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NATIONAL NEWS:

Health minister Harsh Vardhan launches mobile app 'eBloodServices' to order blood:

Union health minister **Harsh Vardhan** launched the '**eBloodServices**' App in partnership with the **Indian Red Cross Society** (IRCS), for easy access to blood in this critical time of coronavirus pandemic. The app is developed by the **ERaktkosh team** and will bring '**transparency**' in the blood donation program.

Centre to set up taskforce for 'Golden Hour' accident claims, insurance pool proposed:

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) will set up a ten-member task force to work out the modalities of funding motor accident victims' treatment during the crucial "**Golden Hour**" (The golden hour is the first hour after an accident occurs).

The NHA will be the nodal agency for coordinating payments made to the hospitals that treat such patients.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates Devika and Puneja Bridges in Udhampur & Doda Districts:

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public

Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr Jitendra Singh** inaugurated two important Bridges **Devika** and **Puneja** in **Udhampur and Doda districts** respectively in **Jammu and Kashmir** through virtual platform.

Avaada Energy to set up 350 MW solar plant in Maharashtra:

Solar projects developer **Avaada Energy** will set up a **350 megawatt** (MW) solar plant in **Maharashtra**. The project has been awarded by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (**MSEDCL**). The project is expected to be commissioned by **January 2022**.

India becomes 1st country to develop vehicle-mounted ULV sprayer for locust control:

India had developed an indigenous vehicle-mounted **Ultra-Low Volume (ULV)** sprayer for locust control, and approvals for its commercial launch are underway.

Department of **Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare** (DAC&FW) has initiated to develop a vehicle mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) sprayer for locust control to reduce the limitations of importing equipment.

World's First Gold-backed Digital Gold Currency Launched in India:

US Gold Currency (USG) is world's first digital asset represented by American Eagle One Ounce Gold Coin minted by the **US Federal Agency MINT**. Customers can redeem US Gold tokens at any time in US Dollars or American Eagle one ounce gold coins worldwide

Andhra Pradesh launches YSR Kapu Nestham, to provide Rs 15,000 for eligible women:

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched 'YSR Kapu Nestham' at his camp office for the welfare of the women from **Kapu community**. Under the scheme, the government will provide **Rs 15,000** per year for all the eligible women aged between **45 and 60** years for a period of five years.

Himachal Pradesh bags e-Panchayat Puraskar 2020:

Himachal Pradesh state panchayati raj department secured first prize under **e-Panchayat Puraskar-2020**, given by the Union ministry of panchayati raj.

All the 3,226 panchayats of the state have been provided with internet facility and people can access various services online.

Tripura government to launch "Mukhyamantri Matru Pushti Uphaar" scheme:

Tripura government has announced an ambitious scheme "**Mukhyamantri Matru Pushti Uphaar**". The scheme aims to provide nutrition kits to pregnant and lactating women in order to combat infant and maternal mortality and malnutrition. The scheme is expected to benefit **40,000 women** in the state.

Karnataka Becomes First State To Amend Industries (Facilitation) Act For Small, Medium & Large-Scale Industries:

Karnataka government today amended the long pending industrial reform "**The Karnataka Industries (Facilitation) Act, 2002**" to facilitate and attract investment in the state. Currently, only **Gujarat** and **Rajasthan** are the two states in the country that have amended this Act for small scale industries only.

Centre allocates Rs 4125 cr to rejuvenate Small, Medium & Tiny Industries sector in Tamil Nadu:

Central government has allocated **4125 crore** rupees for rejuvenating the **Small, Medium and Tiny Industries sector** in **Tamil Nadu**.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **Edapadi Palanisamy** told press persons in Coimbatore that this forms 10 per cent of the total allocation of the scheme. He said that

the scheme is being effectively implemented in the state.

Maharashtra Announced "Maha Parwana" to Attract Fresh Industrial Investment:

The government of **Maharashtra** announced the "**Maha Parwana**" to attract fresh investment in industries, for project execution, this plan will offer incentives and a single window clearance system.

Arjun Munda launches tribes India products on GeM and new website of TRIFED:

Union Minister of Tribal Affairs **Arjun Munda** launched through a video conference the tribes India products on **Government e-Marketplace** - GeM and a new website of **TRIFED**. TRIBES India store on **Govt eMarketplace** will help in facilitating purchases by government.

Union Minister Shripad Naik Inaugurates Defence Conclave 2020 Gujarat:

Union Minister of State for Defence **Shripad Naik** inaugurated two-day Defence Conclave 2020 **Gujarat** via video conferencing and said that strong defence capabilities would help the nation safeguarding the prosperity "**Generated In The Last Few Decades**".

The conclave was jointly organized by **Confederation of Indian Industry(CII)**,

Gujarat and **Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers(SIDM)**.

Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates First-ever Virtual Healthcare and Hygiene Expo 2020 organized by FICCI:

The Minister of State for Shipping (Independent charge) and Chemicals & Fertilisers **Mansukh Mandaviya** inaugurated the **country's largest** and first **Virtual Healthcare & Hygiene EXPO 2020** on 22nd June 2020.

The Expo has been organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), and supported by Ministry of AYUSH, GoI.

Madhya Pradesh: Door-To-Door Survey Under "Kill Corona" Drive From July 1:

Madhya Pradesh government will launch a "**Kill Corona**" campaign from July 1 to control the spread of COVID-19 in the state. Under the campaign, door-to-door survey will be conducted and tests would also be done on citizens for other diseases.

Chhattisgarh launches Godhan Nyay Yojana and becomes first Indian state to buy cow dung from cattle owners:

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** announced the launch of '**Godhan Nyay Yojana**' in the state on June 25, 2020. The scheme aims to make **Animal Husbandry**

commercially profitable, prevent open grazing by cattle and solve the problem of stray animals on roads and for environment conservation.

Chhattisgarh government to launch Adarsh police station scheme:

Chhattisgarh will be made to develop all police stations in the state as **Ideal police stations**. The Chhattisgarh government will launch **Adarsh police station scheme** from July 1. Certain parameters have been fixed and those police stations meet the set criteria will be rewarded.

Mizoram celebrates 34th anniversary of Mizo peace accord on June 30:

In **Mizoram**, the people are celebrating the **34th anniversary** of the signing of the historic **Mizo peace** accord on **30 June**. The peace accord was signed between the Union government and the erstwhile underground **Mizo National Front (MNF)** on 30th June in 1986.

Madhya Pradesh launches 'Hamara Ghar-Hamara Vidyalaya' campaign:

In order to maintain the academic regularity of students during the Corona crisis, the State Education Center has prepared a **Hamara Ghar-Hamara Vidyalaya** means My Home-My school scheme, in which children will be taught at home in a school-like environment.

Beta version of Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi 'PM SVANidhi' portal launched:

Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Housing & Urban Affairs launched the Beta version of PM **Street Vendor's** AtmaNirbhar Nidhi "**PM SVANidhi**" Portal. Leveraging on the digital technology solutions, the portal provides for an integrated end to end IT interface to users for availing benefits under the scheme.

Maharashtra Launches World's Largest Plasma Therapy Trial "Project Platina":

Maharashtra Chief Minister **Uddhav Thackeray** launched the world's largest plasma therapy trials for COVID-19 – "**Project Platina**" - aimed at creating robust data for treating the disease for which no specific line of treatment exists. The treatment would be free of cost for patients.

India's 'first' lichen park in Uttarakhand to conserve Jurassic era plant:

Uttarakhand Forest Department has developed India's "**First Lichen Park**" in Munsiyari in **Pithoragarh district** of the state. The state has over 600 species of lichens of which around 150 are found in **Munsiyari**. The park is spread across **1.5 acres** and its development began in 2019.

Government approves additional Rs 1,691 crore for highway works in J&K, Uttarakhand for 2020-21:

The government has approved an additional Rs 1,691 crore for highway works by the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** in **Jammu & Kashmir** and **Uttarakhand** for 2020-21. Of this, Rs 1,351.10 crore has been sanctioned to BRO for road works in Jammu & Kashmir.

World Bank signs \$250mn loan agreement for 1st TN Housing Sector Strengthening Programme:

World Bank has signed agreements worth **\$250 million** to promote private sector role in developing affordable housing in **Tamil Nadu**. There are two projects- **\$200 million** 1st Tamil Nadu Housing Sector Strengthening Programme and **\$50 million** Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Launches NOC Issuance Portal for Power Projects:

Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** has launched a new online application portal for the issuance of **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** for power projects and **Research Survey Exploration Exploitation (RSEE)** activities in the Indian **Territorial Waters (TW)** and **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)**.

Ministry of Culture to celebrate "Sankalp Parva" to plant trees:

Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent charge) **Shri Prahlad Singh Patel** has announced that the ministry has decided to celebrate **"Sankalp Parva"** from 28th June to 12 July 2020.

This initiative is line with the Prime Minister of India **Shri Narendra Modi's** call for planting **at least five trees**.

Giriraj Singh launches first edition of Fisheries and Aquaculture newsletter 'Matsya Sampada':

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying **Giriraj Singh** launched the first edition of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Newsletter **'Matsya Sampada'** published by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and the Operational Guidelines of the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**.

Kiren Rijiju launches NADA app to help athletes stay updated about banned substances:

Sports minister **Kiren Rijiju** unveiled **National Anti-Doping Agency's** first mobile app to provide information about prohibited substances and their inadvertent use, calling

the initiative an important step towards dope-free sports.

PM announces extension of Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana till November to provide free food grains to poor:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has announced free food grains to **80 crore** people across the country for five more months. **5 kg** free wheat or rice along with 1 kg whole chana will be provided to each member of a family per month. Its extension will cost over **90 thousand crore rupees**.

NFL launches five Mobile Soil Testing Labs for testing the soil samples at farmers' doorstep:

National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) has launched **five Mobile Soil Testing Labs** for testing the soil samples at the doorstep of farmers free of cost. It will give further boost to the **Soil Testing facility** in the country for promoting appropriate use of fertilizers.

Himachal Pradesh Government to open Varishth Nagrik Suvidha Kendra for senior citizens:

Himachal Pradesh Government would open **Varishth Nagrik Suvidha Kendra** on pilot basis to offer comprehensive day care services to senior citizens to lead a healthy and dignified lifestyle.

Naveen Patnaik plans to increase green cover under 'Sabuja Odisha' over 1.30 Lakh Hectares:

The **Odisha** Government planned to implement a new initiative '**Sabuja Odisha**' to increase green cover through extensive plantation over 1,30,264 Hectares of land. This has been decided in a high-level meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary **Asit Tripathy**.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates 46th APPPA course of IIPA:

Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated 46th **Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPPA)** organized by **Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)** located in **New Delhi** through video conferencing.

Kerala Government announces, 'Dream Kerala' Project to help expats who lost jobs due to coronavirus:

Kerala government decided to roll out a '**Dream Kerala Project**' to tap the potential and experience of those returning from abroad and other states after losing their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Government declares entire Nagaland 'disturbed area' for 6 more months:

The Centre declared the entire **Nagaland** as '**disturbed area**' for a further period of six

months till December-end with effect from 30th of June, 2020 in exercise of the powers conferred by **Section 3** of the **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958**.

Union HRD Minister and Union Health Minister jointly launch the Drug Discovery Hackathon 2020:

Human Resources and Development Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** and Health Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** jointly launched the **Drug Discovery Hackathon 2020**. It is an online competition and anybody from anywhere in the country or world can participate.

MoRTH prepares blueprint for scheme of cashless treatment of motor accident victims:

Road Transport and Highways Ministry has prepared a **blueprint** for implementing the scheme of cashless treatment of motor accident victims. The scheme also includes creation of a **Motor Vehicle Accident Fund**.

Unique Urban Forest inaugurated at the Office of the CAG in New Delhi:

Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change **Prakash Javadekar** inaugurated the urban forest at the **Comptroller and Auditor General's (CAG)** Office Park in **New Delhi**. The objective is to reduce high air pollution levels particularly at the **ITO Crossing**.

Goa government allots land to MSME consortium to set up India's first Maritime Cluster:

Goa government allotted land to the consortium of **49 Goan MSME** units for setting up **Goa Maritime Cluster** to create facilities for **shipbuilding**. The project, which is **first Maritime Cluster of India**, is supported by shipping ministry, DG of Shipping, and MSMEs.

Madhya Pradesh launches Yellow dustbins for only corona residual in Indore:

In **Madhya Pradesh** to prevent corona infection, **Indore Municipal Corporation** is placing **Yellow colour dustbins** at all major places in the city. It is the third dustbin apart from blue & green colours dustbins & being placed for only corona infected material.

Festival of Ashadhi Ekdashi was celebrated in Maharashtra:

Ashadhi Ekdashi is one of the most significant festivals in **Maharashtra** which also marks the culmination of the **pilgrimage** undertaken by the Warkaris (devotees of Lord Vitthal) from different parts of the state on their feet to travel hundreds of kilometres to reach temple town **Pandharpur** in **Solapur district**.

Tamil Nadu announces monthly Rs 3,000 stipend for lawyers to overcome financial difficulties:

Tamil Nadu government has announced a monthly stipend of **3,000 rupees** to **junior lawyers** for two years to help them overcome financial difficulties. The stipend has been a longstanding demand of the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu.

HRD Minister, Sports Minister to launch 'Fit India Talks' to inspire school children:

The government's flagship program '**Fit India Talks**' is launching a series of interactive sessions with some of the top sportspersons (Badminton star **P V Sindhu** and Football skipper **Sunil Chhetri**) of the country intended to inspire the school children.

Private Train Operations Likely To Begin By April 2023:

Private train operations in the country will begin by **April 2023**, and the ticket fares in these trains will be competitive with airfares on similar routes.

The improvement in technology will also mean that the coaches that now require maintenance after running **4,000 km**, will need maintenance after every **40,000-km**, that is either **once or twice** a month.

Drug Discovery Hackathon jointly launched by Union Ministers Dr Harsh Vardhan and Ramesh Pokhriyal:

Human Resources and Development Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** and Health Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** jointly launched the **Drug Discovery Hackathon 2020**. It is an online competition and anybody from anywhere in the country or world can participate.

MeitY-NITI Aayog launches Digital India Aatmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge:

Electronics & IT Ministry in partnership with **Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog** has launched a Digital India **Aatmanirbhar Bharat App** Innovation Challenge to build a strong ecosystem of Indian app. Government will adopt suitable apps, list on **Govt e-Marketplace**.

Odisha Government Announces Balaram Scheme to Empower Over Seven Lakh Landless Farmers:

The **Odisha government** has launched a scheme '**Balaram**' to provide agricultural credit of **Rs 1,040 crore** to landless farmers, who are facing hardships due to the coronavirus outbreak,

The decision in this regard was taken at a high-level meeting presided over by chief

secretary **A K Tripathy** The scheme was designed in collaboration with the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).**

UT Ladakh Admn launches Ladakh Food Security Scheme:

The Administration of UT of Ladakh launched the **Ladakh Food Security Scheme (LFSS)**, with effect from July 1. Under this scheme, the rationees shall be provided **5kg** of food grains per person.

The Union Territory of Ladakh's Administration has commenced the **Ladakh Food Security Yojana (LFSS)** and on the other hand, **Mufti Mohammad Sayeed** Food Entitlement Scheme (MMSFES) J&K has been stopped.

Delhi Government launches e-portal for schoolchildren:

Education Minister **Manish Sisodia** launched an e-learning portal - **LEAD (Learning through E-Resources Made Accessible for Delhi)** developed by the Delhi government that contains 10,000 instructional materials and course content for Classes **I to XII**.

AMC launched Dhanvantri Rath to take Non-COVID healthcare services to doorsteps in Ahmedabad:

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has launched **Dhanvantri Rath** to take Non-

COVID healthcare services to peoples' doorsteps amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The aim is to ensure that non-COVID essential services related to diabetes, blood pressure, heart ailment, etc.

India's Vice President launches social media super app 'Elyments':

Indian Vice President **Shri M Venkaiah Naidu** starts the first ever Indian Social Media Super App namely **"Elyments"**. this app was created by over 1000 IT professionals jointly and it becomes first indigenous app.

The main purpose of this Elyments app was to keep the **user's privacy** in mind and considered as a primary concern.

President inaugurated Dhamma Chakra Day 2020 celebrations on 4th July:

President Ram **Nath Kovind** inaugurated **Dhamma Chakra Day 2020** celebrations on **4th July 2020**. The day is celebrated to mark Buddha's First Sermon to his first 5 ascetic disciples at the Deer Park, Rsiapatana in the present-day Sarnath near **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.

Dhamma Chakra Day is celebrated by Buddhists across the world as the day of Dharma Chakra Parvattana or **"Turning of the Wheel of Dharma"**.

PM Modi to unveil Asia's largest solar plant in Madhya Pradesh:

PM **Narendra Modi** will open Asia's largest **750MW Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Plant** in **Madhya Pradesh** via video conferencing. It is established in the Rewa district of **Vindhya region** of Madhya Pradesh. It is one of the largest single-site solar plants in **Asia**. **Noor Complex** is World's largest concentrated solar power plant.

Karnataka launches Weavers' Sammaan Yojana:

Karnataka Chief Minister **B. S. Yeddyurappa** launched **Weavers Sammaan** Yojana. Under this scheme, 19,744 handloom weavers in the state will get annual financial assistance of **Rs 2,000** through **Direct Benefit Transfer**. The government has allocated **10.96 crore Rs** for this.

CM Swavalamban Yojana becomes integral part of life of educated unemployed in Himachal Pradesh:

In **Himachal Pradesh**, CM **Swavalamban Yojana** has become an integral part of the life of educated **unemployed youth**. Under this scheme, the number of youth going out of the state in search of jobs has come down as they are moving towards self-employment.

Madhya Pradesh Tourism board launches "Intzaar Aap Ka" campaign:

Madhya Pradesh Tourism board has launched a campaign **"Intzaar Aap Ka"**. The campaign has been launched on social media platforms to attract tourists to the **tourist places** of the state.

Through the campaign **"Intzaar Aap Ka"**, the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has been inviting tourists by describing about each tourist destination in an attractive way.

NHRC forms expert panel to study COVID impact on human rights:

National Human Rights Commission has constituted an **11-member** expert committee to study impact of Covid-19 on human rights and future response of the government.

The expert panel would be headed by **Dr K S Reddy**, president of Public Health Foundation of India.

Gujarat's Zoya Khan becomes the first transgender operator of the Common Service Centre in India:

Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology **Ravi Shankar Prasad** announced that **Zoya Khan** is India's first transgender operator of a **Common Service Centre (CSC)** in **Gujarat**. **Assam government to upgrade Dehing Patkai wildlife sanctuary to national park:**

Assam government decided to upgrade **Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary** into a **National Park**. The announcement comes just months after the **National Board of Wildlife's (NBWL)** conditional clearance to a coal mining project by **Coal India Limited (CIL)** in the **Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve**.

BSIP joins hands with Government of **Uttar Pradesh** to combat **COVID 19** in the state:

Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), an autonomous institute under the **Department of Science & Technology (DST)**, joined hands with the Government of **Uttar Pradesh** to combat COVID-19 in the state.

Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Ordinance 2020:

Haryana Cabinet has brought the draft **"Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Ordinance 2020"**.

It aims to give **75 per cent** reservation for the residents of Haryana in private sector jobs having salary of less than **Rs 50,000 monthly** in state companies, Societies, Trusts, **Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)** Firms, partnership firms etc

Himachal Pradesh becomes first state to 100 per cent households have LPG gas connections:

Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country where **100 per cent** households have LPG connections said by Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur**.

Interacting with the beneficiaries of **"Himachal Grihini Suvidha Yojana"** through video conferencing, Thakur said cooking food on traditional **"chulha"** was not only cumbersome, but also had adverse effects on the health of the women.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Inaugurates 'Mission Vriksharopan-2020':

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** inaugurated **'Mission Vriksharopan-2020'** in Kukarel forest in Lucknow. Under this programme, more than **25 crore** saplings will be planted across the state. Geo-tagging of all plantation sites is also to be done.

West Bengal Govt launches 'Self Scan app' to scan documents:

West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** has launched a new mobile application called **"SelfScan"**. This New Application was developed by the state's information technology department, to scan documents after **camscan** Banned.

Delhi decides to provide free ration to PDS cardholders till November 2020:

Delhi Government has decided to provide **free ration** to **Public Distribution System (PDS)** cardholders till November 2020.

Delhi government will continue to provide food grains free of cost to the **National Food Security** (NFS) beneficiaries in Delhi to mitigate the economic hardship caused by the COVID19 pandemic.

Yotta Infrastructure Inaugurates India's Largest Data Center Facility:

Maharashtra CM e-inaugurated Asia's largest certified tier IV data centre near Mumbai. The **Yotta NM1** data centre building, is the largest of its kind in India, as well as the second-largest in the world. The private facility is owned by **Hiranandani Group**.

Tamil Nadu tops market borrowings among States so far, in 2020-21:

Tamil Nadu has raised **Rs.30,500** crores in the fiscal **2020-21** and topped market borrowings among States in India. Tamil Nadu has accounted for **17%** of the borrowings done through the issue of bonds, known as state development loans, according to data from **RBI**.

Odisha Government Introduces 'BLUIS' To Prevent Land Encroachment In Bhubaneswar:

'**BLUIS**' stands for '**Bhubaneswar Land Use Intelligent System**' was launched by **Odisha** government to put a check on increasing number of land grabbing incidents. It uses **Space Technology** and **AI** to monitor changes on Government lands & safeguard from encroachment.

Construction Industry Development Council initiates skill Development Programme in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) established by the **NITI Aayog** has initiated a skill Development Programme in Andaman and Nicobar Islands to provide '**Employment oriented training and Skill development**' for the marginalized section.

Rajnath Singh e-inaugurates six strategic bridges in Jammu & Kashmir:

Rajnath Singh inaugurated **six strategic bridges** in the border areas close to the International Border and Line of Control in **Jammu and Kashmir** through video-conferencing. This was built in record time by the **Project Sampark** of Border Road Organization.

PM Modi addresses inaugural session of 3-day virtual India Global week 2020 organized in UK:

Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has addressed the inaugural session of 3-day (July 9-July 11) virtual India Global week 2020 based on the theme '**Be The Revival: India and a Better New World**' organized in **UK** (United Kingdom) by India Inc. Group, the UK-headquartered media house.

IRDAI Constitutes 9-member Working Group Headed by Suresh Mathur:

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has formed a **9-member** working group under the chairmanship of **Suresh Mathur**, Executive Director of Irdai to look into the possibility of setting up '**Pandemic Risk Pool**' to deal with the various risks arising out of a pandemic - like health emergencies & recommend the structure and operating model for the Pool within 8 weeks.

Rajasthan launches "Pure for Sure" campaign to ensure purity of milk and dairy products:

Rajasthan state health minister **Raghu Sharma**, a week-long campaign has been launched in Rajasthan to ensure purity of milk and its products. Samples of milk and dairy

products will be collected under the campaign "**Pure for Sure**" from July 8-July 14.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Facebook host webinar for sensitization of MPs on GOAL project:

Ministry of **Tribal Affairs** hosted a webinar along with **Facebook India** in **New Delhi** for sensitization of Members of Parliament from Scheduled Tribe Constituencies on **Going Online As Leaders (GOAL)** Project.

Uttar Pradesh start-up policy aims 100 incubators and 10,000 start-ups in state:

Yogi Adityanath cabinet gave its nod to the **Uttar Pradesh** Start-up Policy 2020. The start-up policy aims at setting up **100 incubators** in Uttar Pradesh and at least one in every district and developing an ecosystem to set up at least **10,000 start-ups**.

Ministry of Culture to reprint 108 volumes of Mongolian Kanjur under National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) :

Ministry of Culture has taken up the project of reprinting of 108 volumes of **Mongolian Kanjur** under the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM).

The first set of five volumes of **Mongolian Kanjur** published under the NMM was presented to the President **Ram Nath**

Kovind on the occasion of Guru Purnima, also known as **Dharma Chakra Day**, on 4th July.

PM Modi inaugurates Asia's largest solar energy project in MP's Rewa:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** stated that solar energy is going to be a major source of energy needs not only today but in the **21st century** as well, because solar energy is Sure, Pure and Secure.

While inaugurating through video conference **Asia's largest solar energy** project in **Madhya Pradesh's Rewa**, the Prime Minister stated that **Rewa** has really created history. Rewa has been identified as Ma Narmada and a white tiger.

Himachal Pradesh's Nadaun police station among best in India:

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** congratulated the state police after the **Nadaun police station** was declared as one of the best in the country. Certificate of Excellence was provided to this Police Station by Union Home Minister **Amit Shah**.

Director General of Police **Sanjay Kundu** presented this Certificate of Excellence received by him from Union Home Minister to the Chief Minister in **Shimla**.

Flipkart signs MoU with Karnataka government to promote local art, craft and handlooms:

Homegrown e-commerce marketplace **Flipkart** said it has signed an MoU with **Karnataka MSME** and Mines department to promote the states **arts, crafts** and **handloom** sectors by bringing them on to e-commerce and providing market access.

Maharashtra and SBI to set up stress fund for stuck slum rehabilitation projects:

Government of **Maharashtra** along with the **State Bank of India** is setting up a stress fund to restart stuck slum rehabilitation projects in the **Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR)** and other urban areas of the state.

"The government will infuse **Rs 700 crore to Rs 1,000 crore** in this fund aimed at providing financial support to revive such projects.

India's 2018 Tiger Census sets a new Guinness World Record:

India's 2018 **tiger census** has entered **Guinness Book of World Record** for being the largest camera trap wildlife survey, yet.

The **fourth edition** of the tiger census, in **2018-19** was the '**Most Comprehensive**' to date, in terms of both resource and data amassed. India now has an estimated **2967 tigers** as per the latest census.

Indian Railways will be the largest Railway in world to have 100 per cent electrification by 2030:

Railway Minister **Piyush Goyal** said that **Indian Railways** will be the largest Railway in the world to have **100% electrification** replacing diesel. He expressed hope that it will be the world's first Green Railways running on **100 per cent** clean energy by **2030**.

Jharkhand govt signs MoU with HDFC Bank for digital payment solutions

Jharkhand government has signed a memorandum of understanding with private lender **HDFC Bank** to offer **digital payment solutions** to traffic violators. The bank will provide digital payment solutions to the transport department of Jharkhand.

Chhattisgarh organises India's first e-Lok Adalat:

Chhattisgarh is the first State-Level "**e-Lok Adalat**" of India. Under e-Lok Adalat, held in Chhattisgarh, virtual hearings were conducted through video conferencing. In the wake of pandemic, the **High Court** and Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority decided to organize e-Lok Adalat for resolving the pending cases.

Odisha university innovates ultraviolet device for sanitization:

Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT) in **Odisha** has come up with a **robot-assisted** device that uses short-wave ultraviolet rays for sanitisation.

The contactless device- **Ultra Violet Robot-Assisted Sanitiser (UVRAS)** -can be an effective tool in the war against Covid-19.

Madhya Pradesh emerges on top in implementing PM Svanidhi scheme:

Madhya Pradesh has emerged on top in implementing the Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors **Atma Nirbhar Nidhi-PM Swa Nidhi scheme**. The scheme is being implemented in the state to help the street vendors to continue their business.

Apart from urban **street vendors**, a scheme to provide interest free assistance of **Rs. 10,000** is being implemented also for the street vendors of **rural areas** in the state.

NITI Aayog presents India's second Voluntary National Review on Sustainable Development:

NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman **Dr Rajiv Kumar** presented **India's second Voluntary National Review** report titled '**Decade of Action: Taking SDGs from Global to Local**' at the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, 2020.

Ministry of Tourism presents 41st webinar titled 'NadiVigyan: A complete solution for spinal disorders':

Ministry of Tourism presented a webinar on 'NadiVigyan: A complete solution for spinal disorders' under **Dekho Apna Desh** webinar series. The origin point of **Nadi** is called as **Kandasthana** which is the nabi (navel area) of the human body.

Madhya Pradesh government to run 'Roko -Toko' campaign for those who do not wear masks:

Madhya Pradesh government to run **Roko -Toko** (stop and campaign) for those who do not wear masks as the use of masks is mandatory. Selected voluntary organizations to provide masks for people who didn't wear and will charge an amount of **Rs 20/mask**.

Madhya Pradesh government begins 'Mera Ghar Mera Vidyalaya' scheme to facilitate students:

Madhya Pradesh government has started **Mera Ghar Mera Vidyalaya Scheme**. Under the Mera Ghar-Mera Vidyalaya Scheme, children can now sit for classes in their homes.

The scheme aims to provide students with a school-like atmosphere at home. After the launch of the scheme, several teachers and

staffers of the schools were seen **delivering books and study material** to the children.

Signature Global to invest Rs 225 cr in affordable housing project in Gurugram:

Realty firm **Signature Global** will invest **Rs 225 crore** over the next four years to develop a new affordable housing project in **Gurugram, Haryana**.

The project, comprising **852 units**, will be developed under the Haryana government's affordable housing policy.

Government aims to increase public health expenditure to 2.5% of GDP by 2025:

Union Health Ministry has pushed for an increased expenditure on public health. In a meeting with the **15th Finance Commission**, the Union Health Minister **Harsh Vardhan**, highlighted that the government aims at gradually increasing the public health expenditure to **2.5 per cent** of the nation's GDP by the year **2025**.

Centre issues Rs 1500 crore to Haryana for its Crop Diversification and Rejuvenate Ponds:

Central Government has provided **1500 crore** amount to Haryana state for water conservation. 500 crore rupees will be used to expand crop diversification under the '**Mera Pani Meri Virasat**' scheme and remaining

amount will be used to rejuvenate the ponds and treat water.

Under **Jal Jeevan Mission**, State will also get 1000 crore rupees amount from centre. it will have purpose of ensuing access of piped water for every household in state.

Union HRD Minister virtually releases "PRAGYATA" Guidelines on Digital Education:

Union Human Resource Development minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** virtually released "**PRAGYATA**" guidelines on digital education in New Delhi. The closure of schools has impacted over **240 million** children of the country who are enrolled in schools.

NABARD extends grant assistance of Rs 221.89 cr to support 298 watershed projects in Karnataka:

NABARD observing its **39th** Foundation Day, has extended grant assistance of **221.89 crore** rupees to support 298 watershed projects in over three lakh hectares benefitting 66,500 families in **Karnataka**. The State has about **75 per cent** of rainfed area.

Tamil Nadu launches television-based learning programme for 10th standard students:

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **Edappadi Palaniswamy** launched a television-based

learning programme for **10th standard** students. The **Kalvi channel** will air **two-and-a-half hours** of teaching programmes during weekdays. It is aimed to help students to continue their studies through an alternative method.

Shripad Naik inaugurates Conference on Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Technologies

Minister of State for Defence **Shripad Naik** delivered the inaugural address at the Fifth Edition of the Conference on Aerospace & Defence Manufacturing Technologies in **New Delhi**. Theme of the conference was Empowering India with **Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Mission**.

Government aims to achieve **\$ 26 billion** domestic defence production by **2025**.

Poba Reserve Forest in Dhemaji to be Upgraded to Wildlife Sanctuary:

Assam Chief Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** announced that the Poba Reserve Forest in **Dhemaji district** in **Assam** would be upgraded to a **wildlife sanctuary**.

Poba Reserve Forest, declared in 1924 with an area of 10,522 hectares, is home to large number of flora and fauna.

Indian Railways' 1st cable-stayed rail bridge, to connect Katra and Reasi in J&K:

Minister of Railways, **Piyush Goyal**, has announced that the India's first cable-stayed Indian Railways bridge namely "**Anji Khad Bridge**" being developed by **Konkan Railway Corporation Limited** (KRCL), a Government of India undertaking, is all set to connect **Katra** and **Reasi** in **Jammu and Kashmir**.

The cable-stayed railway bridge is a part of the **Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link** (USBRL) project, which passes through the Young Himalayas.

Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister e-inaugurates NSTI, Extension Centre in Imphal:

Minister of Skill Development **Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey** e-inaugurated a National Skill Training Institute Extension Centre located at the campus of Government ITI in **Imphal** on the occasion of the World Youth Skills Day & 5th anniversary of '**Skill India**' mission.

Odisha partners with Coursera to upskill 50,000 unemployed youth:

Odisha Skills Development Authority has partnered with online learning platform **Coursera** to train **50,000 unemployed** youth during the Covid-19 crisis.

Launched on the **World Youth Skills Day**, the partnership is part of the global rollout of

Coursera's Workforce Recovery Initiative, where any state and country can provide **Indian Railways on mission mode of becoming 'Green Railway' by 2030:** **Ministry of Railways** is on a mission mode with the goal of transforming Indian Railways into **Green Railways** by **2030** and has taken a number of major initiatives towards mitigation of global warming and combating climate change.

Union Shipping Minister flags off first container ship from Kolkata Port to Agartala via Chattogram port:

Union Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** flagged off the first trial container ship from **Kolkata to Agartala** through **Chattogram Port** of **Bangladesh** under the agreement on use of Chattogram and **Mongla Ports** for movement of India's transit cargo through Bangladesh.

Telangana Police Launch 'CybHER' Campaign To Tackle Cybercrime Against Wome and Children:

Telangana Police launched a month-long virtual awareness campaign '**CybHER**' in the wake of cybercrime against the women and children in the state.

Swati Lakra, Additional DGP Incharge of Women Safety including '**SHE Teams**' and '**Bharosa**' for Telangana, "**Women Safety Wing**, Telangana Police has launched

'CybHER' campaign today, to make cyberspace safe for women and children."

Tourism Ministry inaugurates 'Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath, Gujarat' under Prashad scheme:

Tourism Ministry inaugurated the 'Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath' project. Sanctioned under the **PRASHAD** (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) scheme, it is completed with the cost of Rs. 45.36 crores.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research celebrates its 92nd Foundation Day:

ICAR celebrated its **92nd** foundation day on 16 July. It is an autonomous organization under the **Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE)**. It was established on 16 July 1929 as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Hyderabad observes Swachhata Pakhwada:

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (**INCOIS**), Hyderabad is a globally recognized autonomous institution under Ministry of Earth Sciences, **Government of India**.

The Centre provides free dedicated ocean information services to the Nation, using state-of-the-art technology and research, for increasing Safety and Profit.

Madhya Pradesh approves proposal to provide monthly financial assistance of Rs 5,000 to acid attack victims:

Madhya Pradesh government approved a proposal to provide monthly financial assistance of **Rs 5,000** to the acid attack victims in the state. **Prem Singh Patel**, who has taken charge as the Minister for Social Justice, Divyang Welfare and Animal Husbandry, cleared the proposal during a meeting held with officials.

Union HRD Minister launches the first on-line NISHTHA programme for Andhra Pradesh:

1st on-line **NISHTHA** (National Initiative for School Heads & Teachers) programme for 1200 Key Resources Persons of Andhra Pradesh was launched by Union HRD Minister **Ramesh Pokhriya 'Nishank'** & Minister of State for HRD **Sanjay Dhotre** virtually in New Delhi.

NABARD Approves Rs 795 Crore To Rebuild Infrastructure Damaged By Amphan In West Bengal:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned **Rs**

795 crore for reconstructing infrastructure damaged by **Cyclone Amphan** that ripped through **West Bengal** in May, an official from the agency.

The state government had sought **Rs 1,028 crore** from NABARD for repairing impaired embankments under **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)**.

NABARD launches development projects in Andaman & Nicobar Islands worth Rs. 44 lakhs:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has launched development projects in **Andaman & Nicobar Islands** worth **Rs. 44 lakhs**.

These projects aim at strengthening the concept of **Atmanirbhar Bharat** through rural entrepreneurship. The projects by NABARD will include the formation and development of **Self-Help Groups (SHG)**.

Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat Inaugurated 'Smriti Van' on Harela festival:

Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** inaugurated **'Smriti Van'** at Asthal village of **Dehradun district** in memory of late Jeet Singh Negi, famous folk singer of the state on the occasion of **Harela festival**.

India Business Council to host 2020 India Ideas Summit on July 22:

The Summit hosted by **Indian Business Council** convenes business and government leaders for discussions on the future of the **U.S-India** Partnership and the trends shaping globalization, trade and investment, and the future of work in the COVID-era and beyond.

Chhattisgarh govt launches **'Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana'** to combat malnutrition in state:

Chhattisgarh was tagged among those states which have high levels of malnutrition and anaemia among children and women in the **National Health Family Survey (NHFS) – 4 (2015-16)**.

Bhupesh Baghel led Chhattisgarh government to launch a crusade — the **'Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana'** on October 2, 2019, on the **150th** birth anniversary of **Mahatma Gandhi**.

Prakash Javadekar hails **KURMA** mobile app towards conservation of Indian turtles:

Union Environment Minister **Prakash Javadekar** hailed the **KURMA** mobile application as a unique tool for tracking and reporting **Indian turtles**. It was launched on 23rd May this year on occasion of World Turtle

Day It aims to conserve turtles and tortoises. It was developed by **Indian Turtle Conservation Action Network**.

International Centre for Automotive Technology launches an e-portal "ASPIRE":

An e-Portal named "**Automobile Solutions Portal for Industry, Research & Education (ASPIRE)**" has been launched by the International Centre for Automotive Technology (**ICAT**).

The portal has been launched to improve the technological capability of **Indian automotive sector** with the help of exchange of knowledge & expertise, to make them self reliant and to enable the growth of automobile sector including overall socio-economic progress of the country.

North East state capitals to be connected via rail network by 2023: Railway Board:

Railway Board Chairman **VK Yadav** said that all the capitals of North-Eastern states will be connected to the rail network by **2023**. Capitals of Assam, Tripura & AP are already connected. In **Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland & Meghalaya** the work is in progress. **Katra-Banihal** rail link project is to be completed by **Dec 2022**.

Arunachal Pradesh plans 100% tap connections by 2023; Jal Jeevan Mission:

Arunachal Pradesh Government has decided to provide **100% tap water** connections to all the households in the state by **2023** & water treatment plants are being made an integral part of schemes to provide potable water under **Jal Jeevan Mission**.

Andhra Pradesh government announces renewable energy export policy:

The state government announced the Andhra Pradesh Renewable Energy Export Policy, 2020. The policy will apply to solar, wind and **wind-solar hybrid projects**. Under this policy, the land will be effectively used for renewable energy projects.

India's first public EV charging plaza inaugurated in New Delhi:

Union Power Minister **R K Singh** inaugurated **India's first public EV** (electric vehicle) charging plaza at Chelmsford Club in **New Delhi**. The plaza has been established by **EESL (Energy Efficiency Services Ltd)** in collaboration with **NDMC (New Delhi Municipal Council)**.

The new public EV charging plaza will host **five** chargers of different specifications,

Tamil Nadu signs eight MoUs worth Rs.10,399 crore, to create employment for over 13,000 people:

Tamil Nadu government signed **eight** Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)

worth **Rs.10,399 crores** that will create employment opportunities for over **13,507 people**. The MoUs were signed in the presence of Chief Minister **Edappadi K. Palaniswami**.

HRD Minister to launch Manodarpan initiative to provide psychosocial support to students:

Union Human Resource Development Minister, **Ramesh Pokhriyal** will launch the **Manodarpan initiative** of the HRD Ministry. The initiative under **Atma- Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**, aims to provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health & well-being.

Maharashtra becomes the first State to use drones to inspect power lines:

Maharashtra became the **first State** in the country to get the go-ahead to use **drones for aerial surveillance** and inspection of **extra-high voltage (EHV)** power transmission lines and towers. MHA and the Director-General of Civil Aviation have permitted this.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Attends 3rd G20 Finance Ministers And Central Bank Governors Meeting:

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** participated in the **3rd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank**

Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the Saudi Arabian Presidency through Video Conferencing here today to discuss the global economic outlook amid evolving COVID-19 pandemic crisis along with other G20 Finance Track priorities for the year 2020.

Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal virtually inaugurates Mega Food Park in Mizoram:

Food Processing Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal** virtually inaugurated the first **Mega Food Park** in **Mizoram**. **Zoram Mega Food Park** will benefit farmers, growers, processors, consumers and prove to be a boost to the growth of the food processing sector in **North East Region**.

Odisha government to give monthly pension to transgenders:

Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** has approved a proposal to cover the members of the community under the **Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY)** which aims at providing financial assistance to the destitute elderly, differently-abled persons and widows.

Around **5,000 transgenders** will get a monthly pension in between **Rs 500** and **Rs 900** depending on their age, **Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD)**.

Statement of Intent signed for partnership with UNICEF India, YuWaah India, UN in India:

Youth Affairs Secretary Usha Sharma signed a Statement of Intent with UNICEF India, YuWaah India & UN in India to work together with young people for empowering them and to make them changemakers with access to aspirational socio-economic opportunities.

Yogi Adityanath launches employment scheme launched 'Navin Rojgar Chhattri Yojana' for Scheduled Castes:

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** launched 'Navin Rojgar Chhattri Yojana' for an all round development of the **Scheduled Castes**.

He transferred a financial assistance of 17.42 crore online to 3,484 people under the 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Swarojgar Yojana' and interacted with some beneficiaries from Rae Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Basti, Meerut, Azamgarh and Moradabad districts.

Dr Harsh Vardhan launches PNB's nation-wide CSR campaign to fight against COVID-19:

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare **Dr Harsh Vardhan** has launched **Punjab National Bank's (PNB)** campaign to

distribute face masks and sanitizers to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in New Delhi. MD and CEO of PNB **SS Mallikarjuna Rao** and other senior officials of PNB were also present. PNB's **22 zonal offices** across the nation also participated through video conferencing.

3-day long Air Force Commanders' Conference to begin in Delhi:

3-day long **Air Force Commanders' Conference** will begin at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan) in **New Delhi**. The theme of the conference is "**Indian Air Force in the Next Decade**". It will be chaired by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal **RKS Bhadauria**.

Haryana CM Manohar Khattar launches portal for online appointments with CM:

Haryana CM **Manohar Khattar** launched **e-Sachivalaya** portal a digital platform facilitating people to take online appointments for virtual meetings with CM, Deputy CM, Ministers & Heads of Depts. **Haryana Udhyan** Memorandum portal launched to facilitate MSMEs.

Haryana Cabinet approved 'Samadhan se Vikas' to Recover External Development Charges dues:

Haryana Cabinet gave approval to the '**Samadhan se Vikas**', a one-time

settlement scheme for the recovery of long-pending dues on account of **External Development Charges (EDC)**. It is modeled on the central scheme '**Vivad se Vishwas-2020**'.

The scheme is applicable in respect of the **full amount** outstanding on account of the EDC and on interest and penalty interest.

Rajasthan Cabinet Approved 'One-Stop Shop' Scheme to Fast-Track Investments:

A "**one-stop-shop**" scheme approved in **Rajasthan** is set to fast-track investments and helps revive industries in the midst of pandemic by giving 98 types of clearances under one roof to the potential investors through the **Bureau of Investment Promotion (BIP)**.

It is to expedite all process for investments above **Rs 10 crore**.

Tamil Nadu labour dept launches portal for unorganised sector workers:

The **labour department** of Tamilnadu has launched an online portal, **<http://labour.tn.gov.in>** for fresh registrations of workers of unorganized sectors, who were left out of the government COVID-19 welfare measures and to facilitate them with **social security schemes**.

Bhagirathi Eco-Sensitive Zone Gets Green Nod:

Union Environment Ministry headed by **Prakash Javadekar** approved the **Zonal Master Plan (ZMP)** based on watershed approach for the **Bhagirathi eco-sensitive zone** notification that stretches from **Gaumukh** to **Uttarkashi** covering an area of 4179.59 sq. km.

Indian Navy hold PASSEX with World's largest aircraft carrier USS Nimitz in Indian Ocean Region:

Indian naval ships conducted a **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** with the United States Navy's **USS Nimitz** carrier strike group near the **Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) islands** as it is transiting the Indian Ocean. It comes amidst high alert by the Navy in the IOR.

Consumer Protection Act, 2019 comes into force; covers e-commerce:

Consumer Protection Act 2019 comes into force replacing Consumer Protection Act 1986, with its salient features including the establishment of the **Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)** to promote, protect and enforce the rights of consumers.

Employees' Welfare Scheme Launched In Arun Jaitley's Name In Rajya Sabha:

Rajya Sabha Secretariat launched "**Arun Jaitley Financial Assistance for Group C**

Employees", an Employees Welfare Scheme in the name of former Union Minister of Finance, **Arun Jaitley**. The Scheme will be funded by the **pension** his family receives as he has been a member of the upper house.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah to launch Vriksharopan Abhiyan:

Vriksharopan Abhiyan will be organized by **Ministry of Coal** during which large scale plantation would be carried out in mines, colonies, offices & other suitable areas of Coal/Lignite PSUs & seedlings to be distributed in nearby areas to promote plantation.

Andhra Pradesh inks MoU with AMUL for dairy development:

Andhra Pradesh Government which stands **4th** in **milk production** signed an MoU with milk cooperative giant **AMUL** (Anand Milk Union Limited) to provide fillip to the empowerment of women self-help groups & by encouraging milk cooperatives in government sector.

Punjab government signs MoU with IIT Ropar for skill development:

Punjab government has signed a MoU with the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar**, in the area of skill development. It provides for the IIT's technical education

department to become an academic mentor for the state's engineering colleges.

India to have 60% electricity generation from renewables by 2030:

India would touch a renewable power generation capacity of **510 GW** by **2030**, including **450 GW** from variable renewables like wind and solar and 60 GW from hydropower. With this, the country will have around **60%** of its electricity generation capacity from renewable energy sources—according to power minister **R.K. Singh**.

India holds first-ever Ind-SAT exam under 'Study in India' programme:

Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) conducted the first-ever Indian Scholastic Assessment (Ind-SAT) Test 2020 under its '**Study in India**' programme. It was conducted in proctored Internet mode by **National Testing Agency** & designed to gauge the scholastic capability of students applying to study in India.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh Launches Restructured Prime Minister's Awards For Excellence In Public Administration 2020 Scheme and Web Portal:

Union Minister **Jitendra Singh** launched the restructured Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in **Public Administration 2020** scheme and web portal, in which for the very

first time the '**Good Performance for Ganga Rejuvenation Award**' has been instituted. This is an exemplary recognition for the initiatives being taken up under the **Namami Gange Mission**.

Karnataka Cabinet approves Karnataka Digital Economy Mission:

Karnataka State Government approved the formation of the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission. The Mission was aimed to promote over **7,000** start-ups, e-commerce, and other gig economy companies in the State. State government will have **49 per cent** share while industries will hold **51 per cent share**.

Migrants' Messiah Sonu Sood Launches Pravasi Rojgar App To Help Find Job:

Bollywood actor **Sonu Sood** took up the responsibility of transporting **migrant labourers** across the country to their homes via buses, trains and airplanes, has now taken a new initiative of helping the workers find suitable job amid the Coronavirus pandemic.

Pravasi Rojgar App will have the names of more than **500** reputed companies, in which employment opportunities will be available for the migrant laborers.

Largest solar power plant of Navy commissioned at INA Ezhimala, Kerala:

Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command Vice Admiral **Anil Kumar**

Chawla commissioned the largest Solar Power Plant in the Indian Navy, with a capacity of **3 MW**, at **Indian Naval Academy (INA)**, Ezhimala through virtual conference.

This is in line with the Government of India initiative of "**National Solar Mission**" to achieve **100 GW** of solar power by **2022**, an INA statement said here.

IIM Bangalore Launches 'Women Startup Programme':

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) has launched '**Women Startup Programme**'. With an aim to train budding women entrepreneurs, the **NS Raghavan** Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (NSRCEL) at IIMB has propelled this programme with funding from **Goldman Sachs** and the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

World's first Yoga University outside India launched in the United States:

The world's first **Yoga University** outside India was recently launched in **Los Angeles, USA**. It has been named after **Swami Vivekananda**, one of the most profound thinkers and philosophers from India. The

university has been founded on the ideology of Swami Vivekananda of universal welfare.

World Bank approves USD 500 Million to improve quality of education system in six Indian states:

World Bank said its Board of Executive Directors has approved **USD 500 million** (about Rs 3,700 crore) loan to improve quality and governance of school education in **six Indian states**. The board approved a loan for **Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Program (STARS)**. "Some **250 million** students (between the age of 6 and 17) in 1.5 million schools and over 10 million teachers will benefit from the program.

IMF approves 356 million dollar to Myanmar as COVID-19 emergency funding:

IMF has been approved under the **Rapid Credit Facility** and **Rapid Financing Instrument** to meet the urgent balance of payment and fiscal needs of Myanmar. It will also support the government's plans to boost spending especially on health and social safety nets.

India and Bhutan sign 600 MW Kholongchhu hydroelectric project agreement:

India and **Bhutan** signed concession agreement on the **600 MW Kholongchhu hydroelectric project** (KHEL). The hydroelectric project will be the first-ever joint venture project to be implemented in Bhutan.

The joint venture partners of the project are India's **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN)** and Bhutan's **Druk Green Power Corporation Limited (DGPC)**.

First Global Report On Money Laundering and the Illegal Wildlife Trade released by FATF:

Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has released the first global report on the Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) namely, "**Money Laundering and the Illegal Wildlife Trade**". The report comes amid increasing international concern that the crime could lead to more **zoonotic diseases** in the future.

World Bank approves \$750 million fund to support COVID hit MSMEs in India:

World Bank announced a **\$750 million** MSME Emergency Response program to support increased flow of finance to MSMEs, severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. This will address the immediate liquidity and credit needs of some 1.5 million viable MSMEs.

Vladimir Putin wins Russia vote that could let him rule until 2036:

President **Vladimir Putin** has won a resounding victory in his bid to stay in power until the middle of the next decade- **2036**, as Russians voted overwhelmingly to endorse the country's political status quo, according to preliminary results.

New Zealand cancels 2021 APEC summit, will lead it virtually:

New Zealand cancelled its plans to host **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation** forum in **Auckland** on **2021** because of the coronavirus, opting instead to lead a virtual summit. 21 APEC members include US, China, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Indonesia, & Hong Kong.

India and Japan Hold PASSEX Naval Exercise to Promote Understanding in Indian Ocean:

Indian Navy and **Japanese Navy** (Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force) have conducted a day long Naval Exercise **PASSEX** for tactical and communications training, towards the Malacca Strait in the **Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**.

Uganda becomes first African country to submit REDD+ results, paves way for payments:

Uganda has become the **first African country** to submit results for Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (**REDD+**) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (**UNFCCC**).

REDD+ is a mechanism developed by the parties to the UNFCCC to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

Germany to Become First Major Economy To Phase Out Coal And Nuclear Power:

Germany has decided to phase-out of coal as an energy source. Bills approved by both houses of parliament envision shutting down the last coal-fired power plant by **2038** & spend **40 billion euros** for transition. It also commits phase out nuclear power by **2022**.

Global Tourism Set To Lose \$1.2 Trillion Due To Coronavirus: UNCTAD:

The world's tourism sector could lose at least **1.2 trillion** dollars or **1.5 per cent** of the global **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** having been placed at a standstill for nearly four months due to the coronavirus pandemic, according to a new report by **UNCTAD**.

The UN's trade and development body warned that the loss could rise to **2.2 trillion** dollars or **2.8 per cent** of the world's GDP if the break in international tourism lasts for eight months, in line with the expected decline in

tourism as projected by the **UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)**.

India, Afghanistan signs 5 agreements to develop educational infra in Afghan provinces:

India and **Afghanistan** signed **5 agreements** for developing educational infrastructure in four Afghan provinces, with the move seen as a reiteration of **New Delhi's** support to **Kabul** at a time when the war-torn country's peace process is confronting challenges.

Indian Coast Guard & Indonesia Coast Guard sign MoU to boost maritime relations:

In a significant step towards bolstering the comprehensive strategic partnership between **India** and **Indonesia**, a MoU has been signed between the **Indian Coast Guard** and **Indonesia Coast Guard**. This will enhance collaborative and cooperative engagements.

World Bank to provide 400 million dollars to enhance support for rejuvenating River Ganga:

World Bank has provide **\$ 400 mn** to enhance support for rejuvenating the Ganga. The Second **National Ganga River Basin** Project will help stem pollution in the river & strengthen the management of the river basin

which is home to more than **500 million** people.

US to officially withdraw from WHO from July 6, 2021:

United States will leave the **World Health Organization** (WHO) on July 6, 2021, the United Nations said after receiving notification of the decision by **President Donald Trump**. **Maldives and Sri Lanka eliminate measles & rubella ahead of 2023 target:**

Sri Lanka & Maldives became the first two countries in the World Health Organization's South-East Asia region to **eliminate measles & rubella** ahead of **2023** target. Since 2017, nearly **500 million** children in the region have been vaccinated for the diseases.

4th edition of the virtual Ministerial on Climate Action Virtually held:

India was represented by the Union Environment Minister, **Shri Prakash Javadekar**. The fourth edition of the virtual Ministerial on Climate Action was co-chaired by **European Union, China and Canada**.

The meeting witnessed the countries deliberating on how countries are aligning economic recovery plans with the **Paris Agreement** as well as the critical enabling conditions to ensure continued **climate action**.

15th meeting of India-EU Summit to be held in virtual mode:

The 15th meeting of the **India-European Union Summit** will be held in virtual mode on **15th July**. The Summit will be co-chaired by **PM Narendra Modi**, President of European Council **Charles Michel** and President of European Commission **Ursula von der Leyen**.

Previous (14th) India-EU Summit was held in October 2017 in **New Delhi**.

WHO to set up independent panel to review handling of COVID-19 pandemic:

World Health Organization (WHO) was setting up an independent panel to review its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and the response by governments.

Former New Zealand Prime Minister **Helen Clark** and former Liberian president **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** have agreed to head the panel.

US Navy welcomes first Black female Tactical Aircraft pilot:

US Navy welcomed its first **Black female** Tactical Aircraft pilot. **Madeline-Sweogle** had completed naval flight school and would later this month receive the flight officer insignia known as the "**Wings of the Gold**".

India moves up a rank to become second-largest source of FDI for UK:

India invested in **120 projects** and created 5,429 new jobs in the **UK** to become the **second-largest** source of **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** after the US in 2019, according to new UK government figures. It is followed by **Germany, France, China** and **Hong Kong**.

Google announces \$10bn investment in 'digital India':

Google will invest **\$10bn** in India in the next **5 to 7 yrs**. The investment will be made through the Google for **India Digitization Fund** & for building products and services for India, help businesses go digital, and use technology "**For Social Good**".

India & EU agree to renew Agreement S&T Co-operation for 5 years:

India and **European Union** agreed to renew the Agreement on Scientific cooperation for the next five years, **2020-2025**. PM Modi, European Council President **Charles Michel** & President of the European Commission **Ursula von der Leyen** were participated in the summit.

India in partnership with Chile & UN's FAO Co-Hosted Event, "On the road to the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021:

India partnered with **Chile** & Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United

Nations (UN) co-hosted the **"On the road to the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021"**: Highlighting health and nutritional benefits through sustainable production and consumption of fruits and vegetables", side event of **2020 High-level Political forum**.

Chile had championed to declare the year **2021** as an International Year of Fruits and Vegetables' by UN General Assembly in 2019.

India and Israel sign agreement to expand cooperation in cyber security:

India & Israel have signed an agreement to further expand collaboration in dealing with cyber threats amid rapid digitization due to the COVID-19 pandemic that exposed the vulnerabilities of the virtual world. India's Ambassador to Israel- Sanjeev Singla.

India-Bhutan open new trade route to facilitate connectivity between two countries:

India and **Bhutan** have opened a new trade route between **Jaigaon** in **West Bengal** and **Pasakha** in **Bhutan** to facilitate connectivity between two countries in COVID-19 times. **Ruchira Kamboj** is the Ambassador of India to Bhutan.

Indo-Italian Business Mission on Food Processing inaugurated:

Minister for Food Processing Industries **Harsimrat Kaur Badal** addressed the opening session of Digital **Indo-Italian Business Mission** on Food Processing which was held virtually. Under the 2-day event, conferences, trade fair & **B2B meetings** are being held.

India establishes air travel bubbles with US, France, Germany:

India has established individual bilateral bubbles with **France, Germany and the US** that will allow airlines of each country in the pact to operate flights. An **Air Bubble** with the UK to also soon to be permitted. **India – UAE bubble** was recently permitted.

India lifted record 273 million out of poverty in 10 years: UNDP report:

About **273 mn** Indians moved out of multidimensional poverty b/w 2005-6 and **2015-16**, as per **UNDP & OPHI** study. Multidimensional poverty encompasses the various deprivations experienced such as poor health, lack of education, inadequate living standards etc.

India, Maldives sign agreement for establishment of 'Emergency Medical Services' in Male:

India and **Maldives** have signed an agreement for establishment of '**Emergency Medical Services**' in **Male**. It is one of the

several small and medium projects that are financed by India under grant assistance of around **\$ 20 million** for the neighbouring country.

World Trade Organisation General Council Grants Turkmenistan Observer Status:

Turkmenistan became the last former Soviet republic to establish formal ties with the trade body. Turkmenistan has been granted Observer status by the **World Trade Organization (WTO)** General Council, WTO's highest-level decision-making body.

India revives initiative with South African Customs Union for the Preferential Trade Agreement:

South African Customs Union (SACU) comprises of **South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Botswana** and **Eswatini**. India and the South African Customs Union held a virtual meeting to discuss the aspects of **Preferential Trade Agreement**.

NPCI and FCC to host world's largest virtual Global Fintech Fest:

Fintech Convergence Council (FCC), the fintech committee of Internet and Mobile Association of India, in collaboration with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and Payments Council of India, will be hosting a virtual fintech event

The two-day event themed '**Fintech: With and Beyond Covid**' will be held on July 22-23 with over over 100 speakers.

The event is presented by the **Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.

Nicaragua becomes 87th country to sign International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement:

Nicaragua has become the most recent country to join the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** Framework Agreement, an initiative led by India to promote sustainable energy.

The agreement on behalf of the Central American country Nicaragua was signed by the Permanent Representative to the **United Nations Jaime Hermida Castillo** at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York on 22, July 2020.

U.N. General Assembly: For the 1st time in 75 years, world leaders won't travel as session goes virtual:

The landmark **75th** session of the **UN General Assembly** will begin on **September 15**. World leaders will submit pre-recorded video statements for the United Nations General Assembly session. The summit on **Biodiversity** will be held on **September 30**.

ADB and GCF join hands towards 'green recovery' on the impacts of COVID-19 disease:

Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the **Green Climate Fund (GCF)** agreed to partner toward the "**Green Recovery**". This is to help hands for the people who are facing the harsh economic impact due to COVID-19 pandemic.

BANKING AND ECONOMY:

Yes Bank Partners with UDMA Technologies launches digital wallet "Yuva Pay":

Yes Bank announced the launch of "**Yuva Pay**" a digital wallet, in partnership with **UDMA Technologies** to enable contactless payments. where the data securely will be sent to the banks on a real time basis.

J&K Bank launches products to provide financial support to business communities:

Jammu and Kashmir Bank has launched two products titled '**J&K Bank Business Support Loan Scheme 2019-20**' and '**J&K Bank Business Support Loan Scheme 2019-20 for Hotels and Guest Houses**'. It is meant to provide adequate financial support to different business communities.

IRDAI sets up panel to suggest insurance products related to use of drones:

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a working group to suggest insurance products covering various risks involved in use of drones.

The nine-member panel headed by **Anjan Dev**, General Manager of The **New India Assurance Co**, has been asked to study and understand the insurance needs of **Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS)** owners and operators.

IMF projects India's economy to contract by 4.5% in 2020 and Global Growth estimated at -4.9%:

International Monetary Fund projected the global growth in 2020 at -4.9%, 1.9%age points below the April 2020 forecast, while estimating that Indian economy will contract by **4.5%** in the year.

President promulgates ordinance to bring co-operative banks under RBI supervision:

President Kovind has **Promulgated Banking Regulation** (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 to bring all urban cooperative banks & multi-state cooperative banks under the supervision of the RBI. The

Ordinance amends the BRA, 1949 as applicable to **cooperative banks**.

India's per capita income to decline by 5.4% in FY21: SBI report:

India's **Per Capita Income (PCI)** will decline **5.4 per cent** in FY21 to **Rs.1.43 lakh**. This decline in PCI is higher than the nominal GDP decline of 3.8 per cent, according to a report authored by **Soumya Kanti Ghosh**, Group Chief Economic Adviser, State Bank of India.

SIDBI sets up fund to facilitate free onboarding of MSMEs on TReDS platform:

SIDBI has set up '**Swavalamban Crisis Responsive Fund**' to support free onboarding for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on **Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS)**. The free onboarding of MSMEs would be available till September-end. Fund target to onboard 10,000 MSMEs during the period.

PhonePe partners with ICICI Bank on UPI Multi-Bank:

Flipkart-owned digital payments platform, **PhonePe** announced it has partnered with **ICICI Bank** on UPI multi-bank model, giving its users the option to create and use multiple UPI IDs with ICICI Bank's "@ibf" handle and YES Bank's '@ybf' handle on the **PhonePe app**.

SBI sanctions Rs 20,000 crore loans to MSMEs under credit guarantee scheme:

SBI has sanctioned loans worth **Rs 20,000 crore** to over 4,00,000 micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) accounts under the **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)**. It is part of the Rs 20 trillion package crafted to revive the economy
RBI extends enhanced borrowing limit to banks under MSF till Sept 30:

Reserve Bank of India has decided to extend the enhanced borrowing facility provided to the banks to meet their liquidity shortages till **September 30**. RBI, as a temporary measure, had increased the borrowing limit of scheduled banks under MSF from **2% to 3%** of **NDTL**.

Standard Chartered Bank partners with SOLV to launch MSME Credit Card:

SOLV, a B2B digital platform for **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**, announced the launch of a **credit card tailor-made** for the MSME segment, in partnership with **Standard Chartered Bank, India**.

The **SOLV MSME Credit Card** provides business owners with supplier payments, fuel, logistics, purchase of raw material, utility payments and others working capital outlays

Instamojo launches InstaCash to solve the liquidity challenge for MSMEs:

Instamojo has launched '**InstaCash**' to enable merchants to gain access to working capital. Merchants can avail loans for upto **Rs 1 lakh**, for a period of **7-14 days**. **Instamojo** will transfer the amount to the customer once the request has been placed.

Government Announces Launch Of Seven-Year Floating Rate Savings Bonds:

Government has announced the launch of **7 year Floating Rate Savings Bonds, 2020 (Taxable) scheme** commencing from 1st July. Bonds will enable a person resident in **India** or **Hindu Undivided Family** to invest in a taxable bond, without any monetary ceiling. The interest on the bonds is payable semi-annually.

SBI working on setting up e-commerce portal "Bharat Craft" for MSMEs:

State Bank of India is working on setting up an e-commerce portal for advertising of merchandise manufactured by **Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** within the nation.

The portal referred to as **Bharat Craft** can be collectively run by the financial institution and the **federal government**.

RBL Bank's chatbot 'RBL Cares', now enables banking transactions:

RBL Bank has now enabled additional banking transactions and added a host of new features to "**RBL Cares**", its AI-powered conversational Chatbot that can provide real-time customer service assistance on a range of questions related to banking and credit card products and services.

RBI launches inflation expectations survey; to gather responses over telephone amid pandemic:

Reserve Bank of India has launched the inflation expectations survey of households and responses of the participants will be gathered over telephone in view of the coronavirus pandemic. The results of the survey are used as inputs for **monetary policy**.

HDFC Bank unveils 'e-Kisaan Dhan' App for farmers in rural India:

Private lender **HDFC Bank** Ltd. launched its '**e-Kisaan Dhan**' app for farmers across India in a bid to access a bouquet of agricultural and banking services on their mobile.

The app acts as a repository of knowledge and information for any individual engaged in agricultural activities and assist them in meeting the needs of the **rural ecosystem**.

Government launches Special Liquidity Scheme of Rs 30,000 Cr to improve liquidity for NBFCs and HFCs:

Government launched the **Special Liquidity Scheme** of **Rs 30, 000 Cr** to improve the liquidity position for **Non-Banking Finance Companies- NBFCs** and **Housing Finance Companies- HFCs**.

The scheme was launched through a Special Purpose Vehicle set up by **SBICAP (SBI Capital Markets Limited)**.

Fitch slashes India's FY22 growth forecast to 8%:

Fitch Ratings lowered India's growth forecast for **2021-22** fiscal to 8 percent from **9.5 percent** projected last month. The rating agency, however, retained its projection of Indian economy contracting by **5 percent** in the current fiscal.

ICICI Bank launches instant loan against mutual fund units:

ICICI Bank launched '**Insta Loans against Mutual Funds**', a facility in partnership with Computer Age Management Services(CAMS). The facility is an extension of the **Insta Loan Against Shares(LAS)**.

The facility enables the retail customers to avail loans upto Rs 1 crore instantly by pledging their holdings in both debt and equity **Mutual Funds(MFs)**.

RBI asks banks, NBFCs & financial institution to reclassify MSMEs as per revised criteria:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked banks, financial institutions and Non-Banking Financial Institution (**NBFCs**) to reclassify **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** on the basis of the new criteria.

Bharat Bond ETF second tranche launched, base issue size of Rs 3,000 cr:

Edelweiss Mutual Fund launched the second tranche of the **Bharat Bond Exchange-Traded Fund** for a base size of **Rs 3,000 cr**. Finance Minister **N Sitharaman** had announced the launch of 2nd tranche with Edelweiss as the fund manager & AK Capital as government advisor. The new Bharat Bond ETF series will mature in April **2025 & 2031**.

Kotak Mahindra Bank and Innoviti tie up to offer EMIs:

Kotak Mahindra Bank and **Innoviti Payment Solutions** announced that they have collaborated to offer **Equated Monthly Instalments (EMI)** billing options on Kotak debit cards swiped on **Innoviti POS terminals**.

The facility will allow over **1 crore** Kotak customers to pay for their purchases in instalments by using the EMIs on debit cards

facility at over **70,000** Innoviti POS terminals across more than 1,000 cities.

ADB becomes observer of Network for Greening the Financial System:

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has joined the **Central Banks** and supervisors **Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)** as an observer. "NGFS is a valuable network to share ADB's approaches and experience in addressing climate risk management in the financial sector," said ADB Chief Economist **Yasuyuki Sawada**.

HDFC Bank to offer ZipDrive Instant Auto Loans across 1,000 cities in India:

HDFC Bank announced its plans to offer "**ZipDrive**" **Instant Auto Loans** to customers across 1,000 cities across India. ZipDrive is HDFC Bank's instant auto loan disbursement product, exclusively for bank customers with a pre-approved offer.

India's GDP may contract by 6.4% in FY21: Care Ratings

Care Ratings revised India's GDP growth forecast for the current financial year to (-) **6.4 per cent** as economic activity continues to be under restriction due to the lockdown on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. The rating agency, in May, had projected a decline in GDP growth of **1.5-1.6 per cent** in **FY21**.

Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited launches Video KYC Account:

Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (the "Bank"), the largest small finance bank ("SFB") in India in terms of number of banking outlets as of March 31, 2019, becomes one of the leading banks in the country to launch **video KYC account**.

IndiaFirst Life to Offer Exclusive COVID-19 and Hospital Cash Cover to Bank of Baroda Credit Cardholders:

IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IndiaFirst Life), promoted by **Bank of Baroda** and **Union Bank of India**, has associated with BOB Financial Services Limited (BOB Financial), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda, to offer a unique group insurance covering that provides financial support upon **hospitalisation** or on COVID-19 diagnosis.

SBM Bank India partners with Mastercard to facilitate cross-border transactions, remittances:

Government of **Mauritius**-promoted **SBM Bank India** and global payments technology major **Mastercard** have joined hands to facilitate cross-border payments and remittances services, Using '**Master Send**' SBM India can make business to consumer transactions quickly

YES Bank launches 'Loan in Seconds' for instant loan disbursement:

YES Bank has launched a digital solution, **"Loan in Seconds"** for instant disbursement of retail loans. The account holders identified by the bank can avail this **quick loan disbursal** facility **without any document**.

Fino Payments Bank launches 'Bhavishya' savings account for minors:

Fino Payments Bank Limited announced the launch of a savings account scheme for minors aged between **10-18 years**. **'Bhavishya'**, a subscription-based savings account, can be opened by paying a nominal amount. It is initially introduced in **Uttar Pradesh, Bihar & Madhya Pradesh**.

Karur Vysya Bank ties up with Star Health Insurance:

Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) has entered into an arrangement with **Star Health Insurance** to offer a wide range of health insurance options to its customers. The tie-up will help the bank provide **cost-effective insurance** products and quick settlement of claims.

Liberty General Insurance launches 'Liberty Assure', an industry 1st service:

Liberty General Insurance launches **'Liberty Assure'** an Industry first service. The auto insurance customers who avail this service, are not required to pay the

'Compulsory Deductible' cost for every claim.

Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund launches voice-based services via Google Assistant:

Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund (ABSLMF) has launched voice-based services for its investors with **Google Assistant**.

The voice assistant acts as a **24X7** interface for investors to interact with the fund house, to address their various service requests such as **portfolio valuations, account statement, capital gains statement etc.**

L&T Infra Finance gets USD 50 mn from AIIB for renewable energy funding:

Larsen & Toubro Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd. (LTIF), a wholly-owned subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings Ltd., received the first tranche of \$50 million of the total **\$100 million** ECB loan from **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**.

Karur Vysya Bank announces corporate agency pact with Bajaj Allianz Life:

Karur Vysya Bank said it has entered into a corporate agency partnership with **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** to offer life insurance solutions to the bank's customers.

Bajaj Allianz's products will be available at the Bank's 780 branch offices spread across India.

Maruti Suzuki Partners With Axis Bank For Easy Car Loan Schemes:

India's largest car maker **Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.** has collaborated with private lender **Axis Bank Ltd.** to offer easy vehicle financing for car buyers.

Under the partnership, **Axis Bank** will offer a variety of options to customers, including **100 per cent** on-road funding for salaried customers for eight years, step-up EMI scheme starting at **Rs 1,250 per lakh** and balloon EMI scheme with final EMI being **25 per cent** of loan amount.

Global economy to contract by 5.2 per cent in 2020; Global Outlook Report:

The global economy is likely to contract by **5.2%** in **2020** with the corona virus still spreading and the economic prospects of countries looking muted, according to **Dun and Bradstreet's Country Risk and Global Outlook Report** that covered **132 countries**.

Mastercard to invest Rs 250 crore to help Indian SMEs amid COVID-19 crisis:

Global leader in payment technology **Mastercard** announced an additional **Rs 250-crore** investment to help small businesses in the country, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. It is focused on helping the small businesses go **digital** and support **women entrepreneurs**.

IRDAI gives its nod to Insurance companies to launch "corona Kavach" Health Insurance Policies:

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has allowed 29 general and health insurers to launch short-term '**Corona Kavach**' health insurance policies. The policy will cover medical expenses occurred due to coronavirus disease.

LIC Mutual Fund launches eKYC Services Patners With BSE Star MF:

BSE has now partnered with **LIC Mutual Fund** to power its eKYC services on **BSE StAR MF**, the market leading MF platform.

The digital KYC process will facilitate our Members to ensure zero contact, **hassle-free customer** on boarding process, especially during this COVID situation.

Karur Vysya Bank partners with Tata Motors to offer car loans at attractive terms:

Karur Vysya Bank has entered into an arrangement with **Tata Motors** to fund buyers of **Tata passenger vehicles**. The Bank informed the exchanges that both existing and new customers will be eligible to avail loans from KVB.

Rural unemployment at four-month low on good rains, NREGA:

According to latest data from the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)**, the rural joblessness rate slowed to **6.34%** from the previous week's 7.78%. The overall unemployment rate, too, came down to 7.44% in the week to 12 July from 8.87%.

India's GDP likely to contract 4.5% in FY21; FICCI survey:

Industry body **FICCI's** latest **Economic Outlook Survey** has pegged India's growth for 2020-21 at **(-) 4.5 per cent** as the country continues to see a gradual rise in financial stress.

NABARD to organise 'Digital Choupal' on July 13 its 39th foundation day:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) said it will conduct its first **'Digital Choupal'** via video conferencing with participants of various projects initiated by it, to share their experiences about the projects they are involved in.

NABARD has announced **Rs 5,000 crore** of refinance scheme for banks and financial institutions for providing finance to the beneficiaries of its **2,150** watershed development projects and also earmarked another Rs 5,000 crore for turning **Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)**, into multi service centres.

BuyUcoin Becomes The First Indian Cryptocurrency Exchange To List XinFin Utility Token:

Singapore based Hybrid Blockchain firm **XinFin** has partnered with **BuyUcoin**, one of India's leading **crypto currency** exchanges, to introduce its Native Token XDC to the Indian market.

XinFin chose BuyUcoin as their partner because of their vision and reliability, to expand its user-base in India. XinFin has committed itself to play a major role in the mass adoption of **blockchain technology** in the Indian economy.

CBDT launches tool for banks to ascertain TDS applicability rates on cash withdrawals:

Income Tax Department has facilitated a new functionality for banks and post offices for them to calculate the **TDS applicability** rates on cash withdrawal of above **Rs.20 lakh** in case of a non-filer of the income-tax return and that of above **Rs.1 Crore** in case of a filer of the income-tax return.

Income Tax Department namely **"Verification of applicability u/s 194N"** which is available on www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in since July 1, 2020 has now made accessible for banks, co-operative societies, and post offices

through web-services by **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**.

PSBs to purchase NBFC Bonds/CPs worth Rs 14,667 cr under extended PCGS:

According to Finance Minister under the **Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS)** public sector banks have approved the purchase of bonds and commercial papers issued by **67 NBFCs** amounting to **Rs.14,667 crore**. PCGS was revamped under **Atma-Nirbhar Bharat package**.

HSBC to set up IFSC Banking Unit at GIFT City:

Global banking major **Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC)** has received an in-principle approval from the **GIFT SEZ** Authority to set up an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at **GIFT-International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)**.

Government aims to increase public health expenditure to 2.5% of GDP by 2025:

Union Health Minister **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** highlighted that the government aims at gradually increasing the public health expenditure to **2.5 per cent** of the nation's GDP by the year **2025**. The **National Health Policy 2017** anticipates to raise public health spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2025.

IndusInd Bank Adopts Agile Technology Platform For Deeper Customer Engagement:

IndusInd Bank announced successful integration with a leading enterprise solution provider which will simplify the process of **customer on-boarding**, introduce new products and meet customer demands by automating and customizing processes to fit the **modern-day financial** requirements.

Indian economy to contract by 9.5% in 2020-21; ICRA:

Rating agency **ICRA** has revised India's real GDP growth projection for **2020-21** to minus **9.5** per cent from minus **5** per cent estimated earlier.

The ratings agency expects the Indian economy to have contracted by a sharp 25 per cent during April-June **2020**.

India Ratings expect Centre's fiscal deficit to shoot up to 7.6% in FY21:

Government's fiscal deficit is estimated to touch **7.6 percent** in **FY21**, more than double the Budget Estimate, as the nation spends extra to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic while facing a shortfall in incomes. It has also predicted a GDP contraction of **5.3%**.

Bank of Maharashtra launches OD facility against fixed deposits:

Bank of Maharashtra has launched an **Overdraft Facility (OD)** against **fixed deposits** (FDs) for its individual customers holding a savings bank account.

Under this facility, up to **90 per cent** of the FD value can be availed as OD. The interest rate on this facility will be **2 percentage** points over and above the FD rate.

RBI panel recommends incentives to increase popularity of QR code transactions:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) should allow a lower, controlled interchange fee instead of zero **Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)** on **Quick Response (QR)** code, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and RuPay debit card transactions, according to a RBI panel.

The '**Committee for Analysis of QR Code**' also recommended that tax incentives be given to merchants who accept payments through electronic mode.

Bank of Baroda rolls out 'Insta Click Savings Account':

The self-assisted online savings account can be activated in real-time and offers customers a wide range of digital channels. **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** stated it has launched '**Insta Click Savings Account**', a 100 percent **paperless digital** self-assisted online savings account.

Nomura estimates India's GDP to contract by 6.1% in FY21:

Economic activity continues to remain weak and will lead to a **6.1 per cent** contraction in India's GDP in the current fiscal, a foreign brokerage Nomura Economic estimated. June quarter is likely to be the '**Nadir**' from a growth perspective and the economy to contract by **15.2%**.

LIC ties up with Union Bank of India for Corporate Agency:

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India and **Union Bank of India**, after its amalgamation with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank, have announced a Corporate Agency Tie-up by which LIC policies will be distributed through the bank.

The bank will market LIC products of term **insurance, pension, plan, children plan, ULIPs & endowment schemes.**

FamPay launches India's first numberless card for teenagers:

A mobile bank for teenagers **FamPay** brings **cashless convenience** to millions of teens and their parents, has announced the launch of **India's first numberless card - FamCard.**

It claims FamCard is just like a debit card that **teenagers** can use to make payments independently, relieving parents of the

trouble of giving them **physical cash** or their **debit/credit card**.

India's GDP to shrink 6% in FY21: DBS report:

Citing the yet to be stabilised infection curve & Covid-19 caseload in economically key states Singapore brokerage **DBS forecast** deeper distress for India which will lead to a **6%** growth contraction in **FY21**. Earlier it predicted **4.8%** for the current fiscal.

NPCI rolls out 'Autopay' feature on UPI for recurring payments:

National Payments Corp of India (NPCI) has gone live with its '**Autopay**' feature on the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** platform. It allows bank customers to make recurring transactions below **Rs 2,000** through their UPI apps.

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS:

NIT Warangal and ABB Power Grids India sign MoU for Smart Electric Grid Education:

ABB Power Grids India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **National Institute of Technology, Warangal (NITW)**, Telangana for cooperation to drive **smart electric grid technology education**, skills development and research activities.

NITI Aayog and ITF Launch Decarbonizing Transport Project in India:

NITI Aayog and the **International Transport Forum (ITF)** of OECD jointly launched the '**Decarbonizing Transport in Emerging Economies**' (DTEE) project in India.

ITF Secretary General **Young Tae Kim** and NITI Aayog CEO **Amitabh Kant** in the presence of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs(MoHUA) Secretary **D.S. Mishra**, as well as Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Joint Secretary **Priyank Bharti**.

HUL completes acquisition of female hygiene brand VWash from Glenmark:

Leading FMCG player **Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL)** said it has completed the acquisition of **VWash** from pharma major **Glenmark Pharmaceuticals**. VWash was launched by Glenmark in 2013. HUL has acquired intellectual property rights including trademarks.

Food delivery app Swiggy launches its own digital wallet with ICICI Bank:

Swiggy has launched its digital wallet in partnership with **ICICI Bank**, which will allow customers to store money to be used for orders on the platform. The digital wallet

named '**Swiggy Money**', will provide users with a **single-click** checkout experience.

CBSE partners with Facebook to launch free training program for teachers, students:

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has partnered with **Facebook** to launch a free and **comprehensive training program** for teachers and students of its affiliated schools in the first phase from August to November 2020 in **virtual mode**.

KKR to acquire controlling stake in JB Chemicals for Rs 3,100 crore:

US Private Equity giant **KKR** agreed to acquire about **54%** stake in Mumbai-based drug manufacturer **JB Chemical & Pharmaceuticals**, one of the oldest pharma companies in India for **Rs 3,100 crore**. It is the second KKR investment in India in the past two months.

Payments Platform Paytm to Acquire Raheja QBE General Insurance For \$76 million

Indian e-commerce payment system **Paytm** & **QorQI Pvt. Ltd**, a Healthcare startup company with majority shareholding of Paytm founder **Vijay Shekhar Sharma**, is set to acquire Mumbai-based private sector general insurer **Raheja QBE General Insurance**

Company Limited in a deal worth around **\$76 million** (or Rs 570 crore).

Google Cloud and Deutsche Bank Agree on Multi-Year Strategic Partnership:

Deutsche Bank agreed a strategic, multi-year partnership with **Google Cloud** to give it access to **cloud services** and **drive innovation** in tech-based financial products for clients. It focuses on redefining how the bank develops and offers its financial services.

Ola partners with PhonePe to enhance its digital payments experience:

Ola, Indian mobility platform and one of the **world's largest ride-hailing** companies, has entered into a strategic partnership with **PhonePe**, India's leading payments platform. With this integration, Ola users can now enjoy a seamless and superlative payment experience on the **Ola app**.

NSDC and Microsoft join hands to provide digital skills to over 1 lakh youth:

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and **Microsoft** on Wednesday announced a strategic partnership aimed at providing digital skills to over **1 lakh youth** in the country over the next **one year**. Microsoft will collaborate with NSDC's **eSkill India portal** to provide free access to learning resources.

CBDT and SEBI sign MoU for data exchange:

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for data exchange between the two organizations.

It will facilitate sharing of **data and information** on an automatic and regular basis.

EESL inks agreement with NOIDA to promote electric vehicles & install charging stations:

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) signed an agreement with the **New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA)** to promote electric vehicles, install charging stations and related infrastructure. EESL is the world's largest energy service company.

T-Hub partners with MeitY and Digital India to lead program for hardware startups:

T-Hub has announced its partnership with the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** and Digital India to provide scale-up opportunities to the start-ups and make them ready in terms of product, investment and new market access.

ADB and IEA Renew Collaborative Agreement on Energy Sector Sustainability:

Asian Development Bank announced that it has renewed an MOU with the **International Energy Agency (IEA)** to scale up collaboration and advance progress on sustainability with an increased focus on energy sector resilience in Asia and the Pacific.

Visa Partners With Federal Bank For Rolling Out Visa Secure For E-Commerce:

Visa has announced its partnership with **Federal Bank** to roll out Visa Secure to the bank's cardholders. Visa Secure is a global authentication program that uses the latest standards of the **EMV 3DS (3D Secure)** protocol.

NATGRID inks a MoU with NCRB for accessing database that links almost 14,000 police stations:

National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)**. MoU will aim to access the centralized online **Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS)** database in order to get details of **First Information Reports (FIRs)** and stolen vehicles.

UNICEF INDIA announced its partnership with FICCI for #Reimagine Campaign:

UNICEF INDIA announced its partnership with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (**FICCI**), **Socio-Economic Development Foundation** (SEDF) to jointly develop UNICEF's **#Reimagine Campaign** to support the most vulnerable populations and children during the COVID-19 response and its after-math in India.

AAI and BEL signs MoU for co-operation in civil aviation sector:

Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Defence Public Sector Unit (PSU) **Bharat Electronics Ltd** (BEL) has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU aims to tap the emerging global markets in the airport business, including the ones in the Asia-Pacific region.

The partnership between the two companies will support each other in addressing the emerging global opportunities in the **airport business**.

Google to invest Rs 33,737 crore for 7.73% stake in Jio Platforms:

Reliance Industries said global technology giant **Google** would invest Rs **33,737 crore** for a **7.73 per cent** stake in Jio Platforms, the

subsidiary which houses its telecom and digital operations.

This investment values **Jio Platforms** at an equity value of Rs 4.36 lakh crore With this deal, RIL holds **67.03%** stake in Jio Platforms, while other investors hold **32.97%** stake.

NSRCEL partners with Capgemini in India to support social startups:

NSRCEL, the startup hub at **IIM Bangalore**, has partnered with **Capgemini** in India to support social impact **startups** in the country's growing startup ecosystem.

The selected ventures will receive from Capgemini an entrepreneurial grant of **Rs 75 lakh** each across three years based on their progress and milestone.

CSL signs contract for construction of Autonomous electric vessels for ASKO maritime AS, Norway:

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi signed contracts for construction and supply of Two numbers **Autonomous Electric Ferry** for ASKO Maritime AS, Norway with an option to build 2 more identical vessels. CSL is the largest commercial shipbuilder in India.

NTPC enters pact with NIIF to explore business opportunities in India:

NTPC under the Power ministry has entered into a MoU with **NIIF**, acting through

National Investment & Infrastructure Fund Ltd, to explore opportunities for investments in areas like renewable energy, power distribution among other areas of mutual interest.

UNICEF India partners with SAP India to improve the employability of young people:

UNICEF India announced partnership with **SAP India** to provide career counseling to young people in India to improve their employability skills in a COVID & post COVID era.

UNICEF will collaborate with **YuWaah** (Generation Unlimited) under this initiative. The main Goal is to Impact **one million** young people by the end of **2022**.

L&T Tech Services to Acquire 100% Stake in Orchestra Tech for about Rs 187 Crore:

L&T Technology Services (LTTS), the engineering services arm of Larsen and Toubro Group, informed that it will acquire a **100 % stake** in Texas-based **Orchestra Technology**.

The acquisition is an all cash deal of **USD 25 million** (Rs 187 crores).

NHPC and GEDCOL sign pact to develop floating solar power projects:

NHPC Limited has inked a MoU with **Green Energy Development Corporation of Odisha Limited (GEDCOL)** to form a joint venture for developing floating solar energy projects in the state with an initial capacity of **500 MW** in **Odisha** under the Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Parks scheme of the Ministry of **New and Renewable Energy**.

CCI approves acquisition of Krishnapatnam Port Co by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone:

Fair trade regulator **CCI** said it has given its nod to acquisition of Krishnapatnam Port Company Ltd by **Adani Ports** and **Special Economic Zone Ltd**.

The proposed transaction involves acquisition of equity shareholding along with management control of **100 per cent** of the total issued and outstanding preference share capital of **Krishnapatnam Port** Company, a combination notice filed with the regulator noted.

Alankit Ltd. ties up with UTI for digital PAN Card Services:

E-governance service provider **Alankit Ltd.** has tied up with state-owned **UTI Infrastructure Technology** and Services Ltd. to provide PAN card services to the citizens digitally across India at all its facilitation centers.

UTI Infrastructure Technology is a SEBI registered Permanent Category-1 Registrar to an Issue and **Share Transfer Agent**.

NSDC and Airtel Payments Bank join hands to skill rural youth for financial services sector jobs:

Airtel Payments Bank and the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** announced a partnership to skill the youth in **rural India** and enable them to find employment opportunities in the financial services sector.

The partnership will leverage NSDC's experience, training infrastructure and wide network with Airtel Payment Bank's industry insights, to design and conduct targeted **skill development programmes** for rural youth.

Amazon Pay joins hands with Acko to offer auto insurance:

Amazon Pay, the payments arm of e-commerce giant Amazon India, has partnered **Acko General Insurance Ltd** to offer insurance for two- as well as four-wheelers. Insurance claims will involve zero paperwork, 3-day assured claim servicing & one-hour pick-up.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

Russia plans to take first tourist on space walk in 2023:

Russia's **Energia space corporation** will take the first tourist on a space walk in **2023**, under the terms of a new contract with a **US partner**. Roscosmos and RSC Energia in collaboration with Space Adventures took 8 tourists to ISS between 2001 and 2009.

NASA Renames Washington HQ after Mary Jackson, first black Engineer at NASA:

NASA renamed the street outside their headquarters as the '**Hidden Figures Way**'. Jim Bridenstine, a NASA administrator, announced that their Washington headquarters will be renamed after **Mary Jackson**, who overcame hurdles to become NASA's first **Black woman engineer**.

IISc team building indigenous ventilator prototype 'Project Praana' for COVID-19 patients:

Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)**, has successfully completed the prototyping of an **Intensive Care Unit (ICU)** grade ventilator which is now in the process of being commercialised. Code-named '**Project Praana**', the product is a technology

IIT Madras launches world's first online BSc degree in Programming and Data Science:

IIT Madras launched an online **BSc degree** course on Programming & Data Science which is the world's first such programme. The Programming and Data Science course was launched by HRD Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal** Data Science is one of the fastest-growing sectors.

Bharat Biotech Announces India's First COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate 'COVAXIN' With DCGI Approval For Human Clinical Trials:

Hyderabad-based **Bharat Biotech** announced that it has successfully developed **Covaxin**, India's first vaccine candidate for Covid-19, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and **National Institute of Virology (NIV)**.

SERB launches 'Accelerate Vigyan' Scheme To Strengthen Scientific Research Mechanism:

Science and Engineering Research Board has launched a new scheme called '**Accelerate Vigyan**' to provide a single platform for research internships, capacity building programs and workshops across the country.

AV has already called for applications under its '**ABHYAAS**' component for the Winter Season. **SERB** is also planning to launch an app for this in the coming 2 months.

RMRC Dibrugarh becomes the 4th Laboratory in India to isolate COVID-19 Virus Strain:

Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC) in **Dibrugarh** district of **Assam** has successfully isolated the SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) virus becoming the fourth such facility in the country to achieve the feat.

IndianOil, NTPC, SDMC sign tripartite MoU to develop waste-to-energy facilities:

In order to set up a waste to energy plant, **South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC)** has signed a Mou with **Indian Oil** and **NTPC Ltd**. The energy plant will be established at **Okhla** in **New Delhi**.

SDMC has joined Indian Oil and NTPC that will work to develop a **Waste-to-energy Plant** demonstration using **Gasification technology** at Okhla landfill in Delhi.

AIIMS partners IIT-Delhi to launch app for patients needing plasma therapy:

AIIMS with the help of **IIT-Delhi** students have developed a mobile application named "**COPAL-19**" to track real-time COVID-19 patients in the hospital, who can become potential plasma donors 28 days after recovery along with those who have been discharged.

IIT Gandhinagar develops AI based tool to detect Covid-19 from chest X-ray:

Researchers at the Indian **Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN)** have developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI) - based deep learning tool for detection of Covid-19 from **Chest X-ray** images.

IIT Kanpur develops virtual classroom system 'Mobile Masterjee':

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur has developed an innovative virtual classroom aid titled '**Mobile Masterjee**'.

The classroom-to-home teaching setup is designed to record the lectures/instructions by the teachers while using smartphones. 'Mobile Masterjee' can capture the videos in **horizontal (table)** and **vertical (blackboard)** positions.

India's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) Captured the Image of Mars Moon Phobos:

ISRO's Mars Orbiter Missions (MOM) has taken some images of Phobos, biggest and closest moon of Mars. Mars Orbiter Mission (**Mars Colour Camera**) took image from the distance of 7,200 km from Mars and just 4,200 km from Phobos.

IIT Roorkee researchers develops disinfection box "Unisaviour":

A disinfection box "**Unisaviour**" has been developed by the researchers at **IIT Roorkee**. The disinfection box "Unisaviour" can be used to sterilize personal belongings, apparels, PPE, medical equipment among others from the COVID-19.

India's 1st NPNT compliant Drone flight successfully completed:

India's First **No-Permission No-Takeoff (NPNT)** compliant drone flight on the A200 **Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS)** has been completed successfully by Quidich Innovation Labs and Asteria Aerospace.

This NPNT drone flight is under the **Ministry of Civil Aviation** MoCA & DGCA comprehensive policy on the use of **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)**, which came into effect on 1st Dec 2018.

Israel Successfully Launches New Spy Satellite 'Ofek 16' into Space Using Shavit Rocket:

Israel Defence Ministry has announced the successful launch of a new "**Ofek 16**" spy satellite into orbit by using a locally-developed **Shavit rocket** from a launch pad at Palmachim airbase in central Israel. This was the first launch of an Israeli spy satellite into space since the Ofek-11 which entered orbit in September 2016.

Indian Railways sets up solar plant in Bina to directly power railway overhead line:

Indian Railways has set up a **Solar Power Plant** in Bina, located in **Madhya Pradesh** to directly power the Railway Overhead Line. According to Railway Board Chairman **V K Yadav**, for the first time in the world, such a unique power plant has been installed.

Indian Railways to transform itself as 'Net Zero' Carbon Emission Mass Transportation Network by 2030:

The **Indian Railways** is taking decisive steps to transform itself as a '**Net Zero**' **Carbon Emission** Mass Transportation Network by **2030**. It is endeavoring to be self-reliant for its energy needs by utilising its vacant land for renewable energy projects.

DRDO to establish a research cell at IIT-H to meet the future defence technological requirements:

Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO) will establish a research cell at **Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad**(IIT-H), '**DRDO – IIT-H Research Cell**' to meet the future defence technological requirements of the country.

National Medicinal Plants Board signs MoU with ICAR:

National Medicinal Plants Board and **ICAR**-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources have entered into an MoU to conserve the **Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Genetic Resources** (MAPGRs) and acquire hands-on training on plant germplasm conservation techniques.

Hyderabad based Laxai Sciences partnership with CSIR to seek approval to undertake clinical trials "MUCOVIN" on Covid-19 patients:

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), in collaboration with **Laxai Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.** Hyderabad has sought regulatory approval to undertake a four-arm randomized controlled phase III clinical trial. That clinical trial is named "**MUCOVIN**".

IIT Madras develops nano-coated filter that can be used in masks for COVID-19 warriors:

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) researchers have developed a **nano-coated filter** that can be used by healthcare workers treating COVID-19 patients. The filter's coating properties are optimized for efficient removal of sub-micron sized dust particles in the air.

BDL signs licence agreement with DRDO for Akash Missile Weapon System:

Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has signed Licence Agreement and Transfer of Technology (LAToT) with **DRDO** for Akash Missile Weapon System (Indian Army Variant). Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) is the lead integrator for **Akash Weapon System (Indian Army)**.

Mylab launches machine to automate molecular diagnostic tests including those for COVID-19:

Pune-based **Mylab** Discovery Solutions launched a machine '**Compact XL**' to automate the manual processes of molecular diagnostic tests, including **RT-PCR tests** for COVID-19. It is a cartridge-based machine and can test multiple samples at one time.

Wildlife researchers rediscover 'Ypthima watsoni' butterfly after 61 years in Tripura:

In **Tripura**, a team of wildlife researchers has rediscovered '**Ypthima watsoni**' butterfly commonly known as '**Looped three-ring**' after 61 years near a village called Phuldungsei in Jampui Hills under the North Tripura district.

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad and NVIDIA to establish joint AI research centre:

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad is collaborating with **NVIDIA**, a

multinational technology company, to establish India's first '**NVIDIA AI Technology Centre**' (NVAITC) to accelerate research on Artificial Intelligence and its commercial adoption.

ISRO to launch Brazil's Amazonia-1 satellite onboard PSLV in August 2020:

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is all set to launch **Brazil's Amazonia-1** satellite in **August 2020** onboard The **Polar Satellite Launch vehicle (PSLV)**. Amazonia -1 is **Brazil's first satellite** for Earth observation – designed, assembled and tested in Brazil.

IIT Kanpur develops UV sanitizing device 'SHUDDH' to make your room COVID free:

Due to Covid Pandemic People are nowadays afraid of touching anything around, specifically in the areas where masses have to come. To solve this problem Imagineering Laboratory department of **IIT Kanpur** has developed an **Ultraviolet (UV)** sanitizing product named "**SHUDDH**".

Initial testing has proved that the device at its full operation can disinfect a 10x10 squared feet room in about **15 minutes**.

Two New Israeli Assault Rifles Arad and Carmel now Set to be Manufactured in India:

Israeli Assault Rifles, Arad and Carmel will be manufactured under the Make in India initiative in the PLR Systems Private Limited, established by **Israel Weapons Industries (IWI)** in 2017 as a joint venture with Punj Lloyd in **Madhya Pradesh, India.**

PLS Systems is the first private sector company that has a license for manufacturing Small Arms and Ammunition.

China successfully launches APSTAR-6D telecommunication satellite:

APSTAR-6D telecommunication satellite was launched via a **Long March 3B** carrier rocket from **Xichang Satellite Launch Center.**

APSTAR-6D is designed and manufactured by the **China Academy of Space Technology (CAST)**, a subsidiary of **China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC).**

IIT Madras-incubated startup develops portable hospital to treat COVID-19 patients:

Indian Institute of Technology Madras incubated start-up Modulus Housing, has developed a portable hospital unit that can be installed anywhere within two hours by four people.

Called '**MediCAB,**' it aims to decentralize the approach to detect, screen, identify, isolate and treat COVID-19 patients in their local

communities through these portable **microstructures.**

IIT Kanpur-incubated startups develop device to monitor water quality india:

IIT Kanpur Incubated Start-ups i.e **Earth-face Analytics Pvt Ltd** and **Kritsnam Technologies Pvt Ltd** have built up a gadget, for dissecting and observing water quality through simple to utilize **colorimetric test-strip**, in view of advanced **mobile phone innovation** that screens numerous significant water quality boundaries in less than **two minutes.**

UAE has successfully launched the Arab world's first Mars mission:

United Arab Emirates successfully launched its **Mars-bound Hope Probe** marking the the Arab world's first interplanetary mission and the first of three international missions to the Red Planet this summer.

The spacecraft is expected to reach Mars orbit in about **200 days** from now and then begin its mission to study **Mars`s atmosphere.**

IIM-Kozhikode Startup Develops Wearable Hand Band To Ensure Social Distancing:

Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K) has developed a wearable hand band that helps in maintaining social distancing by sending out alarm in case of

proximity with another person. It is Known as the **Veli Band**, the device has been developed by **Qual5 India Pvt.Ltd**

Defence Ministry signs Rs 557 crore contract with BEML for 1512 mine ploughs for T-90 tanks:

In an apparent effort to boost '**Make in India**' initiative of the Government, the Acquisition Wing of Union Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with **Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)** for procurement of 1,512 Mine Plough (MP) for **Tank T-90 S/SK** at an approximate cost of **Rs 557 crore**.

SpaceX launches South Korea's 1st military satellite 'ANASIS-II':

SpaceX successfully launched **South Korea's** first military communications satellite, **Army/Navy/Air Force Satellite Information System 2(ANASIS-II)**. and aced a rocket landing, too, to mark its 12th launch of the year. It was lifted off from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in the US state of Florida.

Russia Successfully Holds Flight Test Of 3D-Printed Aircraft Engine:

Russia has for the first time conducted a successful flight test of the **MGTD-20** gas turbine engine made by a 3D-printed aircraft engine, and its production is scheduled for

2021-2022. The flight tests were held at Kazanbush aviation centre in **Tatarstan**.

India's indigenously developed anti-tank guided missile 'Dhruvastra' test-fired:

India has successfully conducted three flight tests of its indigenously developed anti-tank guided missile '**Dhruvastra**' from the Integrated Test Range at **Chandipur in Odisha**.

Developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, the helicopter-launched **Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)** is one of the most advanced anti-tank weapons in the world.

India and Israel join hands to develop rapid testing for Covid-19 in under 30 seconds:

Israel and **India** will work together to develop a new generation set of Covid-19 tests that aim to bring the entire testing process down to a few seconds, be widely available, and ultimately help to open economies. Using **artificial intelligence** and **machine learning**, these breakthrough technologies will be tested in India, and if successful, be manufactured in India, and marketed jointly by Israel and India to the world.

GAIL and Carbon Clean Solutions sign a MoU for Compressed Biogas projects:

GAIL (India) Limited and **Carbon Clean Solutions Limited** (CCSL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for **exploring project development opportunities** in **Compressed Biogas (CBG)** value chain in India. The two companies will then work in partnership to bring the number of plants in India up to 100.

China launches ambitious Tianwen-1 Mars rover mission:

China's first fully homegrown Mars mission **Tianwen-1** mission launched atop a **Long March 5** rocket from Hainan Island's Wenchang Satellite Launch Center. Tianwen-1 consists of an orbiter and a lander/rover duo, a combination of craft that had never before launched together toward the Red Planet.

Appointments and Resignations:

Priyanka Chopra, Anurag Kashyap named among ambassadors at **TIFF 2020:**

Actor **Priyanka Chopra** and filmmaker **Anurag Kashyap** are among the **Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)** ambassadors for 2020.

TIFF is one of the largest publicly attended film festivals in the world and has gathered a

reputation for generating "**Oscar buzz**" for its pick of films.

Sanjay Kumar to be new Maharashtra Chief Secy and Ajoy Mehta named Principal Advisor to CM:

Maharashtra government has appointed IAS officer **Sanjay Kumar** as the new Chief Secretary of the state, while incumbent **Ajoy Mehta** has been named Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.

Lazarus Chakwera sworn in as Malawi president:

Malawi's opposition leader **Lazarus Chakwera** has won the country's rerun presidential vote. He defeated incumbent **Peter Mutharika** with **58.57%** of the vote. It is the 2nd African nation to annul a presidential election over irregularities after **Kenya** in 2017.

Carrier Midea India appoints Sanjay Mahajan as Managing Director:

Carrier Midea India, a joint venture between Carrier and Midea, has appointed **Sanjay Mahajan** as Managing Director. Estd in February 2012, CMI has developed a strong industry position in the India residential air-conditioning segment.

Vini Mahajan appointed first female chief secretary of Punjab:

Punjab has appointed **Vini Mahajan** as the new chief secretary of Punjab. She replaces 1984-batch IAS officer **Karan Avtar Singh**, who recently had a face-off with Punjab ministers. Singh, who is due to retire on August 31.

Micheál Martin elected as Ireland's new prime minister:

Fianna Fail leader **Micheál Martin** was elected as the new (Taoiseach) Prime Minister of **Ireland** and he will take over the office from **Leo Varadkar**.

Micheál Martin, will lead the government for the first **two and a half years** (until December 2022) ; the second half of the **5 year team** will be led by **Leo Varadkar**, Indian Origin Leader of Fine Gael.

Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel given additional charge of Madhya Pradesh:

President **Ram Nath Kovind** has assigned **Uttar Pradesh** Governor **Anandiben Patel** additional charge of **Madhya Pradesh** during the absence on leave of Governor Lalji Tandon.

KK Venugopal re-appointed as Attorney General of India for a year and Tushar Mehta re-named Solicitor General for three years:

Appointments Committee has approved the re-appointment of senior advocate **Tushar Mehta** as Solicitor General for a period of **3 years**. Senior advocate **K.K. Venugopal** has also been reappointed to the post of Attorney General for India for a period of **1 year**.

Salma Lakhani becomes first Muslim in Canada to be appointed as lieutenant governor:

Edmonton businesswoman **Salma Lakhani** has become the first Muslim woman in **Canada** to be named as the lieutenant governor. A Lt Governor in Canada is the equivalent of a **Governor** in India.

Nitin Menon becomes third Indian umpire to be inducted in ICC Elite Panel:

India's **Nitin Menon** has been included in the International Cricket Council's **Elite Panel of Umpires** for the upcoming **2020-21** season, replacing England's Nigel Llong. He has officiated in three Tests, 24 ODIs and 16 T20Is. Srinivas Venkatraghavan & Sundaram Ravi were previous inductees.

Gudni Johannesson Re-elected as President of Iceland:

Gudni Th. Johannesson has been re-elected as the President of **Iceland**. He has won his second four-year term as the president of Iceland in the presidential elections held recently.

He won the presidential elections with **92%** of the popular vote which the second-largest win in Icelandic presidential elections against **Gudmundur Franklín Jónsson**.

Indra Mani Pandey Appointed India's Permanent Representative To UN In Geneva:

Diplomat **Indra Mani Pandey** has been appointed as India's next Permanent Representative to the **United Nations** and other international organisations in **Geneva**.

Mr Pandey, a 1990-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is currently serving as an additional secretary in the **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)**.

Government extends Union Bank of India CEO Rajkiran Rai's term by another 2 years:

Government extends the term of **Rajkiran Rai G** as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Union Bank of India(UBI)** by **2 years** till May 31, 2022.

The 3 year term of Rajkiran Rai G as MD & CEO of UBI was to end on June 30, 2020. He took charge of UBI on July 1, 2017.

Ravinder Bhakar appointed as CEO of Central Board of Films Certification:

Mr Ravinder Bhakar assumes charge as new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Central Board of Films Certification(CBFC)**. He is

a Indian Railway Stores Service(IRSS) officer from 1999 batch. He has taken place of **Anurag Srivastava**.

Parminder Chopra takes charge as Director of Finance at Power Finance Corporation:

Government-owned **Power Finance Corporation** (PFC), India's leading NBFC, today announced the appointment of **Smt Parminder Chopra** as Director (Finance) of the company. She succeeds **Shri N.B. Gupta**, who superannuated on June 30, 2020.

Axis Bank appoints LIC MD Suseel Kumar on board as non-executive member:

Board of **Axis Bank** has approved the appointment of **T.C. Suseel Kumar**, Managing Director- **Life Insurance Corporation of India**, Promoter of the Bank, as the Additional **Non-Executive (Nominee) Director** of the Bank, with effect from 1 July 2020.

Lakshmi Vilas Bank appoints K Hariharan as Chief Financial Officer:

Lakshmi Vilas Bank said in the stock exchanges that the Audit Committee of the Board has appointed **Hariharan K** as **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**. He has 29 years of experience in Banking and Finance Industry and before joining **Lakshmi Vilas Bank** has served in various capacities with **State Bank**

of India, IDBI Bank and Karur Vysya Bank.

Oxford topper Baisali Mohanty appointed United Nations Policy Officer:

Odia girl **Baisali Mohanty** who brought laurel to the state winning the prestigious High-Profile Achievement Award as best graduate student at **Oxford University**, England, has been appointed as the **Policy Officer** at International Civil Service of UN.

Shrikant Madhav Vaidya takes over as Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation:

Shrikant Madhav Vaidya took over as the chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC), nation's biggest oil firm. He succeeds **Sanjiv Singh**, who retired on June 30.

V Suryanarayanan appointed as new MD of Chola MS General Insurance:

Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company has announced the appointment of **V Suryanarayanan** as its new managing director. Suryanarayanan succeeds **S S Gopalarathnam**, who retired on Tuesday after serving the company for over 41 years.

Nigar Johar Becomes Pakistan Army's First Female Lieutenant General:

Pakistan Army has appointed a **Nigar Johar** as lieutenant general for the first time. Major General Nigar Johar, who got the coveted post of a three-star general, has also been

appointed as the **First Female Surgeon** general of the Pakistan Army.

Imran Khwaja Takes Charge as Interim Chairman of International Cricket Council:

Shashank Manohar has formally stepped down as **International Cricket Council (ICC)** chairman after heading the sport's global governing body for four years.

Singapore's **Imran Khwaja** previously Manohar's deputy has been elevated as interim chairman until the process for the next chairman's election is finalised.

NHAI chairman Sukhbir Singh Sandhu gets six months extension:

Senior bureaucrat **Sukhbir Singh Sandhu** was given **six months extension**, till mid January next year, as the chairman of **National Highways Authority of India**, a Personnel Ministry order said. Sandhu, a 1988 batch IAS officer of Uttarakhand cadre, took charge of the post in October last year.

Professor Sanjay Dwivedi appointed Director General of Indian Institute of Mass Communication:

Professor **Sanjay Dwivedi** was appointed as the Director General of the **Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC)** here, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

Dwivedi is at present Registrar of **Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University** of Journalism and Communication, **Bhopal**.

Jean Castex Appointed as New Prime Minister of France:

French President **Emmanuel Macron** named **Jean Castex**, who coordinated France's virus reopening strategy, as the country's new prime minister replacing **Edouard Philippe**.

Castex, 55, is a career public servant who has worked with multiple governments.

UK India Business Council appoints Indian-origin Jayant Krishna as new CEO:

The **UK India Business Council** has announced that **Jayant Krishna** has accepted the invitation of the Board to become its new Group Chief Executive Officer. He will be 1st UKIBC Group CEO to be based in India, will be replacing **Richard Heald**.

Former India pacer Aavishkar Salvi appointed head coach of Puducherry:

Cricket Association of **Pondicherry** (CAP) has roped in former India pacer and Mumbai ace, **Aavishkar Salvi**, as its head coach for the upcoming domestic season. In 2018 Ranji trophy Salvi was appointed the head coach.

Rajeeva Swarup was appointed as the Chief Secretary of Rajasthan:

Rajasthan government has appointed **Rajeeva Swarup** as the new Chief Secretary, replacing **DB Gupta**, and has transferred over 100 IAS officers.

The government late released a list of 103 IAS officers, who were being transferred, in which Health Secretary **Rohit Kumar Singh** was given the charge of home secretary that Swarup was holding earlier.

Dr. Bishnu Prasad Nanda takes over as DG Railway Health Services:

Dr Bishnu Prasad Nanda has taken over as **Director General Railway Health Services (DG RHS)** Railway Board. He joined at the apex post of the Health Department in the Railway Board. He was serving as the Principal **Chief Medical Doctor Southern Railway**.

Injeti Srinivas appointed chairman of International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) :

The former corporate affairs secretary and 1983-batch IAS officer of the Odisha cadre will head the IFSCA for a period of three years. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of **Injeti Srinivas** as chairman of the **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)**.

SP Kochhar appointed DG of Cellular Operators Association of India:

Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has appointed **SP Kochhar** as its new Director General (DG), after **Rajan Mathews** quitting the position, after a decade of service.

Ajai Puri, Chief Operating Officer (India and South Asia), Bharti Airtel, will now hold the position of Chairman while Pramod Kumar Mittal, President, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, will be the Vice Chairman of the Association.

MCA extends term of Justice Bansi Lal Bhat as acting chairperson NCLAT by three months:

Ministry of corporate affairs (MCA) extended the term of Justice **Bansi Lal Bhat** as acting chairperson of the **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)** by **three months**. He was first appointed as a judicial member of the NCLAT in Oct 2017 replacing Justice **SJ Mukhopadhyaya**.

Sijo Kuruvilla George appointed to Centre's committee on science and tech policy:

The founding CEO of Start-up Village & founder of Re-think Foundation, **Sijo Kuruvilla George** is selected as member of Central Government's Expert Committee on Science and Technology Policy. He is the lone

person from Kerala to be the part of **8-member panel**.

Corporate affairs Secretary Rajesh Verma appointed as IEPFA chairman:

Government appointed corporate affairs secretary, **Rajesh Verma**, as the chairman of the **Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)** replacing **Injeti Srinivas**. The post of the chairman of the IEPFA is held by whoever is the current MCA secretary.

Luxury Ride signs Sukhbir Singh as brand ambassador:

Luxury Ride, chain of used, multi-brand luxury car showrooms, signed singer **Sukhbir Singh** as brand ambassador. With this, he will be seen in a full-fledged marketing campaign across the upcoming brand and product communication initiatives by Luxury Ride.

M K Saggarr to take over as ED in charge of RBI's monetary policy department:

M K Saggarr will take over as the executive director (ED) in charge of **Reserve Bank of India's** monetary policy department, after the retirement of **Janak Raj**. He will also be included in the 6-member Monetary Policy Committee as an internal RBI member.

Grandmaster RB Ramesh Resigns As Chief Selector Of All India Chess Federation:

Grandmaster R B Ramesh resigned from the post of the chief of Selection Committee of **All India Chess Federation (AICF)** protesting against interference in Indian team selection process for the online class Olympiad team by **Bharat Singh Chauhan**.

CRISIL appoints Shyamala Gopinath as Additional Director:

Board of directors of **CRISIL** has approved the appointment of **Shyamala Gopinath** as an Additional Director (Independent) of the company with effect from July 10. Gopinath was Deputy Governor at **Reserve Bank of India** for seven years till June 2011.

She is currently on the boards of **HDFC Bank** (as part-time non- executive chairperson and independent director),

Priyanka Chopra Chosen Ambassador for Toronto International Film Festival:

Priyanka Chopra announced that she has been invited to be an ambassador to the 2020 **Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)**. PeeCee, who starred in the American television show *Quantico* and Hollywood flicks like *Baywatch* and *Isn't it Romantic*.

Bollywood filmmaker **Anurag Kashyap** has also been chosen for **TIFF 2020**.

BCCI Confirm CEO Rahul Johri's Resignation After Dramatic 4-year Reign:

Rahul Johri, the **BCCI's** Chief Executive Officer will be moving away from the position this month. The news came to light after the BCCI reportedly revealed that they had accepted the BCCI CEO's resignation.

He had put down his papers after the Supreme Court-appointed **Committee of Administrators (CoA)** made way for the **Sourav Ganguly**-led set-up to run the world's richest cricket board.

Gyanendro Ningombam replaces Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad as new Hockey India president:

Hockey India has appointed Manipur's **Gyanendro Ningombam** as its new officiating president after **Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad** stepped down from his post owing to his personal reasons and family commitments.

Lee Hsien Loong becomes Prime Minister of Singapore:

Singapore PM **Lee Hsien Loong** secured a clear mandate with his ruling **People's Action Party (PAP)** winning 83 of the 93 contested parliamentary seats in the general election held amidst pandemic with the Opposition gaining ground by winning a record 10 seats

Taiwan names senior diplomat Baushuan Ger as its new representative to India:

Taipei Senior diplomat **Baushuan Ger** has been named as new envoy to **India** by **Taiwan**. Baushuan's appointment was part of personnel changes announced by Taiwan's foreign ministry. Tien, who served as Taiwan's representative to India for more than **seven years**.

Andrzej Duda wins Polish presidential Election:

Andrzej Duda, **Poland's** conservative, populist incumbent, has narrowly won the **Presidential Election**. Duda who is backed by the ruling right-wing Law and Justice party (PiS), won 51.21 percent of the vote, liberal Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski, got 48.79%.

Vidhu P. Nair appointed India's next Ambassador to Turkmenistan:

Dr. Vidhu P. Nair has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Turkmenistan**. Dr Nair is presently Director in the **External Affairs Ministry**. **H H Kotalwar** has been appointed as next Ambassador of India to the **Czech Republic**.

Vikram Doraiswami appointed as India's new envoy to Bangladesh and Rudrendra Tandon is India's next envoy to Afghanistan:

Government has decided to appoint **Rudrendra Tandon** as the new envoy to

Afghanistan. Tandon is currently the Indian envoy to **ASEAN** at Jakarta.

He replaces **Vinay Kumar** who has performed admirably with the withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan after striking a deal with Taliban insurgents.

Vikram Doraiswami replaces **Riva Ganguly Das**, who is likely to take over as Secretary East at the external affairs ministry.

BCCI appoints Hemang Amin as interim CEO:

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has appointed IPL chief operating officer **Hemang Amin** as the interim chief executive officer (CEO). "Hemang Amin has been given the interim charge of CEO of BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India),"

Last week, the apex body of cricket in India had accepted the resignation of its CEO, **Rahul Johri**.

Kunal Bahl Of Snapdeal To Lead CII's E-commerce Committee:

Snapdeal's co-founder and CEO **Kunal Bahl** has taken over as the Chairman of its e-commerce for the year **2020-21**. This was being said by the **Confederation of Indian Industry**.

The intermediary status of e-commerce platform has figure high on the immediate agenda of the committee, as per a CII

release. Urban Company's co-founder **Abhiraj Bhal** will co-chair the committee.

Indian-origin Chandrikapersad Santokhi elected as president of Suriname:

Indian-origin politician **Chandrikapersad Santokhi** has been elected President of **Suriname** by the **Latin American** country's national assembly.

A former Justice Minister, Santokhi of the **Progressive Reform Party** (PRP) was elected unopposed, the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC) reported. He will succeed **Desi Bouterse**.

Asian Development Bank appoints Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa as new vice-president:

Election Commissioner **Ashok Lavasa**, who is known for his dissenting views in the poll panel, is all set to join **Asian Development Bank** at Manila in **Philippines**, as the multilateral financial agency has appointed him its vice-president to look after private sector operations and **Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)**.

He will succeed **Diwakar Gupta**, whose term will end on 31 August, 2020.

Former Australian cricketer Brett Lee named brand ambassador of SportsAdda:

SportsAdda has onboarded Australian cricket legend **Brett Lee** as its brand ambassador as he swaps the cricket field for the digital playground. He took over **700 wickets** during his international career and retired from international cricket in 2013.

Ashwini Kumar Tewari appointed as the new SBI Cards MD & CEO:

SBI cards and Payment Services has named **Ashwini Kumar Tewari** as its new Managing Director and chief executive officer. He was nominated by parent **State Bank of India** for the position and his appointment will come into effect from August 1, 2020. The new appointment will be valid for two years.

Tunisian Prime Minister Elyes Fakhfakh Resigns:

Tunisian Prime Minister **Elyes Fakhfakh** resigned, who was appointed in January, 2020. He presented his resignation letter to President **Kais Saied**. He also served as a **Minister of Tourism** and as the **Minister of Finance**. He is a member of Democratic Forum for Labour and Liberties (referred to as Ettakatol).

SAP appoints Kulmeet Bawa as president and MD of Indian subcontinent:

German technology major SAP appointed **Kulmeet Bawa** as president and managing director for SAP Indian Subcontinent,

effective 20 July. Bawa replaces **Deb Deep Sengupta**.

Gabon Appoints Ossouka Raponda As Its First Woman Prime Minister:

Former Defense Minister **Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda** has been promoted to **Prime Minister**, making her the **First Woman** to hold the role in Gabon's history. She will succeed **Julien Nkoghe Bekale**. On 16 July 2020. She is the **sixth** Prime Minister under **Bongo's** Presidency since 2009.

RBI approves reappointment of Shyam Srinivasan as Federal Bank MD & CEO:

Reserve Bank of India approved the reappointment of **Shyam Srinivasan** as the managing Director and Chief Executive officer of **Federal bank Limited** with effect from September 23, 2020 till September 22, 2021.

Roshni Nadar becomes HCL Tech Chairperson and First Woman to Chair Listed Indian IT firm:

Country's richest woman **Roshni Nadar Malhotra** became the **first woman** to head a listed Indian IT company as she took over as the Chairperson of USD 8.9 billion **HCL Technologies** from her father and billionaire **Shiv Nadar**. She featured in '**World's 100 Most Powerful Women**' list by **Forbes**

Praveen Siddharth appointed Private Secretary to President:

P Praveen Siddharth has been appointed as Private Secretary to the President of India Ramnath Kovind. He replaces **Vikram Singh** whose tenure was curtailed at **President Secretariat**.

Prakash Chandra Kandpal appointed MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance:

Non-life insurer **SBI General Insurance** announced the appointment of **Prakash Chandra Kandpal** as its new managing director and chief executive officer, effective July 20. He has been with **SBI General Insurance** as the deputy CEO since June 2019

Karur Vysya Bank appoints Ramesh Babu Boddu as MD & CEO:

Karur Vysya Bank's (KVB) Board of Directors has co-opted Ramesh Babu Boddu as an Additional Director and appointed him Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer for three years. He retired as Deputy Managing Director in State Bank of India in April 2020.

IAS Officer P Amudha Appointed Joint Secretary In Prime Minister's Office:

Senior bureaucrat **P Amudha** has been appointed as Joint Secretary at the **Prime Minister's Office (PMO)** after a bureaucratic

reshuffle. Amudha is a 1994 batch **India Administrative Services (IAS)** officer of **Tamil Nadu** cadre and she will be joining the PMO with 15 other senior officials of elite services from different categories

Sumit Deb succeeds N Bajendra Kumar as CMD of National Mineral Development Corporation:

Sumit Deb has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of **National Mineral Development Corporation** (NMDC), iron ore mining major of the country, according to a Personnel Ministry. He succeeds **N Bajendra Kumar** who superannuates this month-end.

Rahul Bajaj steps down as chairman of Bajaj Finance:

Business tycoon **Rahul Bajaj** will step down as chairman of **Bajaj Finance Ltd** on 31 July after 33 years at the helm and He will be replaced by his son **Sanjiv Bajaj** (the present Vice Chairman of the company) from **August 1**.

Rahul Bajaj will continue to serve as a **non-executive non independent director** of the company.

DG RPF Arun Kumar nominated as Vice-Chairman of International Union of Railways:

India will be represented on the high table of global rail transport policy making as **Arun Kumar**, Director General of the **Railway Protection Force (RPF)**, has been nominated to be the vice-chairman of the Security Platform of the Paris-based Union Internationale Des Chemins/**International Union of Railways (UIC)**.

Arun Kumar, who is a 1985-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer

Shikhar Dhawan signs agreement with IMG Reliance:

Sports management firm **IMG Reliance**, a joint venture between Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and US-based IMG Worldwide announced that Indian cricket star **Shikhar Dhawan** has signed an exclusive worldwide marketing and management agreement with the company.

Riva Ganguly Das appointed as Secretary in Ministry of External Affairs:

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Riva Ganguly Das** (IFS) as **Secretary (East)** in the **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)**.

She has been appointed to the post upon the superannuation of **Vijay Thakur Singh (IFS)** on September 30. Das is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of 1986 batch.

Currently, she is serving as High Commissioner to **Bangladesh**.

Alok Misra named as new CEO & Director of Microfinance Institutions Network(MFIN) :

Dr. Alok Misra named as its new chief Executive Officer & Director of Microfinance Institutions Network. Misra's tenure begins from August 1st, 2020. CEO **Harsh Shrivastava** complete his 2 year tenure and handed his office to Alok Misra.

Sahil Seth appointed as honorary adviser to BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

Sahil Seth has been appointed an honorary adviser to the steering committee for the **BRICS Chamber of Commerce (CCI)** young leaders for the period of **2020-2023**. He is a deputy Commissioner of Mumbai Customs. He is a 2011 batch **Indian Revenue Service Officer**.

Indian Overseas Bank appoints SBI's Partha Pratim Sengupta as MD and CEO:

Indian Overseas Bank has appointed State Bank of India's deputy managing director, **Partha Pratim Sengupta**, as its managing director and chief executive officer (CEO). Sengupta will be replacing **Karnam Sekar**, who retired on June 30.

Naveen Tahilyani to take charge as Tata AIA Life Insurance MD & CEO:

Tata AIA Life Insurance has appointed **Naveen Tahilyani** as the new Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director. Tata AIA Life Insurance Company (Tata AIA Life) is a joint venture between Tata Sons and AIA Group Limited. He will succeed **Rishi Srivastava**.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Former England captain Clare Connor to become MCC's first female president in 233-year history:

Former England **captain Clare Connor** is set to become the first female president of the **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**, guardian of the laws of the game, in its **233-year** history.

Connor was named as the successor to current chief **Kumar Sangakkara**, who steps down from the post next year.

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport becomes 1st in India with this new tech at both ends of runway:

Bengaluru's **Kempegowda International Airport** gets Aviation Weather Monitoring System! For the first time in India, an **Aviation Weather Monitoring System** has

been installed at the Bangalore airport at both ends of the runway.

The Aviation Weather Monitoring System has been developed by Bengaluru-based **CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)**.

IIT-Ropar best in country, two Indian institutes in global top 100; THE Young University Ranking 2020

Times Higher Education (THE) has released the world's young university ranking for the relatively newer generation of universities, which are 50 years old or younger. **IIT-Ropar** best in India.

The 2020 ranking includes 414 universities, up from 351 in 2019. As many as two Indian universities made it into the top 100, while none could enter the '**50 under 50**' category.

Weightlifter Sanjita Chanu to Get Arjuna Award After Dope Charges Dropped:

Two-time Commonwealth Games gold medal winning weightlifter **K. Sanjita Chanu**, who was recently exonerated from doping charges, will get the Arjuna award for 2018, **Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF)** Secretary **Sahdev Yadav**.

P. Harikrishna becomes the 1st Indian to join the USD 150,000 Chessable Masters: Indian Grandmaster **P Harikrishna** bowed out of contention for a quarterfinal spot in the **USD 150,000 Chessable Masters** online

tournament, with a defeat at the hands of **Alexander Grischuk** of Russia in the 10th and final round.

India's NTPC wins PMC job for 500-MW solar project in Mali:

Indian power producer **NTPC** Ltd has won a project management consultancy (PMC) contract for the development of a **500-MW solar park** in the **Republic of Mali**. The award was made at an event held on June 24, NTPC stated, without giving more details about the project.

Indian startup capital Bengaluru in world's top 30 startup ecosystem list: GSER Report:

Indian's startup capital **Bengaluru** has been ranked in the **world's top 30** startup ecosystems. Topped by the **Silicon Valley in California**, Bengaluru is at the **26th** spot and the **only India city** to feature in the list by 'The Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2020' by Startup Genome.

While **Delhi** is in the runner-up category at the 36th spot, **Mumbai** ranks first in the list of top 100 emerging ecosystem ranking.

Popstar Beyonce to Be Honoured with Humanitarian Award at 2020 BET Awards:

Popstar Beyonce will be honoured with the **Humanitarian Award** at the 20th edition of

the **"BET Awards"**. She is being honoured for her longstanding philanthropic work, including her recent COVID-19 relief efforts. Special tributes are planned for the late **Kobe Bryant** and music icon **Little Richard** at this year's virtual ceremony.

Former RBI governor Rangarajan gets lifetime achievement award on Statistics Day:

Former **Reserve Bank of India** governor **C Rangarajan** was conferred with the lifetime achievement award for his contribution to statistics on the occasion of **Statistics Day**. Chief statistician **Pravin Srivastava** stated the government will launch **e-Sigma** that will capture data using mobile devices.

Pulitzer Winner Siddhartha Mukherjee and Prof. Raj Chetty named among '2020 Great Immigrants' Honorees:

Siddhartha Mukherjee and **Prof. Raj Shetty** have been named among the **'2020 Great Immigrants'** honourees by the Carnegie Corporation of **New York**.

Siddhartha Mukherjee is a **Pulitzer winning author** and **oncologist** and Raj Chetty is a Professor of Economics at **Harvard University**. They both are known for their valuable contribution to their respective fields.

Ravindra Jadeja rated India's most valuable Test player in 21st century by Wisden:

All-rounder **Ravindra Jadeja** has been named as **India's most valuable** Test player in the 21st century by the **Wisden** magazine.

With an MVP rating of **97.3**, the 31-year-old Jadeja was also rated as the **second-most valuable** Test player worldwide, behind **Sri Lanka** legend **Muttiah Muralitharan**.

India's AI enabled MyGov Corona Helpdesk wins two global awards:

India's Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled **MyGov Corona Helpdesk** has bagged two awards at the **Global Leadership Summit** and Festival of AI and Emerging Technology, **CogX 2020**.

AI enabled MyGov Corona Helpdesk bagged two awards under categories of **Best Innovation** for Covid-19 – Society and **People's Choice** Covid-19 Overall Winner.

Indian author Kritika Pandey declared overall winner of 2020 Commonwealth Short Story Prize:

Indian author **Kritika Pandey** was declared the overall winner of the 2020 **Commonwealth Short Story Prize**, for her story **"The Great Indian Tee and Snakes"**.

The Commonwealth Foundation announced Pandey's award in an online ceremony.

Mon District Administration received 3 SKOCH Awards in 65th SKOCH Summit:

District Administration of **Mon, Nagaland** received **2020 SKOCH** awards under three categories viz SKOCH Crucible Award 2020, SKOCH order of Merit 2020, SKOCH Honourable mention 2020 in the 65th SKOCH summit from Chairman of SKOCH group **Sameer Kochar**.

13 Year Old Girl Freya Thakral From Delhi Receives Award in Memory of Princess Diana:

Freya Thakral, a student from The British School, New Delhi, has been bestowed with the **highest accolade a young person** can achieve for social action or **humanitarian efforts** – **The Diana Award**. She has been added to the roll of honours on Princess Diana's birthday – July 1, 2020.

Writer Ratnakar Matkari To Get Maharashtra State Government Award Posthumously:

Marathi writer and playwright **Ratnakar Matkari** will be posthumously honoured with the **Natvarya Prabhakar Panshikar** award for lifetime contribution to theatre, the Maharashtra government. The award

comprises a cash prize of Rs five lakh, citation and a memento.

Quinton de Kock named men's Cricketer of the Year in CSA's virtual awards:

White-ball skipper **Quinton de Kock** was named the men's '**cricketer of the year**' at **Cricket South Africa's (CSA)** annual awards ceremony, held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is the **second time** de Kock has won the men's Cricketer of the Year, having claimed the accolade.

Elton John becomes second artist to be honoured with commemorative coin by Royal Mint:

Elton John became the second artist to be honoured by **Britain's Royal Mint** with a commemorative **£1,000** gold coin paying tribute to the decorated British singer-songwriter.

International Olympic Committee receives Green Building Leadership Award:

International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that its new headquarters in Lausanne has been awarded the European 2020 **US Green Building Council (USGBC)** Leadership Award.

Olympic House, which also holds the rigorous LEED Platinum certification, is one of the most sustainable buildings in the world, IOC stated.

Indian Battalion Wins the Annual UNIFIL Environment Award for 2020:

United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) Head of Mission and Force Commander Major General Stefano Del Col awarded the annual environment awards of UNIFIL to 7 mission entities.

An Indian Battalion (**INDBATT**) stationed with UNIFIL was declared first for their project towards reducing waste generation.

Tamil Nadu CM EPS honoured with Paul Harris Fellow recognition:

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International having its headquarters at Chicago has honoured **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister **Edappadi K Palaniswami** with **Paul Harris** Fellow recognition. It is accorded to honour people who render efficient services to people.

Arunachal Pradesh filmmaker bags Dada Saheb Phalke Award for documentary on honey hunting:

Honey Hunting, an integral part of **Arunachal Pradesh's** Shertukpen Community has been slowly slithering away. To keep the tradition alive **Kezang D Thongdok**, a filmmaker documented the

process of honey hunting and was awarded the **Dada Saheb Phalke Award**. He was awarded for the documentary named '**Chi Lupo**'.

NTPC Limited wins prestigious CII-ITC Sustainability Award 2019:

National Thermal Power Corporation, a Central PSU under Ministry of Power won the prestigious **CII-ITC Sustainability Award 2019** under Outstanding Accomplishment in Corporate Excellence Category. It was also commended for its significant achievement in CSR.

Development Marketplace Award 2020 to IHD India:

India's non-profit institution, **Institute for Human Development** (IHD) has been honored with Development Marketplace Award 2020 by **World Bank Group** and **Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)**.

Hockey stalwart Ashok Kumar to receive Mohun Bagan Lifetime Achievement Award:

Ashok Kumar, a key member of **India's 1975 World Cup** winning hockey team, will be conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the city's iconic club **Mohun Bagan** on the occasion of its foundation day. **Mohun Bagan Day** is celebrated every year on **July**

29. He is Son of hockey wizard **Dhyan Chand.**

Sachin Awasthi Bagged Prestigious Global Humanitarian Award In London:

Sachin Awasthi, the president of **National Media Club** and Founder of *Shri Ram Seva Mission* was honoured with the **"Top Publicist"** award in the **Global Humanitarian Awards 2020** held as a webinar over a virtual platform in London.

The Global Humanitarian Award 2020 is instituted as a part of the **"Honoring the Honorable"** initiative of the **World Humanitarian Drive (WHD).**

Ved Parkash Dudeja receives 'Infra Business Leader of the Year' award:

Rail Infra and Mobility Business Digital Awards (RIMBDA) has selected **Ved Parkash Dudeja**, Vice Chairman, Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) as the **Infra Business Leader of the Year for 2020.**

Rail Land Development Authority (**RLDA**) is a statutory authority under the Ministry of Railways.

ISRO Chief K Sivan to be Conferred with 2020 Von Karman Award By IAA:

ISRO Chief **Dr Kailasavadivoo Sivan** has been named as the winner of the **2020 Von Karman Award** by the Paris-based **International Academy of Astronautics**

(**IAA**). The award will be conferred upon K Sivan in March 2021 in **Paris.**

Prior to K Sivan, only two Indians have been the recipients of this award. They were **Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan** and **U.R. Rao.**

Chhattisgarh's Chief Minister Darpan Portal and Mobile App get award:

Mukhyamantri Darpan and **mobile App** which contains the details of all the flagship schemes of the **Chhattisgarh** government including the ambitious '**Suraji Gaon Yojna**' has been awarded **"Elites Excellence Awards-2020"** at the national level.

The state of Chhattisgarh has been awarded this honour by the country's prestigious IT institution **Elites Technomedia** under the '**Digital India initiative**'.

Indian Teenager Soham Mukherjee Sets Guinness World Record by Jumping Across Ruler 101 Times In 30 Seconds:

An Indian living in the United Arab Emirates **Soham Mukherjee** sets a Guinness World Record after performing a total of **101** side-to-side hops over a stationery ruler within 30 seconds.

Soham Mukherjee, a 17-year-old hailing from **New Delhi** got successful in breaking the previous record of 96 hops in 30 seconds.

Shahidul Alam Among CPJ's 2020 International Press Freedom Awardees:

The Committee to Protect Journalists has announced that the recipients of the **2020 International Press Freedom Awards** include **Shahidul Alam** from Bangladesh, **Mohammad Mosaed** from Iran, **Dapo Olorunyomi** from Nigeria and **Svetlana Prokopyeva** from Russia.

Tata's Chandrasekaran, Lockheed Martin's Taiclet to receive USIBC Global Leadership Award:

Tata group Chairman **N Chandrasekaran** and Lockheed Martin CEO **Jim Taiclet** will receive the **USIBC Global Leadership Award this year.**

The earlier receivers of this award include Google CEO Sundar Pichai, Google CEO Adena Friedman, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, and Sun Pharmaceuticals Founder and Managing Director Dilip Shanghvi.

Hyderabad International Airport Gets India's 1st and Only Completely Contactless Car Parking:

GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) that operates the city airport is offering **Fully Contact-Less Airport Car Parking service.**

"Apart from offering an end-to-end contact-less boarding experience for safe travel,

GHIAL has also scaled up its **NETC (National Electronic Toll Collection)** FASTag Car Parking in collaboration with **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India).**

Gurbux Singh, Palash Nandi to be honoured with Mohun Bagan Ratna:

Hockey legend **Gurbux Singh** and former first-class cricketer **Palash Nandi** will receive this year's **Mohun Bagan Ratna**. The club has decided not to hold the customary 'Mohun Bagan Day' function on **July 29.**

Kate Winslet to be honoured with Tribute Actor Award at Toronto International Film Festival 2020:

The Oscar-winning actor **Kate Winslet** will receive the honour during the virtual event of the 45th edition of **Toronto International Film Festival 2020 (TIFF).** gala following her latest film, **Francis Lee's Ammonite** in which she played a fossil hunter **Mary Anning**. She will receive the honour in the virtual gala on 15th September 2020.

South Central Railway's Ongole Sub-Division Office bags WATER HEROES AWARD from Jal Shakti Ministry:

Ongone Sub-Divisional Office of Vijayawada Division, Andhra, **South Central Railway** has been declared as winner in the

"Water Heroes Award" for the month of April, 2020 launched by **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.

Marianna Vardinoyannis & Morissana Kouyaté win 2020 United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize:

Ms. Vardinoyannis is the founder and president of two foundations dedicated to children, in the fight against child cancer.

Morissanda Kouyate, is a leading figure in efforts to end violence against women in Africa, including Female Genital Mutilation.

Tara June Winch wins 2020 Miles Franklin award for her book "The Yield":

'The Yield', by **Tara June Winch** won the **Miles Franklin award for 2020**. The award was set up by and named after Miles Franklin, who wanted an award for the "Advancement, improvement and betterment of Australian literature".

Narendra Singh Tomar declared the 2019 ICAR Awards in 92nd ICAR Foundation Day:

Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare **Narendra Singh Tomar** inaugurated the Virtual celebration of the **92nd Foundation day** of Indian Council of Agricultural Research(ICAR) and declared the **2019 ICAR Awards** from Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dubai-based Indian girl Samridhi Kalia breaks world record in performing 100 yoga poses:

A Dubai-based Indian girl has broken the world record for performing **100 Yoga Poses** within minutes in a confined space. This is 11-year-old **Samridhi Kalia's** third world record entry and the second one in the last one month.

Her performance was recorded at the iconic **Burj Khalifa's** viewing deck. On **Yoga Day (June 21)** this year, Samridhi bagged her second world record — performing 40 advanced yoga postures in **one minute**.

Messi beats Benzema to break La Liga record with seventh Pichichi award:

Lionel Messi secured a record **Seventh Pichichi** award after the Barcelona star finished the 2019-20 season as the leading scorer in **La Liga**. The Argentinian equalled Athletic Bilbao great **Telmo Zarra's** record of six awards last season, but he is now out on his own after another superb campaign in front of goal.

Environmental activist Greta Thunberg wins first Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity:

Young Swedish environmental activist **Greta Thunberg** was awarded the first **Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity**. The award carries a €1,000,000 prize and the entire

amount would be donated by Thunberg to project and organizations fighting for a sustainable world.

Arnab Chaudhuri to be conferred with Legend of Animation award:

Legendary animation director **Arnab Chaudhuri** has been named as the recipient of this year's Legend of Animation award instituted by the **Toonz Media Group (TMG)**.

The award will be posthumously conferred to Arnab at the **Animation Masters Summit (AMS) 2020- Digital Edition**, that will be held from July 20 to 24 over the Zoom platform,. Arnab, who passed away on **December 25, 2019**.

National Award for Excellence in Forestry awarded to Kannan C S Warriar:

Senior principal of **Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB)** scientist **Kannan C S Warriar** has received the National Award of Excellence for Outstanding Research in Forestry for the year 2019.

The award was conferred on him by the **Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)**

Books and Authors:

Dr. Adyasha Das releases poetry anthology **"The Yogini Poems: Love and Life "**:

Dr. Adyasha Das, well-known poet from **Odisha** has released her fourth book of poems, **"The Yogini Poems: Love and Life"**, based on the **Chausathi Yoginis** of Hirapur. Her first non-fiction book on the Yoginis, **"The Chausathi Yoginis of Hirapur: from Tantra to Tourism"**

Hindi writer Priyamvad's new book "Bharatiya Loktanktra Ka Koras: Kuch Bisari Bikhari Dhvaniyan" to publish with **Hind Pocket Books:**

Penguin Random House India's Indian language publishing division, Hind Pocket Books has recently signed **Shri Priyamvad**, a celebrated writer in Hindi literature. His new book, **"Bharatiya Loktanktra Ka Koras: Kuch Bisari Bikhari Dhvaniyan"** will be released next year.

A book titled "The Future of Higher Education" released by M Venkaiah Naidu:

Vice President of India, **M Venkaiah Naidu** virtually released a book, **"Future of Higher Education – Nine Mega Trends"**. The book is authored by **CA V Pattabhi Ram**, a Public

Speaker, author and Teacher. The Virtual event was hosted by **ICT Academy**.

Former RBI governor Urjit Patel pens book on dealing with NPA issue:

Titled '**Overdraft: Saving the Indian Saver**', the book focuses on the non-performing assets issue that has afflicted Indian banking in recent years, its causes and Patel's efforts as the RBI Governor in dealing with it. It will be published by **HarperCollins**.

Maruti Suzuki chairman R C Bhargava pens book "Getting Competitive: A Practitioner's Guide for India":

Maruti Suzuki chairman **R C Bhargava** penned a book "**Getting Competitive: A Practitioner's Guide for India**".

The book is published by **Harper Collins India**, Bhargava draws upon his experience of more than 60 years as a policymaker and industry leader to give practical suggestions.

A Book Titled 'Mahaveer: The Soldier Who Never Died' Authored by A.K. Srikumar & Rupa Srikumar Released:

The book, titled '**Mahaveer: The Soldier who never died**' is authored by award winning author **A.K. Srikumar** and his wife, Rupa Srikumar. The book is a patriotic story about the courage and selfless love of **Jaswant Singh Rawat**.

He is one of the legendary Garhwali soldiers fought in **Indo-Chinese** battle of Nuranang in **1962**. The book is published by Rupa Publications and represented by **The Book Bakers**.

A book on Dalai Lama's biography to release in 2020:

A book titled '**His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama: An Illustrated Biography**' will be released in 2020. The book is published by **Roli Books**. The book is authored by one of the Dalai Lama's closest aides and advisor of over 40 years, **Tenzin Geyche Tethong**. The biography is a memorable portrait of the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso.

Ruskin Bond's 70-yr literary journey captured in 'A Song of India':

The book titled '**A Song of India**' authored by **Ruskin Bond** to be released on July 20, 2020, which will mark the **70th year** of the author's literary career.

The book portrays his unknown life before he became a successful author. It is published by **Puffin Books**, an imprint of **Penguin Random House India**.

A new book titled "If It Bleeds" authored by Stephen King released in India:

Stephen King's new book titled "**If It Bleeds**" published by **Hachette India** is all set for a July release. The story centers

around a bomb at Albert Macready Middle School. It is a sequel to his bestselling work, *The Outsider*, which featured Holly Gibney of the Finders Keepers detective agency on her first solo case.

AP CM Pema Khandu releases book "The Tangams: An Ethnolinguistic Study Of The Critically Endangered Group of Arunachal Pradesh":

The book titled '**The Tangams: An Ethnolinguistic Study Of The Critically Endangered Group of Arunachal Pradesh**' was released by Arunachal Chief Minister **Pema Khandu**.

The book is based on the **Tangams**, a critically endangered speech community of Arunachal Pradesh domiciled at Kugging village, Upper Siang district of **Arunachal Pradesh**.

A book titled 'Suraj Kade Marda Nahi' on Udham Singh by Akademi awardee Baldev Singh Sadaknama:

Sahitya Akademi Award winner **Baldev Singh Sadaknama** has written another book shedding light on historic perspectives named '**Suraj Kade Marda Nahi**' (**Sun Never Dies**). It is on the life of Udham Singh whose 80th death anniversary will fall on July 31.

A book titled "The Pandemic Century", by British Medical Historian Mark Honigsbaum:

"The Pandemic Century, A History of Global Contagion from the Spanish Flu to Covid-19", by the british medical historian **Mark Honigsbaum** covers 10 outbreaks in the past 100 years, dating from the Spanish Flu (1918) to the present day Coronavirus (2019). The book is published by **Penguin Publishers**.

The Pandemic Century by Mark Honigsbaum:

"The Pandemic Century", the book by British medical historian **Mark Honigsbaum** combines science history, medical sociology and front-line reportage to tell the history of global contagion dating from the Spanish Flu (1918) to the present day coronavirus pandemic.

A book titled "The Endgame" authored by Hussain Zaidi:

A new novel *The Endgame* by **Hussain Zaidi** **Hussain Zaidi**, a well known crime writer has recently written a novel named **"The Endgame"**. It was published by the **HarperCollins India**. The book speaks about the politics, betrayal, and unimaginable terror.

RANKINGS:

India ranks 77th in terms of Money deposits in Swiss banks:

India has slipped three places to **77th** in terms of deposits of Indian citizens and companies in **Swiss banks**. This information has been found in the latest data from the **central bank of Switzerland**. Britain holds the first place in this list. Last year, India was ranked **74th** on this list.

Britain ranks first on the list. The **US** is followed by the second, **West Indies** third, **France** fourth and **Hong Kong** fifth. The top five countries account for more than 50 percent of the total money deposited in Swiss banks.

India stands third largest contributor to e-waste in 2019, China tops

A United Nations-led report found India is the **third-largest contributor** to e-waste in the world in 2019. As per the report titled '**Global E-waste Monitor 2020**', the world dumped 53.6 million tonnes of e-waste in 2019.

India with **3.2 million tonnes**, was third. **China** topped the list followed by **USA**.

India Ranked 31st in INFORM Risk Index 2020 for Humanitarian crises & Disasters:

India has got **31st position** with a score of 5.4. while **Somalia** has topped in the index

scored inform risk of 8.9. among 191 countries.

"INFORM Report 2020:Shared evidence for managing crises and disasters" released by research centre **INFORM**.

India Ranked 117th in SDG Index 2020, Sweden Tops:

As per SDG index 2020, India has got **117th** rank with a score of 61.92. it shows that India is facing a lot of major challenges in 10 of the 17 SDGs such as zero hunger, good health, gender inequality and so on.

However, **Sweden** country has got thr first place in the indexing which scores 84.72. 166 UN Member States were included to study under SDG index 2020.

India ranks 34th in JLL's Global Real Estate Transparency Index; Uk Tops:

The progress in the country's REIT framework, enhanced market data and sustainability initiatives pushed **India's** ranking to **34th** position in JLL and LaSalle's biennial **Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRET)**. **UK** was ranked **first** among **99 countries**.

India ranks eighth for cancer preparedness among 10 Asia-Pacific countries; Australia Tops:

According to *Economist Intelligence Unit* (EIU) report on "**Cancer preparedness in**

Asia-Pacific: Progress towards universal cancer control", sponsored by Roche, examines the findings from the EIU's Index of Cancer Preparedness. It ranked **India** at the **8th** position.

The 10 **Asia-Pacific countries** included in this report were — **Australia**, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.

Mukesh Ambani Now World's 6th-Richest, Beats Elon Musk And Google Founders:

India's richest man surged past Silicon Valley tech titan **Elon Musk** as well as Alphabet co-founders **Sergey Brin** and **Larry Page** to become the world's **sixth-richest** person.

The chairman of Reliance Industries Limited, whose wealth surpassed **Warren Buffett's** last week, is now worth **\$72.4 billion**, according to the **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**.

Top 3 positions are **Jeff Bezos**(USD 184B),**Bill Gates** (USD 115B) and **Bernard Arnault** respectively.

India Ranks Third In Global Manufacturing Risk Index: Cushman & Wakefield Report:

India ranks **3rd** in the list of most-suitable locations for global manufacturing among **48 countries** in terms of cost competitiveness

and operating conditions, according to property consultant **Cushman & Wakefield. China** and the **U.S.** retain the top two positions, while India has moved one place higher to rank third.

India among top ten nations in intellectual property filings:

As per **World Intellectual Property Indicators-2019 Report**, **India** has emerged as the top **tenth** nation in the ranking of the total (resident and abroad) **Intellectual Property** (IP) filing activity.

The overall ranking has been topped by **China**. China was followed by **United States, Germany, Japan and Republic of Korea** as the top five nations in the list.

Indian direct selling industry ranked 15th after recording \$2.47billion sales in 2019:

The Indian direct selling industry has reported a growth of 12.1% to **\$2.47 billion** in **2019**, a World Federation of **Direct Selling Associations** report said. The ranking of the direct selling industry improved from 19th a year before to **15th**.

The **US** has topped the list, contributing **20%** of the global direct selling industry with sales of **\$35.21 billion**.

India Ranks Among 10 Worst Countries For Working People: ITUC

India is among the **10 worst** countries for working people, according to the seventh edition of the **International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)** Global Rights Index that ranks 144 countries on the degree of respect for workers' rights.

Mukesh Ambani becomes fifth-richest in the world as net worth swells past \$75 billion: Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List

India's richest man **Mukesh Ambani** is climbing up the global rich list very fast, and is now the **Fifth-Richest** in the world, climbing two ranks from barely a couple of weeks ago.

Ambani has seen his net worth swell to **\$75.1 billion** from **69.9 billion** on July 12, when he had become the world's seventh richest and surpassed **Warren Buffet**, according to the **Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List**.

India's maternal mortality ratio dips to 113 in 2016-18, Assam has highest and Kerala lowest:

India's **maternal mortality ratio** (MMR) has dropped by **7.4 per cent** in 2016-18, but it is still almost double the Sustainable Development Goal target set by **World Health Organization (WHO)**.

At 215, **Assam** had the highest MMR in the country, followed by Uttar Pradesh and

Madhya Pradesh with MMR of 197 and 173, respectively.

Kerala reported the lowest MMR of 43, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu with MMR of 46 and 60, respectively.

India's MMR in 2016-18 has been **113**, which was 122 in 2015-17, according to the **Sample Registration System's (SRS)** estimate released by the Registrar General of India.

OBITUARY NEWS:

Veteran Kannada Novelist Geetha Nagabhushan passes away at 78:

Veteran **Kannada** Novelist **Geetha Nagabhushan** passed away at the age of 78 due to cardiac arrest in a private hospital at **Kalaburagi**. She was born on 25th March 1942 in Savalagi village, Kalaburagi.

Renowned Jammu advocate Bhupinder Slathia passes away at 70:

Senior advocate and former president of **Jammu and Kashmir** High Court Bar Association, **Bhupinder Singh Slathia** passed away. He was known for voicing the region-centric issues and remained at the forefront of several pro-Jammu agitations.

Legendary West Indies batsman Sir Everton Weekes dies aged 95:

Legendary West Indies batsman **Sir Everton Weekes** has died at the age of 95. He played

48 Tests across a 10-year career, scoring 4455 runs and 15 centuries.

Bollywood Choreographer Saroj Khan Dies At 71:

Veteran Bollywood choreographer **Saroj Khan**, who mentored generations of actors and was fondly known as "**Masterji**", died due to cardiac arrest. The three-time National Award winner choreographed some of the most memorable songs in Hindi cinema.

Former speaker of Mizoram legislative assembly Upa Rokamlova passes away at 79:

In Mizoram, former speaker of the state legislative assembly **Upa Rokamlova** passed away. A veteran **Congress leader** Rokamlova joined politics in early 1980s and he had played a key role in signing of the historic Mizo Peace Accord in 1986.

Leading industrialist Suraj Prasad Agarwal passes away:

Leading industrialist & former member of the board of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, **Suraj Prasad Agarwal** passed away recently. He was former President of Federation of **Andhra Pradesh** Chambers of Commerce and Industry during 2008-09.

Legendary entertainer Carl Reiner dies at 98:

Hollywood veteran and multihyphenate personality **Carl Reiner**, best known as the creator of "**The Dick Van Dyke Show**" and director of several Steve Martin films like "**All of Me**", passed away at the age of 98.

Veteran journalist Bishnu Prasad Kumar passes away:

Veteran journalist **Bishnu Prasad Kumar**, who had covered the Bangladesh Liberation War and the turbulent Naxalite movement in the 70s, passed away.

Ennio Morricone: Oscar-winning Italian film composer died at 91:

Ennio Morricone, the Italian composer whose credits include the "**spaghetti**" Westerns that made Clint Eastwood a star, has died in Rome aged 91. He also wrote music for Once Upon a Time in America, The Untouchables and Cinema Paradiso. He was known as '**Maestro**' and won Oscars in **2007 & 2016**.

Broadway star Nick Cordero dies of COVID-19 complications:

Tony Award-nominated actor **Nick Cordero**, who specialized in playing tough guys on Broadway in such shows as Waitress, A Bronx Tale and Bullets Over Broadway, has died in Los Angeles after suffering severe medical complications after contracting the coronavirus. He was 41.

Veteran Bollywood actor-comedian Jagdeep dies at 81:

Veteran actor-comedian **Jagdeep**, best known for his role as Soorma Bhopali in "**Sholay**", died at his residence. He was 81. The actor's real name was Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Jafri. He was the last of the comic icons alongside Johnny Walker & Mehmood.

Ivory Coast's Prime Minister Amadou Gon Coulibaly dies:

Ivory Coast's prime minister and the governing party's candidate **Amadou Gon Coulibaly** for an October presidential election, died just days after returning from two months of medical treatment in France. He was considered as an **ex-rebel leader**.

Renowned cartoonist Avad Bin Hassan Jami passes away:

Renowned **Gujarati cartoonist, Avad Bin Hassan Jami** passed away. He was popularly known as "**Jami**". His cartoons were published in Gujarati magazine "**Abhiyan**" for last over two decades. He had also worked in Gujarati newspaper Phulchhab as a cartoonist. He was a drawing teacher at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jamnagar and became a full-time cartoonist after retirement.

Veteran Gujarati journalist, columnist, writer Nagindas Sanghvi passes away at 100:

Veteran Gujarati journalist, columnist, writer and political analyst **Nagindas Sanghvi** passed away in Surat. Mr Sangvi was conferred Padma Shri award in the year 2019. He had written many books on Mahatma Gandhi, Gujarat and other subjects.

England's 1966 World Cup Winner Jack Charlton Dies At 85:

Jack Charlton, a member of the **England 1966 World Cup-winning** side and who went on to become a cult hero in Ireland, has died aged 85. He also enjoyed a fairy tale spell as manager of the Republic of Ireland guiding them to several major finals.

Sarbjit actor Ranjan Sehgal passes away:

Actor **Ranjan Sehgal**, who predominantly featured in Punjabi TV shows, has passed away due to multiple organ failure. He was 36. The actor, who was also seen on episodes of Hindi crime shows like Crime Patrol and Saavdhan India.

Dutch Football Legend Wim Suurbier Passed Away at 75:

Netherlands and Ajax defender **Wim Suurbier**, a key member of the 1970s Dutch squad who played in two World Cup finals, died at the age of 75. He won three European championships with the legendary Ajax side of the same decade.

Actor-Singer Divya Chouksey Dies Due to Cancer at 28:

Actor and Singer **Divya Chouksey** passed away due to cancer. She did an acting course from London and went on to feature in a couple of films and serials. She also rose to fame as a singer. Divya had participated in the **Miss Universe India** pageant in the year **2011**.

Former Goa health minister Suresh Amonkar passed away at 68:

Former **Goa** health minister **Suresh Amonkar** passed away at 68 due to COVID-19 infection, while undergoing treatment at ESI hospital in Margao. He was born on May 15, 1952 in Amona, Goa.

Maharashtra's first woman Election Commissioner Neela Satyanarayan passes away at 72:

Former IAS officer and **Maharashtra's** first woman Election Commissioner **Neela Satyanarayan** passed away. The 72-year-old breathed her last at Seven Hills Hospital in **Mumbai**. She was diagnosed with COVID-19. She had penned several books.

Acharya Shree Purushottam Priyadasji Swamishree passes away:

Acharya Shree Purushottam Priyadasji Swamishree, head of Swaminarayan Sanstha – a spiritual, cultural, and social welfare

centre headquartered in Ahmedabad, has passed away. He was the fifth heir in the lineage of ascetic acharyas.

Former Para-badminton player Ramesh Tikaram dies at 51:

Arjuna awardee, para athlete and para-badminton player, **Ramesh Tikaram** passed away at 51 due to coronavirus in a **Bengaluru** hospital. He organized the World Cup for Para badminton in Bengaluru in 2002. He was the **1st Indian Para Badminton** Arjuna Awardee.

Civil Rights Leader And Champion Of Nonviolent Action C.T. Vivian Dies At 95:

The **Rev CT Vivian**, a civil rights veteran who worked alongside the Rev **Martin Luther King Jr** and later led the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has died. He was 95. His civil rights work stretched back for more than six decades.

John Lewis, towering figure of America's Civil Rights Movement, dies at 80:

John Robert Lewis, the son of sharecroppers who survived a brutal beating by police during a landmark 1965 march in Selma, Alabama, to become a towering figure of the civil rights movement and a long-time US congressman, has died.

Bollywood Film director Rajat Mukherjee dies in Jaipur:

Filmmaker **Rajat Mukherjee**, best known for directing Manoj Bajpayee-starrer "Road" and romantic thriller "Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya", passed away due to kidney ailments in the wee hours of Sunday. He was in his late 50s.

Eminent mathematician C S Seshadri passes away:

Eminent Indian mathematician of the post-Independence era, **Professor C S Seshadri** has passed away. He was the founder and Director-Emeritus of the Chennai Mathematical Institute, an institute for the study of mathematics in India.

Madhya Pradesh Governor Lal Ji Tandon Died At 85:

Madhya Pradesh Governor **Lalji Tandon** passed away after a prolonged illness. Tandon served in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative council for two terms from 1978 to 1984 as an MLA in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly for three terms and governor of **Bihar**.

Veteran Odia Actor Bijay Mohanty Passed Away at 70:

Bijay Mohanty has passed away at a private hospital in **Bhubaneswar**, Odisha. His performance in his debut film, Chilika Tira, earned him several accolades including the National Film Award. He was 70.

Award-winning Spanish novelist Juan Marse passes away at age 87:

Juan Marsé, the Spanish novelist has passed away at age 87. One of Spain's most-respected novelists over the past few decades, Marsé was awarded the **2008 Cervantes Prize**, the Spanish-speaking world's top literary award.

Veteran Odia Actor Bijay Mohanty Passes Away at 70:

Odia film actor and director **Bijay Mohanty** passed away at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar at the age of **70** after he suffered a cardiac arrest. An alumnus of National School of Drama, the actor started his career in the Odia film industry in 1977.

Noted Urdu Journalist Satirist Nusrat Zaheer passed away:

Veteran **Urdu journalist** and satirist **Nusrat Zaheer** passed away. He spent most of his life in active literary journalism and had his own unique identity in the Urdu world. Nusrat Zaheer is well-known for his interesting stories and meaningful satires.

Annie Ross, jazz singer and actor passes away at 89:

Annie Ross, a popular jazz singer in the 1950s before crossing over into a successful film career, has passed away. She was **89**. She had battled emphysema and heart disease. In 2014, Ross released the album "To Lady With Love," a tribute to Billie Holiday

SPORTS NEWS:

Australia and New Zealand Will Host FIFA 2023 Women's World Cup:

Australia and **New Zealand** will co-host the **Women's World Cup** in **2023**, with the following edition possibly set to take place just two years later. FIFA's decision means **South America** is still waiting to host its first Women's World Cup, a tournament that was first played in **1991**.

Liverpool Win English Premier League To End 30-Year Title Drought:

Liverpool were crowned Premier League champions without kicking a ball as **Chelsea's** 2-1 win over Manchester City ended the Reds' 30-year wait to win the English title.

Argentina Luka Romero of Mallorca becomes youngest La Liga player in history:

Luka Romero made **La Liga** history as he became the youngest player to play when he was substituted on for **Mallorca**.

Romero, born on 18 November 2004, was substitute on for **Mallorca** in their 2-0 defeat against Real Madrid. He became the youngest player ever at **15 years, 219 days** to play in La Liga.

Rahul Dravid beats Sachin Tendulkar to emerge as India's greatest Test batsman in Wisden poll:

Former Indian skipper **Rahul Dravid** has emerged as the country's greatest batsman in the longest format of the game after beating legendary cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar** in a poll conducted by **Wisden India** on social media recently.

Vince Carter 'officially done' after 22 years in NBA:

Vince Carter made his retirement official, announcing on his podcast that his 22-year **NBA career**, the longest in league history, has come to an end. Carter won the NBA Rookie of the Year Award in 1999.

World Athletics launches 'Road to Tokyo' qualification tracking tool:

World Athletics has launched '**Road to Tokyo**', an online tool to track the qualification process for next year's Olympic Games.

The tool will provide a real time view of each event over the course of the **Tokyo 2020** qualification period which ends on **June 29, 2021**.

Former Germany and Bayern Munich striker Mario Gomez Announces Retirement:

35-year-old striker **Mario Gómez** retired from soccer, who won the Bundesliga title in 2007 in his first stint at Stuttgart and was also part of **Bayern Munich's** treble winning team in 2013.

Sumit Nagal Becomes First Indian Tennis Player To Win PSD Bank Nord Open In Germany:

India's leading singles player **Sumit Nagal** achieved a first of sorts as he became the first Indian to win an international tournament amid the COVID-19 era after he clinched the **Men's Singles Title** at the **PsD Bank Nord Open**, a locally organized clay court tournament in **Germany**.

He defeated German **Daniel Masur** in straight sets.

Africa Cup of Nations postponed from January next year to 2022:

Next January's **Africa Cup of Nations** finals in Cameroon have been postponed by one year and will now take place in 2022, decided by Confederation of African Football. And also,

- 2021 **Africa Cup** of Nations postponed to **2022**
- 2020 **CHAN** postponed to **2021**
- 2020 Africa **Women's Cup** of Nations **CANCELLED**

Sports News:

China's 2-time Olympic Champion and Badminton Legend Lin Dan Announces Retirement:

China's two-time Olympic champion **Lin Dan**, arguably the greatest badminton player of all time, took to social media to announce his retirement.

It means that 36-year-old Lin Dan, who won gold at the **Beijing 2008** and **London 2012** Games, will not compete at the Tokyo Olympics.

Lt Col Bharat Pannu Becomes First Indian To Secure Podium Position In International Ultracycling Race:

Lt Col Bharat Pannu, a serving **Indian Army Officer** has created history by successfully securing a podium place at the first edition of the **Virtual Race Across America (vRAAM)** 2020. He has become the **first Indian ever** to win a podium place at an international **ultra-cycling race**.

Jaipur to have the world's 3rd largest cricket stadium with capacity of 75000: Rajasthan Cricket Association;

World's **3rd** largest **cricket stadium** shall have modern grand pavilion stands, corporate boxes, plush sports field, modern club house and many other world class features for indoor games and sports training facilities, spread across over **100 acres of land**. It is

to come up in **Chonp village**, 25 km from **Jaipur**.

Foreign and Indian coaches will now have a four-year contract:

Foreign & Indian coaches for training Indian Athletes to have a **4-year** contract in alignment with **Olympic cycle**. It aims to help India's long-term roadmap for Olympic preparation for **2024 & 2028**. The contract for all foreign coaches extended to **Sep 30 2020**.

Tamil Nadu's G Akash becomes India's 66th grandmaster:

G Akash became India's **66th** chess Grandmaster while his Tamil Nadu statemate M Pranesh and Goa's Ameya Audi earned International Master titles.

The 23-year-old's GM title was confirmed at the second council meet of **International Chess Federation** for the year 2020.

Amit Phangal ranked world no.1 and Mary Kom secure third spot as per latest AIBA report:

Amit Phangal has been ranked **No.1** in the men's 52kg weight category as per the latest rankings released by the **Amateur Indian Boxing Association (AIBA)**.

Manju Rani was the highest-ranked women's boxer, securing the **second spot** in the 48kg

category, while **Mary Kom** was placed **third** in her category.

Valtteri Bottas wins F1 Austrian Grand Prix after Hamilton suffers penalty:

Valtteri Bottas has struck the first blow in the 2020 season, winning the Austrian Grand Prix from Ferrari's **Charles Leclerc**, as **Lewis Hamilton** was demoted from a **second place** finish on the road to P4 after a five-second penalty for contact with Alex Albon – handing McLaren's Lando Norris his first F1 podium for finishing **P3**.

BWF cancels China Masters and Dutch Open due to COVID-19 pandemic:

Badminton World Federation (BWF) cancelled two more international tournaments **Lingshui China Masters** and **YONEX Dutch Open 2020** from its revamped 2020 calendar because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Asian Cricket Council announced Asia Cup Cricket tournament postponed till June 2021:

Asia Cup Cricket tournament, which was scheduled to be held in September this year, has been postponed till **June 2021** by the **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)** owing to an upsurge in COVID-19 cases in the region. It was to be hosted by **Sri Lanka**.

Two-time European champion weightlifter **Andrei Demanov** provisionally suspended for doping:

Two-time European champion weightlifter **Andrei Demanov** of **Russia** has been provisionally suspended for doping after testing positive for a banned steroid.

The **International Weightlifting Federation** said that Demanov tested positive for traces of DHCMT, an anabolic steroid also known as **turinabol** which has been widely used in weightlifting and other sports

Joshna Chinappa breaks into top-10 after World No.1 Raneem El Welily's retirement:

India's squash star **Joshna Chinappa** has broken back into the top-10 of the PSA world rankings following the shock retirement of Egyptian world number one **Raneem El Welily**.

The 33-year-old had entered the top-10 for the first time in 2016. **Dipika Pallikal** is the other Indian female player who has achieved the feat.

Ben Stokes becomes 2nd-fastest all-rounder to score 4000 runs, take 150 wickets:

England's stand-in skipper **Ben Stokes** became the second-fastest all-rounder to

reach the Test doubles of **4000 runs** and **150 wickets**. He achieved the feat during the third day of the first Test match between England and West Indies at the Ageas Bowl.

Lewis Hamilton wins Styrian Grand Prix in Spielberg, Austria:

Lewis Hamilton won the **Styrian Grand Prix** from pole position to clinch an 85th career win and move within six of Michael Schumacher's Formula One record. He finished a sizeable **13.7 seconds** ahead of Mercedes teammate **Valtteri Bottas**.

Former Australia and Crystal Palace captain Mile Jedinak announces retirement from football:

Former **Australia** captain and Crystal Palace stalwart **Mile Jedinak** announced his retirement and saying it was "**Time For A New Chapter**".

The 35-year-old spent five seasons at the London club, joining from **Turkey's Genclerbirliği** in 2011, skipping Palace to promotion back to the Premier League via the playoffs in 2013. He has played in **2010, 2014, 2018 FIFA World Cups**.

FIFA World Cup 2022 schedule announced:

FIFA World Cup 2022 will have four games every day in a 12-day group stage and

matches later in the tournament that go into extra time will extend past midnight in **Qatar**. FIFA released the schedule for the first World Cup to be played in **November** and **December**, with kickoff times at 00:30 am IST, 3:30 pm IST, 6:30 pm IST and 9:30 pm IST.

IOC Postpones Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games To 2026 Due To COVID-19 Pandemic:

Senegal and the **International Olympic Committee** (IOC) have mutually agreed to postpone the Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to 2026 due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Senegal President **Macky Sall's** proposal was welcomed by IOC president Thomas Bach, following in-depth discussions on the subject.

Real Madrid Beat Villarreal to Clinch 34th LaLiga Title:

Real Madrid clinched their **34th** LaLiga title with a game still to go after beating **Villarreal** 2-1. **Karim Benzema** starred for Madrid with a brace to seal the win – which is also their tenth **consecutive win**.

Former Chelsea Forward And World Cup Winner Andre Schurrle Retires At 29:

Former **Chelsea** attacker and **Borussia Dortmund** forward **Andre Schurrle** announced his retirement from professional

football. The World Cup winner **won 57 caps** for his country and feature for Chelsea and Wolfsburg prior to joining the **Bundesliga club** in 2016. He represented the **German** national team from **2010 to 2017**.

Lewis Hamilton wins 8th Hungarian Grand Prix:

Lewis Hamilton claimed his second race victory of the **2020 season**, leading the Hungarian Grand Prix from start to finish taking control of the drivers' championship.

The **six-time** world champion claimed pole in Saturday qualifying and had no trouble in converting that into a race victory, with Max Verstappen finishing second to prevent a second consecutive Mercedes one-two.

Other Grand Prixs recently held and winners are

Austria: Valtteri Bottas, MERCEDES

Styria: Lewis Hamilton, MERCEDES

Hungary: Lewis Hamilton, MERCEDES

Jon Rahm wins PGA Memorial to seize world number one ranking:

Jon Rahm became the first Spaniard since **Seve Ballesteros** in 1989 to hold golf's world number one ranking, fending off a late challenge Sunday to win the **US PGA Memorial tournament**.

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020 postponed due to coronavirus:

International Cricket Council (ICC)

confirmed that the Men's T20 World cup, 2020 scheduled to be played in **Australia** in October – November, has been postponed to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. And also,

ICC Men's T20 **World Cup 2021** will be held October – November 2021 with the final on 14 **November 2021**

ICC Men's T20 **World Cup 2022** will be held October – November 2022 with the final on 13 **November 2022**

ICC Men's **Cricket World Cup 2023** will be held in India October – November 2023 with the final on **26 November 2023**

Ben Stokes overtakes Jason Holder to become No.1 all-rounder in ICC Test rankings:

England Test vice-captain **Ben Stokes** has overtaken **Jason Holder** to become the **Number 1 Test all-rounder** in the ICC rankings. Stokes went past Holder thanks to his match-winning performance against West Indies in the Manchester Test.

ISL Becomes First League From South Asia to be Inducted in World Leagues Forum:

Indian Super League (ISL) was inducted into the **World Leagues Forum (WLF)** becoming the first league from **South Asia**

and seventh in Asia to join the association of professional football leagues which includes the likes of the Premier League, **La Liga** and **Bundesliga** amongst others.

IMPORTANT DAYS:

DATE	DAY	THEME
July 1	National Doctor's Day	"Lessen the Mortality of COVID-19"
July 2	World UFO(Unidentified Flying Object) Day	-
July 2	World Sports Journalists Day	-
July 3	International Plastic Bag Free Day	-
July 4	International Day of Cooperatives	"Cooperatives For Climate Action"
July 6	World Zoonoses Day	-
July 7	World Chocolate Day	-
July 11	World Population Day	"How to safeguard the health & rights of women & girls now"

July 12	National Simplicity Day	-
July 12	Malala Day	-
July 15	World Youth Skills Day	"Skills for a Resilient Youth"
July 17	World Day for International Justice	-
July 18	International Nelson Mandela Day	-
July 20	World Chess Day	-
July 22	Pi Approximation Day	-
July 23	National Refreshment Day	-
July 23	National Broadcasting Day	-
July 24	National Thermal Engineer Day	-
July 26	Kargil Vijay Diwas (Kargil Victory Day)	-
July 26	National Parents Day	"Appreciate all parents throughout the world"
July 28	World Hepatitis Day	-
July 28	World Nature Conservation Day	-
July 29	International Tiger Day	-

ENGLISH VOCABULARY:

Q.1) Castigated(Verb) :

Meaning: reprimand (someone) severely.

Synonym: reprimand, rebuke

Antonym: praise, commend

Usage: You cannot castigate me in front of my son

Q.2) Enforcement(Noun) :

Meaning: the act of compelling observance of or compliance with a law, rule, or obligation.

Synonym: imposition, implementation

Antonym: Disregard, ignore

Usage: That's something the law enforcement people don't want to do.

Q.3) Pretense(Noun) :

Meaning: an attempt to make something that is not the case appear true.

Synonym: make-believe, act,

Antonym: reality, honesty

Usage: We tried to keep up the pretense that everything was fine.

Q.4) Unhindered(Adjective) :

Meaning: not hindered or obstructed.

Synonym: straight, non-stop

Antonym: Incomplete, indirect

Usage: Let life go on in it unhindered and let it defend itself

Q.5) Parleys(Noun) :

Meaning: a conference between opposing sides in a dispute, especially a discussion of terms for an armistice.

Synonym: deliberation, colloquy

Antonym: quiet, silence

Usage: who had come to parley with him

Q.6) Stalled(Verb) :

Meaning: stop or cause to stop making progress.

Synonym: obstruct, impede

Antonym: proceed, wend

Usage: She started the vehicle, stalled it,

Q.7) Infusing(Verb) :

Meaning: fill; pervade.

Synonym: permeate, suffuse

Antonym: deprive, divest

Usage: She has infused her followers with confidence

Q.8) Cryptic(adjective) :

Meaning: having a Meaning that is mysterious or obscure.

Synonym: enigmatic, mysterious

Antonym: straightforward, clear

Usage: The cryptic response made her hesitate.

Q.9) Isolated(Adjective) :

Meaning: far away from other places, buildings, or people; remote.

Synonym: obscure, inaccessible

Antonym: accessible

Usage: The town remains a very isolated community.

Q.10) Demilitarised(verb) :

Meaning: remove all military forces from (an area).

Synonym: disarmament

Antonym: armament, militarization

Usage: The Dardanelles, Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmora, and the adjoining coastal areas, both in Europe and Asia, were demilitarized.

Q.11) EXORBITANT (adjective) :

Meaning: (of prices and demands) much too large

Synonyms: enormous, outrageous

Antonyms: cheap, good

Example: The interest charged on most credit cards is exorbitant.

Q.12) VIABLE (adjective) :

Meaning: capable of working successfully; feasible.

Synonyms: Applicable, feasible, possible, usable

Antonyms: impossible, unfeasible, unlikely

Example: They are considered only to the extent that they are viable consumers.

Q.13) PURITANICAL (adjective) :

Meaning: having or displaying a very strict or censorious moral attitude towards self-indulgence.

Synonyms: prudish, puritan, prim, priggish.

Antonyms: lecherous, indulgent, indecent, debauched.

Example: It just shows that those endless puritanical bromides about the perils of fixating on individual designers are wasted breath.

Q.14) ARRANT (adjective) :

Meaning: used to say how bad something is.

Synonyms: utter, absolute, complete, thorough.

Antonyms: dubious, questionable, restricted, uncertain.

Example: Because of her arrant devotion to her family, she volunteered to go to the labor camp with them.

Q.15) SUBJUGATE :

Meaning: to treat yourself, your wishes, or your beliefs as being less important than other people or their wishes or beliefs

Synonyms: conquer, enslave

Antonyms: lose, release

Example: Reporters must subjugate personal political convictions to their professional commitment to balance.

Q.16) ADROIT:

Meaning: very skillful and quick in the way you think or move

Synonyms: adept, artful

Antonyms: clumsy, awkward

Example: She was adroit at removing my armor, which she did well and beautifully.

Q.17) EXORBITANT:

Meaning: (of prices and demands) much too large

Synonyms: enormous, outrageous

Antonyms: cheap, good

Example: The interest charged on most credit cards is exorbitant.

Q.18) PROTAGONISTS (noun) :

Meaning: the leading character or one of the major characters in a play, film, novel, etc.

Synonyms: supporter, upholder

Antonym: opponent

Example: For the next nine years he was the protagonist of Reform.

Q.19) BRUTAL (adjective) :

Meaning: savagely violent.

Synonyms: savage, cruel

Antonym: gentle, humane

Example: The writer describes the dangers of drugs with brutal honesty.

Q.20) EMBLAZON (noun) :

Meaning: conspicuously inscribe or display a design on.

Synonyms: decorate, embellish

Antonyms: disfigures, deform

Example: My crafty sister-in-law was able to emblazon my t-shirt with a glittery monogram.

Q.21) CANON (noun) :

Meaning: a general law or criterion by which something is judged.

Synonyms: principle, rule, tenet, standard.

Antonyms: yang, yin, standstill

Usage: All they have is administrative fiat which fails any of the canons of the rule of law.

Q.22) WOO (verb) :

Meaning: seek the favor, support, or custom of.

Synonyms: chase, pursue, ingratiate,

Antonyms: deter, affront, repulse, reject.

Usage: Political parties have roped in Bollywood stars only to woo the young.

Q.23) TRAMMEL (Noun) :

Meaning: restrictions or impediments to freedom of action.

Synonyms: restraint, constraint, curb, check, impediment,

Antonyms: help, assistance

Usage: Protesters refused to let anyone trammel their first amendment rights and pushed for freedom and equality for all.

Q.24) ENTUROUS(Adjective) :

Meaning: tending to take risks or daring experiences

Synonyms: adventurous, daring

Antonyms: bore, timid, cowardly

Usage: A venturesome daredevil, Emily loved doing thrill-seeking activities on vacation including swimming with sharks.

Q.25) 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'.

Usage: Over the last few years he has taken the staid world of opera by storm.

Q.26) SOJOURN (noun) :

Meaning: a temporary stay at one place, esp. while traveling.

Synonyms: stay, tarry, visit, stopover.

Antonyms: journey, migration, departure, advance.

Usage: During Dean's sojourn in Paris, he spent two weeks visiting all of the city's cultural attractions.

Q.27) BRACE (verb) :

Meaning: prepare (someone) for something difficult or unpleasant.

Synonyms: nerve, gird, strengthen, fortify.

Antonyms: dampen, deaden, drain, debilitate.

Usage: Along with most of my neighbors in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, I

was braced for the presidential transition.

DEBASE

Q.28) (Verb) :

Meaning: reduce (something) in quality or value; degrade.

Synonyms: degrade, demean, disgrace, undermine

Antonyms: enhance

Usage: The politician tried to debase his rival's good reputation by spreading false rumors about him.

Q.29) IMPLICITLY (adverb) :

Meaning: in a way that is not directly expressed; tacitly.

Synonyms: absolutely, totally, utterly, unconditionally.

Antonyms: bluntly, explicitly, openly, clearly.

Usage: She implicitly suggested that he was responsible for the error.

Q.30) DOWNRIGHT (adjective) :

Meaning: (of something bad or unpleasant) utter; complete (used for emphasis).

Synonyms: total, absolute, thorough, perfect, sheer.

Antonyms: inadequate, incomplete, insufficient, unfinished.

Usage: It was downright bad marking that allowed Dermot Shields head past Larkin from six yards for the lead goal.

Q.31) DEFIANT :

Meaning: characterized by defiance; boldly resistant or challenging:

Synonyms: aggressive, audacious, bold, challenging, contumacious, daring

Antonyms: acquiescent, obedient, respectful, submissive

Q.32) ENDORSE (verb) :

Meaning: to approve, support, or sustain

Synonyms: advocate, affirm, approve, back, commend, confirm, defend, favor.

Antonyms: attack, censure, criticize, deny, disagree

Example: In some cases, public employee unions even pushed private-sector unions to endorse Republicans.

Q.33) MACHINATIONS (noun) :

Meaning: crafty schemes; plots; intrigues.

Synonyms: conspiracy, intrigue, ploy, ruse, stratagem

Antonyms: frankness, honesty, ignorance

Example: The con artist's victims quickly fell for his easy money machination.

Q.34) PROMPT (adjective) :

Meaning: done, performed, delivered, etc., at once or without delay.

Synonyms: urge, spur, instigate, impel.

Antonyms: delayed, late, later, slow, sluggish

Example: There is cautious optimism that this prompt action may have helped avert a broader outbreak.

Q.35) ATROCITIES (noun) :

Meaning: the quality or state of being extremely or shockingly wicked, cruel, or brutal.

Synonyms: barbarity, horror

Antonyms: good behavior, kindness, pleasantness

Example: In the popular drama of Punch, we observe a perfect climax of atrocities and horrors.

Q.36) IMPUNITY (noun) :

Meaning: exemption from punishment.

Synonyms: immunity, dispensation, exception, exemption.

Antonyms: denial, prohibition, veto, imprisonment, incarceration

Example: My work may be of none, but I must not think it of any, or I shall not do it with impunity.

Q.37) SOLIDARITY (noun) :

Meaning: union or fellowship arising from common responsibilities and interests, between classes, peoples, etc.

Synonyms: agreement, consensus, harmony, support, teamwork

Antonyms: disagreement, antagonism, discord.

Example: No solidarity of advancement exists in the species as a whole.

Q.38) EGALITARIAN (noun) :

Meaning: a person who adheres to equality beliefs.

Synonyms: democratic, equitable, even-handed.

Antonyms: elitist.

Example: Indians pride themselves on an egalitarian society open to all.

Q.39) PATRONAGE (noun) :

Meaning: a condescending manner or attitude in granting favors, in dealing with people.

Synonyms: aegis, auspices, backing, encouragement, financing.

Antonyms: attack, blockage, disapproval, discouragement, harm.

Example: There were hundreds of other things in the great city, but they had their share of patronage.

Q.40) ALACRITY (noun) :

Meaning: cheerful readiness, promptness, or willingness.

Synonyms: alertness, avidity, briskness, cheerfulness, dispatch, eagerness

Antonyms: apathy, coolness, discouragement, indifference

Example: His alacrity of manner and quick step justified this opinion.

41) XENOPHOBIC (adjective) :

Meaning: having or showing a dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries.

Synonyms: racist, racialist, ethnocentric, ethnocentrist.

Antonyms: bountiful, permissive, thoughtful, lenient.

Usage: As a result, the new parliament is distinctly more xenophobic and illiberal than its predecessor.

42) INCUR (verb) :

Meaning: become subject to (something unwelcome or unpleasant) as a result of one's own behavior or actions.

Synonyms: provoke, earn, arouse, induce.

Antonyms: avoid, shun, elude, evade.

Usage: The surgery wasn't what scared the sick man, it was all of the medical bills he would incur from the procedure.

43) ENCOMPASSING (Verb) :

Meaning: surround and have or hold within.

Synonym: surround, enclose, ring

Antonym: Exclude, leave

Usage: The training will encompass how to administer first aid and CPR.

44) MEAGER (Adjective) :

Meaning: (of something provided or available) lacking in quantity or quality.

Synonym: inadequate, scanty

Antonym: abundant

Usage: supplementing her meager dancer's pay with work as a runway model.

45) PROSPERITY(Noun) :

Meaning: the state of being prosperous.

Synonym: affluence, riches, opulence

Antonym: hardship, failure

Usage: The prosperity of some does not require that others be poor.

46) VAGUE(Adjective) :

Meaning: of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or Meaning.

Synonym: indistinct, indefinite

Antonym: clear, certain

Usage: She rolled her eyes at the vague response.

47) EXAGGERATION (Noun) :

Meaning: a statement that represents something as better or worse than it really is.

Synonym: overstatement, overemphasis

Antonym: play down, understate

Usage : He is notorious for his wilful exaggeration

48) VEST (verb) :

Meaning: confer or bestow (power, authority, property, etc.) on someone.

Synonyms: entrust, invest, bestow, confer.

Antonyms: impede, inhibit, disqualify, disbar.

Usage: Extensive powers were vested into the hands of the President who headed the executive branch of government.

49) APARTHEID (noun) :

Meaning: a policy or system of segregation or discrimination on grounds of race.

Synonyms: prejudice, bias, bigotry, favoritism.

Antonyms: antidiscrimination, antiracism, antisegregation, assimilationism.

Usage: Incredibly, a decade after the end of apartheid this system still exists.

50) BLATANT (adjective) :

Meaning: (of bad behavior) done openly and unashamedly.

Synonyms: flagrant, glaring, undisguised, overt.

Antonyms: imperceptible, inconspicuous, unnoticeable, unobtrusive.

Usage: To credit the newspaper, they did retract the quote once it was exposed as a blatant lie.

51) INCHOATE (adjective) :

Meaning: just begun and so not fully formed or developed; rudimentary.

Synonyms: budding, inceptive, incipient, nascent.

Antonyms: developed, full-fledged, evolved, ripened.

Usage: If only you could come up with a complete plan and not just an inchoate idea!

52) FURLOUGH (noun) :

Meaning: leave of absence, especially that granted to a member of the services of a missionary.

Synonyms: break, rest, recess, a day off.

Antonyms: rehire, recall, travail, toil.

Example: I have just learned that Cousin George has got his furlough extended thirty days.

53) WRANGLE : (verb) :

Meaning: to express different opinions about something often angrily

Synonyms: altercation, argue, bicker, brabble

Antonyms: concur, consent

Usage: The case dragged on for months because the lawyers had to wrangle over every minor detail.

54) DOWNRIGHT (adjective) :

Meaning: (of something bad or unpleasant) utter; complete (used for emphasis).

Synonyms: total, absolute, thorough, perfect, sheer.

Antonyms: inadequate, incomplete, insufficient, unfinished.

Usage: It was downright bad marking that allowed Dermot Shields head past Larkin from six yards for the lead goal.

55) REMINISCENT (Adjective) :

Meaning: tending to remind one of something.

Synonyms: evocative, suggestive

Antonyms: unreminiscent

Usage: This painting is strongly reminiscent of da Vinci's "Annunciation".

56) FORAY(noun) :

Meaning: a short visit, especially with a known purpose

Synonyms: descent, invasion

Antonyms: leave, abstention

Usage: I made a quick foray into town before lunch to get my sister a present.

57) ENSCONCE (Verb) :

Meaning: establish or settle (someone) in a comfortable, safe place.

Synonyms: settle, install, establish, entrench

Antonyms: depart, displace

Usage: Clara is comfortably ensconced in a beach chair and has no immediate plans to return to work.

58) GOAD (Verb) :

Meaning: provoke or annoy (someone) so as to stimulate an action or reaction.

Synonyms: provoke, spur, prick, sting

Antonyms: aid, dissuade

Usage: My mother is going to try and goad her dog into getting off the bed by offering him a treat.

59) SURMISE (Verb) :

Meaning: suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it.

Synonyms: guess, conjecture, deduce, infer

Antonyms: know

Usage: Jason knew it was wrong of him to surmise his brother had stolen his money without actual proof.

60) FAWNING (adjective) :

Meaning: displaying exaggerated flattery or affection; obsequious.

Synonyms: sycophantic, ingratiating, subservient, cajoling.

Antonyms: imperious, domineering, peremptory, opinionated.

Usage: Because Larry really wants a promotion, he spends a great deal of time fawning over his boss.

Q.61) VITiate (Verb) :

Meaning: spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of.

Synonym: poison, spoil, stain, tarnish, touch, taint

Antonym: Clean, honor, purify

Example: When peers and bullies apply pressure, it can vitiate the moral character of young people and lead them down the wrong path.

Q.62) Accolade (Noun) :

Meaning: an award or privilege granted as a special honor or as an acknowledgment of merit.

Synonym: honor, recognition, privilege, award, gift, title

Example: Mrs. Smith is such a great teacher that she is always getting one accolade after another.

Q.63) Vernacular (Noun) :

Meaning: the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people of a country or region.

Synonym: everyday language, spoken language, colloquial speech, slang

Example: To hold the interest of the community, the playwright penned his play using only the local vernacular.

Q.64) Valedictory (Noun) :

Meaning: a farewell address.

Synonym: farewell, goodbye, leaving, parting, departing, going away, last, final

Example: On the last day of school, seniors wrote a valedictory stating what they would miss about high school and read it in front of the class for their final grade.

Q.65) Interdict (Noun) :

Meaning: an authoritative prohibition, in particular

Synonym: prohibition, ban, bar, veto, proscription,

Antonym: corroborate, support

Example: Because I failed most of my classes last term, my parents will probably interdict me from working this semester.

Q.66) Perjury (Noun) :

Meaning: the offense of willfully telling an untruth or making a misrepresentation under oath.

Synonym: violation of an oath, giving false evidence/testimony, bearing false witness/testimony, forswearing oneself, making false statements, willful falsehood

Example: The mother who lied about her son's whereabouts will soon face trial for perjury.

Q.67) Plagiarize (Verb) :

Meaning: take (the work or an idea of someone else) and pass it off as one's own.

Synonym: infringe the copyright of, pirate, steal, poach, borrow,

Example: Professional writers who plagiarize can be taken to court and ordered to pay damages.

Q.68) Chronic (Adjective) :

Meaning: continuing or occurring again and again for a long time, happening or existing frequently or most of the time, always or often doing something specified

Synonym: natural; persistent, regular,

Antonym: unaccustomed, unused; intermittent, occasional

Example: He suffers from chronic arthritis.

Q.69) Adjudicate (Verb) :

Meaning: to make an official decision about who is right in a dispute

Synonym: adjudge, judge, arbitrate, decide, determine

Example: You should never adjudicate a major decision when you are under the influence of alcohol.

Q.70) Punctilious (Adjective) :

Meaning: showing great attention to detail or correct behavior.

Synonym: meticulous, conscientious, careful, diligent, attentive,

Antonym: careless, easy-going, slapdash

Example: While I enjoy cleanliness, I am not so punctilious that I get upset about a little dust on my furniture.

Q.71) 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.

Q.72) 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.

Q.73) 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.

Q.74) 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.

Q.75) 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.

Q.76) 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.

Q.77) 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.

Q.78) FUNGIBLE:

Meaning: (of goods contracted for without an individual specimen being specified) replaceable by another identical item; mutually interchangeable.

Synonyms: compatible, **Synonymous**

Antonyms: different, dissimilar

Example: The two automobiles are not fungible because one vehicle is worth more than the other vehicle.

Q.79) ODIIOUS:

Meaning: extremely unpleasant; repulsive.

Synonyms: revolting, repulsive, repellent, repugnant

Antonyms: delightful, pleasant, agreeable, charming

Example: The athlete got arrested for participating in the odious sport of dogfighting

Q.80) CYNICAL:

Meaning: doubtful as to whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile.

Synonyms: skeptical, doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

Antonyms: optimistic, credulous

Example: She may be cynical about the film industry, but ultimately she has no intention of biting the hand that feeds her.

81) IMPRESARIO (noun) :

Meaning: a person who organizes and often finances concerts, plays, or operas.

Synonyms: organizer, manager, producer, controller.

Antonyms: antagonist, opponent, adversary.

Usage: As a nightclub impresario, the promoter tried to get as many people to the parties as possible.

82) STAMPEDE (noun) :

Meaning: A sudden panicked rush of a number of horses, cattle, or other animals.

Synonyms: rush, flight, rout, scattering.

Antonyms: retreat, standing.

Usage: The herd was fleeing back to the high land in a wild stampede.

83) VENERATE (Verb) :

Meaning: regard with great respect; revere.

Synonyms: revere, adulate, hallow, exalt

Antonyms: despise

Usage: Many people attend church services to venerate God.

84) TELLTALE (adjective) :

Meaning: revealing, indicating, or betraying something.

Synonyms: denotative, indicative, reflective, signifying.

Antonyms: cheeseparing, uninformative, unaired, secretive.

Usage: Her nasty tone was a telltale sign of her irritation, even though she didn't say anything particularly Meaningful.

85) USHER (verb) :

Meaning: show or guide (someone) somewhere.

Synonyms: escort, accompany, help, assist.

Antonyms: neglect, stop, trail, cease.

Usage: By refusing to discuss euthanasia, they usher in something worse.

86) SALIENCE (Noun) :

Meaning: the quality of being particularly noticeable or important; prominence.

Synonyms: prominence, eminence, fame, importance

Antonyms: insignificance, unimportance

Usage: Two board members wanted to discuss the salience of the health care issue, but the others didn't see the importance.

87) OBFUSCATION(Noun) :

Meaning: the action of making something less clear and less easy to understand, especially intentionally

Synonyms: bafflement, confusion

Antonyms: clarity

Usage: She criticized the company's deliberate obfuscation of its finances.

88) CAPTIOUS(Adjective) :

Meaning: always looking for faults; hard to please

Synonyms: critical, rejective

Antonyms: uncritical

Usage: When my captious teacher grades my essays, she always finds a minor error in my work.

89) SCUPPER (Verb) :

Meaning: prevent from working or succeeding; thwart.

Synonyms: ruin, wreck, devastate, destroy

Antonyms: further, promote

Usage: They worry it could be used to scupper merger and acquisition deals.]

90) ASTUTE(Adjective) :

Meaning: having or showing a practical cleverness or judgment

Synonyms: canny, smart

Antonyms: unwise, naive

Usage: A police detective is known to be an astute judge of character.

Q.91) CONDIGN (adjective) :

Meaning: appropriate to the crime or wrongdoing; fitting and deserved.

Synonyms: earned, merited, warranted, justified.

Antonyms: undeserved, undue, unfair, unjust.

Example: Condone punishment was rare when the criminal was a man of high social standing.

Q.92) DECRY (Verb) :

Meaning: publicly denounce.

Synonyms: denounce, condemn, criticize, censure, damn, attack

Antonyms: praise, overrate

Example: He is impatient with those who decry the scheme.

Q.93) PRUDENCE (Noun) :

Meaning: the quality of being prudent; cautiousness.

Synonyms: wisdom, judgment, sagacity, shrewdness

Antonyms: folly, recklessness

Example: Maybe you'll exercise a little more financial prudence next time.

Q.94) DIMINUTION (Noun) :

Meaning: a reduction in the size, extent, or importance of something.

Synonyms: curtailment, contraction, constriction, restriction, limitation

Antonyms: increase, expansion, growth

Usage: The diminution of cafeteria monitors has resulted in an increase in food fights at the high school.

Q.95) ROIL (Verb) :

Meaning: make (someone) annoyed or irritated.

Synonyms: disturb, rile

Antonyms: aid, calm

Example: The man's hateful speech was just enough to roil up the already uneasy crowd.

Q.96) 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.

Q.97) POLEMICAL (Adjective) :

Meaning: of or involving strongly critical or disputatious writing or speech.

Synonyms: critical, hostile, bitter, polemic, virulent

Example: Unlike most academic philosophy much of it is personal, polemical, poetical or allusive.

Q.98) RANCOUR (Noun) :

Meaning: bitterness or resentfulness, especially when long-standing.

Synonyms: bitterness, spite, hate, hatred, resentment, malice

Antonyms: amicability

Example: Even though my mother despised her twin sister, she always spoke about her without rancour.

Q.99) 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.

Q.100) 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.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ:

Q.1) Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, recently launched the _____ mobile App- under the Digital India scheme.

- a) Healthyblood
- b) eBloodServices
- c) Donateblood
- d) eBloodStores
- e) Digitaltransfer

Q.2) What is the amount approved by the Government for the animal husbandry infrastructure fund with the focus to generate employment?

- a) 25,000 crore
- b) 20,000 crore
- c) 15,000 crore
- d) 10,000 crore
- e) 5,000 crore

Q.3) Rachel Priest who announced her retirement from International Cricket played for which country ?

- a) India
- b) England
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) New Zealand
- e) Australia

Q.4) Name the state government which has bagged the e-Panchayat Puraskar 2020?

- a) Tripura

b) Kerala
c) Haryana
d) Himachal Pradesh
e) Maharashtra
Q.5) Australia and _____ will co-host the FIFA 2023 Women's World Cup.

- a) Mexico
- b) India
- c) New Zealand
- d) Japan
- e) Brazil

Q.6) IRDAI has set-up panel for drone insurance, under the Chairmanship of whom?

- a) Bimal Jalan
- b) Anjan Dey
- c) Rahul Sharma
- d) Ajay Tyagi
- e) Ajay Kumar

Q.7) Which of the following ministry has decided to set up a task force for 'Golden Hour' accident claims?

- a) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- b) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- c) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- e) Ministry of Environmental and Science

Q.8) Which of the following universities has been ranked the best in the country by THE Young University Ranking 2020?

- a) IIT-Mandi

b) IIT-Hyderabad

c) IIT-Ropar

d) IIT-Madras

e) IIT-Delhi

Q.9) According to the IMF, the Indian economy is set to contract by _____ percent in 2020.

- a) 3.5
- b) 5.5
- c) 4.5
- d) 6.5
- e) 7.5

Q.10) MukhyamantriMatru Pushti Uphaar scheme was launched by which state?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tripura
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Nagaland
- e) Sikkim

Q.11) Which state government has launched KapuNestham scheme to provide financial support to women of Kapu community?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Telangana
- c) Gujarat
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.12) Who has become the 1st female president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in

233-years (with effect from October 1, 2021)
?

- a) Ricky Burn
- b) Kate Perry
- c) Clare Connor
- d) Georgia Elwiss
- e) Katherine Brunt

Q.13) Who launched the web portal of Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan recently?

- a) Narendra modi
- b) Ramnath Kovind
- c) Ramnath Govind
- d) Prakash javadekar
- e) Narendra SINGH Tomar

Q.14) Which of the following Club team won the 2019-20 English Premier League title?

- a) Real Madrid
- b) Liverpool
- c) Chelsea
- d) Manchester City
- e) Barcelona

Q.15) Which Indian player has beaten Sachin Tendulkar in the Wisden poll on the greatest Indian Test batsman?

- a) Sourav Ganguly
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) Rahul Dravid
- e) MS Dhoni

Q.16) Who among the following has been invited as the ambassador for Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2020?

- a) Shahrukh Khan
- b) Akshay Kumar
- c) Kareena Kapoor Khan
- d) Priyanka Chopra
- e) Dia Mirza

Q.17) World's first yoga university outside India was recently launched in _____.

- a) Los Angeles
- b) San Francisco
- c) California
- d) Rome
- e) Geneva

Q.18) Which of the following airports has installed an Aviation Weather Monitoring System for the first time in India?

- a) Chennai International Airport
- b) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- c) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- d) Indira Gandhi International airport
- e) Kempegowda International airport

Q.19) Which of the following state has become the first one To Amend Industries (Facilitation) Act For Small, Medium & Large-Scale Industries?

- a) Maharashtra

b) Kerala

c) Karnataka

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Tamil Nadu

Q.20) Which country has hosted RIC Foreign Minister-level virtual conference (Indian delegation attended by EAM Jaishankar) ?

a) China

b) India

c) Japan

d) Russia

e) Bangladesh

Q.21) The United Nations has honoured who among the following in a bid to show efforts and fight against covid-19 pandemic?

a) Nistha Singh

b) Shivani Chauhan

c) KK Shailaja

d) Shruti Garg

e) Ria Kalra

Q.22) Which of the following state government is planning to launch a 'Kill Corona' campaign?

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) West Bengal

c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Gujarat

e) Maharashtra

Q.23) Which is the 1st state in India to launch "Godhan Nyay Yojana" to procure the cow dung from livestock owners?

a) Karnataka

b) Chhattisgarh

c) Haryana

d) Punjab

e) Maharashtra

Q.24) Which organisation has set up 'Swavalamban Crisis Responsive Fund' to facilitate free onboarding of MSMEs on TReDS platform?

a) FICCI

b) RBI

c) SEBI

d) SIDBI

e) NABARD

Q.25) which of the following state is going to launch Adarsh police station scheme?

a) Tamil Nadu

b) Chhattisgarh

c) Maharashtra

d) Punjab

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.26) Vini Mahajan has become the 1st women chief secretary of which state?

a) Rajasthan

b) Meghalaya

c) Haryana

d) Punjab

e) Kerala

Q.27) According to S&P Global Ratings India is expected to grow by _____ in 2021.

- a) 6.3%
- b) 5.5%
- c) 5.9%
- d) 6.1%
- e) 6.9%

Q.28) Carrier Midea India has appointed whom as their Managing Director recently?

- a) Sanjay Mahajan
- b) Sunil Mehta
- c) Rishi Kapoor
- d) Sanjay Gupta
- e) Balakrishnan

Q.29) Lazarus Chakwera has been sworn in as the President of which country?

- a) Uganda
- b) Morocco
- c) Malawi
- d) Nigeria
- e) Kenya

Q.30) Which of the following Indian city is featured in the world's top-30 start up ecosystem ranking list released by Start-up Genome?

- a) Bangalore
- b) Delhi
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Mumbai

e) Chennai

Q.31) Shripad Naik (MoS-Defence) has inaugurated 2-day defence conclave 2020 in which state?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Tripura
- c) Gujarat
- d) Himachal Pradesh
- e) Meghalaya

Q.32) Which of the following athletes is all set to receive the Arjuna award after IWF has dropped its doping charges?

- a) Priya Devi
- b) Kunjarani Devi
- c) Sanjita Chanu
- d) Mirabai Chanu
- e) Poonam Yadav

Q.33) _____ has launched 'Hamara Ghar-Hamara Vidyalaya' campaign to maintain the academic regularity of students.

- a) Gujarat
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Punjab
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Karnataka

Q.34) What is the amount approved by the World Bank to improve the quality of education system in six Indian states?

- a) 200 million
- b) 250 million

c) 350 million

d) 500 million

e) 450 million

Q.35) Who among the following is all set to become the next Prime Minister of Ireland?

a) Simon Harris

b) Leo Varadkar

c) Simon Coveney

d) Micheal Martin

e) Dara Calleary

Q.36) Who has been re-named as the Solicitor General of India for three years?

a) Aman Singh

b) K.K. Venugopal

c) Vikramjit Banerjee

d) Tushar Mehta

e) Ramesh Kumar

Q.37) Researchers at which institute have successfully completed prototyping of an intensive care unit (ICU) grade ventilator and are in the process of commercializing it?

a) IIT- Hyderabad

b) IIT-Madras

c) IISc Bangalore

d) IIT- Mandi

e) IIT-Hyderabad

Q.38) Name the Author who has released a new book "Bharatiya Loktanktra Ka Koras: Kuch Bisari Bikhari Dhwanian"?

a) Neelam Mehta

b) Geeta Vashisht

c) Shri Priyamvad

d) Amish Tripathi

e) Shashi Dharur

Q.39) Name the Person who has received the lifetime achievement award on National Statistics Day?

a) Raghuram Rajan

b) Urijit Patel

c) R Gandhi

d) C Rangarajan

e) Manmohan Singh

Q.40) Which of the following state has developed India's first lichen park in Kumaon?

a) Kerala

b) Haryana

c) Uttarakhand

d) Assam

e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.41) Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel has been assigned the Additional Charge for which state?

a) Jharkhand

b) Haryana

c) Rajasthan

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.42) Which of the following singers has received the BET Humanitarian Award from Michelle Obama?

a) Ed Sheeran

b) Beyonce

c) Shakira

d) Katy Perry

e) Justin Biber

Q.43) Swiggy launched its digital wallet in partnership with _____.

a) Axis Bank

b) HDFC Bank

c) ICICI Bank

d) Yes Bank

e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q.44) Who has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Alberta becoming the first Muslim in Canada to hold the post?

a) Sushila Charak

b) Salma Lakhani

c) Aayush Sharma

d) Javed Akhtar

e) Malaika Arora

Q.45) Which state Government is set to open Varishth Nagrik Suvidha Kendra for senior citizens?

a) Gujarat

b) Himachal Pradesh

c) Kerala

d) Maharashtra

e) Karnataka

Q.46) Mario Gomez who announced his retirement from football recently, played for which country?

a) Argentina

b) Brazil

c) Croatia

d) Spain

e) Germany

Q.47) Which of the following Indian has become the youngest umpire to enter ICC Elite Panel?

a) Mayank Aggarwal

b) Nitin Menon

c) Ankit Singh

d) Arvind Kumar

e) Vasu Desai

Q.48) Gudni Johannesson has been re-elected as the President of which country in June 2020?

a) UK

b) Ireland

c) China

d) Iceland

e) Japan

Q.49) Geetha Nagabhushan who passed away in June 2020 is a renowned _____.

a) Actor

b) Novelist

c) Politician

d) Lawyer

e) Journalist

Q.50) Who has been appointed as the Attorney General of India for one year?

- a) Ranjit Kumar
- b) Harsha Bhanwala
- c) K K Venugopal
- d) Mukul Rohatgi
- e) Milon K. Banerji

Q.51) Who among the following has been appointed as the CFO of Lakshmi Vilas Bank?

- a) Ramesh Kumar
- b) Rajiv Patel
- c) Anand Sanghvi
- d) Hariharan K
- e) Rajesh Sinha

Q.52) Who among the following has taken charge as the Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation?

- a) Nitin Kumar
- b) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- c) Sunil Singh
- d) Nalin Mehta
- e) Suresh Sharma

Q.53) Who has been appointed as India's Permanent Representative to UN?

- a) Karan Sharma
- b) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- c) Indra Mani Pandey
- d) Vani Bhojan
- e) Shanmugam

Q.54) Who has been appointed as the Director of Finance at Power Finance Corporation?

- a) Praveen Kumar
- b) Parminder Chopra
- c) Amit Mishra
- d) Ranjan Singh
- e) Ram Chowdhury

Q.55) Name the 1st African country which submits results for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) to UNFCCC.

- a) Kenya
- b) Ethiopia
- c) Egypt
- d) Uganda
- e) Tanzania

Q.56) According to Fitch ratings Inc, India's growth forecast for FY22 is _____ (July 2020).

- a) 3%
- b) 7%
- c) 8%
- d) 5%
- e) 4%

Q.57) Rajkiran Rai G's tenure as MD&CEO of which bank was extended for 2 years?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Indian Bank
- c) Bank of Baroda
- d) State Bank of India

e) Union Bank of India

Q.58) T.C. Suseel Kumar has been recently appointed as the additional Non-Executive (Nominee) Director of which of the following bank?

- a) HSBC Bank
- b) Yes Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) HDFC Bank

Q.59) Who has been appointed as the CEO of Central Board of Films Certification (CBFC) recently?

- a) Ravinder Bhakar
- b) Anurag Srivastava
- c) Harsha Kumar
- d) Aravind Kumar
- e) Rasool Khan

Q.60) Who is the most valuable test player of 21st century as per Wisden?

- a) Ricky Pointing
- b) Muttiah Muralitharan
- c) Ravinder Jadeja
- d) Kumar Sangakkara
- e) Sachin Tendulkar

Q.61) Which country planned to host 2021 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit virtually?

- a) New Zealand
- b) India

c) Singapore

d) Japan

e) Brazil

Q.62) Where is India's first maritime cluster to be set up?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) West Bengal
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Goa
- e) Maharashtra

Q.63) Who among the following has won the 2020 Commonwealth Short Story Prize for India?

- a) Sidharth Malhotra
- b) Rashmi Kaur
- c) Kritika Pandey
- d) Sara Aggarwal
- e) Niharika Mehta

Q.64) Who has been appointed as the new MD of Chola MS General Insurance?

- a) Sunil Mehta
- b) Robin Singh
- c) Sandhosh Kumar
- d) V Suryanarayanan
- e) Karnam Shekhar

Q.65) Who has been appointed as the interim chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC), succeeding Shashank Manohar?

- a) Manu Sawhney
- b) Ravi Shastri

c) Sourav Ganguly

d) Imran Khwaja

e) Rahul Bhatia

Q.66) _____district administration from Nagaland has received 2020 SKOCH awards under three categories in the 65th SKOCH summit. Mon is the district in which state?

a) Mokokchung

b) Kohima

c) Dimapur

d) Longleng

e) Nagaland

Q.67) Which IIT along with AIIMS doctors developed an app "COPAL-19" tracks plasma donors who have recovered from COVID-19?

a) IIT Kanpur

b) IIT Hyderabad

c) IIT Guwahati

d) IIT Delhi

e) IIT Madras

Q.68) Who among the following has become Pakistan Army's First Female Lieutenant General?

a) Fatima Malik

b) Nigar Johar

c) Nurin Yusuf

d) Amrit Singh

e) Shaida Begum

Q.69) Which of the following India Tennis Star has won the PSD Bank Nord Open in Germany?

a) Somdev Devvarman

b) Sumit Nagal

c) Yuki Bhambri

d) Ramanathan Krishnan

e) Punit Krishnan

Q.70) Who among the following has been named as India's 'most valuable player' of the 21st Century?

a) MS Dhoni

b) Ravindra Jadeja

c) Virat Kohli

d) Rohit Sharma

e) Jaspreet Bhumra

Q.71) Name the person who heads the 9-member working group constituted by IRDAI to study suitability of surety bond issuance by Indian insurers.

a) G. Srinivasan

b) D. Nagalakshmi

c) Roopam Asthana

d) Neelesh Garg

e) Hitesh Kotak

Q.72) Which of the IIT has developed a virtual classroom system named 'Mobile Masterjee'?

a) IIT Delhi

b) IIT Mandi

c) IIT Hyderabad

d) IIT Kanpur

e) IIT Roorkee

Q.73) Which is the first country to envision shutting down their last coal-fired power plant by 2038 to phase out coal?

a) Australia

b) China

c) Germany

d) Japan

e) Finland

Q.74) Which of the following entity has been designated as the fund manager for Bharat ETF 2nd tranche by the government?

a) Edelweiss Mutual Fund

b) Life Insurance Corporation

c) State Bank of India

d) Axis Mutual Fund

e) Muthoot Finance

Q.75) According to Care ratings India's GDP will contract by _____% in FY21(July 2020).

a) 3.2%

b) 7.5%

c) 5.9%

d) 6.4%

e) 6.1%

Q.76) Which private sector bank collaborated with Innoviti Payment Solutions recently?

a) Axis Bank

b) Kotak Mahindra Bank

c) YES Bank

d) IndusInd Bank

e) ICICI Bank

Q.77) Name the person who has received the 2020 Diana Award for humanitarian work.

a) Aishwarya Rajesh

b) Seela Pandey

c) Freya Thakral

d) Sunita Narain

e) Aarya Kapoor

Q.78) Saroj Khan who passed away at the age of 72 in Mumbai was a famous _____.

a) Musician

b) Writer

c) Choreographer

d) Director

e) Producer

Q.79) Who among the following has launched the Drug Discovery Hackathon for supporting the drug discovery process?

a) G Kishan Reddy

b) Amit Shah

c) Narendra Modi

d) Nirmala Sitharaman

e) Harsh Vardhan

Q.80) Who is the 1st Indian to secure podium position in the international ultra-cycling race (VRAAM 2020).

a) Aditi Krishnan

b) Prashanth R

c) Ikshan Shanbag

d) Bharat Pannu

e) Aryan Gurav

Q.81) Name the e-portal that was launched by the government of Delhi for schoolchildren?

a) GUIDE

b) LEARN

c) LEAD

d) STUDY

e) EASY

Q.82) Who has been appointed as the new prime minister of France?

a) Marin Gupta

b) Jean Castex

c) Edouard Philippe

d) Antonin Baudry

e) Emmanuel Macron

Q.83) Who has become the first transgender operator of the Common Service Centre in India?

a) Shruthi Kapoor

b) Raj Kakkar

c) Sanjana Prakash

d) Zoya Khan

e) Adhuna Akhtar

Q.84) Which among the following has been named as the men's Cricketer of the Year in CSA's virtual awards?

a) Makhaya Ntini

b) Quinton de Kock

c) Lungi Ngidi

d) Vernon Philander

e) David Miller

Q.85) Who among the following has penned the book dealing with the NPA issue, titled 'Overdraft: Saving the Indian Saver'?

a) Raghuram Rajan

b) R Gandhi

c) Shakthi kantha Das

d) Urijit Patel

e) HR Khan

Q.86) What is India's rank on Sustainable Development Index (SDG) for the year 2020?

a) 114

b) 121

c) 153

d) 117

e) 144

Q.87) Which country has signed 5 MoUs with India for development of educational infrastructure (July 2020) ?

a) Malaysia

b) Bangladesh

c) Sri Lanka

d) Bhutan

e) Afghanistan

Q.88) Who heads the 11-member committee constituted by National Human Rights Commission to assess COVID-19 impact on human rights?

- a) Nirmal Singh
- b) Chatruvedi
- c) Abhey Kumar
- d) K S Reddy
- e) Dipa Sinha

Q.89) What is the India ranks in INFORM risk index 2020 for humanitarian crises & disasters where Somalia tops?

- a) 32nd
- b) 51st
- c) 29th
- d) 31st
- e) 78th

Q.90) Which IIT has developed the disinfectant box named 'Unisaviour' to sterilize personal belongings of a person?

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) IIT Madras
- c) IIT Mandi
- d) IIT Hyderabad
- e) IIT Roorkee

Q.91) 'Ofek 16' is the new spy satellite of which country?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) Iran
- d) Israel
- e) Russia

Q.92) Who has been appointed as the first chairman of the International Financial

Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) in Gujarat?

- a) Injeti Srinivas
- b) Subash Garg
- c) Kumaran Thangavel
- d) Harsh Vardhan
- e) Manesh Pandey

Q.93) CM Swavalamban Yojana is associated with which of the following states?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Himachal Pradesh
- e) Tripura

Q.94) The government of which state has launched the 'Intzaar Aap Ka' campaign in order to attract tourists?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Assam
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) Haryana

Q.95) Which of the following state government decided to upgrade DehingPatkai Wildlife Sanctuary to National park?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Nagaland
- d) Assam
- e) West Bengal

Q.96) Which state has launched "Mission Vriksharopan-2020" to plant 25 crore saplings across the state?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) West Bengal

Q.97) Which of the following state become first in India to achieve 100% LPG connections?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Manipur
- e) Gujarat

Q.98) By which of the following year does the Indian Railways seek to transform itself as 'Net Zero' Carbon Emission Mass Transportation Network?

- a) 2027
- b) 2033
- c) 2030
- d) 2024
- e) 2025

Q.99) Which of the following organization has announced to provide \$ 400 Million as support for rejuvenating River Ganga?

- a) ADB
- b) IMF

c) AIIB

d) NDB

e) World Bank

Q.100) What is India's rank on Global Real Estate Transparency Index for the year 2020?

- a) 34th
- b) 51st
- c) 78th
- d) 43rd
- e) 21st

Q.101) "Selfscan" is the app developed by Information Technology department of which state?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Assam
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) West Bengal
- e) Kerala

Q.102) Who among the following is the author of the book, 'Mahaveer: The soldier who never died'?

- a) Arundhati Roy
- b) Jhumpa Lahiri
- c) A K Srikumar
- d) Vikram Seth
- e) Khushwant Singh

Q.103) Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) ?

- a) Injeti Srinivas

b) Vimal Kumar

c) Ravi Tej

d) Rajesh Verma

e) Aravind Kumar

Q.104) The Asia's largest & world's 2nd largest data centre "YottaNM1data centre" was inaugurated at which state?

a) Tamil Nadu

b) Karnataka

c) Maharashtra

d) West Bengal

e) Telangana

Q.105) Who among the following has been ranked World No 1 in the recently released ranking by AIBA?

a) Manish Tiwari

b) Amit Phangal

c) Sunil Singh

d) Anil Chettri

e) Arun Raj

Q.106) What was the target year set by the World Health Organisation for the South East Asian region to eliminate measles and rubella?

a) 2025

b) 2024

c) 2023

d) 2026

e) 2030

Q.107) Who has won the Formula One (F1) season opening Austrian grand prix?

a) Lewis Hamilton

b) Charles Leclerc

c) Max Verstappen

d) Valtteri Bottas

e) Alexander Albon

Q.108) Which of the following state has launched 'BLUIS' to use space technology & AI to monitor government lands?

a) Karnataka

b) Assam

c) Odisha

d) Haryana

e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.109) Which state has launched "Pure for Sure" campaign to ensure the purity of the milk and dairy products?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Gujarat

c) Rajasthan

d) Tamil Nadu

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.110) What will be the contraction in world economy in 2020 as per 'Country Risk and Global Outlook Report' released by D&B?

a) 5.3%

b) 5.8%

c) 6.2%

d) 5.2%

e) 7.1%

Q.111) Which of the following state has topped in market borrowings in FY 21 as per RBI data?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.112) Name the person who headed 9-member working group constituted by IRDAI to look into the possibility of setting up 'Pandemic Risk Pool'?

- a) Sajitha Begam
- b) Ajay Kumar
- c) Suresh Mathur
- d) Nijanthan
- e) Sanjay Gupta

Q.113) What is India's rank based on cancer preparedness among Asia-Pacific countries as per Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) report; Australia Tops?

- a) 7th
- b) 2nd
- c) 4th
- d) 8th
- e) 6th

Q.114) Andrei Demanov who was suspended for doping in July 2020 is associated with which sport?

a) Weightlifting

b) Cricket

c) Tennis

d) Shooting

e) Wrestling

Q.115) Recently Amadou Gon Coulibaly passed away. He is the Prime minister of which country?

- a) Kenya
- b) Guinea-Bissau
- c) Liberia
- d) Malta
- e) Ivory Coast

Q.116) PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Asia's largest solar power project, "Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Power Project" in which state?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Gujarat
- e) Telangana

Q.117) Which of the following state governments recently launched start-up policy to set up 10,000 start-ups in the state?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Tamil Nadu

Q.118) Which of the following state signed MoU with Flipkart to promote the arts, Crafts and Handloom sector?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Karnataka
- e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.119) Who chairs the advisory committee constituted by SEBI on matters related to regulation and development of the mutual funds?

- a) K. V. Kamath
- b) Motilal Oswal
- c) Ashish Chauhan
- d) Usha Thorat
- e) Nitin Vyakaranam

Q.120) which of the following country has won annual United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) environment awards?

- a) Brazil
- b) India
- c) Pakistan
- d) United States
- e) Russia

Q.121) ISRO set to launch Amazonia – 1 earth observatory satellite on PSLV. The Amazonia – 1 is the satellite belongs to which country?

- a) Malta
- b) Israel

c) Brazil

d) Egypt

e) Iran

Q.122) Which of the following police stations has been ranked as one of the best Police Stations of India?

- a) Rishikesh Police Station
- b) Nadaun Police Station
- c) Banbhoolpara Police Station
- d) Gudamba Police Station
- e) Ghiror Police Station

Q.123) Who among the following has been appointed as the additional director of CRISIL?

- a) Sunil Gulati
- b) Shyamala Gopinath
- c) Rajnish Narula
- d) Brij Daga
- e) Nilesh Shah

Q.124) Who among the following has been chosen as an Ambassador for Toronto International Film Festival?

- a) Anushka Sharma
- b) Dia Mirza
- c) Priyanka Chopra
- d) Deepika Padukone
- e) Kareena Kapoor Khan

Q.125) Which of the following state's Legal Service Authority and the high Court organized India's 1st e-Lok Adalat?

a) Tamil Nadu

b) karnataka

c) Chhattisgarh

d) Assam

e) Maharashtra

Q.126) Which country is the second largest Foreign Direct Investor in United Kingdom in 2019?

a) Germany

b) United states

c) India

d) Norway

e) China

Q.127) According to the Union Ministry of Railways, the Indian Railways will have 100% electrification by the year _____.

a) 2040

b) 2025

c) 2023

d) 2030

e) 2035

Q.128) Who among the following has become Taiwan's new ambassador to India?

a) Nitin Sharma

b) Rajesh Kumar

c) Baushuan Ger

d) Anand Verma

e) Jagdish Patel

Q.129) Lee Hsien Loong has become the Prime Minister of which of the following country?

a) South Korea

b) Malaysia

c) Thailand

d) Hong Kong

e) Singapore

Q.130) The 2018 tiger census of which country entered into Guinness Record book as the largest camera trap wildlife survey in the world?

a) Brazil

b) Sri Lanka

c) India

d) France

e) Uganda

Q.131) Who among the following has become the 2nd-fastest all-rounder to score 4000 runs and take 150 wickets?

a) Jofra Archer

b) Ben Stokes

c) Jason Holder

d) Joe Root

e) James Anderson

Q.132) Who was honored with Rotary Foundation's Paul Harris Fellow recognition recently?

a) Hemant Soren

b) Edappadi K Palaniswami

- c) Neiphiu Rio
- d) SarbanandaSonowal
- e) Nitish Kumar

Q.133) Who is the author of the book, "A Song of India" which is to hit the stands on July 20?

- a) Sudha Murthy
- b) Chetan Bhagat
- c) Arundhati Roy
- d) Ruskin Bond
- e) Shruthi Murthy

Q.134) Who among the following is India's next envoy to Afghanistan?

- a) Jai Dholakia
- b) Vikram Doraiswami
- c) Vinay Kumar
- d) Rudrendra Tandon
- e) Praveen Singh

Q.135) which of the following state has been awarded for Mukhyamantri Darpan and mobile App at the Elites Excellence Awards-2020?

- a) Assam
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Chhattisgarh
- e) Haryana

Q.136) Which state government planned to launch 'Roko-Toko' campaign for those who do not wear masks?

- a) Chhattisgarh

- b) Haryana

- c) Madhya Pradesh

- d) Punjab

- e) Maharashtra

Q.137) Andrzej Sebastin Duda has won the presidential election of which country?

- a) Russia
- b) Netherland
- c) Kenya
- d) Poland
- e) Iceland

Q.138) Which Indian state topped in implementing the Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi-PM Swa Nidhi scheme?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) Gujarat

Q.139) Who has been named as recipient of the 2020 Von Karman Award by International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) ?

- a) Jayant Krishna
- b) A S Kiran Kumar
- c) Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- d) Madhavan Nair
- e) Satheesh Reddy

Q.140) Which of the following race drivers has cruised to a comfortable victory in the Styrian Grand Prix?

- a) Charles Leclerc
- b) Lewis Hamilton
- c) Valtteri Bottas
- d) Sebastian Vettel
- e) Max Verstappen

Q.141) When was world Malala day celebrated annually?

- a) July 15
- b) July 12
- c) July 17
- d) July 14
- e) July 16

Q.142) Which among the following was appointed as the interim CEO of BCCI?

- a) Rahul Johri
- b) Hemang Amin
- c) Jay Shah
- d) Raman
- e) Rahul Bhatia

Q.143) The ministry of shipping has approved Rs. 107 crores for modern firefighting facilities in Haldia Dock complex of which port?

- a) Kolkata Port
- b) Chennai Port
- c) Kandla Port
- d) Mumbai Port

e) Mormugao Port

Q.144) Who among the following has made history as the U.S. Navy's first Black female tactical jet pilot?

- a) Yancey Lagratha
- b) Prince Beth
- c) Madeline Swegle
- d) Scarlet Jonshan

e) Angelina Wish

Q.145) Who was honored with the Lifetime achievement award of Mohun Bagan Athletic Club.

- a) Avinash Beitia
- b) Ashok Kumar
- c) Dhyan Chand
- d) Palash Nandi
- e) Gurbux Singh

Q.146) Who among the following is all set to lead the CII's e-commerce committee?

- a) Abhiraj Bahl
- b) Ratan Tata
- c) Kunal Bahl
- d) Anand Mahindra
- e) Rajeev Kumar

Q.147) Which of the following exchanges has become the First Indian Cryptocurrency Exchange To List XinFin Utility Token?

- a) Coinpay
- b) ZenBuy
- c) UnoCoin

d) Binance

e) BuyUcoin

Q.148) Who among the following has been announced as one of the winners of CPJ's 2020 International Press Freedom Awards?

a) Catherine Hug

b) Gokul Krishnan

c) Raghubir Singh

d) Shahidul Alam

e) Raj Shekhar

Q.149) Indian Railways is on a mission mode and seeks to transform into 'Green Railway' by which year?

a) 2027

b) 2025

c) 2030

d) 2029

e) 2028

Q.150) Which of the following Australian cricketer has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of SportsAdda?

a) Ricky Ponting

b) Adam Gilchrist

c) Michael Clarke

d) Brett Lee

e) Matthew Hayden

Q.151) Neela Satyanarayan who passed away recently was the first woman Election Commissioner of which of the following states?

a) Maharashtra

b) Assam

c) Rajasthan

d) Karnataka

e) Manipur

Q.152) Who among the following has been elected as the President of Suriname?

a) Ashwin Adhin

b) Paul Somohardjo

c) Chan Santokhi

d) Ronnie Brunswijk

e) Dési Bouterse

Q.153) Indian railways' 1st cable-stayed rail bridge 'AnjiKhad bridge' is located in which state/UT?

a) Puducherry

b) Chhattisgarh

c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Jammu & Kashmir

e) Maharashtra

Q.154) Name the state which planned to upgrade Poba reserve forest into Wildlife sanctuary?

a) Karnataka

b) Assam

c) Gujarat

d) Punjab

e) Goa

Q.155) who has been appointed as the new vice-president of Asian Development Bank (ADB) ?

- a) Ashok Lavasa
- b) Anil Kishora
- c) Gita Gopinath
- d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- e) Diwakar Gupta

Q.156) Which of the following international airport introduced India's 1st fully contactless car parking?

- a) Chattrapati Shivaji International Airport
- b) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- c) Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport
- d) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- e) Veer Savarkar International Airport

Q.157) Elyes Fakhfakh who resigned recently was the prime minister of which country?

- a) Kenya
- b) Tunisia
- c) Uganda
- d) Lesotho
- e) Nigeria

Q.158) Which among the following company has appointed Ashwini Kumar Tewari as its MD & CEO?

- a) SBI Cards
- b) Punjab National Bank
- c) HDFC Mutual Fund
- d) ICICI Prudential Life

e) Bajaj Holdings

Q.159) Which among the following energy conglomerate has signed an MoU with NIIF to explore business opportunities in India?

- a) Reliance Power
- b) Tata Power
- c) NTPC Limited
- d) GMR Group
- e) Adani Power

Q.160) FIFA World Cup 2022 schedule announced. It will be organized in which country?

- a) Australia
- b) Qatar
- c) Brazil
- d) Saudi Arabia
- e) Mexico

Q.161) Which of the following state government has inaugurated 'Smriti Van' on the occasion of Harela festival?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Uttarakhand
- e) Sikkim

Q.162) What will be the contraction in India's GDP in FY21 as per ICRA Limited?

- a) 6.5%
- b) 7.0%
- c) 9.5%

d) 3.0%

e) 4.5%

Q.163) Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda has become the 1st women prime minister of which of the following country?

a) Yemen

b) Monaco

c) Nauru

d) Gabon

e) Suriname

Q.164) RBI approves reappointment of Shyam Srinivasan as the MD & CEO of which bank?

a) Axis bank

b) Federal bank

c) HDFC bank

d) IndusInd bank

e) YES bank

Q.165) Which of the following countries has topped among the top ten nations in intellectual property filings; (Indiaranks 10th) ?

a) Russia

b) China

c) Germany

d) Japan

e) US

Q.166) Which of the following state Police has launched the 'CybHER' Campaign To Tackle Cyber Crime Against Women, Children?

a) Rajasthan

b) Himachal Pradesh

c) Tamil Nadu

d) Telangana

e) Manipur

Q.167) India and Bhutan have opened a new trade route between Jaigaon in _____ and Pasakha in Bhutan to facilitate connectivity between two countries.

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Sikkim

c) West Bengal

d) Arunachal Pradesh

e) Assam

Q.168) which among the following Union Territory, did the NABARD launched development projects worth Rs 44 lakhs to strengthen the concept of Atmanirbhar Bharat?

a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

b) Lakshadweep

c) Jammu and Kashmir

d) Daman & Diu

e) Puducherry

Q.169) Who will receive 2020 TIFF Tribute Actor Award on 45th Edition of Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) ?

a) Natalie Portman

b) Kate Winslet

- c) Jennifer Lawrence
- d) Scarlett Johansson
- e) Emma Watson

Q.170) Which of the following IIT has developed a portable hospital unit named 'MediCAB'?

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) IIT Ahmedabad
- c) IIT Calcutta
- d) IIT Kanpur
- e) IIT Madras

Q.171) What is India's rank in the Global Manufacturing Risk Index released by Cushman & Wakefield Report?

- a) 5th
- b) 9th
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th
- e) 8th

Q.172) Which of the following institution have developed a device to monitor water quality in India?

- a) IIT Mandi
- b) IIT Kanpur
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Hyderabad
- e) IIT Madras

Q.173) Which South American country elected Indian origin 'Chan' Santokhi as its President?

- a) Chile
- b) Colombia
- c) Bolivia
- d) Suriname
- e) Peru

Q.174) According to India Ratings and Research estimated India's GDP to contract by how much percentage in FY21?

- a) 6.9%
- b) 3.7%
- c) 5.3%
- d) 7.5%
- e) 5.2%

Q.175) Who has been appointed as Private Secretary to the President?

- a) Ranjith Kumar
- b) Vikram Singh
- c) Praveen Siddharth
- d) Ashish Verma
- e) Naresh Kumar

Q.176) Who among the following Club team has clinched the La Liga title for 34th time as Benzema scores brace in a win against Villarreal?

- a) Juventus
- b) Real Madrid
- c) Atlético Madrid
- d) Manchester United
- e) Barcelona

Q.177) Indian railways planned to connect the capitals of North East states through rail network by which year?

- a) 2020
- b) 2023
- c) 2024
- d) 2021
- e) 2022

Q.178) Which of the following state government announced Renewable Energy Export Policy 2020 recently (July 2020) ?

- a) Telangana
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) Maharashtra

Q.179) The Ongole sub-division office has won water heroes award for April 2020 from Jal Shakti Ministry recently. The Ongole Sub-Division Office belongs to which zone of Indian railways?

- a) South Central
- b) Eastern
- c) Central
- d) Western
- e) South Eastern

Q.180) Indian Navy conducted major exercise led by Sanjay Vatsayan in which state/UT recently?

- a) Jammu & Kashmir

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Daman and Diu

d) Andaman & Nicobar

e) Tamil Nadu

Q.181) Cordy Tindell Vivian who passed away in July 2020 is a renowned _____.

- a) Politician
- b) Athlete
- c) Social Worker
- d) Singer
- e) Economist

Q.182) Which of the following North-east state Government has decided to provide 100% tap water connections to all the households in the state by 2023?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Tripura
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Arunachal Pradesh
- e) Meghalaya

Q.183) Who becomes the first woman to head a listed Indian IT firm?

- a) Shobhana Bhartia
- b) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
- c) Roshni Nadar
- d) Nisa Godrej
- e) Shruthi Thangavel

Q.184) Name the automotive technology portal launched by International Centre of Automotive Technology (ICAT) recently.

a) RESPECT

b) ASPIRE

c) ZenTech

d) AUTORUN

e) INSPIRE

Q.185) which of the following state government has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana' to combat malnutrition in the state?

a) Karnataka

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Rajasthan

d) Chhattisgarh

e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.186) Zoram Mega Food Park was inaugurated by the Minister of Food Processing. Where is this located?

a) Assam

b) Mizoram

c) Tripura

d) New Delhi

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.187) In Which among the following city was India's first public EV charging plaza inaugurated?

a) New Delhi

b) Bengaluru

c) Chennai

d) Mumbai

e) Lucknow

Q.188) C.S. Seshadri who passed away recently was famous _____.

a) Politician

b) Cricketer

c) Journalist

d) Mathematician

e) Economist

Q.189) Prakash Javadekar has hailed which mobile app as a unique tool towards the conservation of Indian turtles?

a) TurtleChat

b) KURMA

c) SAVER

d) TurtleGO

e) SaveTurtle

Q.190) Who among the following has broken the world record in performing 100 yoga poses?

a) Subam Garg

b) Srishti Sharma

c) Samridhi Kalia

d) Anita Singh

e) Ranjith Gogai

Q.191) Which of the following is the first state in India to use drones to inspect power lines?

a) Maharashtra

b) Uttar Pradesh

c) Telangana

d) Tamil Nadu

e) Karnataka

Q.192) Who among the following has taken the lead by winning the eighth Hungarian Grand Prix?

- a) Valtteri Bottas
- b) Jorge Lorenzo
- c) Lewis Hamilton
- d) Max Verstappen
- e) Wayne Rainey

Q.193) Which among the following country has launched its first space mission to Mars from Japan?

- a) Malawi
- b) UAE
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Qatar
- e) Afghanistan

Q.194) What is the rank of India in the direct selling industry (US topped) ?

- a) 23rd
- b) 17th
- c) 8th
- d) 34th
- e) 15th

Q.195) A book on Udham Singh named 'Suraj Kade Marda Nahi' was authored by _____.

- a) Ashok Vajpeyi
- b) Baldev Singh Sadaknama
- c) Surjit Patar
- d) Gurbachan Singh Bhullar

e) Bhagat Puran Singh

Q.196) Lalji Tandon who passed away recently. He was the Governor of which Indian state?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Tripura
- e) Assam

Q.197) Who among the following has attended the 3rd G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting?

- a) Rajnath singh
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Anurag Thakur
- e) Prahlad Patel

Q.198) Who among the following has won the PGA Memorial to seize World Number One ranking?

- a) Aron ray
- b) Jack Nicklaus
- c) Roy Mcclory
- d) Ray Steve
- e) Jon Rahm

Q.199) Which state government has included transgender under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (July 2020) ?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Goa

- c) Bihar
d) Punjab
e) Odisha
Q.200) Environment ministry has cleared approval of the Zonal Master Plan of which eco sensitive zone (July 2020) ?
a) Netravali Eco-Sensitive Zone
b) Bhindawas Eco-Sensitive Zone
c) Bhagirathi Eco-Sensitive Zone
d) Barnawapara Eco-Sensitive Zone
e) Sultanpur Eco-Sensitive Zone
Q.201) Award-winning novelist Juan Marse who passed away at age 87 belonged to which country?
a) Germany
b) France
c) Spain
d) England
e) US
Q.202) Which of the following US aircraft carriers may conduct a passing exercise (Passex) with Indian Navy?
a) USS Badmaz
b) USS Dwight
c) USS Eisenhower
d) USS Nimitz
e) USS Ford
Q.203) Which state's cabinet gave approval to 'Samadhan se Vikas', a one-time settlement scheme for the recovery of long-pending dues?
a) Haryana
b) Chhattisgarh
c) Gujarat
d) Punjab
e) Rajasthan
Q.204) Name the state which launched "Navin Rojgar Chhatri Yojana" for scheduled castes (July 2020) ?
a) Tamil Nadu
b) Bihar
c) Uttar Pradesh
d) Haryana
e) Kerala
Q.205) GEDCOL inked a pact with which of the following to develop floating solar power projects in Odisha?
a) NHPC
b) Tata Solars
c) L&T
d) NTPC
e) RIL
Q.206) Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of SBI General Life Insurance?
a) Ramesh Kumar
b) Pushan Mahapatra
c) Ashwani Bhatia
d) Arundhati Bhattacharya
e) Prakash Chandra Kandpal

Q.207) An Agreement 'Emergency Medical Services' was recently signed between India and which of the following country?

- a) Mauritius
- b) Malaysia
- c) Madagascar
- d) Mexico
- e) Maldives

Q.208) Rajya Sabha secretariat has launched the employee's welfare scheme on the name of whom?

- a) Bal Thackeray
- b) Sushma Swaraj
- c) Uma Bharti
- d) Arun Jaitley
- e) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Q.209) Which of the following state cabinet approved 'One-Stop Shop' scheme (July 2020) ?

- a) Kerala
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Haryana
- d) Rajasthan
- e) Chhattisgarh

Q.210) Who has been appointed as the MD&CEO of Karur Vysya Bank?

- a) Manohar
- b) Suryakumar Yadhav
- c) Sanjay Gupta
- d) P R Seshadri

e) Ramesh Babu Boddu

Q.211) Who among the following has become the No.1 all-rounder in ICC Test rankings?

- a) Ravindra Jadeja
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Jason Holder
- d) Ben Stokes
- e) Rohit Sharma

Q.212) A 3-day long Air Force Commanders' Conference will be held in which city?

- a) Surat
- b) Chennai
- c) Kolkata
- d) Bengaluru
- e) New Delhi

Q.213) Who among the following has secured his seventh Pichichi award after the Barcelona star finished the 2019-20 season as the leading scorer in La Liga?

- a) Karim Benzema
- b) Cristiano Ronaldo
- c) Luis Suarez
- d) Telmo Zarra
- e) Lionel Messi

Q.214) ICC has officially postponed the World T20 due to the coronavirus pandemic. It was slated to be held in which country?

- a) England
- b) UAE
- c) South Africa

d) Brazil

e) Australia

Q.215) Who among the following has been appointed as the CMD of National Mineral Development Corporation?

a) Sarath Sharma

b) Rajnath Singh

c) Pravin Kumar

d) Sumit Deb

e) Anand Gupta

Q.216) India's GDP to contract by _____ in FY21 as per estimation of Nomura.

a) 5.3%

b) 4.2%

c) 6.1%

d) 4.8%

e) 8.2%

Q.217) Which of the following state signed MoU with AMUL to help women self-help groups and to encourage the cooperatives in government sectors?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Karnataka

c) Tripura

d) Tamil Nadu

e) Kerala

Q.218) Which of the following state government signed an MoU with IIT Ropar for skill development?

a) IIT Bombay

b) IIT Ropar

c) IIT Kharagpur

d) IIT Mandi

e) IIT Madras

Q.219) Who among the following is all set to receive the Toonz Media Award?

a) Ranjith Singh

b) Sudesh Singh

c) Arnab Chaudhuri

d) Naveen Kumar

e) Pravin Gupta

Q.220) Fintech Convergence Council (FCC) has collaborated with which organisation to host the world's largest virtual fintech event?

a) NCLT

b) FASSAI

c) CII

d) NPCI

e) FICCI

Q.221) Who among the following has been conferred with the President's Award in Singapore?

a) Arunima Singh

b) Kala Narayanasamy

c) Archana Manohar

d) Vandana Begum

e) Nilisha Rani

Q.222) Who has received 2019 National award of excellence for outstanding research

in forestry from the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) ?

- a) Ravichandran
- b) Sanjay Gupta
- c) Kannan CS Warriar
- d) Buvaneswaran
- e) Gokul Krishnan

Q.223) Name the person who has become the first recipient of Gulbenkian prize for humanity.

- a) John Paul Jose
- b) Xavi Nebulla
- c) Kallan Benson
- d) Greta Thunberg
- e) Katy Perry

Q.224) Name the Anti-tank guided Nag missile which was tested by DRDO at Interim Test Range in Balasore, Odisha.

- a) Dhruvastra
- b) Brahmos
- c) Nirbhay
- d) Agni
- e) Parthiv

Q.225) Which country conducted a successful flight test of the MGTD-20 gas turbine engine made by 3D-printing for the 1st time (July 2020) ?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Japan

- d) Russia
- e) Brazil

Q.226) Who has been appointed as the chairman of Bajaj Finance (with effect from August 1, 2020) ?

- a) Sandeep Kumar
- b) Rahul Sharma
- c) Sanjiv Bajaj
- d) Rajiv Kumar
- e) Ajay Kumar

Q.227) Which state government has launched the e-Sachivalaya portal for online appointments?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Haryana
- c) Chhattisgarh
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) Karnataka

Q.228) According to the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy India will have 60% of its installed electricity generation capacity from clean sources by _____.

- a) 2022
- b) 2028
- c) 2030
- d) 2035
- e) 2025

Q.229) Who among the following has been appointed as the Secretary (East) of the Ministry of External Affairs?

- a) Injeti Srinivas
- b) Rajesh Verma
- c) Vijay Singh
- d) Riva Ganguly Das
- e) Sarath Sharma

Q.230) According to a latest report by the brokerage, DBS India's GDP is to contract by how much per cent in FY 21(July 2020) ?

- a) 5.3%
- b) 4.2%
- c) 6%
- d) 7.3%
- e) 5%

Q.231) Who among the following has been named as the new CEO & Director of Microfinance Institutions Network?

- a) Ranjith Kumar
- b) Vinay Gupta
- c) Rajesh Singh
- d) Alok Mishra
- e) Suresh Kumar

Q.232) Nusrat Zaheer who passed away was

a) _____.

- a) Musician
- b) Journalist
- c) Painter
- d) Singer
- e) Politician

Q.233) Which of the following is the latest country to join ISA which is led by India to promote sustainable energy?

- a) Costa Rica
- b) Nicaragua
- c) Panama
- d) Malawi
- e) Cuba

Q.234) Who among the following has been nominated by the International Union of Railways as the Vice-chairman of its security platform?

- a) Aravind Kumar
- b) Ramesh Chand
- c) Arun Kumar
- d) Praveen Srivastava
- e) Rajeev Singh

Q.235) India has revived the initiative with the Customs Union for Preferential Trade Agreement with which country?

- a) France
- b) China
- c) Japan
- d) South Africa
- e) Germany

Q.236) Which country has recently received the observer status in the World Trade Organization?

- a) Lebanon
- b) Turkmenistan

c) Qatar

d) Kazakhstan

e) Oman

Q.237) CCI approved Krishnapatnam port acquisition by Adani Ports. Where is the Krishnapatnam port situated?

a) Telangana

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Maharashtra

d) Andhra Pradesh

e) Karnataka

Q.238) Who among the following has launched the Vriksharopan Abhiyan in New Delhi?

a) Prahlad Patel

b) Anurag Thakur

c) Narendra Modi

d) Amit Shah

e) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

Q.239) Which of the following institutions has launched the NSRCEL launched Women Startup Programme?

a) IIT Madras

b) IIT Delhi

c) IIM Bengaluru

d) IIM Indore

e) IIM Ahmedabad

Q.240) Amazon Pay has tied up with which company to offer vehicle insurance?

a) UIIC

b) Apollo Munich

c) Acko

d) Nippon

e) Religare

Q.241) As per Forbes real-time ranking of billionaires, what is the rank of Mukesh Ambani (\$75 billion wealth) in world's richest man list (July 2020) ?

a) 2nd

b) 8th

c) 5th

d) 7th

e) 9th

Q.242) What is the theme of India Ideas Summit 2020 addressed by PM Modi?

a) "Ideas for Inclusive Growth"

b) "Innovation Ideas"

c) "SDG for Growth"

d) "Going Forward"

e) "Building a Better Future"

Q.243) Which country launched its fully homegrown Tianwen-1 Mars rover mission using Long March 5 rocket?

a) France

b) China

c) Hong Kong

d) Brazil

e) Japan

Q.244) Who has been authored the book titled "The Pandemic Century"?

a) Khaled Hosseini

b) Atul Gawande

c) Mark Honigsbaum

d) C.J. Lyons

e) Siddhartha Mukherjee

Q.245) Which is South Asia's 1st league that joined world leagues forum?

a) Hockey India League

b) Badminton Premier League

c) Indian Super League

d) League VIVO Pro Kabaddi

e) Pro Volleyball

Q.246) Naveen Tahilyani has been appointed as the MD & CEO of:

a) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

b) Tata AIA Life Insurance

c) Max Life Insurance

d) Exide Life Insurance

e) Kotak Life Insurance

Q.247) Who among the following has been appointed as the Joint Secretary in PMO?

a) Rajashekar

b) Aravind

c) Rajni Desai

d) P.Amudha

e) Pravin Kumar

Q.248) Who among the following has recently addressed the G20 Digital Ministers virtual meeting?

a) Amit Shah

b) Nirmala Sitharaman

c) Narendra Modi

d) Ravi Shankar Prasad

e) Anurag Thakur

Q.249) Who has been appointed as honorary adviser to BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry?

a) Rahul Johri

b) Sahil Seth

c) Sajith Singh

d) Ramanathan

e) Radhakrishnan

Q.250) Which of the following Organization rolls out 'Autopay' feature on UPI for recurring payments?

a) HPCL

b) NPCI

c) SEBI

d) NABARD

e) SIDBI

BANKING AWARENESS QUIZ:

Q.1) Which of the following bank has launched a product to provide financial support to business communities (July 2020) ?

a) BOB

b) ICICI

c) Federal Bank

d) Axis Bank

e) J&K Bank

Q.2) Which bank has launched the Yuva Pay, a digital wallet in partnership with UDMA Technologies ?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) Yes Bank

Q.3) When was SARFAESI act enacted?

- a) 2005
- b) 2000
- c) 2006
- d) 2002
- e) 2004

Q.4) _____ has partnered with Bengaluru based SOLV business platform to launch credit card for MSMEs.

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) BNP Paribas
- c) Deutsche Bank
- d) Standard Chartered Bank
- e) Axis Bank

Q.5) Which of the following banks has sanctioned Rs 20,000 cr loans to MSMEs under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme?

- a) Bank of Baroda
- b) Punjab National bank
- c) HDFC Bank

d) State Bank of India

e) ICICI Bank

Q.6) National Financial Switch is the largest network of _____ in India.

- a) Core Banking Solutions
- b) Mutual Funds
- c) Insurance products
- d) Automated Teller Machines
- e) Electronic Fund Transfer

Q.7) Which of the following bank is working on setting up an e-commerce portal "Bharat Craft" for MSMEs?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) SBI
- d) UCO Bank
- e) Axis Bank

Q.8) Which bank has now enabled additional banking transactions to provide real-time customer service assistance?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) RBL
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) Yes Bank

Q.9) Which of the following bank has recently rolled out e-Kisaan Dhan app for farmers?

- a) Yes Bank
- b) RBL Bank
- c) Axis Bank

d) ICICI Bank

e) HDFC Bank

Q.10) Indian Government has recently launched the Special Liquidity Scheme of _____ Rs to improve the liquidity position for Non-Banking Finance Companies and Housing Finance Companies.

a) Rs 40,000 Crore

b) Rs 10,000 Crore

c) Rs 30,000 Crore

d) Rs 20, 000 Crore

e) Rs 50,000 Crore

Q.11) Which bank has launched 'Insta Loans against Mutual Funds' facility in partnership with Computer Age Management Services (CAMS) ?

a) Axis Bank

b) IDFC Bank

c) ICICI Bank

d) RBL Bank

e) HDFC Bank

Q.12) How many whole-time members are appointed to SEBI by the central government at present?

a) 5

b) 4

c) 8

d) 7

e) 6

Q.13) Which of the following bank offers an online instant auto loan to its customers named 'ZipDrive'?

a) Axis Bank

b) DBS Bank

c) IDBI Bank

d) ICICI Bank

e) HDFC Bank

Q.14) Which insurance company has partnered with BOB financial to offer COVID-19 insurance cover?

a) Max Life Insurance

b) Tata AIA Life Insurance

c) India First Life Insurance

d) Oriental Insurance

e) United India Life Insurance

Q.15) Which of the following bank has partnered with Mastercard to facilitate real-time domestic & cross-border payments & remittances through 'Mastercard Send'?

a) Axis Bank

b) HDFC Bank

c) RBL Bank

d) ICICI Bank

e) SBM Bank

Q.16) Which private sector bank launched 'Loan in seconds' digital solution for instant disbursement of retail loans?

a) HDFC Bank

b) Axis Bank

c) Yes Bank

d) City Union Bank

e) Karur Vysya Bank

Q.17) Which of the following banks has partnered with Star Health & Allied Insurance to provide health insurance products to its customers?

a) HDFC Bank

b) Karur Vysya Bank

c) Kotak Mahindra Bank

d) Axis Bank

e) ICICI Bank

Q.18) Which of the following payments bank has launched 'Bhavishya' savings account scheme for minors (10-18) ?

a) Airtel Payments Bank

b) Jio Payments Bank

c) Fino Payments Bank

d) Paytm Payments Bank

e) India Post Payments Bank

Q.19) Name the bank which has planned to enter into strategic partnership with Google Cloud.

a) HSBC Bank

b) BNP Paribas

c) Deutsche Bank

d) Standard Chartered Bank

e) Bank of China

Q.20) Which of the following mutual fund companies has launched voice-based services via Google Assistant?

a) Edelweiss Mutual Fund

b) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund

c) Aditya Birla Sun Life

d) Axis Asset Management

e) Indiabulls Mutual Fund

Q.21) Which of the following bank has entered into Bancassurance agreement with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance?

a) Axis Bank

b) Karur Vysya Bank

c) RBL Bank

d) UCO Bank

e) ICICI Bank

Q.22) Maruti Suzuki has Partnered With which bank For Easy Car Loan Schemes?

a) Axis Bank

b) SBI Bank

c) RBL Bank

d) UCO Bank

e) ICICI Bank

Q.23) BSE has partnered with which mutual fund to power its eKYC services on BSE StAR MF?

a) BNP Paribas Asset Management

b) LIC Mutual Fund

c) Baroda Asset Management

d) Axis Mutual Fund

e) Aditya Birla Mutual Fund

Q.24) The IRDAI has removed the _____ maximum cap on sum insured for Arogya Sanjeevani policies recently.

- a) Rs. 6 Lakh
- b) Rs. 12 Lakh
- c) Rs. 7 Lakh
- d) Rs. 3 Lakh
- e) Rs. 5 Lakh

Q.25) Maharashtra government along with which bank planned to set up fund to revive Slum Rehabilitation Authority projects?

- a) Bank of Baroda
- b) State Bank of India
- c) UCO Bank
- d) Punjab National Bank
- e) Indian Overseas Bank

Q.26) How much was the additional amount Mastercard plans to invest to support Indian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) ?

- a) Rs 350 crore
- b) Rs 750 crore
- c) Rs 500 crore
- d) Rs 250 crore
- e) Rs 100 crore

Q.27) Which bank has partnered with Tata Motors to offer car loans at attractive terms?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Kodak Mahindra Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) Karur Vysya Bank

Q.28) Visa has partnered with which Bank to roll out Visa Secure for e-commerce?

- a) IDBI Bank
- b) Federal Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) Axis Bank
- e) ICICI Bank

Q.29) _____ crore worth refinance scheme was announced by NABARD for banks and financial institutions.

- a) Rs 1,000 crore
- b) Rs 5,000 crore
- c) Rs 2,500 crore
- d) Rs 3,700 crore
- e) Rs 10,000 crore

Q.30) Which of the following bank is going to set up an IFSC Banking Unit at GIFT City?

- a) ICICI
- b) HDFC
- c) IDBI
- d) HSBC
- e) SBI

Q.31) PSBs are likely to purchase NBFC Bonds/CPs worth Rs 14,667 cr under the Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme. The scheme provides up to _____ per cent portfolio guarantee to the PSBs.

a) 30

b) 25

c) 20

d) 15

e) 35

Q.32) Which Bank has Adopted an Agile Technology Platform For Deeper Customer Engagement?

a) HDFC bank

b) Yes bank

c) IndusInd bank

d) Axis bank

e) ICICI bank

Q.33) Which of the following bank has launched an OD facility against fixed deposits (July 2020) ?

a) UCO Bank

b) Bank of Maharashtra

c) Indian Bank

d) Yes Bank

e) IDBI Bank

Q.34) PhonePe has officially launched '@ibl' handle in partnership with which bank?

a) Indian Bank

b) State Bank of India

c) ICICI Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) UCO Bank

Q.35) Which of the following banks recently launched a campaign against COVID-19 that

was inaugurated by Dr Harsh Vardhan(July 2020) ?

a) Bank of Baroda

b) Karnataka Bank

c) State Bank of India

d) Punjab National Bank

e) Indian Bank

Q.36) Which of the following public sector bank signed corporate agency pact with Life Insurance Corporation of India?

a) Bank of Maharashtra

b) Bank of Baroda

c) Indian Bank

d) Union Bank of India

e) State Bank of India

Q.37) Fampay partnered with which bank to launch India's 1st numberless card 'FamCard'?

a) IDFC First Bank

b) ICICI Bank

c) Axis Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) IDBI Bank

Q.38) Which of the following banks has rolled out an 'Insta Click Savings Account'?

a) Indian Bank

b) Union Bank of India

c) Bank of Maharashtra

d) Bank of Baroda

e) ICICI Bank

Q.39) Which of the following Payment bank has partnered with the NSDC to train rural youth for financial services jobs?

- a) Aditya Birla Payments Bank
- b) India Post Payments Bank
- c) Fino Payments Bank
- d) Airtel Payments Bank
- e) Jio Payments Bank

Q.40) PhonePe has teamed up with which insurance company to offer Hospital Cash cover?

- a) Nippon
- b) Tata AIG
- c) ICICI Lombard
- d) Apollo Munich
- e) RIL

Q.41) The nominal value of a security stated by the issuer is called as _____

- a) Par Value
- b) Sell Value
- c) Market Value
- d) Face Value
- e) None of these

Q.42) Which committee established by the Central Bank governors of the Group of ten countries in 1974 that seeks to improve the supervisory guidelines that central banks or similar authorities impose on both wholesale and retail banks?

- a) BASEL Committee

b) FEDERAL Committee

c) UNION Committee

d) SWIFT Committee

e) None of these

Q.43) Property that a borrower offers a lender to secure a loan is called as _____

- a) Mortgage
- b) Sponsor
- c) Gift
- d) Bilateral
- e) Collateral

Q.44) One hundredth of one percentage point, basically used in expressing differences of interest rates, which is known as?

- a) Interest Point
- b) Nominal Point
- c) Basis Point
- d) Base Point
- e) None of these

Q.45) The portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock is called as _____

- a) Value per share
- b) Earnings per Share
- c) Price per share
- d) Demand per share
- e) None of these

Q.46) _____ is the ratio of a bank's capital to its risk

- a) Capital Fund Ratio

- b) Capital Risk Ratio
- c) Capital Profit Ratio
- d) Capital Adequacy Ratio
- e) None of these

Q.47) A value which exists as part of something, such as the value of an option is called as _____

- a) Market Value
- b) Face Value
- c) Par Value
- d) Sell Value
- e) Intrinsic Value

Q.48) The first sale of stock by a private company to the public is called _____

- a) Junk Bond
- b) Offer Bond
- c) Primary Bond
- d) Initial Bond
- e) None of these

Q.49) The suspension of repayment of Debt, or Interest, for a specified period of time is called as _____

- a) Bounce
- b) Moratorium
- c) Mortgage
- d) Suspension
- e) None of these

Q.50) Which value is called as nominal value of a bond?

- a) Market Value
- b) Face Value
- c) Sell Value
- d) Par Value
- e) None of these

BANKING ANSWER KEY

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