Thaawarchand Gehlot

b) Narendra Singh Tomar

c) Rajnath Singh

d) Harsh Vardhan

e) Krishan Pal

Q.148) Which organization has demonstrated the hypersonic air-breathing scramjet technology with the flight test of the Hypersonic Technology Demonstration Vehicle (HSTDV) ?

a) CSIR

b) DRDO



c) HAL

d) ISRO

e) GRSE

Q.149) Who among the following has been crowned as Wushu World Champion?

a) Sanjitha Singh

b) Sonam Kapoor

c) Poonam Khatri

d) Pavithra Raman

e) Poornima Rajan

Q.150) Andhra Pradesh government has signed an MoU with which country to help benefit the horticulture and aquaculture farmers across the State?

a) Denmark

b) Israel

c) Germany

d) Netherlands

e) France

Q.151) Which of the following companies has bagged a €10-m loan from KfW IPEX-Bank to facilitate German exports to India?

a) Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd

b) SREI Equipment Finance

c) Bajaj Finance

d) Muthoot Finance Ltd

e) HDB Finance Services

Q.152) Who among the following has been appointed as the chairperson of the SC Legal Services Committee?

a) Sharad Arvind Bobde

b) Arun Bhatia

c) Rohinton Fali Nariman

d) Indu Malhotra

e) Deepak Mishra

Q.153) R Masakui has been appointed as the Next High Commissioner of India to which of the following nation?

a) Jamaica

b) West Indies

c) Kenya

d) Brazil

e) Zimbabwe

Q.154) Jiri Menzel who passed away in September 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Economist

b) Cricketer

c) Politician

d) Painter

e) Film Director

Q.155) Who has been appointed as the Vice-President of the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations?

a) Sarath Sharma

b) Manish Raj Singhania

c) Selvakumar Vigneshwar

d) Vinkesh Gulati

e) Fathima Kajur

Q.156) Which of the following state has announced a new electronics & hardware

manufacturing policy to increase the State's electronics industry output to \$100 billion by 2025?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) Telangana
- e) Odisha

Q.157) How many sectors have been identified by the KV Kamath committee which requires restructuring?

- a) 24
- b) 22
- c) 25
- d) 27
- e) 26

Q.158) Name the financial institution which has recently lend \$500 million loan for the 82-kilometre Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor

- a) International Monetary Fund
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- d) New Development Bank
- e) World Bank

Q.159) The Patrika Gate has been inaugurated in which city by PM Narendra Modi recently?

- a) Dehradun

b) Bhopal

c) Jaipur

d) Agra

e) Lucknow

Q.160) Atal Innovation Mission has tied up with which company to provide robust support to innovators and start-ups in AIM portfolio?

- a) Freshworks Inc
- b) Infosys
- c) Asset Panda, LLC
- d) Salesforce
- e) L&T

Q.161) According to the latest growth forecast of the Fitch Ratings, what is the GDP growth rate estimated for India in the FY21?

- a) -9.1%
- b) -6.4%
- c) -10.5%
- d) -7.7%
- e) -11.4%

Q.162) Which global institution has approved \$82 million for the implementation of Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project?

- a) International Monetary Fund
- b) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- c) Asian Development Bank
- d) World Bank
- e) New Development Bank

Q.163) Which state government launched first of its Kind educational chatbot named "Apka Mitra"?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Haryana
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) Gujarat

Q.164) Which of the following institute has developed a neural-based approach for automatic interpretation of 3D seismic data?

- a) Indian Institute of Science Education and Research
- b) Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology
- c) Indian Institute of Remote Sensing
- d) Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences
- e) Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology

Q.165) According to the estimation of Ind-Ra what will be India's GDP in FY21?

- a) – 12.6%
- b) – 10.2%
- c) – 13.9%
- d) – 11.8%
- e) – 12.6%

Q.166) Who among the following has recently been conferred with the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize?

- a) Dinesh Bhugra

- b) Jas Pal Singh
- c) David Attenborough
- d) Gabrielle Anwar
- e) Upinder Randhawa

Q.167) Which of the following states has been ranked as the most Literate State in the Country With 96.2% Literacy?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.168) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has partnered with which app to implement gamified learning app in tribal schools?

- a) Super Study
- b) STEPapp
- c) Byju's
- d) Fitness
- e) Kiddopia

Q.169) Who among the following has completed the world's first jump from a solar powered aircraft?

- a) Kariem Hussein
- b) Simon Aman
- c) Stan Wawrinka
- d) Raphael Domjan
- e) Fabian Cancellara

Q.170) Who is the author of the book named "Breaking the Cocoon @ 40"?

- a) Sudha Murthy
- b) Arunthathi Roy
- c) Radha M Nair
- d) Aparajita Vasudev
- e) Sasi Ananth

Q.171) Fruits & vegetables in which state/ UT has been covered under 'Operation Green's TOP to TOTAL' scheme for a period of six months on pilot basis?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Jammu & Kashmir
- c) Delhi
- d) Puducherry
- e) Daman & Diu

Q.172) Who has been appointed as the new President of All India Tennis Association (AITA) ?

- a) Praveen Mahajan
- b) Rohit Rajpal
- c) Anil Jain
- d) Rajan Kashyap
- e) Ankara Singh

Q.173) Goldman Sachs has estimated the Indian economy to grow at \_\_\_\_\_ rate in FY21

- a) -9.5%
- b) -11.5%
- c) -14.8%
- d) -10.1%
- e) -13.5%

Q.174) As per the UNICEF report on under-five mortality rate, the rate of under-five deaths in India in 2019 declined to \_\_ percent compared to 126% in 1990

- a) 29%
- b) 42%
- c) 34%
- d) 51%
- e) 63%

Q.175) Which of the following airports has put in place a QR code-enabled check-in mechanism for passengers?

- a) Chennai airport
- b) Mumbai International airport
- c) Chandigarh airport
- d) Delhi International airport
- e) Kempegowda airport

Q.176) South India's first Kisan Rail was flagged off recently. The first Kisan Rail runs between which of the following states?

- a) Andhra Pradesh and Delhi
- b) Tamil Nadu and Goa
- c) Maharashtra and Bihar
- d) Gujarat and Telangana
- e) Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra

Q.177) America's commercial cargo spacecraft, NG-14 Cygnus was named after who among the following?

- a) Kalpana Chawla
- b) Laurel Clark

c) Rakesh Sharma

d) David M. Brown

e) APJ Abdul Kalam

Q.178) Which company partnered with Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) to provide students with training in robotic process automation?

a) L&T

b) Robotics

c) UiPath

d) MyAct

e) DiFacto

Q.178) Which state government has signed MoU with UN World Food Programme for take-home ration Scheme?

a) Uttarakhand

b) Karnataka

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Jammu & Kashmir

e) West Bengal

Q.179) Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Playerzpot recently?

a) Bhuvneshwar Kumar

b) Rohit Sharma

c) Smriti Mandhana

d) Both a) and b)

e) Both a) and c)

Q.180) Which state government recently renewed its MoU with UK India Business

Council to strengthen the state's industrial development?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Karnataka

c) Telangana

d) Maharashtra

e) Gujarat

Q.181) Name the Dispute Redressal Mechanism launched by the Ministry of Shipping for all kind of disputes of the maritime sector?

a) VEENA Ports'

b) Kanjira Ports'

c) SAROD Ports'

d) Jal tarang Ports'

e) Rama Ports'

Q.182) India has signed an agreement with which country for Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services between the Armed Forces of the two countries?

a) Russia

b) Japan

c) Israel

d) Iraq

e) Maldives

Q.183) India organized the 72nd session of the WHO South-East Asia Region in which city?

a) Delhi

b) Mumbai

c) Hyderabad

d) Pune

e) Chennai

Q.184) Union Home ministry has approved to rename the Hubballi railway station in 'which' state as Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji railway station?

a) Sikkim

b) Madhya Pradesh

c) Haryana

d) Karnataka

e) Tripura

Q.185) India, Australia along with which country participated the 1st trilateral dialogue on economic, strategic challenges in Indo-Pacific recently?

a) Germany

b) Belgium

c) Japan

d) France

e) United Kingdom

Q.186) Who among the following has been banned by the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) for five years owing to corruption charges?

a) Asif Ashraf

b) Noor Mohammad

c) Shafiquallah Shafaq

d) Farhan Yusefzai

e) Bahar Shinwari

Q.187) Which state government has relaunched Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoi scheme?

a) Maharashtra

b) Karnataka

c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Andhra Pradesh

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.188) Who has been appointed as the head of the 3-member committee which will assist GoI in the assessment of relief to bank borrowers?

a) K V Kamath

b) Rajiv Mehrishi

c) Ravindra H Dholakia

d) Kashturi Rajan

e) Tarun Balaji

Q.189) Who has been Appointed as the first woman CEO of an American Multinational Investment bank, Citigroup?

a) Abigail Johnson

b) Mary Barra

c) Meg Whitman

d) Jane Fraser

e) Julie Megha

Q.190) Who represented India at the 10th East-Asia summit foreign ministers' meeting recently?

a) Shripad Yesso Naik

b) Santosh Kumar Gangwar



c) Prahlad Singh Patel

d) V. Muraleedharan

e) Hardeep Singh Puri

Q.191) Who has been appointed as the chairperson of National School of Drama?

a) Shatrughan Sinha

b) Paresh Rawal

c) Nana Patekar

d) Amitabh Kant

e) Anupam Shekar

Q.192) Which of the following company recently launched "Central Bank Digital Currencies" (CBDCs), a Virtual Testing Environment for Central Banks to Assess and Explore National Digital Currencies.

a) Paypal

b) Rupay

c) Mastercard

d) Visa

e) Paytm

Q.193) What is the rank of India in the Global Economic Freedom Index 2020 (Hong Kong Tops the list) ?

a) 116<sup>th</sup>

b) 105<sup>th</sup>

c) 113<sup>th</sup>

d) 132<sup>nd</sup>

e) 144<sup>th</sup>

Q.194) Asian Development Bank signed loan agreement worth Rs 466-cr with ENGIE group

for developing Raghanesda Solar Project in 'which' state?

a) Gujarat

b) Maharashtra

c) Punjab

d) Haryana

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.195) As per Moody's, the GDP growth rate of India for 2020-21 is projected at \_\_\_\_\_.

a) -9.9%

b) -11.5%

c) -10.7%

d) -18.5%

e) -12.6%

Q.196) which of the following organization has been Launched The Five Star Villages scheme?

a) State Bank of India

b) Indian Railways

c) Department of Posts

d) Amazon India

e) Khadi Villages

Q.197) Which of the following state has topped the list of States' Startup Ranking Framework 2019?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Gujarat

c) Karnataka

d) Maharashtra

e) Telangana

Q.198) 13<sup>th</sup> Edition Aero India-21 is scheduled to be held in February 2021 in which city?

- a) Chennai
- b) Bangalore
- c) Lucknow
- d) Mumbai
- e) Hyderabad

Q.199) Which among the following places has recently received the approval of the government to be registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 2010, to receive overseas fund?

- a) Golden Temple
- b) Meenakshi Temple
- c) Vaishno Devi
- d) Lotus Temple
- e) Konark Temple

Q.200) Which of the following Indian state has announced the state's first Heritage Tourism Policy (September 2020) ?

- a) Assam
- b) Karnataka
- c) Gujarat
- d) Rajasthan
- e) Sikkim

Q.201) India's largest piggery mission was launched at which of the following state?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Meghalaya

c) Gujarat

d) Himachal Pradesh

e) Maharashtra

Q.202) Who has been appointed as the celebrity advocate of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 's children's rights campaign 'For Every Child'?

- a) Alia Bhatt
- b) Deepika Padkone
- c) Radhika Apte
- d) Ayushmann Khurrana
- e) Salman Khan

Q.203) Which state government has won the WSIS winner prize 2020 under the e-government category?

- a) Assam
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Karnataka
- d) West Bengal
- e) Tamil Nadu

Q.204) Union cabinet gives approval to increase the FDI limit in Defence sector from 49% to \_\_\_\_\_ (through automatic route).

- a) 95%
- b) 65%
- c) 74%
- d) 100%
- e) 80%

Q.205) WE HUB has announced its partnership with which of the following to aid women entrepreneurs in agri business?

- a) AgriHub
- b) Shakthi
- c) NutriHub
- d) L&T
- e) Kisanhub

Q.206) GARIMA scheme has been launched by which state for the core sanitation workers to ensure their economic and social security?

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Gujarat
- c) Odisha
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) Karnataka

Q.207) Who is the head the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) to oversee the process of the corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) ?

- a) K V Kamanth
- b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) Amit Shah
- d) Narendra Modi
- e) Rajnath Singh

Q.208) As per CARE Ratings, what is the projected GDP growth for India in the fiscal 2020-21?

- a) 7-7.5%
- b) 9-9.6%

c) 10-10.7%

d) 8-8.2%

e) 6-6.7%

Q.209) Name the F1 Racer who has won the inaugural edition of the Tuscan Grand Prix 2020.

- a) Sebastian Vettel
- b) Max Verstappen
- c) Valtteri Bottas
- d) Lewis Hamilton
- e) Nico Rosberg

Q.210) Name the India film which has won the award for Best Screenplay at the 77th Venice Film Festival?

- a) You Came Back
- b) The Disciple
- c) Dear Comrades
- d) The World to Come
- e) None of the Above

Q.211) Who has won the women's single 2020 US Open Tennis tournament?

- a) Victoria Azarenka
- b) Ashleigh Barty
- c) Naomi Osaka
- d) Bianca Andreescu
- e) Serena Williams

Q.212) India's first coronavirus airport testing facility has been launched at which of these airports?

- a) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- b) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
- c) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata
- d) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- e) Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Assam

Q.213) Raghuvansh Prasad Singh has passed away recently represented the Lok Sabha from which state?

- a) Haryana
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Bihar
- e) Maharashtra

Q.214) Which of the following state launched a Smart Ration Card Scheme for providing subsidised food grains to 1.41 crore beneficiaries in the state?

- a) Haryana
- b) Punjab
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Tamil Nadu

Q.215) Name of the App which has been developed in order to capture the spot accident data using a mobile app configured for this purpose?

- a) iRAD
- b) e-Morth
- c) iRoad
- d) e-Accident
- e) E-Transport

Q.216) Which company has partnered with NVIDIA to pursue expanded opportunities in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) space?

- a) Dell Technologies
- b) Tata Consultancy Services
- c) HCL Technologies
- d) Tech Mahindra
- e) Oracle Financial Services

Q.217) Which of the following Institution has signed an MoU with Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT) for cooperation in agricultural research and education?

- a) IIT-Roorkee
- b) IIT-Delhi
- c) IIT-Madras
- d) IIT-Indore
- e) IIT-Kanpur

Q.218) The Liberty General Insurance has collaborated with which company to offer 'Liberty Secure Travel' insurance policy?

- a) AirIndia
- b) Vistara
- c) SpiceJet
- d) IndiGo

e) GoAir

Q.219) Which of the following has become the first company in India to adopt e-office?

a) MP Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company Limited

b) Dhakshinachal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited

c) MP Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company Limited

d) Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited

e) MP Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company Limited

Q.220) Who among the following clinched the US Open Men's Singles 2020?

a) David Goffin

b) Alexander Zverev

c) Dominic Thiem

d) Rafael Nadal

e) Roger Federer

Q.221) Who has been recently appointed as the Executive Director at World Bank?

a) Harish Kumar

b) Devendra Singh

c) Anil Sharma

d) Rajesh Khullar

e) N S Shekar

Q.222) The foundation stone for the Arun Jaitley Memorial Sports Complex has been laid in which State?

a) Gujarat

b) Jammu & Kashmir

c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Bihar

e) Maharashtra

Q.223) What is the estimated GDP growth rate for India in 2020-21 as per the S&P Global Ratings?

A) -10%

B) -11%

C) -9%

D) -8%

e) -12%

Q.224) Who is the author of the book "My Life In Design"?

a) Twinkle Khanna

b) Gauri Khan

c) Arun Shetty

d) Sussanne Khan

e) Sudha Murthy

Q.225) Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Japan?

a) Shinjiro Koizumi

b) Yoshihide Suga

c) Naoto Kan

d) Taro Aso

e) Shinzo Abe

Q.226) Chanesh Ram Rathiya who passed away due recently, was the former minister of which state?

a) Maharashtra

b) Haryana

- c) Chhattisgarh  
d) Gujarat  
e) Madhya Pradesh
- Q.227) Name the winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2020 by Euromoney Awards of Excellence
- a) Ravneet Gill  
b) Deepak Parekh  
c) Rajnish Kumar  
d) Sunil Mehta  
e) Aditya Puri
- Q.228) Sameer Kumar Khare has been appointed as the Executive Director at which of the following organizations?
- a) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)  
b) Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
c) World Bank (WB)  
d) New Development Bank (NDB)  
e) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Q.229) Which Indian company has signed pact to acquire European consultancy firm GuideVision?
- A) TCS  
B) Reliance Industries  
C) Infosys  
D) HDFC  
e) Wipro
- Q.230) Which state government has launched 'My Family-My Responsibility' campaign to achieve effective health care education for the control of Covid-19 outbreak?
- a) West Bengal  
b) Maharashtra  
c) Uttarakhand  
d) Madhya Pradesh  
e) Uttar Pradesh
- Q.231) Who authored the book titled 'End of an Era, India Exits Tibet'?
- a) William Dalrymple  
b) Ramachandra Guha  
c) Claude Arpi  
d) Khushwant Singh  
e) Rohinton Mistry
- Q.232) What is rank of India among the fastest growing freelance market in the world as per report of Payoneer?
- a) 4  
b) 7  
c) 2  
d) 8  
e) 5
- Q.233) Who has been re-elected as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha?
- a) Surendar Singh  
b) Harivansh Narayan Singh  
c) Manohar Manish  
d) Deepak Kumar  
e) Jagdish Singh



Q.234) Which of the following country has declared rape as a national emergency after spike in cases?

- a) Lesotho
- b) Ghana
- c) Liberia
- d) Sierra Leone
- e) Malta

Q.235) Who has been appointed by ADB as its new Country Director for India?

- a) Sajid Khan
- b) Takeo Konishi
- c) Manisha Sharma
- d) Valeri D Tian
- e) Kenichi Yokoyama

Q.236) What is the projected GDP growth rate of India for 2020-21 as per the ADB?

- a) -10%
- b) -11%
- c) -9%
- d) -8%
- e) -12%

Q.237) Who has been appointed by Paytm as the brand ambassador for its gaming platform Paytm First Games (PFG) ?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Sachin Tendulkar
- d) MS Dhoni
- e) Bhuvneshwar Kumar

Q.238) Sadashiv Patil who has passed away was a renowned player of which sports?

- a) Hockey
- b) Kabaddi
- c) Football
- d) Cricket
- e) Tennis

Q.239) The horticulture department of which state/UT has launched "Backyard Horticulture" Programme under CAPEX scheme to promote organic fruit production?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Jammu & Kashmir
- c) Puducherry
- d) Karnataka
- e) Kerala

Q.240) Union Cabinet has recently approved to set up new AIIMS under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) in which city of Bihar?

- a) Begusarai
- b) Gaya
- c) Darbhanga
- d) Muzaffarpur
- e) Patna

Q.241) Which state government has signed MoU with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to develop MSME ecosystem?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala

c) Rajasthan

d) Assam

e) Gujarat

Q.241) Who has been roped in by Amazon to lend voice for its Alexa voice assistant?

a) Rajkummar Rao

b) Akshay Kumar

c) Amitabh Bachchan

d) Ajay Devgan

e) Ayushmann Khurrana

Q.242) What is the deadline that was mandated by the RBI to the banks for automated recognition of NPAs?

a) June 30, 2021

b) December 31, 2021

c) February 28, 2021

d) April 31 2021

e) November 30, 2020

Q.243) Cristiano Ronaldo became the 2nd Male Footballer To Score 100 International Goals. Who was the first to achieve this feat?

a) Lionel Messi

b) Gareth Bale

c) Ali Daei

d) Diego Maradona

e) Pele

Q.243) Banks Board Bureau has recommended who as the next SBI chairman?

a) Shashi Thakur

b) Nilesh Sahani

c) Abhinav Verma

d) Birendra Gowda

e) Dinesh Khara

Q.245) Name the Cricketer, Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Great Learning?

a) Rishab Pant

b) Virat Kohli

c) MS Dhoni

d) KL Rahul

e) Rahul Dravid

Q.246) Which Country has been elected as a member of the United Nation's Commission on Status of Women (UNCSW) for 4 Years?

a) Australia

b) China

c) India

d) Japan

e) Russia

Q.247) 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19' has been extended by the government. What is the new extended time period of the scheme?

a) April 2021

b) February 2021

c) January 2021

d) March 2021

e) December 2020

Q.248) The proposed Orbital Rail Corridor will be implemented in which of the following states?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Jharkhand
- e) Haryana

Q.249) India recently held the 10th Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting with which country on virtual mode?

- a) Russia
- b) Afghanistan
- c) United States
- d) Japan
- e) China

Q.250) As per OECD, what is the GDP growth prediction for Indian economy for the fiscal 2020-21?

- a) -11.7%
- b) -6.9%
- c) -10.2%
- d) -8.8%
- e) -12.6%

Q.251) Which of the following state recently launched 'Poshan Sarkar' program?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) Meghalaya

e) Tripura

Q.252) Who among the following has been honoured with the 2020 Dayton Literary Peace Prize?

- a) Salman Rushdie
- b) Virginia Woolf
- c) Elisabeth Moss
- d) Margaret Atwood
- e) J. K. Rowling

Q.253) Google Cloud partnered with which of the following companies to Deliver Accelerated Business Intelligence Platform?

- a) Accenture
- b) TCS
- c) Cognizant
- d) HCL Technologies
- e) Wipro

Q.254) What is the projected growth rate for the Indian economy in the financial year 2020-21 according to the UBS Securities?

- a) -8.6%
- b) -10.5%
- c) -9.4%
- d) -11.3%
- e) -13.5%

Q.255) State Bank of India extended the OTP-based Withdrawal facility 24X7 for withdrawal of how much rupees?

- a) Rs. 20,000
- b) Rs. 25,000

c) Rs. 5,000

d) Rs. 10,000

e) Rs. 15,000

Q.256) Name the PSU which has partnered with SwissRapid AG to bring Maglev (Magnetic Levitation) train projects in India.

a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)

c) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

d) Coal India Limited (CIL)

e) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Q.257) Which state government has signed MoU with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to support MSMEs (September 2020) ?

a) Gujarat

b) Telengana

c) Sikkim

d) Manipur

e) Tripura

Q.258) Name the Cricketer, who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of online poker platform, 9stacks.

a) Virat Kohli

b) Bhuvaneshwar Kumar

c) Suresh Raina

d) MS Dhoni

e) Rohit Sharma

Q.259) Fiumicino International Airport (FCO) is the first airport in the world to get "COVID-19 5-star airport rating" from Skytrax. The airport is based in which city?

a) London

b) Brussels

c) Rome

d) Dubai

e) Paris

Q.260) Which city metro launched India's 1st indigenous signaling technology named 'i-ATS' (Automatic Train Supervision) ?

a) Chennai Metro

b) Kolkata Metro

c) Delhi Metro

d) Mumbai Metro

e) Lucknow Metro

Q.261) Moussa Traore who passed away in September 2020 is the former president of which country?

a) Malta

b) Ghana

c) Kenya

d) Guinea

e) Mali

Q.262) Name the first country in the world to pass legislation that requires financial entities to declare their climate-related risks.

a) Lebanon

b) United States

c) Russia

d) New Zealand

e) Japan

Q.263) Who has been honored with the 2020 Asia Game Changer Award for feeding millions across India amid the COVID-19?

a) Aravind Sinha

b) Rajan Lakshmi

c) Vikas Khanna

d) Karan Johar

e) Manish Kapoor

Q.264) Which city of India is the top ranked city in the 2020 Smart City Index of IMD?

a) Kolkata

b) Hyderabad

c) Bengaluru

d) Mumbai

e) Chennai

Q.265) Which of the following state (smaller states) has topped the India Happiness Report 2020?

a) Gujarat

b) Sikkim

c) Mizoram

d) Odisha

e) Tripura

Q.266) Which is 1st country in the world to issue 7-year sovereign Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) bond?

a) Namibia

b) Maldives

c) Mexico

d) Germany

e) Australia

Q.267) Which state has launched the "Arthika Spandana" programme to disburse loan in agricultural and non-agricultural sector through various cooperative institutions?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Kerala

c) Karnataka

d) Maharashtra

e) West Bengal

Q.268) 'Education for All' is a CSR programme launched by which edtech company to empower 5 million children from underserved communities by 2025?

a) American Express

b) Great Learning

c) Byju's

d) Unacademy

e) E-learning

Q.269) Who represented India in the virtual G20 Environment Ministerial Meeting 2020, held recently?

a) Nitin Gadkari

b) Piyush Goyal

c) Ravi Shankar Prasad

d) Prakash Javadekar

e) Rajnath Singh

Q.270) Harsimrat Kaur Badal quits in protest against Agri bills. Who has been given additional charge of her portfolio?

- a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Narendra Singh Tomar
- d) Arjun Munda
- e) Smriti Irani

Q.271) Which company has partnered with Common Services Centers (CSC) for digital literacy service chatbot?

- a) Microsoft
- b) Whatsapp
- c) Twitter
- d) Facebook
- e) SnapChat

Q.272) What is India's rank in 2020 Human Capital Index (HCI) released by World Bank (Singapore Tops) ?

- a) 141<sup>st</sup>
- b) 116<sup>th</sup>
- c) 177<sup>th</sup>
- d) 122<sup>nd</sup>
- e) 133<sup>rd</sup>

Q.273) Name the Author, Who has authored the book titled, "Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction".

- a) Sudha Murthy
- b) Arundhati Roy
- c) Vikram Seth

d) Ruskin Bond

e) Amitav Ghosh

Q.274) PR Krishnakumar who passed away recently was a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Cricketer
- b) Physician
- c) Writer
- d) Politician
- e) Economist

Q.275) Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) will be set up in which state of India?

- a) Manipur
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Karnataka
- d) Gujarat
- e) Tripura

Q.276) The government of which state is all set to launch SkillTech varsity for varied courses to offer courses in different sectors, including automotive and power?

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) Haryana

Q.278) which of the following state has launched Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana?

- a) Karnataka



b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Punjab

d) Gujarat

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.279) Name the Indian who has been selected in the United Nations 2020 list of 17 Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ?

a) Dilip Kumar

b) Kishan Gangolli

c) Udit Singhal

d) Sanjay Sharma

e) Ranjan Lal

Q.280) Government of India has set the target to set up 10500 Pradhanmantri Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJK) across the country by which year?

a) March 2024

b) December 2022

c) March 2025

d) December 2023

e) April 2023

Q.281) Which of the following bank launched service named i-Lead (Inspiring Leads) 2.0 recently?

a) Indian Bank

b) Canara Bank

c) ICICI Bank

d) UCO Bank

e) IndusInd Bank

Q.282) According to Rating agency CRISIL has estimated the GDP of India in FY22 at \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

a) 7%

b) 8%

c) 9%

d) 10%

e) 6%

Q.283) Who Heads the expert committee constituted by central government to examine the reports of digital surveillance on prominent Indian nationals by Chinese firm?

a) Jagdeesh Singh

b) Rajesh Pant

c) Shivaji Rao

d) Sanjay Gupta

e) Mohan Kumar

Q.284) Which of the following mutual funds has launched the 'SIP in Fixed Income' campaign to make investors more aware about the benefits of investing in fixed income products?

a) Aditya Birla

b) Dewan Housing Finance Corporation

c) UTI Asset Management

d) Infrastructure Development Finance Company

e) IDFC Mutual Funds

Q.285) Which regional rural bank has launched a special gold loan scheme named 'Vikas Laghu Suvarna'?

- a) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- b) Tamil Nadu Gramin Bank
- c) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- d) Andhra Grameena Vikas Bank
- e) Kerala Gramin Bank

Q.286) Which among the given sports Cup has been renamed as Billie Jean King Cup?

- a) Uber Cup
- b) Agha Khan Cup
- c) Fed Cup
- d) Davis Cup
- e) None of the Above

Q.287) Who has been honoured with the Golden Pen of Freedom award?

- a) Gabriela Cabezon
- b) Michele Hutchison
- c) Jineth Bedoya Lima
- d) Margaret Atwood
- e) Marieke Lucas

Q.288) Which of the following airport opened India's first private jet terminal?

- a) Kempegowda International Airport, Bangalore
- b) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
- c) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi

d) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

e) Cochin International Airport, Cochin

Q.289) ICICI Bank is seeking the re-approval of who among the following from the RBI as a whole time director of the bank?

- a) Gokul Krishnan
- b) Lalit Kumar
- c) Sandeep Batra
- d) Girish Chandra
- e) Neelam Sharma

Q.290) Sachin Deshmukh who has passed away recently was related to which sports?

- a) Football
- b) Weightlifting
- c) Cricket
- d) Kabaddi
- e) Badminton

Q.291) As per Global Smart City Index 2020, which city has topped?

- a) Geneva
- b) Helsinki
- c) Zurich
- d) Singapore
- e) Italy

Q.292) "A Promised Land" is the memoir of which Personality?

- a) Nelsan Mandela
- b) Donald Trump
- c) Pranab Mukharji

d) Barack Obama

e) Narendra Modi

Q.293) The Human Capital Index is released by which organisation?

a) Economist Intelligence Unit

b) World Bank

c) International Monetary Fund

d) World Economic Forum

e) United Nations

Q.294) Which state in India is the first to launch policies on Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and Cybersecurity policies?

a) Karnataka

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Maharashtra

d) Gujarat

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.295) Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" is a Women Self-Reliance programme launched by which bank for SHGs in Assam?

a) Indian Bank

b) Axis Bank

c) Canara Bank

d) State Bank of India

e) UCO Bank

Q.296) Who has been appointed as the new chief of National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) ?

a) Rajesh Sharma

b) Ram Kumar

c) Anil Dhasmana

d) Sandeep Singh

e) Atul Kumar Varma

Q.297) Which International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) has developed 1st of its kind helmet-like ventilation device 'Swasner'?

a) IIIT Bhubaneswar

b) IIIT Madras

c) IIIT Hyderabad

d) IIIT Raipur

e) IIIT Jabalpur

Q.298) Which among the following Bank has topped the BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2020 Rankings?

a) Indian Bank

b) HDFC Bank

c) Canara Bank

d) State Bank of India

e) UCO Bank

Q.299) How many beaches of India has been selected for the international eco-label, Blue flag certification?

a) 12

b) 11

c) 7

d) 9

e) 8

Q.300) India has extended a 250 million dollars support to which of the following

nation to mitigate the economic impact of Covid-19?

- a) Philippines
- b) Myanmar
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Maldives
- e) Bangladesh

Q.301) Which of the following comedy series has won Outstanding Comedy Series at Emmys 2020?

- a) Watchmen
- b) Stranger Things
- c) Schitt's Creek
- d) FRIENDS
- e) The Office

Q.302) International Day of Peace is observed annually on which day?

- a) September 25
- b) September 20
- c) September 19
- d) September 22
- e) September 21

Q.303) Who represented India in annual meeting of board of governor of Asian Development Bank (ADB) held virtually?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) S Jaishanker
- e) Harsha Vardhan

Q.304) What is the theme of the International Day of Peace 2020?

- a) Shaping Peace Together
- b) Climate Action for Peace
- c) The Right to Peace
- d) Together for Peace
- e) Respect, Safety and Dignity for All

Q.305) Purba Dam who passed away recently. He was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Politician
- b) Actor
- c) Musician
- d) Cricketer
- e) Photographer

Q.306) Who has been appointed India's Culture Secretary?

- a) Surendra Kumar
- b) Aravind Panargiya
- c) Raghvendra Singh
- d) Sekhar Sharma
- e) Rajesh Kumar

Q.307) Who has been appointed as Advisor to IMF Executive Director?

- a) Ashok Lasava
- b) Simanchala Dash
- c) S Aparna
- d) Guru Prasath
- e) Vasanth Raj

Q.308) Name the former Prime Minister who Takes Oath as Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka?

- a) Rabindra Shekwat
- b) HD Deve Gowda
- c) Shiva Chandra
- d) P Baswaraj
- e) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

Q.309) The first ever direct cargo ferry service between India and Maldives, will connect which ports of India with the port of Maldives?

- a) Port Blair and Marmagao Port, Goa
- b) Visakhapatnam Port and Mumbai Port
- c) Tuticorin port and Cochin port
- d) Kandla port and Mumbai port
- e) Mangalore Port and Kamarajar Port

Q.310) Centre has extended the tenure of the Company Law Committee by one year until September 2021. Who is the head of this committee?

- a) Mohan Kumar
- b) Anil Bajaj
- c) Rajesh Verma
- d) Balkrishna Rajan
- e) Sanam Mukherjee

Q.311) PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Ghar Tak Fibre project and laid the foundation stone for 9 highway projects in which state?

- a) Assam

b) Gujarat

c) Bihar

d) Manipur

e) Tripura

Q.312) Central Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.108cr. under UDAN scheme for 3 Airports in which of the following state/UT?

- a) Punjab
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Delhi
- e) Karnataka

Q.313) Which of the following divisions of railways have launched the Freight Seva app to serve customers better?

- a) Central Railway
- b) Northern Railway
- c) Southern Railway
- d) North Eastern Railway
- e) Eastern Railway

Q.314) Kazakhstan Financial Regulator has cancelled the license of the subsidiary of which bank for failure to meet prudential standards and other mandatory norms?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Axis Bank
- d) Punjab National Bank
- e) Band of Baroda

Q.315) Who has been awarded with the Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education?

- a) Harsh Vardan
- b) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Narendra Modi
- e) Venkaiah Naidu

Q.316) Union Government has announced an increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Rabi crops. Which of the following is not a Rabi crop?

- a) Jowar
- b) Masoor
- c) Chana
- d) Mustard
- e) Rice

Q.317) Who is the winner of Italian Open men's single title 2020?

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Andy Murray
- c) Rafael Nadal
- d) Novak Djokovic
- e) Diego Schwartzman

Q.318) First man to climb Mount Everest 10 times Ang Rita Sherpa has passed away recently. He was from which country?

- a) India
- b) Bhutan
- c) Malaysia
- d) Nepal

e) Maldives

Q.319) SBI Life Insurance signed a bancassurance agreement with which bank (September 2020) ?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) YES Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) RBL Bank

Q.320) According to the estimation of Finance ministry, what will be the growth in nominal GDP of India in FY22 (2021-2022) ?

- a) 13%
- b) 10%
- c) 19%
- d) 14%
- e) 17%

Q.321) Who is the winner of the 2020 Women's Italian Open Tennis Tournament?

- a) Karolina Pliskova
- b) Serena Williams
- c) Simona Halep
- d) Garbiñe Muguruza
- e) Sofia Kenin

Q.322) Google has collaborated with which company to enable customers use their cards on Google Pay platform?

- a) L&T
- b) American Express
- c) SBI Card



d) Bajaj Finance

e) Master Card

Q.323) John Turner who passed away recently, He is the former prime minister of which country?

a) Brazil

b) South Africa

c) Canada

d) Russia

e) Mexico

Q.324) Who has been appointed as the central government nominee Director in Coal India Board with effect from 2020 August?

a) Yatinder Prasad

b) Rajesh Kumar Sinha

c) Khanindra Pathak

d) Shyam Nandan Prasad

e) Vinod Kumar Tiwari

Q.325) Which of the following projects has been nominated for the prestigious "SKOCH Award 2020"?

a) Natural Farming

b) Dasa Sutras

c) Zero Budget

d) Mitra Shakti

e) Sabujha

Q.326) India's first Coast Guard academy is all set to come up at which of the following cities?

a) Lucknow

b) Chennai

c) Mangaluru

d) Kochi

e) Hyderabad

Q.327) HDFC Life has signed corporate agency agreement with which of the following bank?

a) Federal Bank

b) Yes Bank

c) Axis Bank

d) DBS Bank

e) IndusInd Bank

Q.328) Which of the following state has Launches Mukhymantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana?

a) Gujarat

b) Madhya Pradesh

c) Maharashtra

d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Haryana

Q.329) Who has been appointed as the member of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) task force?

a) Praful Patel

b) Girija Shankar Mungali

c) Hementh Kumar

d) Amit Panghal

e) Sanjay Dutta

Q.330) Bah Ndaw has been appointed as the interim president of which country?

a) Kenya

b) Rwanda

c) Bulgaria

d) Mali

e) Nigeria

Q.331) Who has been appointed as the new administrator of the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank?

a) Arun Singhal

b) Ramanathan

c) Rajeev Kumar

d) V Shanmugam

e) A. K. Das

Q.332) Which among the following Indian has been named in the TIME 100 Most Influential People List 2020?

a) Narendra Modi

b) Ayushmann Khurrana

c) Ravindra Gupta

d) Bilkis

e) All of the Above

Q.333) Which of the following Maharatna CPSE has won the leader award in mega large business process sector category in 11th edition of Frost & Sullivan and TERI Sustainability 4.0 Awards 2020?

a) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)

b) Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL)

c) Steel Authority of India (SAIL)

d) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

e) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

Q.334) Who has been appointed as the Regional Ambassador for India by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for Tunza Eco-Generation?

a) Reshmi Pandey

b) Tarini Gandhiok

c) Khushi Chindaliya

d) Krithika Varagur

e) Athmika Kapoor

Q.335) Uttarakhand government has inked pact with which organisation to promote water adventure sports activities at Tehri Lake?

a) Border Security Force

b) Indian Coast Guard

c) National Security Guard

d) Indo-Tibetan Border Police

e) Indian Air Force

Q.336) Who has been elected as president of Bougainville?

a) Patrick Pruaitch

b) Ishmael Toroama

c) Bryan Jared Kramer

d) James Marape

e) Peter O'Neill

Q.337) Suresh Angadi, who has passed away due to COVID-19 was the Minister of State in which ministry?

- a) Ministry of Power  
b) Ministry of Rural Development  
c) Ministry of Agriculture  
d) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
e) Ministry of Railways
- Q.338) What is the GDP growth prediction of India for the year 2020 as per UNCTAD?
- a) -6.9%  
b) -8.8%  
c) -9.7%  
d) -5.9%  
e) -6.8%
- Q.339) Name the high-speed expendable aerial target which was successfully tested by DRDO recently?
- a) LAKSHYA  
b) DHRUV  
c) ABHYAS  
d) YUDHH  
e) AKASH
- Q.340) Which of the following bank has launched contactless debit card-based payment facility 'SafePay'?
- a) Indian Bank  
b) State Bank of India  
c) HDFC Bank  
d) IDFC First Bank  
e) Bank of Baroda

- Q.341) Which of the following bank has launched contactless debit card-based payment facility 'SafePay'?
- a) Indian Bank  
b) State Bank of India  
c) HDFC Bank  
d) IDFC First Bank  
e) Bank of Baroda
- Q.342) Which state has approved the "Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020" to allow free bus travel to Ganga in Haridwar?
- a) Karnataka  
b) Maharashtra  
c) Rajasthan  
d) Chhattisgarh  
e) Madhya Pradesh
- Q.343) Alexander Lukashenko has been appointed as the president of which country?
- a) Belarus  
b) Denmark  
c) Ukraine  
d) Maldives  
e) Latvia
- Q.344) Centre has increases State Disaster Response Fund limit that from 35 percent to \_\_\_\_\_ percent by the seven states where the coronavirus cases are highest.
- a) 55%  
b) 65%  
c) 45%

d) 50%

e) 40%

Q.345) Which of the following state government has launched "Mukhyamantri Grammya Paribahan Achoni"?

a) Manipur

b) Bihar

c) Tripura

d) Assam

e) Jharkhand

Q.346) Name the author of the book 'Sach Kahun Toh'.

a) Arunthathi Roy

b) Pankaj Singh

c) Anupam Kher

d) Neena Gupta

e) Sudha Murthy

Q.347) Name the state government which has inaugurated 2 major green projects worth around Rs 1226 crore to be set up in collaboration with European Union countries?

a) Assam

b) Meghalaya

c) Gujarat

d) Maharashtra

e) West Bengal

Q.348) Name the Bollywood actor who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Acer India?

a) Akshay Kumar

b) Ranbir Kapoor

c) Ayushmann Khurrana

d) Sonu Sood

e) Amir Khan

Q.349) Name the person who got 1-year extension as the non-executive chairman of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS).

a) Subhash Chandra Khuntia

b) Muhammad Mustafa

c) Uday Kotak

d) Ashok Lasava

e) Harsha Kumar Bhanwala

Q.350) Mohamed Hussein Roble has been appointed as the new prime minister of which country?

a) Maldives

b) Somalia

c) Belarus

d) Djibouti

e) Malta

**BANKING AWARENESS QUIZ:**

Q.1) Which is the first bank in India to introduce the use of satellite data to assess credit worthiness of farmers

- a) Yes Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Punjab National Bank
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q.2) Who has been appointed as new MD & CEO of the SBI Mutual Funds?

- a) Imtaiyazur Rahman
- b) Manish Mehta
- c) Ashwani Bhatia
- d) Vinay Tonse
- e) Sarath Raj

Q.3) Which bank has launched one stop business solution named, 'Omni collect' in India?

- a) HSBC India
- b) Barclays Bank
- c) DBS Bank
- d) Deutsche Bank
- e) Citi Bank

Q.4) Which of the following insurance company has launched India's only retail comprehensive pet insurance offering for pet dogs?

- a) Aegon Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

b) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

c) Aviva Life Insurance Co. India Ltd.

d) Bharti AXA Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

e) Birla Sun Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

Q.5) Which bank has introduced 'Liberty Savings Account' for the Indian youth?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) Yes Bank
- e) IDBI Bank

Q.6) SBI recently integrated which of the following with ICAR IIHR seed portal?

- a) YONO Khetihar
- b) YONO Kisan
- c) YONO For Farmers
- d) YONO Krishi
- e) YONO Health

Q.7) The Reserve Bank of India has announced the simultaneous purchase and sale of government securities (G-Secs) under open market operations worth \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

- a) Rs. 15,000 crore
- b) Rs. 10,000 crore
- c) Rs. 20,000 crore
- d) Rs. 30,000 crore
- e) Rs. 25,000 crore

Q.8) Which private sector bank has partnered with Adobe to enhance the Digital Experiences of Customers.

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) RBL Bank
- d) IDBI Bank
- e) Axis Bank

Q.9) Which insurance company has launched a technology service named 'Smart Assist'?

- a) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company
- b) Oriental Insurance Company Limited
- c) ICICI Lombard Life Insurance Company
- d) Reliance Life Insurance Company
- e) TATA AIG Life Insurance Company

Q.10) Titan Company has partnered with which bank to launch India's first contactless payment watches 'Titan Pay'?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Punjab National Bank
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) South Indian Bank

Q.11) When a loan is granted for one day and is repaid on the second day, it is called \_\_\_\_\_ money.

- a) Term
- b) Call
- c) Current
- d) Systemic

e) Notice

Q.12) FII is an acronym for \_\_\_\_\_ Institutional investment.

- a) Foreign
- b) Flexible
- c) Funded
- d) Fragile
- e) Function

Q.13) Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance company has entered into partnership with which regional rural bank to offer life insurance (August 2020) ?

- a) Allahabad UP Gramin Bank
- b) Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank
- c) Assam GraminVikash Bank
- d) Chaitanya Godavari Grameena Bank
- e) Karnataka VikasGrameena Bank

Q.14) Which bank is to receive Brandon Human Capital Management (HCM) Excellence Award 2020 for its HR initiative "NayiDisha"?

- a) State Bank of India
- b) Indian Overseas Bank
- c) Bank of Maharashtra
- d) Canara Bank
- e) Punjab National Bank

Q.15) SWIFT code consists of 8 or 11 characters. Bank/Institution code is represented in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) 5th & 6th characters



b) 4th character

c) 7th character

d) First four characters

e) First two characters

Q.16) Which Insurance provider company has introduced a customer service chatbot 'LiGo' on Google Assistant?

a) Life Insurance Corporation of India

b) HDFC Life Insurance Company

c) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company

d) Max Life Insurance Company

e) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company

Q.17) What does 'R' in FCNR Account stand for?

a) Regulation

b) Rates

c) Returns

d) Ratings

e) Resident

Q.18) Which bank has partnered with Innoviti to provide affordable options of bank's debit cards by Innoviti POS terminals?

a) Yes Bank

b) Axis Bank

c) State Bank of India

d) Federal Bank

e) ICICI bank

Q.19) CRAR is the ratio of a bank's capital to its risk. What does "A" represent in CRAR?

a) Assessment

b) Adequacy

c) Automated

d) Adjusted

e) Assets

Q.20) Which Private bank has launched a virtual property exhibition titled 'Home Utsav'?

a) Axis Bank

b) ICICI Bank

c) Bandhan Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) Federal Bank

Q.21) Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank?

a) Sharath Kumar

b) Murali Ramakrishnan

c) Rakesh Asthana

d) S Krishnan

e) Rajesh Aggarwal

Q.22) Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of South Indian Bank?

a) Rakesh Kumar

b) Murali Ramakrishnan

c) Shashank Singh Bisht

d) Jyoti Das

e) Hemant Singh

Q.23) A foreign company can access Indian securities market for raising funds through issue of which of the following instruments?

a) Listing Agreement

b) Real estate investment trust

c) Indian Depository Receipts

d) Masala Bonds

e) Debt-Public Issue Certificate

Q.24) Which fintech company's subsidiary LazyPay launched a first of its kind digital credit card named 'LazyUPI'?

a) Phone Pe

b) Mobikwik

c) Paytm

d) PayU

e) G pay

Q.25) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has chosen which Bollywood actor as the brand ambassador?

a) Amir Khan

b) Akshay Kumar

c) Salman Khan

d) Ayushmann Khurrana

e) Varun Dhawan

Q.26) Which private sector bank in partnership with Empays Payment Systems launched a cardless cash withdrawal facility from ATMs through the Instant Money Transfer (IMT) system?

a) Axis Bank

b) RBL Bank

c) Yes Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) ICICI Bank

Q.27) Which of the following is not a Negotiable instrument?

a) Promissory Note

b) Bill of Exchange

c) Cheques

d) Postal Money Order

e) Demand Draft

Q.28) Foreign bonds are issued in a domestic market by a foreign issuer—but in the currency of the domestic country. What is the name of the bond issued in the US Dollars?

a) Bulldog Bond

b) Maple Bonds

c) Samurai Bonds

d) Yankee Bonds

e) Masala Bonds

Q.29) How many digits are there in a CIBIL score?

a) 3

b) 4

c) 2

d) 5

e) 7

Q.30) Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission has signed MoU with which small finance bank recently?

a) Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank

b) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

c) ESAF Small Finance Bank

d) Northeast Small Finance Bank

e) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

Q.31) Which of the following companies is set to enter the business of online insurance broking with a soon to be launched portal called PayBima?

- a) Max Bupa
- b) Mahindra Finance
- c) Shriram Finance
- d) Bajaj Finserv
- e) Muthoot Finance

Q.32) Which bank has launched an international contactless debit card, "Signature Visa Debit Card"?

- a) Indian Bank
- b) Union Bank
- c) Bank of India
- d) Canara Bank
- e) UCO Bank

Q.33) Which of the following banks has organized an awareness cum sensitization programme for newly proposed Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) in Jammu & Kashmir?

- a) HDFC
- b) ICICI
- c) SIDBI
- d) SBI
- e) NABARD

Q.34) What does 'D' in DSCR denotes?

- a) Data
- b) Debt
- c) Deficit
- d) Deposit
- e) Demand

Q.35) Which bank has topped the EASE Banking Reforms Index 2.0 of the Indian Banking Association?

- a) Punjab National Bank
- b) Bank of Baroda
- c) Union Bank of India
- d) State Bank of India
- e) UCO Bank

Q.36) Which bank has announced that it will launch a loan product, SAFAL, for organic cotton growers?

- a) Canara Bank
- b) Union Bank of India
- c) Punjab National Bank
- d) State Bank of India
- e) Bank of Baroda

Q.37) SBI general insurance company has signed corporate agency agreement with which bank?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) IndusInd Bank
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) YES Bank

Q.38) Which bank has modernized its payment switching system using ACI's retail payments solution?

- a) State Bank of India
- b) Punjab National Bank
- c) Bank of Baroda
- d) United Bank of India
- e) Indian Bank

Q.39) Which bank was recognized as the best bank in the world by New York-based financial publication Global Finance?

- a) Standard Chartered
- b) DBS Bank
- c) Bank of America
- d) Sate Bank of India
- e) BNP Paribas

Q.40) What does 'L' in CAMELS a rating system used by regulatory banking authorities stand for?

- a) Long Term
- b) Liquidity
- c) Lender
- d) Leverage
- e) Limited

Q.41) Which Private bank has launched the iStartup 2.0, a startup bank account, to cater to the banking needs of startups and entrepreneurs?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) ICICI Bank

c) Axis Bank

d) Federal Bank

e) RBL Bank

Q.42) Name the insurance company which signed a corporate agency agreement with NSDL Payments Bank.

- a) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- c) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- d) Life Insurance Corporation
- e) Aegon Life Insurance

Q.43) Which company launches Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) testing platform?

- a) PayPal
- b) Face book
- c) MasterCard
- d) Reliance Jio
- e) Apple

Q.44) Which of the following Company is the first listed NBFC in India to receive a licence for forex business?

- a) Bajaj Finance Limited
- b) Muthoot Finance Ltd
- c) Capital India Finance Limited
- d) Aegon Life Insurance
- e) Life Insurance Corporation

Q.45) Which of the following accounts allows only Term Deposits?

- a) Non Resident Indian (NRI)
- b) Non Resident Rupee (NRE)

- c) Non Resident Ordinary Rupee (NRO)
- d) Foreign Currency Non-Resident Account (FCNR)
- e) All of the Above

Q.46) Which among the following banks has launched the new vertical 'Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB) ' ?

- a) IndusInd Bank
- b) Federal Bank
- c) Bandhan Bank
- d) Axis Bank
- e) ICICI Bank

Q.47) The 'Shishu' category of PMMY offers loans up to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Rs. 1,00,000
- b) Rs. 20,000
- c) Rs. 50,000
- d) Rs. 5,00,000
- e) Rs. 10,000

Q.48) Which of the following bank has partnered with ICICI Lombard for bancassurance (September 2020) ?

- a) IDBI Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) Axis Bank
- e) Yes Bank

Q.49) Which bank has partnered with Mastercard to launch debit card for high net worth costumers?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) SBM Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) IndusInd Bank

Q.50) Name the company which launched "Apna Ghar Dreamz" home loan scheme for skilled labours in Delhi.

- a) Bajaj Finserv Limited Company
- b) ICICI Home Finance Company
- c) Dewan Housing Finance Corporation
- d) Muthoot Finance Company
- e) Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services

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