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### NATIONAL NEWS:

#### **Power Finance Corporation signs MoU with NBPCCL to fund hydro-electric projects in Madhya Pradesh:**

**Power Finance Corporation**, under Ministry of Power entered into an agreement with **Narmada Basin Projects Company Ltd.**, a company of Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, to fund projects worth **Rs.22,000 crore** for **225 MW** hydro-electric projects & multipurpose projects.

#### **Uttarakhand's Char Dham Project to get a boost with 450 m tunnel built beneath Chamba Town:**

The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** has completed construction of a **440 m** long tunnel below the busy Chamba town on the **Rishikesh-Dharasu** road Highway (NH 94) . Indian Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** lauded and congratulated the team for achieving this feat.

#### **Karnataka governmentt to launch a project to maintain health database of all citizens:**

**Karnataka** governmentt to soon launch project to maintain the health database of all its citizens undertaking a survey of all **6.5 Crore** people. A first of its kind initiative

**State Health Register** will be robust and standardized health repository of all citizens.

#### **Tamil Nadu signs MoUs worth over Rs 15,000 crore to generate 47,000 jobs**

**Tamil Nadu** signed 17 memorandums of understanding (MoUs) worth Rs **15,128 crore** to generate **47,150 jobs** in the state. **Daimler India, Salcomp** and other companies would invest over **Rs 15000 crore**. The Government also signed MoUs for renewable energy projects.

#### **Nirmala Sitharaman launches free instant PAN card facility through Aadhaar:**

Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** formally launched the facility for instant allotment of **PAN card** using **Aadhaar-based e-KYC**. The facility is now available for all those **Permanent Account Number (PAN)** applicants who possess a valid **Aadhaar number** and have a mobile number registered in the **UIDAI** database.

#### **Andhra Pradesh government launches web portal for educational institutes to upload details:**

**Andhra Pradesh** has launched a web portal on **schools** and **colleges** will have to upload details regarding their infrastructure and other facilities. Student's parents may visit the institutes and complain if the facilities

provided do not match the information provided.

Decided during the '**Our Governance, Your Suggestion**' session.

**Himachal to launch portal for registration of returnees who lost jobs:**

The cabinet headed by Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** launched of a portal for registration of people who returned to the state due to job-loss and are either in need of employment or upgrade of skills and decided to formulate a scheme for working capital requirements.

**Uttar Pradesh government to develop 800 km roads as Herbal roads:**

**Uttar Pradesh** government will develop **800 km** roads as Herbal roads in the state. These herbal roads will have medicinal and herbal trees on both sides.

Deputy Chief Minister and state PWD minister of state **Keshav Prasad Maurya** stated that these herbal roads will have trees like like Peepal, Neem, Sehjan along with other herb varieties like brahmi, ashvagandha and jatropa.

**'Hunar Haat' to restart from Sept 2020 with theme "Local to Global":**

Flagship programme of Ministry of Minority Affairs '**Hunar Haat**' will restart with the theme of "**Local to Global**" from September 2020.

It is a platform for artisans and **craftsmen** from various parts of the country to showcase their art and craft and provides employment and employment opportunities to more than **five lakh Indian artisans, craftsmen, culinary experts** and other people associated with them in the last five years.

**CIPET renamed as Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology:**

**Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology** (CIPET) was renamed as Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology. CIPET is a premier national institution under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, **Government of India (GOI)** .

**ADB and India sign \$177 million loan to upgrade roads in Maharashtra:**

Asian Development Bank and the Government of India signed a **\$177 million** loan to upgrade **450 kilometres** of state highways and major district roads in the state of Maharashtra. This could improve the connectivity between rural areas and urban centres.

**Archaeological Survey of India discovers 9th century sandstone Shiva linga in Vietnam:**

**Archaeological Survey of India** recently discovered a monolithic sandstone Shiva linga from 9th century CE, during an ongoing conservation project at My Son, a cluster of abandoned & partially ruined Hindu temples in **Quang Nam** province in central **Vietnam**.

### **Army Commanders' Conference commences in New Delhi:**

The Army Commanders' Conference has commenced in **New Delhi**. It is an apex level biannual event that was earlier scheduled to be held in April 2020, but was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic.

In the first phase of Army Commanders' Conference, the apex level leadership of **Indian Army** will deliberate on various aspects pertaining to operational and administrative issues including studies pertaining to logistics and human resources.

### **State Health Register to be launched by Karnataka Government:**

**Karnataka** State Government announced that it will launch a "**State Health Register**" to collect data of all its citizens. The register is first of its kind in the country.

### **Kargil's first Solar Lift Irrigation Plant inaugurated in Ladakh:**

In **Ladakh**, Director of Animal, Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Dr **Mohammad Raza** inaugurated the first Solar Lift Irrigation

Plant of Kargil with **five KW Solar Plant** and **three HP** Submersible Pump (**Kargil Renewable Energy Agency-KREDA**) at Yak Breeding Farm, Bodh Kharboo keeping in view the protocols of social distancing and Standard Operating Procedures.

### **Uttarakhand launches Mukhyamantri Swarozgar Yojana for returnee migrants:**

**Uttarakhand** chief minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** inaugurated the Mukhyamantri Swarozgar Yojana.

The scheme will offer credit facility through **nationalised banks, scheduled commercial banks and cooperative banks**.

### **Madhya Pradesh Government creates 'Rojgar Setu Yojana' to employ migrant workers:**

State Government has created '**Rojgar Setu Yojana**' to employ **migrant workers**, who have come back to the State from other states amid coronavirus-induced lockdown, stated Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.

### **Madhya Pradesh Government is preparing database under 'Swamitva' scheme:**

Madhya Pradesh Government is preparing a database under the "**Swamitva scheme**" launched on a pilot basis by Prime Minister

**Narendra Modi** on 24th April. The scheme aims to provide land ownership rights to people in rural areas.

On the basis of the database prepared under this scheme, land rights **records** and **property registers** of rural settlements will also be prepared at the panchayat level.

**Nirmala Sitharaman chairs 22nd Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) :**

The meeting also reviewed the current global and domestic **macro-economic** situation, **financial stability** and **vulnerabilities issues**, issues likely to be faced by banks and other financial institutions like Liquidity/Solvency of **Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)** /housing finance companies (HFCs) / **Micro finance Institutions (MFIs)** and other related issues.

**Piyush Goyal attend Digital Summit on Exports organized by CII:**

Minister for Commerce & Industry & Railways **Piyush Goyal** participated in the Digital Summit on Exports organized by the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** which has completed **125 years**. EXIM Bank of India was the Institutional Partner for the Summit.

NASSCOM is targeting for **\$500 billion** export in next **five years**.

**Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launches National AI Portal of India:**

Minister for Electronics & IT, Law & Justice & Communications **Ravi Shankar Prasad** launched India's national Artificial Intelligence Portal called **www.ai.gov.in**. It was jointly developed by MeITY & IT Industry and he also launched '**Responsible AI for Youth**'.

**Government approves Rs 445 cr for Chhattisgarh under Jal Jeevan Mission:**

Union Government has approved **Rs 445 crore** for the implementation of **Jal Jeevan Mission** in **Chhattisgarh** during **2020-21**.

Chhattisgarh has planned to have 100 per cent **Functional Tap Water Connection (FHTC)** by **2023-24**. Out of 45 lakh households in the state, it has planned to provide tap connections to 20 lakh households.

**Kerala to launch free internet project K-FON in December:**

Kerala State government has announced the **Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON)** project will be commissioned by December 2020. The project aims to provide free internet access to the poor in the State. Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** informed the

decision after a meeting with the heads of companies of the consortium.

### **Jitendra Singh launched e-booklet on DARPG achievements:**

Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions **Dr.Jitendra Singh** has launched the e-booklet on Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (**DARPG**) achievements for the period 30 May 2019 to 30 May 2020.

### **'One Sun One World One Grid': India initiates talks on West to SE Asia solar grid:**

India has come up with a '**One Sun One World One Grid**' (**OSOWOG**) initiative to set up a framework for facilitating global cooperation in this regard aiming at building a global ecosystem of interconnected renewable energy resources that can be seamlessly shared.

The Union **Ministry of New and Renewable energy (MNRE)**, through this initiative, plans to build global consensus about sharing solar resources among more than **140 countries** of **West Asia and South East Asia**.

### **Public Sector Banks sanction collateral free loans worth 3,200 crore rupees in a single day under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan:**

Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** informed that largely the **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** located in over **three thousand** TIER-2 towns were covered on the first day of sanctions of the collateral free loans.

The amount **3,200 crore** sanctioned will help the MSMEs to meet the expenses towards payment of salaries, rent and restocking of goods.

### **Centre launches PM SVANIDHI scheme for street vendors to get loans of up to Rs.10,000:**

Ministry of **Housing & Urban Affairs** (MoHUA) has inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has launched "**PM SVANIDHI**" - **Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi** - a special micro-credit facility scheme for providing affordable loan to street vendors. It is aimed at enabling the street vendors to resume their livelihood.

The scheme targets to benefit over **50 lakh** street vendors.

### **Odisha, Sikkim, Mizoram join 'One Nation-One Ration Card' scheme: Ram Vilas Paswan:**

**Odisha, Sikkim and Mizoram** are the three more states that have been included under



the **"One Nation One Ration Card"** scheme. Consumer Affairs Minister announced the inclusion of these states in the scheme on Integrated Management of Public Distribution System. The facility is enabled in 17 States and UTs so far.

### **PM Modi announces "My Life My Yoga" Video Blogging contest in Man Ki Baat:**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** called upon one and all to participate in the **"My Life – My Yoga"** (also called **"Jeevan Yoga"**) Video Blogging Contest, a joint effort by the Ministry of AYUSH and the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**, during the course of his monthly Mann Ki Baat address to the nation.

The contest focuses on the transformative impact of Yoga on the lives of individuals, and comes as one of the activities related to the observation of the sixth **International Day of Yoga (IDY)** coming up on 21st June 2020.

The contest has gone live on the social media handles of the **Ministry of AYUSH**.

### **Rajnath Singh to head committee for implementation of MSME loan scheme:**

According to the MSME Minister, **Nitin Gadkari** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appointed a committee headed by **Rajnath Singh** to resolve any problem in the implementation of the **Rs 3 lakh crore**

collateral-free loan scheme for MSMEs announced by the FM.

### **I&B Ministry releases e-booklet on Narendra Modi govt 2.0's 1st year in office:**

The 92-page booklet **'One Year of Modi 2.0 -Towards A Self-Reliant India'** has been brought out by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The booklet has a separate section for the actions taken to fight the pandemic and deal with the economic fallout **Punjab Chief Minister launches anti-COVID awareness drive:**

**Punjab** Chief Minister Captain **Amarinder Singh** has launched a month-long drive, as part of **"Mission Fateh"** to spread awareness about COVID-19.

He urged the people of Punjab to follow social distancing norms, wash hands properly and wear face masks to make the state win the battle against the virus.

### **Nitin Gadkari announces development of new Greenfield expressway to Amritsar:**

The centre has announced the development of a new **Greenfield connectivity to Amritsar City** from Nakodar via Sultanpur Lodhi, Goindwal Sahib, Khadoor Sahib as part of **Delhi-Amritsar Expressway**. The road from Amritsar to Gurdaspur to be made signal

free. First phase of project to have an investment of **Rs 25,000 cr.**

### **Prime Minister Modi launches CHAMPIONS portal to empower MSMEs:**

Prime Minister launched the tech platform **"Champions"** to help the smaller MSMEs by solving their grievances, encouraging and supporting them. 'Champions' stands for **Creation and Harmonious** Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the **Output & National Strength.**

### **Government approves to rename Kolkata Port Trust as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Trust:**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** made the announcement of renaming Kolkata Port Trust as **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Trust** after Jan Sangh Founder while addressing the 150th-anniversary programme of **Kolkata Port Trust.**

### **India unveils Rs 50,000 crore schemes to attract electronics makers:**

Union Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** unveiled the guidelines for electronics manufacturing schemes with an aim to strengthen domestic manufacture.

The three Schemes namely, the **Production-Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI)**, **Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components** and

**Semiconductors (SPECS)** and **Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme.**

### **Power Minister R. K. Singh launches pan-India Real-Time Market in electricity:**

Shri **R. K. Singh**, the Minister of State (IC) **Power and New & Renewable Energy & Minister of State Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** launched pan-India Real-Time **Market in electricity** through video conference in New Delhi.

### **Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju launches Khelo India Community Coach Development programme:**

The **25-day** programme was inaugurated by Sports Minister **Kiren Rijiju** has launched the Khelo India Community Coach Development programme for **15,000** physical education teachers and coaches around the country.

### **Government launches SWADES to conduct skill mapping of citizens returning under Vande Bharat Mission:**

The Union Government has launched a new initiative **SWADES**- Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support to conduct a skill mapping exercise of the returning citizens under the **Vande Bharat Mission.**

### **Telangana Chief Minister inaugurates Kondapochamma Reservoir in Siddipet:**



**Telangana** CM K **Chandrashekar Rao** inaugurated a pump house in **Siddipet** district to lift **Godavari water** to a reservoir which is at a height of 618 meters from the source—**Godavari river**. This is to facilitate areas which did not have irrigation facilities.

**Centre launches TULIP portal to provide benefit to all stakeholders:**

Human Resources Development Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** & Urban Affairs Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched a joint initiative, **TULIP- 'The Urban Learning Internship Programme'** aimed at providing internships to engineering students in the country. It has been conceived under Budget's theme '**Aspirational India**'.

**Chhattisgarh government launches 'Spandan Campaign' to check suicide and fratricide:**

**Chhattisgarh Police** have launched a special campaign titled "**Spandan**" to check mental stress and depression among their personnel by conducting interactive programmes and arranging counseling sessions, **music** and **yoga therapies**.

The motive of the campaign is preventing the force from depression and **stress pushing** them to take extreme steps.

**Nitin Gadkari announces development of new Greenfield expressway to Amritsar:**

Centre announced the development of a new **Greenfield connectivity** to **Amritsar City** from **Nakodar** via Sultanpur Lodhi, Goindwal Sahib, Khadoor Sahib as part of **Delhi-Amritsar** Expressway.

Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs **Nitin Gadkari** stated, the road from **Amritsar to Gurdaspur** will also be fully developed and made completely signal free.

**Andhra Pradesh govt gives Rs 10,000 each to 2.62 lakh auto, cab drivers in state:**

**Andhra Pradesh** government disbursed four months in advance an annual financial assistance of **Rs 10,000** to each of the **2.62 lakh** beneficiaries under a state welfare scheme.

Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** announced the transfer of a total amount of Rs 262.49 crores to 2,62,493 beneficiaries under the **YSR Vahana Mitra scheme** during a digital conference with district collectors and beneficiaries.

**Prime Minister Addresses the virtual Global Vaccine Summit 2020:**

**India** pledged **\$15 million** to **Gavi**, the international vaccine alliance, with Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** making the announcement during the virtual **Global**

**Vaccine Summit** hosted by UK Prime Minister **Boris Johnson**.

More than **50 countries** are including business leaders, UN agencies, civil society, ministers and Heads of State and participated in the summit.

**PM Modi's first-ever virtual bilateral summit with Australian PM Scott Morrison:**

Prime Minister **Modi** and his Australian counterpart PM **Scott Morrison** are taking part in the first-ever virtual bilateral summit. The event signifies ***"The strengthening of ties with Australia and its upward trajectory"***.

Through this summit, India and Australia raised their relationship to a **"Comprehensive Strategic Partnership"** (CSP) and concluded nine pacts including Mutual Logistics Support Agreement.

**Cabinet approves MoU between India and Bhutan on cooperation in the areas of environment:**

Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** gave its approval for signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Royal Government of Bhutan** on Cooperation in the areas of the environment. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature and

shall continue to remain in force for a period of **10 years**.

**Prakash Javadekar launches urban forest scheme to develop 200 "Nagar Van" in 5 years:**

Union Forest, Environment and Climate Change Minister **Prakash Javadekar**, launched the **"Urban Forest programme"** on the occasion of **World Environment Day** and reiterated that India is able to preserve its biodiversity.

Government announced implementation of the **Nagar van scheme** to develop **200 Urban Forests** across the country in next **5 years** with a renewed focus on people's participation & collaboration between Forest Department, Municipal bodies, NGOs, Corporates.

**Nitin Gadkari launches campaign on 'Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways':**

Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and MSME, **Nitin Gadkari** launched the UNDP and MoRTH national awareness campaign on **'Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways'** through a video conference.

**Uttar Pradesh introduces a MoU Monitoring Mechanism for efficient**

## implementation of investment proposals:

**Uttar Pradesh** has introduced a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **Monitoring Mechanism** in a move that aims at better implementation of investment proposals through handholding interested investors and better tracking of the MoUs signed.

## J&K Lieutenant Governor launches 'Mera Vetan' app:

Lieutenant Governor **G.C. Murmu** launched JK **Employees Salary Tracker** Mobile App- "**Mera Vetan**". With this, employees especially posted in remote & rural areas, who do not have access to the DDOs will easily access their salary & other details anytime.

## Fit India and MHRD launch special films to promote indigenous sports of India:

**Ministry of Human Resource Development** (MHRD) and **Sports Ministry** have collaborated to produce a series of special films promoting 10 indigenous sports of India.

The '**Department of School Education and Literacy**' under MHRD has joined hands with sports ministry's flagship programme '**Fit India**' under the '**Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat**' initiative.

## WCD Ministry constitutes task force to examine issues related to lowering Maternal Mortality Rate:

Task force is headed by **Jaya Jaitly** & it will submit its report by 31st July. The task Force will examine the issues related to Infant Mortality Rate, Maternal Mortality Rate, Total Fertility Rate, Sex Ratio at Birth, Child Sex Ratio (CSR) .

## CSIR and Atal Innovation Mission sign a Letter of Intent to foster Innovation in India:

**CSIR & Atal Innovation Mission** sign a Letter of Intent to foster Innovation. This will support world class start-ups through CSIR Incubators under **AIM** initiatives and jointly work on **new models of innovation**, including setting up of CSIR Innovation Parks.

## PETA hails India's first online waste exchange platform launched by Andhra Pradesh:

The Indian wing of the **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)** has praised Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** for launching an **online waste exchange platform** which will help the authorities monitor the movement of hazardous waste real-time using the tools incorporated in the platform.

### **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launches COVID BEEP, India's first physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients:**

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, **Dr. Jitendra Singh** said 'awareness' and not 'anxiety' is the key to fighting COVID-19. Launching **COVID BEEP**, India's *first indigenous, cost effective, wireless physiological* parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients, Dr Singh said COVID BEEP is to emerge as an antidote to the original COVID.

### **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh holds meeting with three service chiefs & CDS General Bipin Rawat in New Delhi:**

The meeting took place in **New Delhi**. It came days after the top **India-China** military commanders meeting where they agreed to peacefully resolve situation in border areas in accordance with various bilateral agreements.

### **India loses 750 tigers in last eight years; MP, Maharashtra report maximum casualties:**

As many as **750 tigers** have died in the country in the last eight years due to poaching and other causes, with **Madhya Pradesh** reporting the highest casualties at 173.

There was also seizure of 101 big cats during the eight year period between 2012 and 2019

by different authorities across the country, the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** .

### **Centre allocates highest ever funds of Rs. 1,01,500 crore under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during 2020-2021:**

A provision of **One Lakh One Thousand Five Hundred (1,01,500) Crore** rupees has been made under **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme** in the current financial year **2020-2021**.

It is the highest ever provision of funds under the programme. A sum of 31 thousand **493 crores** has already been released in 2020-2021, which is more than 50 percent of the budget estimate of the current Financial Year.

### **Plantation drive named "Thank Mom" started in Madhya Pradesh:**

In **Madhya Pradesh**, a plantation drive named "Thank Mom" has been started on the premises of Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Directorate on **World Environment Day (June 5)** .

As per the instruction from Commissioner **Renu Tiwari**, a variety of plants such as Neem, Guava, Mango, Moonlight, Parijat and Tulsi were planted with a plate in the name of each employee's mother.

### **Himachal CM launches green belt development scheme for rural senior citizens:**

Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** launched 'Panchvati Yojna' under which parks and gardens would be developed for senior citizens of rural areas in the state. Close to 100 such parks would be developed in different parts of the state during the current financial year.

### **"Bande Utkala Janani" gets state anthem status in Odisha:**

Parliamentary Affairs Minister **Bikram Keshari Arukh** said that the Cabinet headed by Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** accorded state anthem status to "Bande Utkala Janani".

This patriotic poem was written by **Kantakabi Laxmikanta Mohapatra** in 1912. It was the opening song of **Utkal Sammilani** during the fight for the formation of a separate province.

### **Karnataka government launches "Meghasandesha" app for real time information on rains, flooding in Bengaluru; 'Varunamitra' portal for real-time information on weather:**

The app "Meghasandesha" has been developed by **Karnataka** state natural disaster monitoring centre along with the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** and the

Department of science and technology among others.

A dedicated portal, **Varunamitra**, was also launched that aims to leverage technology driven solutions to manage and mitigate the Urban Floods, the BBMP said in a statement on Saturday. The Government of India has set aside **Rs.200 crore** for disaster mitigation.

### **Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launches Raj Kaushal Portal:**

Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot** launched the Raj Kaushal portal and online shramik employment exchange, developed by the department of **Information and Technology (IT)** and **RSLDC**, to ensure giving jobs to the migrant workers who have returned from other states and those who have been rendered jobless.

### **Madhya Pradesh tops wheat procurement in country with 1.27 crore tones:**

**Madhya Pradesh** has reached the first position in the country in the procurement of wheat on support price, chief minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.

Wheat procurement in **Madhya Pradesh** has increased by **74 per cent** as compared last year. It is almost equal to the **33 per cent** of total wheat procured in the country.

### **CBIC launches its flagship programme 'Turant Customs' at Bengaluru & Chennai:**

**CBIC** launched its flagship programme 'Turant Customs', at Bengaluru and Chennai. Importers will now get their goods cleared from Customs after a faceless assessment is done remotely by the Customs officers located outside the port of import.

### **World Bank lends Rs. 1,950 crore loans to West Bengal Govt for tackling COVID situation:**

**West Bengal** has given **Rs. 1,950 Cr** loans to the West Bengal for **tackling COVID situation** & developmental work in the State. Out of it, **Rs. 1,100 Cr** will be spent for creating Industrial infrastructures, remaining **Rs. 850 crores** are for the Social-Welfare schemes.

### **India's first virtual business-to-business trade fair kicked off:**

India's first virtual **Business-To-Business** trade fair concluded. It is organized by the **Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)**.

This platform hosted stalls of around **200 Indian exporters** four-day fair of **fashion jewellery** and accessories, to be accessed by importers in key markets like the **US** and **Europe**.

### **Uttar Pradesh govt amends 65 years old cow slaughter act of state:**

**Uttar Pradesh** government has amended the **65 years old cow slaughter act of state** and made stringent provisions in a new ordinance to stop cow slaughter in the state. The State Cabinet has approved **Cow-Slaughter Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020**.

### **Gairsain declared summer capital of Uttarakhand:**

**Gairsain** in **Chamoli district** was declared as the summer capital of **Uttarakhand**. It is expected that the declaration of a summer capital in the region will expedite development of the hilly areas. **Dehradun** is the existing temporary capital of **Uttarakhand**.

### **Distinct colour band for number plate sticker for BS-6 four-wheel vehicles:**

Ministry of **Road Transport and Highways** has issued an order mandating a strip of green colour of **1 cm width** on top of the existing sticker carrying details of registration for **BS-VI vehicles** of any fuel type that is for **petrol** or **CNG** which have a **light blue colour** sticker and a **diesel vehicle** which is of **Orange** colour.

### **Government Hikes Import Duty On Bamboo From 10 To 25 Percent:**



Union Government has hiked Customs duty on **Bamboo imports** by **Agarbatti manufacturers** from **10 per cent** to **25 per cent** with immediate effect. The decision has been taken to encourage use of domestic bamboo under the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme**.

### **Madhya Pradesh gets Rs 1,280 crore from Centre under Jal Jeevan Mission:**

Centre has approved **Rs 1,280 crore** for the implementation of **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** in **Madhya Pradesh** for **2020-21**. The state government had presented an annual action plan on **drinking water** and sanitation aimed at providing adequate drinking water to rural households in the state

### **Uttarakhand opens its biggest biodiversity park in Haldwani on World Environment Day:**

**Uttarakhand** forest department opened the first biodiversity park in Haldwani, which is the states biggest, on **World Environment Day**. The park is spread across 18 acres and has around 500 species of plants.

### **Gujarat reports 28.87% rise in population of Asiatic lions:**

**Gujarat** has reported a significant rise in the population of **Asiatic lions** in their habitat in the protected areas and the agro-pastoral landscape of the Saurashtra region in the

state, including the famed **Gir Forests**, to **674**.

**"Poonam Avlokan"** is a routine monthly exercise conducted for estimating the population of **Asiatic lions**.

### **Migrants to receive covid care via Ayushman Bharat scheme:**

Government is making a list of **Migrant Workers** from states to offer health insurance benefits under **AB-PMJAY**. Migrant workers who receive **e-cards** can avail treatment from empanelled hospitals across the country. **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** provides health cover of as much as **Rs 5 lakh** per family a year.

### **Government allots Rs. 4000 crore to states under 'Per Drop More Crop':**

Department of **Agriculture Cooperation and Farmer's Welfare** has been implementing the **"Per Drop More Crop"** component of **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC)**.

For the year 2020-21, the annual allotment of **Rs. 4000** crore has already been allocated and conveyed to the state governments by the centre under the **'Per Drop More Crop'** component.

**MoS Home G Kishan Reddy & 9 others named on new panel for freedom fighters:**

Ministry of Home Affairs has reconstituted a committee to look into the welfare of freedom fighters, with the minister of state for home affairs **G Kishan Reddy** as the chairman and 9 'eminent freedom fighters' from across the country as its members.

**Ministry of Tourism brings out the "Hidden Treasures of Chhattisgarh" through 30th webinar under Dekho Apna Desh series:**

To make viewers virtually explore the unexplored destination, create awareness about the hidden destinations in **Chhattisgarh**, unique culture, tribal heritage and festivals, the Ministry of Tourism's celebrated Dekho Apna Desh webinar series showcased the "**HIDDEN TREASURES OF CHHATTISGARH**".

Dekho Apna Desh Webinar Series is an effort to showcase India's rich diversity under '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme**'.

**Uttar Pradesh govt to launch state level sample collection campaign:**

**Uttar Pradesh** government is set to launch a **state level sample collection** campaign to find out the level of corona infection among the different sections of society. The

campaign will run for one week in which **various clusters** of the society will be tested. **Uttar Pradesh Government successfully installs Tru NAAT machines in all districts:**

**Uttar Pradesh** Government has successfully installed **Tru NAAT machines** in all **75 districts**. It will help in getting early results of the tests & with the help of them ANC, Pre-surgical & severe acute respiratory infections **SARI** Cases may be tested for COVID at all districts.

**Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister launches "Jagananna Chedodu" scheme, disburses Rs. 10,000 to beneficiaries:**

**Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy**, who has been implementing welfare schemes for the betterment of the poor, has embarked on another scheme named **Jagananna Chedodu scheme**.

A scheme to provide financial assistance to **barbers, dhobis (washermen) and tailors** in the state

**FM Nirmala Sitharaman chairs 40th GST council meeting:**

Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the **40th GST council** meeting through video conferencing. Finance Minister said that no late fee will be charged from **small taxpayers** who have not filed their

GST returns between July 2017 and January 2020.

### **Government approves revised estimate of Rs 124 crore for ship repair facilities in Andaman & Nicobar:**

Due to increased ship movements, the ship repair facilities at **Port Blair** are being augmented by the shipping ministry and the existing dock length will be extended by **90 meters** under "Make In India" initiative.

Shipping ministry has approved a revised cost estimate of **Rs 123.95 crore**.

### **Indian Navy inaugurates Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle Complex at Visakhapatnam:**

**DSRV Complex** is designed to accommodate the newly inducted **Submarine Rescue System** with state of the art facilities to store the DSRV assets in a **Rescue-Ready** state. The DSRV system can be rapidly mobilized by **air or road** to facilitate submarine rescue operations even at distant locations.

### **Railways Creates World Record; Successfully Runs First Double Stack Container Train In Electrified Territory:**

**Indian Railways** created a world record by commissioning the first high rise **Over Head Equipment (OHE)** and successfully running double stack containers in electrified territory

on the Western Railway from **Palanpur** and **Botad** stations in **Gujarat**.

### **3rd phase of SAUNI scheme to be completed by 2021 to fill Saurashtra dams:**

**Gujarat** Chief Minister, **Vijay Rupani** announced that the phase 2 and phase 3 of the **Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation (SAUNI)** scheme to fill Saurashtra's **115 dams** with **Narmada water** will be completed by August 15 and March 2021 respectively.

### **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launches Sahakar Mitra Scheme on Internship Programme by National Cooperative Development Corporation:**

**Narendra Singh Tomar**, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister inaugurated a **Sahakar Mitra Scheme Internship Program(SIP)** an initiative of the NCDC.

It will provide the young professionals an opportunity of practical exposure and learning from the working of **National Cooperative Development Corporation** and cooperatives as a paid intern.

### **Odisha becomes 1st state in India to receive ISO certification for tribal hostels:**

**Odisha** became the first State in India to receive prestigious **ISO** (International

Organization for Standardization) 9001:2015 certification for its **44 tribal** hostels of **Keonjhar** (32 hostels ) and **Sambalpur** (12 hostels) districts improving their overall infrastructure and standards under **Mission Suvidya**.

**UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launches 'Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana' through video conference:**

**Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** launched "**Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana**" for 8-18 years old children, who are child labourers instead of being in school, through video conference.

Aim of the yojana- To educate orphans and **worker's children** or **child labourers** & ensure their healthy life.

**NHAI becomes first construction sector organization to go 'Fully Digital':**

**National Highway Authority of India** (NHAI) has gone "**Fully Digital**", with the launch of cloud-based and **Artificial Intelligence**-powered Big Data Analytics platform - **Data Lake** and Project Management Software in view of the deadly coronavirus pandemic.

**Maharashtra renames its environment ministry as 'Environment & Climate Change Ministry':**

A week after being hit by **Cyclone Nisarga**, Maharashtra has renamed its **Environment Ministry** as **Environment and Climate Change Ministry**. The department which is handle by Shiv Sena MLA **Aaditya Thackeray**.

**'STREE' Launched In Hyderabad To Support And Empower Women Against Domestic Violence:**

**Hyderabad City Security Council** (HCSC) in association with Hyderabad City Police has launched a programme "**STREE**" to support women against domestic violence. The name reflects the vision - "**She Triumphs through Respect, Equality, and Empowerment**" (STREE) .

**Government Launches "Arogyapath" Healthcare Supply Chain Portal:**

India web-based solution for the "**Arogyapath**" healthcare supply chain portal, providing real-time availability of critical healthcare supplies to manufacturers, suppliers and customers.

**Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray launches Mumbai's new flood warning system:**

**Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray** inaugurated the new **Integrated Flood Warning System** (IFLOWS)

developed for Mumbai, calling it "**boon**" for the city.

**Dr Harsh Vardhan**, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology, and Earth sciences, who was also present during the ceremony, said the system will help the people of Mumbai in a "**big way**" as it can predict floods.

**Punjab CM launches 'Ghar Ghar Nigrani' app for COVID-19 house-to-house surveillance:**

Punjab Chief Minister Captain **Amarinder Singh** launched a mobile-based app "**Ghar Ghar Nigrani**" to undertake house-to-house surveillance in the state to eliminate the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Odisha's unique festival Raja Parba begins:**

**Odisha's** 3-day unique festival **Raja Parba** celebrating the onset of monsoon & the earth's womanhood begins. As a mark of respect towards the earth during her menstruation days, all agricultural works, like ploughing, sowing are suspended for the 3 days.

**Central Railway launches robot 'Captain Arjun' to screen passengers in Pune for COVID-19:**

Railway Protection Force of **Central Railway** (CR), **Pune** division launched a Robotic

**'Captain Arjun'** (Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice) to intensify the screening and surveillance of passengers.

This **Robot** is launched to **screen passengers** while they board **trains** and keep a watch on anti-social elements. Captain ARJUN does thermal screening and records the temperature in a digital display panel.

**Dharmendra Pradhan Launches Indian Gas Exchange - First Nationwide Online Delivery Based Gas Trading Platform:**

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel **Dharmendra Pradhan** launched the **Indian Gas Exchange** (IGX), **first** nationwide **online delivery-based gas trading** platform.

**Union Minister Kishan Reddy launches GermiBAN in Hyderabad:**

Union Minister of State for Home affairs **G. Kishan Reddy** launched "**GermiBAN**" a device developed by **Atal Incubation Centre** & Association of **Lady Entrepreneurs of India**- Women Entrepreneurs HUB. The device can kill **99.9%** of surface and air microbes.

**IBBI Reconstitutes Advisory Panel On Insolvency And Liquidation:**

**Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India** (IBBI) has reconstituted its advisory committee on corporate insolvency resolution

and liquidation. The committee headed by **Kotak Mahindra Bank** CEO **Uday Kotak**, among other changes, has seen its expansion to **14 members** instead of **12**.

**Maharashtra government signs Rs 16,000-crore investment pacts with 12 firms:**

**Maharashtra** government has announced the signing of memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with **12 domestic** and foreign companies for Rs **16,000 crore** investments in the **oil, chemicals, auto, electric mobility** and **logistics sectors**.

**500-Year-Old Odisha Temple Submerged Under Mahanadi River Reappears:**

A **500-year-old** ancient temple of **Lord Vishnu** that was submerged in **Odisha's Mahanadi river** sometime in **19th century** due to change of course of the river, has resurfaced after **15 years**.

An archaeological survey team from the Indian **National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage** that visited the village in Nayagarh district, said the top of the **Gopinath Dev temple** was visible due to the reduction in the water-level of the river.

**First estimation exercise of Indian gaur in Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu:**

The first population estimation exercise of the **Indian gaur** carried out in the **Nilgiris Forest**

Division in recent years. **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)** for Nature India assisted the exercise and highlighted that there are estimated **2,000 Indian gaurs** across the division.

**Uttar Pradesh govt decides to adopt scheme of Flatted Factory Model:**

**Uttar Pradesh** Government has decided to adopt the scheme of **Flatted Factory Model** which will ensure easy availability of land for industries, and in turn, generate employment also. In a high level meeting, it was decided by **Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA)**.

**Tata Power Set to Develop a 120 MW Solar Project in Gujarat:**

**Tata Power** has announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, **Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL)** has received a Letter of Award (LoA) from **Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL)** to develop a **120 MW solar project** in the state.

**West Bengal Government launches "Karmo Bhumi" a job portal to help IT professionals:**

**West Bengal** government has launched a job portal **"KarmoBhumi"** for IT professionals who have returned to the state amid the COVID-19 pandemic. **IT professionals** can use the portal 'Karmo Bhumi' to connect with



companies based in the state. IT professionals now connect to IT companies of Bengal through **karmabhumi.nltr.org**.

### **Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurates three projects undertaken by PHED**

Chief Minister of Manipur **N. Biren Singh** inaugurated three projects undertaken by State **Public Health Engineering Department** (PHED) through video conferencing from **Imphal**.

**New Development Bank** has sanctioned **Rs. 3000 crore** to provide potable water to every household of the State.

### **Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs launches "e-Office" application:**

**Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs** Chairman **M. Ajit Kumar** has launched the e-Office application in over 500 CGST and Customs offices pan India. Over **50,000** officers and staff will use this application, making **CBIC** one of the largest Government departments to automate its internal office procedures.

### **Sports Ministry to establish Khelo India Centres of Excellence:**

Minister of Sports **Kiren Rijiju** has now decided to set up **Khelo India State Centers of Excellence (KISCE)** under **Khelo India**. First phase of the scheme will see **eight**

**state-owned** facilities being upgraded. The eight have been selected on the basis of facilities available in **priority sports**, infrastructure and past champions.

### **Delhi to get world's biggest Covid-19 facility, the size of 22 football fields:**

**Delhi** is all set to get the **world's largest** Coronavirus care facility to help in the treatment of Covid-19 disease patients. Government will convert the **Radha Soami Spiritua Centre** into a COVID-19 care holding more than 200 halls with 10,000 beds.

### **UP becomes top state in country to provide employment to workers under MGNREGA:**

**Uttar Pradesh** has become the **top state** in the country to provide employment to the workers under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA)** .

Uttar Pradesh provided employment to more than **57 lakh workers** under **MGNREGA**.

### **Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan Launches India's First Mobile Laboratory For Coronavirus Testing:**

Union minister **Harsh Vardhan** launched a mobile lab for coronavirus testing which can be deployed in **rural areas** and help in promoting last-mile testing. The mobile lab,

also called **I-Lab** or Infectious Diseases Diagnostic Lab can run 50 RT-PCR tests in a day. It can also conduct up to 200 ELISA tests in a day.

### **Karnataka to Observe 'Mask Day' on June 18 to Spread Awareness About Covid-19:**

Chief Minister of Karnataka **BS Yediyurappa** announced that Karnataka will observe **18th June 2020**, as "**Mask Day**" to create awareness to the general public on the importance of wearing a mask, using sanitisers, washing hands and maintaining social distancing against COVID-19.

### **Telangana Government Issues Ordinance to Defer Payment of Employees, Pensioners:**

**Telangana** has promulgated the **Telangana Disaster and Public Health Emergency (Special Provisions) Ordinance 2020** which allowed it to defer salaries and pensions of its employees, pensioner and institution, any person (ready contract or outsourcing employees) in the State.

### **Climate Change Tracker: India's first ever climate change assessment:**

For the first time, **India** has released its own national report on the state of the climate crisis. Prepared under the aegis of the ministry of earth sciences (MoES) and edited

by the scientists of the **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology(IITM), Pune.**

**Climate Change** over the Indian Region takes a close look at where we stand regarding long-term changes in climate patterns, and their attendant risks.

### **Shri Pralhad Joshi launches R&D Portal for Atma-Nirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement:**

Union Minister for Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs **Shri Pralhad Joshi** launched **SATYABHAMA** (Science and Technology Yojana for Atma-Nirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement) Portal for Science and Technology Programme Scheme of Ministry of Mines.

### **Tamil Nadu government introduces new portal for private jobs for aspirants:**

**Tamil Nadu** government has introduced a new portal for job seekers in the state. The state government's Employment and Training department have started the new portal for **private jobs** on link **tnprivatejobs.tn.gov.in**. This portal will focus on private jobs in the state to assist job seekers in the post-pandemic period.

### **India can become electrical vehicle manufacturing hub in 5 years: Nitin Gadkari:**

Union Road Transport Minister **Nitin Gadkari** stated that India will be a **manufacturing hub** for electric vehicles within the next **five years**, adding that several countries do not want to deal with **China** after the COVID-19 crisis which can be an opportunity for India. During a webinar titled '**India's Electric Vehicle Roadmap Post COVID-19**'.

**NITI Aayog Forms Panel Led by Amitabh Kant to Develop Job Platform For Migrant Labours:**

**NITI** (National Institution for Transforming India) **Aayog**, a policy think tank of the **Government of India** has formed a high-powered committee of top executives of technology companies like **Google**, **Microsoft** and **Tech Mahindra** under the leadership of its CEO (Chief Executive Officer) **Amitabh Kant** to develop a job platform that will help **migrant labours & blue-collar workers**.

**Jharkhand to launch urban version of NREGS to curb unemployment:**

**Jharkhand** is set to launch a **100-day** employment scheme for urban unskilled workers similar to the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)** amid the coronavirus pandemic and increasing unemployment.

The scheme will be known as **Mukhyamantri SHRAMIK** (Shahri Rozgar Manjuri For Kamgar) Yojna, which is aimed at enhancing livelihood security for **urban poor**.

**Tripura Ektu Khelo Ektu Padho Scheme – Activity Based Learning Project:**

**Tripura** government has decided to start a scheme called '**Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho**' which means '**Play little, Study little**', from **June 25**.

**NGT imposes Rs 10 lakh fine on Karnataka govt over pollution in Kithiganahalli Lake in Bengaluru:**

**National Green Tribunal** has imposed an interim penalty of **Rs 10 lakh** on the Karnataka government over pollution in the **Kithiganahalli Lake**, near **Bommasandra** in **Bengaluru**, saying criminal offence is being committed by the authorities in not stopping the discharge of pollutants into the water bodies.

A bench headed by **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** Chairperson **Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel** also slapped a fine of **Rs 5 lakh** on the municipal council of Bommasandra for failure to discharge its duties.

**Rajnath Singh 3-day visit to Russia for attending 75th victory day parade:**

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** left for a three-day visit to **Russia** during which he will

hold talks with top Russian military brass and attend a grand military parade in Moscow to mark the **75th anniversary** of the Soviet victory over **Germany** in the **Second World War**.

### **Union Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurates Virtual India Pavilion at Cannes Film Market 2020:**

Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, **Shri Prakash Javadekar** inaugurated the **Virtual India Pavilion** at **Cannes Film Market 2020**. The Festival will be held from 22 - 26 June 2020.

The pavilion showcases Indian cinema across **linguistic, cultural and regional spheres** and aims at forging an increasing number of international partnership in **distribution, production, filming in India, script development** and **technology** and promoting film sales and syndication.

### **PM Modi released Rs 50,000 crore for boost on employment and livelihood for migrant workers:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced **20 Lakh crore** amount for **Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**.

**Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA)**, that will cover **67 lakh migrant** workers to get them employment, was begun in 6 states such as **Bihar, Uttar Pradesh (UP),**

**Madhya Pradesh (MP), Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha.**

### **Indian Govt sanctions 190 crore amount for augmentation of healthcare facilities in North Eastern States:**

The Union Minister of State (MoS) of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) **Shri Jitendra Singh ji** has approved **190 crore** amount to augment of healthcare facilities in the eight North Eastern (NE) States they are : **Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Sikkim, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura.**

### **Union HRD Minister virtually launches YUKTI 2.0 platform for Higher Education Institutes:**

Union Minister of Human Resource Development **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** launched the initiative **"YUKTI 2.0"** to help systematically assimilate technologies having commercial potential and information related to incubated startups in higher education institutions.

### **Rajasthan Government to Launch Indira Rasoi Yojna to ensure 'No One Sleeps Hungry':**

Rajasthan Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot** announced that his government will soon launch the **"Indira Rasoi Yojna"** for the

poor to ensure that **"no one sleeps hungry"** in the state.

Under this scheme, pure and **nutritious food** on concessional rates will be provided to the needy twice a day, the chief minister said. He said the state government will spend **Rs 100 crore** every year on the **Indira Rasoi Yojna (Indira Kitchen Scheme)** .

**Food Processing Industries Minister launches Food Processing Edition of Exclusive Investment Forum:**

Union FPI Minister **Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal** launched the Food Processing Edition of the Exclusive Investment Forum by **Invest India**, the National Investment Promotion & Facilitation Agency of the Government of India.

The forum witnessed participation from the senior-most policymakers from Union Government and 6 State Governments – **Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Telangana** and **Uttar Pradesh**. 180 companies from 18 countries also participated in the forum.

**Union Cabinet approves proposal to grant international airport status to UP's Kushinagar Airport:**

Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** approved declaration of

**Kushinagar Airport** in **Uttar Pradesh** as an International Airport.

**Cabinet approves setting up of Rs 15,000 crore Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund:**

The Union Cabinet decided to set up **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund**. The government will provide **4%** interest subvention to eligible beneficiaries from the **Aspirational Districts** and **3%** for beneficiaries from other Districts.

**Government provides 2% interest subsidy to 'Shishu' borrowers under Mudra Yojana:**

The government decided to provide **2 percent** interest subvention to borrowers under the **'Shishu'** category of the flagship **Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)** for a period of **12 months**.

**Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates India's one of India's largest & first Virtual Healthcare & Hygiene EXPO 2020:**

Union State Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers **Mansukh Mandaviya** inaugurated one of India's **largest** and **first Virtual Healthcare** and **Hygiene EXPO 2020**. The Expo has been organised by **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** .

### **MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari launches Credit Guarantee Scheme for Sub-ordinate Debt:**

MSME, Minister **Nitin Gadkari** launched the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Sub-ordinate Debt (**CGSSD**) . Under the scheme, Promoters of the MSMEs will be given credit equal to **15 percent** of their stake or **75 lakh rupees** whichever is lower.

### **Smriti Irani launches FICCI-FLO initiative 'Empowering the Greater 50%':**

**Ms Smriti Irani**, Minister of Women and Child Development and Minister of Textiles, Govt of India launched a special campaign '**Empowering the Greater 50%**', a **FICCI** and **FLO** initiative spearheaded by Dr Sangita Reddy, President, FICCI.

### **Haryana and Reliance Jio TV enter agreement to educate 52 lakh students:**

**Haryana** government and **Reliance Jio TV** have entered an agreement that is expected to benefit around **52 lakh school children** in rural areas.

This new agreement is done under the Chief Minister's **Distance Education Programme** in order to expand education in **rural areas** without jeopardizing social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company starts Nishtha Vidyut Mitra Scheme for women empowerment:**

**Madhya Pradesh** Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Limited (**MPMKVVCL**) introduced the **Nishtha Vidyut Mitra Scheme** for **women** empowerment. Under this scheme, women Self-Help Groups at **Gram Panchayat level** will act as **Nishtha Vidyut Mitra**.



### INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

#### **India becomes world's second-largest manufacturer of PPE body coveralls in two months:**

**India** has become the world's second largest manufacturer of **personal protective equipment (PPE)** body coveralls within a short time span of two months.

**China** is the world's leading producer of PPE body coveralls, crucial to safeguard against the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

#### **Meeting of the Heads of Tax Authorities of the BRICS countries was held on 29 May:**

Meeting of the **Heads of Tax Authorities** of the **BRICS** countries was held on 29 May 2020. The BRICS Countries that participated in the meeting are Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa.

The meeting was hosted by the **Federal Tax Service of Russia**, which currently holds the BRICS Presidency. **Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey**, Finance Secretary, Government of India, represented India at the meeting.

#### **World Economic Forum Davos summit to focus on 'The Great Reset' in 2021:**

**World Economic Forum (WEF)** will adopt a new twin-summit format for its next annual

Davos meeting in **January 2021** with a theme of '**The Great Reset**'.

#### **On Menstrual Hygiene Day Former Miss World Manushi Chhillar joins UNICEF's "Red Dot Challenge":**

On Menstrual Hygiene Day, **28th May 2020**, 23-year-old, former Miss World **Manushi Chhillar** collaborated in the global initiative of the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**, the "**Red Dot Challenge**" to create awareness and to educate the girls about menstrual hygiene and construction of sanitation facilities and access to hygiene products.

#### **G20 pledge over \$21 billion to fight COVID-19:**

Member countries of the Group of 20 pledged more than **USD 21 billion** to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. G20 countries injected more than **USD 5 trillion** into the global economy in late March to fight the virus and its economic impacts. **Saudi Arabia** assumed the G20 Presidency on 1 December 2019.

#### **Adani Green Energy Ltd bags world's largest solar contract worth \$6 billion:**

**Adani Green Energy Ltd** has bagged the world's largest solar bid entailing building a **Photovoltaic (PV)** power plant of **8,000 MW** and setting up a domestic solar panel manufacturing capacity of **2,000 MW**,

envisaging a total investment of roughly **\$6 billion**.

**India and Denmark signed an MoU for developing cooperation in the power sector:**

The MoU signed between the **Ministry of Power** and the Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate, **Government of Denmark**, is to develop a strong, deep and long-term co-operation between two countries in the power sector on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

**World leaders won't travel to New York for annual UN General Assembly session this year due to COVID-19:**

For the first time in **75 years**, world leaders will not travel to **New York** for the annual UN General Assembly session in September this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the President of the UN General Assembly, **Tijjani Muhammad-Bande** has announced.

**India Gears Up To Launch First Ever Coal Trading Exchange:**

**India** is planning to launch its **first coal trading platform** on the lines of commodity or energy exchanges. According to the proposal, entire coal produced in the country would be traded on the **Coal Exchange**.

The country's coal import has increased marginally by **3.2 per cent** to **242.97 MT** in

**2019-20. Coal India Limited** has set a production target of 1-billion tons by **2024**.

**Apple becomes the first US company to hit \$1.5 trillion market cap:**

**Apple** has become the first US Company to cross **\$1.5 trillion**-mark in market cap as its valuation hit \$1.53 trillion at over \$352 per share.

While **Microsoft** briefly hit \$1.5 trillion m-cap, its valuation declined to **\$1.49 trillion**.

**India-ASEAN Youth Dialogue 2020:**

3rd **India-ASEAN** youth dialogue that was held online from June 8 to 10, India and the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** pledged to enhance cooperation in ways to effectively and constructively channelizing **youthful energy**.

Ministry of **External Affairs** said that the current ASEAN-India Dialogue was taking forward the legacy of the previous ASEAN-India Youth summits held in **2017** and **2019**.

**Bangladesh launches plasma network for COVID 19 treatment:**

Government of **Bangladesh** has launched an online network to facilitate **Plasma Exchange** between recovered patients of COVID-19 and those undergoing treatment for Corona infection in the country.

Named '**Shohojodha**', the initiative has been launched by the ICT division of the

government of Bangladesh in collaboration with **Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)** .

**Exim Bank extends \$216 million credit line to Malawi govt:**

**Export-Import Bank of India** (Exim Bank) has extended a line of credit (LOC) worth **\$215.68 million** to the **Malawi** government for drinking water supply schemes and other development projects includes supply of irrigation network, tobacco threshing plant, cotton processing facilities and construction of a new water supply system from **Likhubula river** in Mulanje to Blantyre.

**Facebook, Google and Microsoft Working Together to Tackle Child Abuse Content Online:**

**Facebook** joined **Google, Microsoft** and 15 other tech companies to announce the formation of Project Protect to combat child sexual abuse on its platforms.

**Project Protect** is a renewed commitment and investment from the Technology Coalition expanding its scope and impact to protect kids online and guide its work for the **next 15 years**.

**India Elected for 8th Term as Non-Permanent UNSC Member:**

**India** formally elected as **Non-Permanent Member** of the powerful **UN Security**

**Council** for a **two-year** term after winning 184 votes in the 193-member General Assembly. Along with **India, Ireland, Mexico, and Norway** also won the UN Security Council elections. **India** will be United Nations Security Council **President** for **August, 2021**

**AIIB approves USD 750 million loan to India for Covid-19 response:**

Beijing-based **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** has approved a **USD 750 million** (around Rs 5,714 crore) loan to India to help the government strengthen its battle against the adverse impact of Covid-19 **on poor and vulnerable households**.

**World Bank approves dollar 1.05 billion to Bangladesh for jobs and economic recovery:**

**World Bank** has approved dollar **1.05 billion** for three projects in **Bangladesh** to create quality jobs and accelerate economic recovery in the wake of the Corona pandemic. The first project worth a dollar **500 million** called **Private Investment and Digital Entrepreneurship (PRIDE)** .

**France commits 200 Million Euros to Support India's COVID Response:**

**France** and **India** signed an agreement with Paris committing **200 million** euros to

support **Delhi's Covid** response. It was signed by Dr C.S. Mohapatra, Additional Secretary - DEA, and Bruno Bosle, Director - AFD (French Development Agency) in India.

### **One billion children experience violence every year as countries fail to protect them: UN report**

Half of the world's children **one billion** every year are affected by *physical, sexual or psychological violence, suffering injuries* and **death** because countries have failed to follow established strategies to protect them, the first report of its kind from the **United Nations** has said, with experts noting that the corona virus-related lockdowns have left far too many youngsters stuck with their abusers.

The report was launched by the **World Health Organization**, the **UNICEF**, the **UNESCO**, the Special Representative of the **UN Secretary-General** on Violence against Children and the **End Violence Partnership** charted progress in **155 countries** against the **"INSPIRE"** framework, a set of seven strategies for preventing and responding to violence against children.

### **India pledges USD 10million to UN for Palestine refugees amid COVID-19 pandemic:**

**India** has announced to contribute **10 million US dollar** to the **United Nation's (UN) Relief and Works Agency** for

**Palestine Refugees** in the Near East (UNRWA) over the coming two years.

Minister of State for External Affairs **V Muraleedharan** said that capacity enhancement through training and **building durable institutions** is a major plank of our developmental assistance to **Palestine** while addressing an extraordinary virtual ministerial pledging conference for **UNRWA**.

### **President of Serbia Aleksandar Vucic declares landslide win in controversial parliamentary vote:**

**Serbia's** president declared a landslide victory for his right-wing party, in a controversial **parliamentary election** held amid concerns over the coronavirus pandemic and a boycott by much of the opposition. His party won 190 seats in the total of **250**.

### **China Joins UN Arms Trade Treaty To Enhance 'Peace And Stability':**

**China** has decided to join a global pact on regulations of arms sales showing its willingness to address the poorly regulated international arms trade after the **United States** pulled out last year.

### **36th ASEAN Summit to be held in Vietnam via video conference:**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs has indicated that the 36th **ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) )** Summit will be the first ever to take place via teleconference, with **Vietnam** to host the remote gathering, set to focus on handling regional public health issues and funding to cope with COVID-19.

### BANKING AND ECONOMY:

#### **LIC launches revamped PMVVY for senior citizens:**

Extension of the **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana** up to **31 st March 2023** by the government, LIC has launched a modified non-linked, non-participating, pension plan. The policy term is 10 years and the assured rate of interest is **7.4%**.

#### **BSE launches eKYC services on StAR MF platform:**

**BSE StAR Mutual Fund** has launched BSE **eKYC** services based on **Aadhaar** and **Video KYC**.

Open for onboarding mutual fund investors initially, it will be opened to **stock brokers** and other approved intermediaries. It will soon issue APIs for stock brokers and other intermediaries to connect their **IT systems** to **BSE's eKYC system**.

#### **Aspiring Chartered Accountants Launch India's First Chat-Based 'JJ Tax App':**

Aspiring chartered accountants **Mehak Malik** and **Leesha Arya** teamed up to launch **JJ Tax App** – a chat-based tax app. This app offers a wide range of solutions in taxation and allied services to customers, offering real-time solutions by tax experts.

With Motto of '**Done Fast Done Right**', this team is all set to simplify taxation for new-

age millennials, who prefer online communication rather than face-to-face meetings with tax experts.

#### **NPCI launches AI virtual assistant PAi to create product awareness:**

**National Payments Corporation of India** (NPCI), as an initiative to improve digital financial inclusion, launched an **Artificial Intelligence** (AI) based chatbot, **PAi**, to create awareness around its products like FASTag, RuPay, UPI, AePS on a real-time basis. PAi is developed by **Bengaluru** based startup **CoRover Pvt Ltd**.

#### **Fitch forecasts India's GDP growth rate to contract 5% in FY21:**

Amid Novel Coronavirus pandemic, rating agency **Fitch Ratings** has released its its latest **Global Economic Outlook (GEO)** . In its Global Economic Outlook, the rating agency has forecasted the GDP growth rate of the world and individual countries.

#### **FDI in India jumps 13% to record \$ 49.98 bn in 2019-20:**

**Foreign direct investment** in India grew by **13%** to a record of **\$ 49.97 billion** in the 2019-20 FY. Foreign direct investment in India grew by 13% to a record of \$ 49.97 billion in the 2019-20 financial year.

**Singapore** emerged as the largest source of **FDI**.



### **RBI stops selling 7.75% govt savings bonds:**

**Reserve Bank India** stopped selling the **7.75%** (Taxable) government savings bond, the most sought-after investment by retail investors in recent times. With this, options have come down for retail investors, looking for high guaranteed-return products.

These bonds had a **seven-year** lock-in period.

### **RBI slaps penalty on Bank Of India, Karnataka Bank & Saraswat Bank:**

RBI imposed the penalty of **Rs. 5 cr** on **Bank of India**, **Rs. 30 lakh** on **Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd** and **Rs. 1.20 cr** on **Karnataka Bank**. The RBI has imposed the penalty on the ground of non-compliance with certain provisions of the directions issued by RBI.

### **NABARD sanctions Rs 1,050 crore credit support to West Bengal:**

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned credit of **Rs 1,050 crore** in the current fiscal so far to West Bengal for benefit of farmers and poor people in rural areas.

The credit support under **Special Liquidity Facility (SLF)** will be extended to state

cooperative banks, regional rural banks and **micro-finance institutions (MFIs)**.

### **IMF approved 732 million emergency assistance to Bangladesh for COVID-19:**

**IMF** Executive Board approved an emergency financial assistance worth dollar **732 million** for **Bangladesh** to address the COVID-19 pandemic in the country and to meet its urgent Balance of payment and fiscal needs caused due to reduced exports and remittances.

Earlier ADB provided **500 million** assistance to Bangladesh.

### **Yes Bank partners with Chalo launch contactless card for bus passengers:**

**Yes Bank** has partnered with **Chalo** to launch of a co-branded contactless travel card in Mangalore and Udupi, which would enable users to load money on the card to make '**tap to pay**' payments across buses.

### **BSE Ebix Insurance Broking launches health insurance:**

**BSE Ebix** Insurance Broking, a joint venture of BSE and **Ebix Fincorp** Exchange, announced the beta launch of health insurance on its platform by enrolling **Religare Health Insurance**.

### **IndusInd Bank starts mobile-based current account opening facility:**



The **IndusInd Bank** has launched a mobile application based facility where customer can open the **current bank account** in a paperless manner in just a few hours. Now IndusInd is the first bank in India to introduce this assisted mobile application based facility.

**Mastercard, Axis Bank and Worldline launch Soft POS to addresses the needs of SMEs in COVID-19:**

**Mastercard, Axis Bank and Worldline** launched **Soft POS** to become the first financial payments service in India to transform everyday smartphones into merchant Point of Sale terminals.

The merchant community can start using **Soft POS** almost instantly as the online registration process with the acquiring bank takes less than **30 minutes**.

**RBI Sets up Payments Infrastructure Development Fund to Boost Digitisation:**

**Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** said they are setting up a Payment Infrastructure Development Fund (**PIDF**) of **Rs 500 crore**.

It will make an initial contribution of **Rs 250 crore** covering half the fund. The remaining will come from the card-issuing banks and card networks operating in the country.

This fund has been created to encourage acquirers to deploy **Point Of Sale (PoS)** infrastructure, both physical and digital, in

**tier three to six centres and northeastern states.**

**SEBI rearranges its Commodity derivatives advisory committee:**

**Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** rearranged the Commodity derivatives advisory committee and appointed **Ashok Dalwani**, Retired IAS officer as the chairman and **Aliasgar S Mithwani**, Chief General Manager of SEBI as Secretary of the **17-member committee**.

**SBI creates separate vertical to drive MSME, Agri finance:**

In a major restructuring exercise, **State Bank of India** has created a separate **Financial Inclusion and Micro Market (FI&MM)** vertical with a focus on rural and semi urban areas to improve customer experience.

Under this newly launched vertical, the bank will offer loans mainly for agriculture as well as allied activities, and **micro and small enterprises**.

**NABARD provides Rs 270 crore to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank:**

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has made available a **Special Liquidity Facility (SLF)** of **Rs 270 crore** to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank for

supporting the agricultural activities of the farmers.

NABARD has provided **Rs 25,000 crore** nationwide for providing liquidity support to **Cooperative Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs)** during **2020-21**.

**India's GDP may contract by 1.5% in FY21; RBI survey:**

A survey released by the **Reserve Bank** has showed that Indian economy may contract by **1.5 percent** in **FY21** though the next fiscal is expected to be much better.

"Real **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** is likely to contract by 1.5 per cent in 2020-21 but is expected to revert to growth terrain next year, when it is likely to grow by **7.2 per cent**," said the **Survey of Professional Forecasters (SPF)** sponsored by the RBI.

**HDFC Bank launches Summer Treats to meet post lockdown needs:**

**HDFC Bank** has launched 'Summer Treats', which has exciting offers to meet the changing needs of merchants as well as salaried and self-employed customers.

Last October, HDFC Bank launched India's biggest financial services bonanza "**Festive Treats**" bringing special offers on all banking.

**SBI launches separate FI&MM vertical for agriculture and small businesses:**

**State Bank of India** has created a separate **Financial Inclusion and Micro Market (FI&MM)** vertical within the bank with an exclusive focus to provide financial services to people engaged in agriculture and allied activities and **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**.

The new wing will be headed by **Deputy Managing Director (DMD)** of the bank **Sanjeev Nautiyal** at the national level.

**World Bank forecasts world economy to contract 5.2% in 2020:**

**Global economy** has plunged into a severe contraction, will shrink by 5.2 per cent this year due to the massive shock of the coronavirus pandemic and the shutdown measures to contain it said by World Bank President **David Malpass**.

**Indian GDP to contract 5% in FY21, stimulus not enough; S&P Ratings:**

**S&P Global Ratings** said Indian economy will shrink **5 per cent** in the current fiscal, saying the fiscal stimulus worth **1.2 per cent** of GDP will not be enough to provide significant growth support.

S&P keeps India's rating unchanged at '**BBB-**' keeps outlook stable. S&P said India Growth will rebound to **8.5 per cent** in **2021-22**. It projected growth to be **6.5 per cent** in **2022-23**.

### **PhonePe launches Domestic Trip Insurance with ICICI Lombard as India starts opening-up:**

**PhonePe**, India's leading digital payments platform announced the launch of a comprehensive, industry-first domestic multi-trip insurance cover in a strategic partnership with **ICICI Lombard**, India's largest non-life insurance company.

The cost of the insurance is **Rs 499/year**. It provides **365-day** stress-free travel experience, protection & covers all modes **(road, rail and air within the country)** of transport.

### **RBI proposes new norms for loan sales and securitizations:**

**RBI** has issued new draft frameworks for the **sale of loan exposures** and the securitization of standard assets by banks and **NBFIs**. The definition of securitization has been modified to allow **single asset securitisations** against the previous **multiple assets**.

### **Hero MotoCorp launches integrated online sales platform eSHOP:**

The country's largest two-wheeler maker **Hero MotoCorp** launched an integrated online sales platform **"eSHOP"**. Hero MotorCorp eShop has been created to enhance the customer's overall experience by

providing a fully-digital and seamless buying process.

### **Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India reduce MCLR across all tenors:**

State-run lenders **Bank of Baroda** (BoB) and **Union Bank of India** (UBI) on Wednesday announced cut in their **Marginal Cost Of Funds-Based Lending Rates** (MCLR) across all tenors.

BoB has revised its one-year MCLR to **7.65% from 7.80%**. Union Bank of India has reduced its one-year MCLR to **7.60** per cent from **7.70** per cent.

### **Indian economy to grow at 9.5% in next fiscal: Fitch Ratings:**

India's economy is forecast to bounce back with a sharp growth rate of **9.5 per cent** next year provided it avoids further deterioration in financial sector health, Fitch Ratings. Fitch Ratings forecast a **5 per cent** contraction in the GDP in the ongoing financial year.

### **CBIC launches Turant Customs for faceless clearance of imported goods:**

**Central Board of Indirect Taxes** (CBIC) has launched its flagship programme, Turant Customs, at **Bengaluru** and **Chennai**, paving the way for technology-supported faster Customs clearance of imported goods.

**RBI bars People's Co-operative Bank from granting fresh loans, accepting deposits for six months:**

**Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has barred **Kanpur-based People's Co-operative Bank** from granting fresh loans and accepting deposits for six months, due to its weak financial position.

Also **no withdrawal** of amount across all savings bank or current accounts or any other account of a depositor will be allowed from the co-operative bank.

**RBI proposes upper age limit of 70 yrs for bank CEOs and whole-time directors:**

RBI has proposed an upper age limit of **70 years** for **CEOs** and **whole-time directors of banks** and a maximum term of **10 years** for those belonging to the promoter group, as part of the exercise to improve governance in the banking sector.

**SBI relaunches online 'Insta Saving Bank Account' through YONO:**

**State Bank of India** has re-launched "**SBI Insta Saving Bank Account**" an **Aadhaar-based** instant digital savings account for customers who would like to open an account online through bank's integrated banking and lifestyle platform – **YONO**. which will offer a **complete paperless** and instant digital

savings account opening with just **PAN** and **Aadhaar number**.

**RBI sets up panel to review ownership, corporate structure of Private sector banks:**

**Reserve Bank of India** has constituted a five-member Internal Working Group to review the guidelines related to ownership, governance and corporate structure of **Private Sector Banks**.

In a press release, RBI informed that RBI Central Board Director **P K Mohanty** will head the committee, which will submit its report by 30th September, 2020.

**Global goods trade to fall 27% in Q2 after 5% decline in first quarter: UNCTAD:**

**UNTAD** said that the value of international trade in goods declined around **5%** in the Q1 of 2020 & is expected to decline further by **27%** in the ongoing quarter with trade in many developing countries projected to nosedive due to the effects of the pandemic.

**ICICI Bank launches 'Insta Flexicash' paperless overdraft facility for salary accounts:**

Private lender **ICICI Bank** has unveiled a paperless facility that will enable its salary account customers to get approvals for **Overdraft (OD)** instantaneously.

Titled as '**Insta Flexicash**', the end-to-end **fully digital** service can be used on the lender's **internet banking** platform. The facility can get the approval immediately while customers can start using the okayed limit within **48 hours**.

### **HDFC Ergo launches country's first drone cover:**

The **Third Largest Private Sector** general insurer **HDFC Ergo** tied up with tech firm **Tropogo** to offer commercial drone owners and operators third-party liability cover for **property damages** and **physical injuries** from the flying machines.

### **PNB extends credit line of Rs 750 cr for Gorakhpur Link Expressway:**

**Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has extended a credit line of **Rs 750 crore** for the **Gorakhpur Link Expressway**, estimated to cost **Rs 5,876 crore**. The 91-km expressway will connect Gorakhpur district, the pocket borough of Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** with another expressway project, the 340-km **Purvanchal Expressway**.

### **Airtel Payments Bank launches Suraksha Salary account for MSMEs:**

**Airtel Payments Bank** launched a new salary account for **Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises** named **Suraksha Salary account**, it will enable MSMEs and

other organizations to make cashless payments and provide a financial security blanket to their employees.

The account has **No Minimum** balance condition. It offers no charges on cash withdrawals of upto **Rs 50,000** and deposits of upto **Rs 20,000** in one month.

### **EPFO launches multi location claims settlement facility:**

Retirement fund body **Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)** on Monday said it has launched a multi-location claim settlement facility to expedite member claims. All types of online claims, i.e., **provident fund, pension, partial withdrawal**, claims and transfer claims can be processed under this novel initiative.

### **India's foreign exchange reserves cross \$500 bn for the first time:**

The country's foreign exchange reserves crossed the **\$500 billion** mark for the first time as the central bank absorbed inflows at a time. India's forex reserves comprise **Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs)**, gold reserves, **Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)**, and India's reserve position with the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**.

**SEBI panel suggests measures to strengthen enforcement, recovery mechanism:**

**SEBI** panel suggested measures to strengthen markets watchdog's **enforcement mechanism** and improve the system of recovery of siphoned off money.

The committee headed by former Supreme Court Judge **Anil Dave** has proposed method of quantification of profit made by the **defaulter** and **loss caused** to investors.

**ADB forecasts Indian economy to contract 4% in FY21:**

**Asian Development Bank** has projected Indian economy to contract by **4%** in Fiscal Year 2021. Indian economy has been projected to contract, as businesses came to a standstill for more than two months due to the nationwide lockdown implemented to contain the COVID-19.

The Asian Development Bank expects India's economy to recover in Fiscal Year **2022** with growth rate of **5%**, as economic activity will get to its normal state gradually.

**ICICI Home Finance launches affordable housing loan scheme "SARAL":**

**ICICI Home Finance** has launched a special **Affordable Housing Loan** scheme, with special rates for women, lower and **middle-income groups**. Called **SARAL**, it aims to fund homes in urban and rural areas. **SARAL** offers affordable housing loans up to **Rs.35**

**lakh**. The interest rate starts from 7.98% onwards.

**Karnataka Bank launches COVID-19 health insurance in partnership with Universal Somp:**

**Karnataka Bank** has launched a health insurance policy for COVID-19 in a tie-up with **Universal Somp General Insurance Company**.

The health cover can be availed at a nominal premium (current price without taking inflation or other factors into account) of **Rs 399**, inclusive of all taxes.

**Bank of Baroda to Fully digitize lending operations:**

India's third largest lender **Bank of Baroda** is set to completely digitize its lending operations including **home, agriculture, MSME, personal and auto loans**.

The bank which is looking to completely do away with paper-based lending has reached out to the big four and some white shoe consultants like **McKinsey** and **Boston Consulting Group** to help set up a **"digital lending department"**.

**RBI Proposes New Norms For Housing Finance Companies:**

**RBI** proposed to double the minimum **Net Owned Fund (NOF)** requirement for housing finance companies to **Rs 20 crore**.



Classifying HFCs as **systemically important** (asset size of **Rs 500 crore** and above) and **non-systemically important** (asset size less than Rs 500 crore) .

Housing loans must account for at least **50%** of HFCs' assets of which at least **75%** should be towards individual housing loans. HFCs which do not fulfill this criterion will be treated as **NBFC – Investment and Credit Companies (NBFC-ICCs)**

**RBI increases PMC account withdrawal limit to Rs 1 lakh and extends restrictions by 6 months:**

**Reserve Bank of India** increased the withdrawal limit for depositors at the crisis-hit Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC Bank) to **Rs 1 lakh from Rs 50,000.**

RBI noted that with the relaxation in withdrawal limit, **84 per cent** of the depositors of the bank will be able to withdraw their **entire account balance.**

**EXIM Bank provides USD 20 mn credit line to Nicaragua for rebuilding hospital:** **Export-Import Bank of India** (Exim Bank) will provide a line of credit of **USD 20.10 million** (about Rs 153.27 crore) for reconstruction of hospital building in **Nicaragua.** Exim Bank has extended 4 (four) **Lines of Credit** to **Nicaragua**, on behalf of the Indian government.

**Yes Bank partners Affordplan to launch co-branded cashless healthcare card:**

**Yes Bank** has partnered with **fintech startup** Afford plan to launch a **co-branded** health card "**Swasth Card**" to address healthcare needs. The co-branded healthcare card will enable families plan and manage their finances for their healthcare needs.

**Karnataka Bank launches new loan product 'KBL Micro Mitra' for small firms:**

Private sector lender **Karnataka Bank** launched "**KBL Micro Mitra**" to offer financial assistance of up to **Rs 10 lakh** to **micro manufacturing & service enterprises** either to meet their working capital needs for investment purposes.

**UCO Bank teams up with 4 insurers to sell their products:**

State-run **UCO Bank** tied up with four insurers to offer various insurance products to its customers through its network of branches across the country.

The lender teamed up with **SBI Life Insurance Company, the Oriental Insurance Company and Religare Health Insurance Company, Star Health and Allied Insurance Company** for selling their products.

**Moody's sees India's GDP contracting 3.1% in 2020:**

Ratings agency **Moody's** said that it sees India's GDP contracting to **3.1 percent** in **2020** and growing **6.9 percent** in **2021**. Moody expects G20 economies to contract by 4.6 percent in 2020, and grow by 5.2 percent in 2021.

### **RBI extends Rs 50,000-crore special liquidity facility to Yes Bank for 3 more months:**

Private sector lender **Yes Bank** still facing capital woes, the **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has agreed to extend **Rs 50,000-crore Special Liquidity Facility** for the lender for another three months.

### **SEBI relaxes rules for listed companies with stressed assets:**

**SEBI** decided to relax pricing framework under the preferential route and exempted allottees of preferential issues from **open offer obligations** in such cases with immediate effect. It is meant to ease fundraising for companies with **stressed assets**.

### **India's GDP to contract by 5.3% due to COVID-19 'disorder': India Ratings:**

India's **Gross Domestic Product** (GDP) will contract by **5.3 per cent** year-on-year in the current **financial year (FY 20-21)**, marking the lowest growth rate in the country's history and sixth instance of economic contraction, **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)** . For **FY21-22**, it is expected that GDP growth would bounce back in the range of **5-6%**.

## **ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS:**

### **Airtel Payments Bank & Mastercard Team Up To Provide Financial Solutions For Farmers, SMEs:**

**Airtel Payments Bank (APBL)** has partnered with **Mastercard** to develop customized products catering to customers across the under banked spectrum including farmers, small and medium enterprises and retail customers.

### **Maruti Suzuki partners ICICI Bank to offer customized EMI financing schemes to customers:**

**Maruti Suzuki India** joined hands with **ICICI Bank** to offer retail financing schemes to its customers. Accordingly, the bank is offering Flexi EMI scheme which enables customers to pay low starts from **Rs. 899** on loan of **Rs 1 lakh** for first 3 months.

### **CPSU REC Ties Up with TajSATS to Feed Medical Staff Serving amid Covid-19:**

**Navratna Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) REC Ltd** has joined hands with **TajSATS** (a joint venture of IHCL and SATS Ltd) to feed the frontline healthcare workers, through collaborative efforts, in key government hospitals as well as poor daily wage labourers on pan India.

**REC Ltd**, formerly **Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd**, is mainly focusing on the

power sector financing and development across the country.

### **Flipkart partners with Mango Board to help farmers sell online:**

**Flipkart** and **Karnataka State Mango Department** and Marketing Corporation signed a memorandum of understanding, enabling mango farmers to sell their fresh produce online through the Flipkart platform. The farmers would be provided market access to consumers.

### **NCLT approves IL&FS stake sale in GIFT City to Gujarat government:**

The Principal Bench of **National Company Law Tribunal** (NCLT) has approved the stake sale of **IL&FS** in **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Company Limited (GIFTCL)** to the Government of Gujarat.

The crisis-ridden IL&FS holds 50 per cent stake in GIFTCL. Notwithstanding the liability of GIFTCL, the **Gujarat Government** has agreed to pay positive equity value of 100 per cent of the IL&FS stake in GIFTCL, by which, the positive equity value of over **Rs 32.70 crore** will come to IL&FS.

### **Board of BEML approves signing of MoU with MELCO for setting up a JV:**

Board of **BEML** has approved the MoU with MELCO for a Joint Venture with BEML, for manufacture of certain propulsion systems

and other railway electrical equipment utilized for **Electric Multiple Units** for **Indian Metro Rail Projects, Indian Railway Projects.**

### **Apple buys machine learning specialist**

### **Inductiv to bolster Siri, AI projects:**

Adding to a mounting number of AI-related acquisitions, **Apple** recently purchased Ontario-based **Inductiv** to work on **Siri** and machine learning initiatives. Inductiv developed a system that relies on AI to automatically identify and correct errors in data.

### **Vakrangee ties up with LIC for micro insurance products:**

**Vakrangee Ltd** has tied up with **Life Insurance Corporation of India** (LIC) to distribute micro **insurance products** in unserved and underserved areas through its centres across the country.

### **ITC ties up with Amway to expand distribution network of its immunity-boosting products:**

Leading **FMCG player** ITC has tied up with **Amway India** with a focus on products in the health and nutrition space. It has been kicked-off with the launch of '**B Natural+**' fruit beverage range, developed by **ITC**, and positioned in the immunity-boosting space.

### **Cisco acquires ThousandEyes for around \$1 billion to make deeper push into software:**

**Cisco** continued its software acquisition spree, announcing the purchase of **ThousandEyes**, founded by **Mohit Lad**, whose technology helps companies monitor their network for outages. Cisco has been focused on expanding its portfolio of cloud-based software.

### **Infosys partners up with Avaloq for digital wealth management services:**

**Infosys** announced a strategic partnership with **Zurich**-based software company **Avaloq** to provide end-to-end (e2e) wealth management capabilities through digital platforms.

The partnership is meant to offer **e2e** products and services as **Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)**, private cloud or public cloud across the globe to its clients.

### **Yes Bank Acquires 24% Stake In Dish TV After Invoking Pledged Shares:**

**Yes Bank**, after the invocation of pledged shares, has acquired 44,53,48,990 equity shares of **Dish TV** India constituting approximately **24.19%** of the post-issue paid-up share capital as at March 31, 2020.

### **OPPO partners T-Hub to support India's startup ecosystem:**

Consumer Electronics Company **OPPO** and **T-Hub**, a startup incubator headquartered in Hyderabad, announced a tie-up to support India's startup ecosystem.

The collaboration aims to help startups scale up in areas of **Artificial Intelligence, 5G, battery, camera and image processing, gaming and system performance.**

### **BEML-MELCO sign MoU for manufacturing of Railway propulsion:**

The leading PSU of Government of India, **BEML Limited** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Mitsubishi Electric Co. (MELCO)** to study and decide on the possibility of setting up a Joint Venture (JV) Company for manufacturing of certain propulsion systems and other railways electrical equipment in India.

### **IRCON Partners With NIIFL, Ayana to Explore Opportunities in Solar Energy:**

**Ircon** International Limited, formerly **Indian Railway Construction Limited**, an engineering and construction organisation has announced that it has signed a pact with the **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)** and Ayana Renewable Power for exploring opportunities in the solar energy segment.

### **DBS Bank partners with TCIL for real time payments to truck drivers:**

**DBS** commitment to support lives and livelihoods, the bank has partnered with TCIL for empowering truck drivers by facilitating real-time payments through the **DBS RAPID** (Real Time APIs by DBS) solution, thereby enabling them to receive payments instantly.

**South Africa and NASA collaborate to support human missions to Moon, Mars and beyond:**

South African National Space Agency (**SANSA**) has partnered with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) to host a deep-space ground station, which will support human spaceflight missions to the **Moon, Mars** and beyond.

**Facebook strikes global licensing deal with Indian music label Saregama:**

**Facebook** has entered into a global deal with **Saregama** one of India's oldest and largest music labels, to license its music for video and other social experiences across its eponymous service and **Instagram**. **Saregama claims to offer songs in over 25 languages.**

**Facebook to acquire 9.9% stake in Jio Platforms via Jaadhu Holdings:**

**Facebook** will acquire **9 per cent** stake in **Jio Platforms** announced last month via a new entity **Jaadhu Holdings LLC**, as per regulatory documents.

In April, **Facebook** had announced an investment of **\$ 5.7 billion** (Rs 43,574 crore) in Jio Platforms.

**GAIL (India) and Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) sign MoU for development of Trigenation projects in India:**

**GAIL (India)** and **Energy Efficiency Services Ltd** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in **New Delhi** for cooperation in development of **Trigenation projects** in India.

**50:50** joint venture between **GAIL & EESL** will be incorporated for undertaking Trigenation projects.

**CCI approves proposed merger between Peugeot S.A and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V:**

Competition Commission of India approves merger between **Peugeot SA** (PSA) and **Fiat Chrysler Automobiles** (FCA) . PSA is a publicly listed limited liability company incorporated in France. FCA is a public company with limited liability headquartered in **London**.

**Tech Mahindra signs UN Global Compact Initiative to reduce emissions:**

**Tech Mahindra** a provider of digital transformation, consulting and business reengineering services signed a joint

declaration with **UN Global Compact** urging governments to align their COVID-19 recovery efforts with the latest climate science.

Tech Mahindra reaffirms its commitment to achieving **net-zero carbon emissions** while calling on governments to “**prioritize a faster and fairer transition from a grey to a green economy.**”

**National Fertilizers Ltd ties up with ITI to train youth in various trades:**

**National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL)** a central PSU under the Department of Fertilizers has started tying up with **Industrial Training Institutes (ITI)** located near to its plants to train youth in various trades, which will enhance the chances of their **employability** in heavy and process industry.

**Recykal partnered with UNDP, HCCB for plastic waste management Project Prithivi:**

**Recykal**, a digital technology company in the waste management space collaborated with **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and **Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt Ltd (HCCB)** for Project **Prithvi**, a joint initiative for developing sustainable plastic waste management practices in the country.

**Empays Payment Systems partners Mastercard to enable contact-free ATM cash withdrawals:**

**Empays Payment Systems India Pvt Ltd**, which built and runs the IMT Payment System announced a partnership with **Mastercard** to enable **contact-free ATM cash** withdrawals in India.

**Bharti Airtel arm buys 6.3% more stake in Robi Axiata from NTT Docomo:**

**Bharti International** (Singapore), a whole owned subsidiary (step-down) of Bharti Airtel currently owns 25% stake in **Robi Axiata**, an entity in Bangladesh. BISPL has acquired additional 6.3% stake in Robi from NTT DOCOMO and its group entities.

**TCS partners with NSDC to provide its training partners access to the TCS iON Digital Glass Room:**

**TCS iON**, a strategic unit of Tata Consultancy Services has partnered with the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** to provide its training partners access to digital skilling tools using TCS' iON Digital Glass Room.

**EPaisa Joins Hand With First Alliance Bank Zambia Ltd To Promote MPOS Solution In Africa:**

**ePaisa**, a point of sale (POS) solution provider in India's has entered into a



partnership with **First Alliance Bank (Z) Ltd** in **Zambia**, Africa to provide **mobile point of sale (mPOS)** solution to the SME's and other businesses in the country.

**Wipro partners with CloudKnox Security to protect hybrid, multi-cloud infrastructure:**

**Wipro** and **CloudKnox** joint offering enables enterprises to proactively protect and manage their **Hybrid** and **Multi-Cloud** infrastructure by continuously detecting and remediating over-permissioned identities.

**IFFCO signs MoU with ICAR for joint research, testing, validation of products:**

**Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO)** signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** for collaborative research, testing and validation of different products through ICAR institutes and **Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)**.

**NCERT collaborates with Rotary India for e-learning content on TV:**

With an aim to make e-learning more constructive, the **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** and **Rotary India** joined hands for **e-learning** content for class 1-12 telecast over all NCERT TV channels.

**Mother Dairy ties up with Zomato to home deliver fruit, vegetables in Delhi-NCR:**

**Safal** the Fruits and vegetables arm of **Mother Dairy** has partnered with restaurant aggregator and food Delivery Company **Zomato** home deliver fruit and vegetables in select locations of the **National Capital Region (NCR)**.

**China's Great Wall Motor signs MoU with Maharashtra, reaffirms plan to invest USD 1 billion:**

**Great Wall Motor**, the latest Chinese automaker to enter the Indian market, signed a memorandum of understanding with the **Maharashtra** government agreeing to invest in modernising its **Talegaon manufacturing** plant and generate employment for 3,000 people.

**Infosys joins Amazon and Global Optimism backed Climate Pledge to become net-zero carbon:**

**Infosys** partnered with **Amazon** and **Global Optimism** and signed the Climate Pledge to become **Net-Zero Carbon** and will power its operations fully with renewable energy well ahead of **2040**, in an effort to protect the planet.

The Climate Pledge calls on signatories to be **net-zero carbon** across their businesses by

2040 - a decade ahead of the Paris Accord's **Goal of 2050.**

**Bharti Airtel acquires strategic stake in edtech startup Lattu Media:**

**Bharti Airtel** has acquired a **10%** stake in **Edtech startup Lattu Media Pvt Ltd** (Lattu Kids) as part of the Airtel Startup Accelerator Program. Mumbai-based Lattu Kids specializes in digital **learning tools for children.**

**Maruti Suzuki partners with Karur Vysya Bank for flexible financing schemes:**

**Maruti Suzuki India** (MSI) has partnered with **Karur Vysya Bank** to offer simpler and **flexible financing schemes** for new customers. Karur Vysya Bank offers customers in-principle loan sanction in **15 minutes.**

**CCI approves acquisition of Metso Oyj's minerals business by Outotec Oyj:**

**CCI** approves the acquisition of **Metso Oyj's** ("**Metso**") minerals business by **Outotec Oyj** ("**Outotec**") under **Section 31(1)** of the **Competition Act, 2002.** It is to be achieved by a partial demerger of Metso Minerals pursuant to the Finnish Companies Act.

**Tata AIA Life introduces Aadhaar based offline e-KYC service:**

**Tata AIA Life Insurance** (Tata AIA Life) has tied up with **East Consultancy Services** to

offer **Aadhaar based**, offline e-KYC service for seamless customer on-boarding during online application process for its life insurance solutions.

The initiative will further help **Tata AIA Life** in going paperless by eliminating the need for physical documents viz. proof of identity, address and date of birth for '**Know Your Customer**' (**KYC**) process when the customer opts for this service.

**Facebook acquires Sweden's Mapillary for unknown sum to take on Google Maps:**

**Facebook** has acquired **Swedish** startup **Mapillary**, that is building a detailed, accurate, and up to date global street-level imagery platform, for an **undisclosed sum.**

**Atal Innovation Mission partners with Coal India Ltd to boost its Innovation & Entrepreneurship initiatives:**

**Coal India Limited (CIL)** has agreed to partner with **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, **NITI Aayog** to support proactively the flagship mission's innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across the country. A **Statement of Intent (SoI)** of a strategic partnership between AIM and Coal India Limited was signed and exchanged in a **virtual e-summit.**

### **Hyundai Motor India ties up with HDFC Bank for vehicle finance:**

**Hyundai Motor India Ltd** (HMIL) has partnered with **HDFC Bank** to offer customized financing solutions for those buying cars through its online automotive retail platform '**Click to Buy**'.

### **IIT Delhi and UN World Food Programme to Increase Efficiency of Government's Food Security Net:**

**Indian Institute of Technology Delhi** (IIT Delhi) has collaborated with the **United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)**, India, to develop solutions for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of **food security programmes** of **Government of India**. The aim of this tie-up is to create "**Sustainable Models**" that can be used across the country and beyond.

### **Biocon ties up with DKSH to distribute 7 products in Singapore and Thailand:**

Bio-technology major **Biocon** has signed an agreement with market expansion services provider **DKSH** for distribution of seven generic products in **Singapore and Thailand**.

### **L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering signs MoU with KBR for Refinery and Petrochemical Projects:**

**L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering** (LTHE), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Larsen & Toubro (L&T), has signed a memorandum of understanding with **KBR** to build Modular Process Plants for refinery and petrochemical projects.

### **Mastercard acquires Finicity to advance Open Banking strategy:**

**Mastercard** has entered into an agreement to acquire **Finicity** for **\$825 million**, with existing shareholders given the potential to earn up to an additional \$160 million if performance targets are met.

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

#### **CSIR-IIIM & Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) to develop RT-LAMP based test for Coronavirus:**

**CSIR-IIIM**, Jammu a constituent laboratory of CSIR partnered with Reliance Industries Limited to develop a new **Reverse Transcriptase-Loop Mediated Isothermal Amplification** (RT-LAMP) based COVID-19 diagnostic kit for which a formal MOU has also been signed.

#### **DRDO's RCI develops AI-based Attendance Application:**

The **Research Centre Imarat** (RCI), DRDO, here has developed a AI-based Attendance Application (AINA) which allows non-contact based personnel verification, using facial features of the person, in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic making it unsafe to use contact-based biometric verification for attendance marking systems.

AINA can be deployed with minimal upgradation to the legacy attendance infrastructure with **RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)** readers.

#### **SKIMS in Srinagar gets its first of its kind Infectious Disease Block facility:**

In the UT of **J&K**, Adviser to Lieutenant Governor **Baseer Ahmad Khan** inaugurated a first of its kind Infectious Disease Block

facility at **Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS)** in Srinagar. This is to be used solely for treatment of COVID-19.

#### **Switzerland launched the world's first app based on Google and Apple's contact-tracing tech:**

**Switzerland** is the first country to launch a contact-tracing app "**SwissCovid**" using the specialized contact-tracing tech released by Google and Apple.

**Google** and **Apple** released their "**exposure notification**" API earlier this month, and said 22 health authorities around the world have asked permission to use it.

#### **Ola Electric acquires Etergo, looks to launch electric scooters in India by 2021:**

**Ola Electric Mobility Pvt Ltd**, electric vehicle arm of Ola acquired Amsterdam-based **Etergo BV**, manufacturer of electric scooters. With this acquisition, Ola Electric will enter the premium electric two-wheeler market and manufacture these scooters.

#### **IIT Madras develops light-weight alloy to replace steel, aluminium in cars:**

Researchers at the **IIT Madras**, along with the University of North Texas and US Army Research Laboratory, have developed a **magnesium alloy** with significantly improved properties, that can replace **steel**

and **aluminium** in automotive and aerospace components.

### **IIT Delhi researchers develop lighter, breathable PPE to fight Covid-19:**

Department of Textile and Fibre Engineering at **Indian Institute of Technology Delhi** has developed a breathable and **light-weighted PPE** (Personal Protective Equipment) to fight COVID-19.

### **CIPET to take up R&D initiatives in healthcare areas to deal with COVID-19:**

**Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology** under the Ministry of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** will take up Research and Development initiatives in the areas of Health Care, like Manufacturing and Certifying PPE to deal with COVID-19 pandemic. It has also expanded its capacity to test food grain packaging.

### **Facebook Launches New App Called 'CatchUp' to Facilitate Group Phone Chats:**

**Facebook** has come up with another calling application called "**Catch-Up**". The idea behind the new app is to coordinate call timings with friends and family members. The new app is developed by the company's New Product Experimentation team.

### **RIL launches WhatsApp chatbot to answer rights issue queries:**

**Reliance Industries Ltd** (RIL) has launched a "**WhatsApp chatbot**" to address rights issue queries of its **2.6 million** shareholders on the offering. With a task of executing massive Rs 53,125 crore rights issue amid a nationwide lockdown, RIL has turned to WhatsApp Chatbot which has been developed by **Jio Haptik Technologies**.

### **Irrawaddy Dolphin population at Odisha's Chilika lake increased with the help of IIT Madras' dredging methodology:**

A research project undertaken by the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras**, has helped triple the number of Irrawaddy dolphins in Odisha's **Chilika lake**, asia's largest natural water reservoir.

The project involved the excavation (loosening or dislodging) of unwanted substances from the foothills without damaging the lake's ecosystem, removing the loosened material to the **dredge vessel & transportation** of the material to the placement area.

### **Missile Park "Agneeprastha" To Be Set Up At INS Kalinga:**

The foundation stone for a Missile Park named "**Agneeprastha**", a one-stop arena for the motivation of inquisitive minds regarding missiles, was laid at **INS Kalinga, Andhra Pradesh**.

### **Free Online Career Skills Training launched on NCS portal in partner with TCS iON:**

**Ministry of Labour & Employment** under its National Career Service project is offering free online "**Career Skills Training**" in partner with **TCS iON** for its registered jobseekers. This soft skills course assists learners in enhancing personality development.

### **IIT BHU to re-purpose approved drugs from DrugBank database to treat COVID-19 disease:**

**Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)** has approved support for research at the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) (BHU) Varanasi** to identify lead compounds from available and approved drugs for anti-SARS-CoV-2 drug molecules.

### **Hyundai Introduces Upgraded End-to-End Online Platform 'Click to Buy' For Customers:**

Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) introduced its upgraded online end-to-end automotive retail platform "**Click to Buy**" with an investment of around \$ 1 million (around 7.5 crores) curated to provide future retail experience to customers in the wake pandemic.

### **Microsoft launches programme for agritech start-ups:**

**Microsoft** has announced the launch of a programme for **agritech start-ups** in India that are committed to driving transformation in agriculture.

The Microsoft for **Agritech Startups** programme is designed to help start-ups build **industry-specific solutions**, scale and grow with access to deep technology, business and marketing resources.

### **WHO launches 'C-TAP' for equitable access to life-saving technology:**

World Health Organization (WHO) has launched the '**COVID-19 Technology Access Pool**' for equitable access to life-saving tech. This has been launched after the request from at least **37 countries** who jointly appealed to the **World Health Organization** for common ownership of vaccines, medicines and other diagnostic tools to combat the global health crisis.

### **Tata AIG launches usage-based car insurance policy to help owners save premiums:**

**Tata AIG General Insurance** launched **Usage-Based Insurance (UBI)** private car policy for car owners under the **IRDAI's Regulatory Sandbox**. It will be available on all policies offering personal accidental cover to the tune of **Rs 15 lakhs** for owner and



driver. The company also bought '**Auto-Safe**', a GPS enabled device.

### **DRDO develops device to keep PPE wearers comfortable:**

Defence Research Development Organisation (**DRDO**) has developed a device **SUMERU-PACS** that helps wearers of **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** comfortable without sweating.

The DRDO officials found out, on the basis of the feedback received from doctors and medical staff, that the PPE wearers feel uncomfortable after wearing PPE for more than **30 to 45 minutes** and start sweating which makes the situation worse.

### **CeNS develops low-cost catalyst for hydrogen generation from water:**

Scientists from The **Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS)**, an autonomous institute of the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)**, have found out a low cost & efficient way to generate hydrogen from water using **Molybdenum dioxide** as a catalyst.

### **ARCI develops new environment friendly way to shape ceramics through 3D printing:**

Scientists at the International **Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI)**, in their recent

study utilized an environmentally benign thermal gelation property of **Methylcellulose (MC)** for shaping of ceramics through **3D printing**.

### **23-yr-old Maharashtra boy makes world's first 'Internet-controlled' robot to help Covid-19 patients:**

Designed and created by **Pratik Tirodkar**, founder of a start-up PNT Solutions, Dombivali, recently, the first '**Coro-bot**' independently dispenses food, water, beverages, medicines – and even some good advice – to Coronavirus patients without the needs for nurses, ward staff or other caregivers.

### **IASST develops AI-based computer diagnosis framework for accurate oral cancer diagnosis:**

Scientists of Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, **Guwahati**, have developed an artificial intelligence-based algorithm as an aid to rapid diagnosis and prediction of oral **squamous cell carcinoma**. The study was conducted using **CNN(Convolutional Neural Network)**.

### **Researchers at IIT-Hyderabad develop low-cost test kit that can detect Covid-19 within 20 minutes:**

Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad** have developed a

low cost and Artificial Intelligence-based test kit for COVID-19. These kits can give results in about **20 minutes**. Prof **Shiv Govind Singh** is the Lead researcher.

## **ISRO signs MoU with ARIES To tackle space debris:**

**ISRO** recently signed an MoU with the Nainital-based **Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES)** for cooperation in the field of astrophysics and **Space Situational Awareness (SSA)**.

## **DIAT Pune develops Nanotechnology-based Disinfectant Spray to fight COVID-19:**

**Defence Institute of Advanced Technology**, a Deemed to be University, **Pune** has developed a Nanotechnology based disinfectant spray to combat COVID-19 by disinfecting all types of surfaces. It has been named "**ANANYA**". This can be used by anyone.

## **Indian Air Force inducts indigenous airborne rescue pod for critical and COVID-19 patients:**

**Indian Air Force** has inducted an indigenously developed **Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT)** that can be utilised for the evacuation of critical patients with infectious diseases

including, COVID-19 from high altitude areas and remote places.

The indigenous system has been developed at a cost of only **Rs 60,000** whereas imported systems cost up to **Rs 60 lakh**.

## **IIT Guwahati Student's Startup Flyzy Develops Mobile Application For Safe And Contactless Air Travel:**

Students of **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati** have developed a mobile application, called '**Flyzy**', to provide a seamless air travelling experience to passengers during the pandemic. The application has been developed by **Deepak Meena, Hansraj Patel, and Arjit Singh**.

The aim of the application is to **provide contactless** boarding keeping in mind the easier baggage drop, manageable parking, better shopping experience and providing necessary updates during the whole journey.

## **'Mirror Image' of the Earth and Sun discovered 3000 light-years away:**

Astronomers may have discovered an Earth-like exoplanet orbiting a Sun-like star, a little over **3,000 light-years** away. The planet named 'Planet **KOI-456.04**', the unconfirmed exoplanet is thought to be similar to Earth for several reasons. It receives **93%** as much light as Earth gets from the Sun.

## **CSIR-IHBT and Himachal Government partner to increase production of Saffron, Heeng:**

**Saffron** and **Heeng** (asafoetida) is the most valuable spices of the world and widely used in Indian cuisine since time immemorial.

To increase the production of these two spices in India, the **Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology** (CSIR-IHBT) and the Department of Agriculture, Government of **Himachal Pradesh**, have forged strategic and implementation partnership based on their mutual strengths.

## **GRSE delivers fifth ship in Fast Patrol Vessels" series to Indian Coast Guard:**

Premier warship builder **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd** (GRSE) delivered **ICGS Kanaklata Barua**, the fifth and final ship in the series of **Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV)** for the Indian Coast Guard.

This is the **105th** vessel delivered by the Defence PSU shipyard based on the banks of river **Hooghly**.

## **IIT-BHU develops Anti-microbial multilayer face mask to annihilate pathogenic microorganisms:**

Dr Marshal & his team at the School of Biomedical Engineering, **IIT-BHU** have developed an anti-microbial **5-layered face mask**. It can annihilate pathogenic

microorganisms that are stuck to its outer surface & thereby limit the spread of secondary infections.

## **Kerala Startup Invents Mask Disposal Smart Bin & UV Light-Based Disinfection Device To Beat COVID-19:**

A startup named **VST Mobility Solutions**, headquartered in Cochin, has reportedly launches an **automated mask disposal** machine **"BIN-19"** & **"Ultraviolet (UV) SPOT"**. The purpose behind this invention is to beat corona virus.

## **BARC Develops High Quality And Cost-Effective Face Masks:**

Mumbai-based **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre** (BARC) has developed a **high quality** face mask using **High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA)** filter which is expected to be cost-effective.

## **DRDO develops 'GermiKlean' to sanitise uniforms of security forces:**

**DRDO** designed and developed a dry heat treatment chamber named **"GermiKlean"**. This chamber is designed to sanitize 25 pairs of uniforms within **15 minutes**.

## **Tata Power signs MoU with MG Motor for Electric Vehicle chargers:**

**Tata Power** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **MG Motor** to

deploy **50KW DC** Superfast chargers at select MG dealerships.

**MG Motor India** has **10 SuperFast 50 kW** charging stations across its dealerships in five cities – New Delhi- NCR, Mumbai, Ahmadabad, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

**China's unmanned submersible 'Haidou-1' reaches world's deepest ocean point:**

**China's** unmanned submersible '**Haidou-1**' has dived to a depth of **10, 907 meters** at the world's deepest ocean point. Haidou-1 sets a **new record** for the country during which **high-definition images** of the geological environment and samples from the **Deep Sea** were collected.

**India becomes founding member of Global Partnership for Artificial Intelligence:**

**India** joined the league of leading economies including **USA, UK, EU, Australia, Canada, France** & others to launch the **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)**. India will actively participate in the global development of Artificial Intelligence.

**Defence Institute of Advanced Technology develops Ayurvedic face mask 'Pavitrapati':**

**Defence Institute of Advanced Technology** (DIAT) has developed biodegradable face mask based on

**Nanofibres** of **Ayurvedic products** which acts a virus neutraliser and resist the bacteria and has named it "**Pavitrapati**".

The mask made from herbal extracts like **neem oil, turmeric, krishna tulsi, ajwain, black pepper, gum Arabic, clove, sandalwood, saffron** in the fibre that provides antibacterial and anti viral properties.

**Central Railway sets up Body Screening Facility 'FebriEye' In Mumbai's CSMT, LTT Stations:**

**Central Railway** has set up a body screening facility called This is yet another effort towards passenger safety after **Automated Ticket Checking And Managing Access (ATMA)** machine and Always be Responsible, "**FebriEye thermal cameras**" have been set up at **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus** and **Lokmanya Tilak Terminus** in Mumbai, **Maharashtra**.

**IISc develops 'Workplace Readiness Indicator' for organizations to insulate workplaces from Corona pandemic:**

Researchers in **IISc, Bengaluru** have developed '**Workplace Readiness Indicator**' for organizations to insulate their workplaces from Corona pandemic. It is an **online assessment tool** developed along

with the **Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority.**

**Indian Railways installs first 'Automated Ticket Checking & Managing Access' machine under NFR scheme:**

**Indian Railway's** Central Railway zone has first time installed a newly innovated **Automated Ticket Checking & Managing Access machine (ATMA)** at **Nagpur railway station.**

The machine has been introduced at the station under **New, Innovative Non-Fare Revenue Ideas Scheme (NINFRIS)** policy to prevent Covid19 transmission to generate Non-Fare Revenue for the **Central Railway zone.**

**Students in West Bengal Have Built 'Ayurvedic Sanitisation Tunnel' for Their School:**

Students of a private school in **East Burdwan** district of **West Bengal** have built an **"Ayurvedic Sanitisation Tunnel"** to disinfect people entering the educational institute. **Twelve** people can be disinfected inside the tunnel at a time.

**Germany Launches Coronavirus App as EU Eyes Travel Revival:**

**Germany** launched an app **"Corona-Warn-App"** to help break the chain of corona virus infections, one of several such apps that

**European governments** hope will revive travel and tourism safely.

**Mumbai gets 'Air-Venti' app for real-time information on ICU beds, ventilators:**

In Maharashtra, the **Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM)** has launched a mobile app **"Air-Venti"** to help residents in the city to know about the availability of the **ICU beds** and **Ventilators** in both government and private hospitals.

**IIT Mandi team develops infusion technology for herbs in mid-Himalayan region to help farmers:**

The team at the **Institute's Botanical Garden and Medicinal Plant Lab** analysed various herbs growing in the **mid-Himalayan** region in and around the villages surrounding **IIT Mandi, Kamand** region.

The technology is ready to license industries interested in working with **Enabling Women of Kamand(EWOK)** - a rural incubator at IIT Mandi, in the interest of empowering the Kamand Valley farmers.

**IIT-Guwahati develops low-cost, high-quality 'Made in Assam' Covid-19 kits:**

**IIT-Guwahati** in association with **RR Animal Healthcare Ltd** and **Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH)** has developed viral transport media (VTM) kits, RT-PCR kits and RNA isolation kits. The first

lot of 20,000 VTM kits, used to keep the collected nasal and throat swab samples.

**IIT-Madras and General Electric tie-up to build a next-gen combustor for small aircraft and helicopter engines:**

**IIT Madras** and **General Electric India Technology Centre** (GEITC) are jointly developing a **3D printed combustor** aimed at reducing weight and improving fuel efficiency in small aircraft and helicopter engines.

The Rs 7.24 crore **Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY)** mission is being carried out by the aerospace division on the Institute and is being funded by the federal government of India **(75%)** and GEITC **(25%)**.

**Reliance Industries becomes India's first firm to hit Rs.11 trillion market cap:**

**Reliance Industries Ltd** became the first Indian company to reach a market capitalisation of **Rs.11 trillion** as its shares doubled since mid-March. The stock rallied to hit a record high of Rs.1,738.95 on the BSE, up about 5%.

**Glenmark launches COVID-19 drug FabiFlu at Rs. 103 per tablet:**

Drug firm **Glenmark Pharmaceuticals** launched antiviral drug **Favipiravir**, under the brand name "**FabiFlu**" for treatment of patients with mild to moderate Covid-19 at a

price of about **Rs 103/tablet**. It is the first oral favipiravir-approved medication in India.

**Amazon to host Small Business Day on June 27 to help SME sellers:**

Major E-commerce **Amazon** will host the third edition of its sale event **Small Business Day (SBD)** 2020 on **June 27** to help small businesses, artisans, weavers, micro-entrepreneurs and start-ups rebound from economic disruption created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

**ISRO Receives Patent for Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment for Astronauts:**

**ISRO** has received a patent for its **Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment** made of biocompatible fabrics and components to provide a **comfortable temperature** and removal of sweat for astronauts, for use in space for protection from hot and cold environments.

**China successfully launches last satellite BeiDou Navigation Satellite System:**

**China** successfully launched the last satellite of its **BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS)**, touted to be a competitor to the **Global Positioning System (GPS)** of the US, taking another step to becoming a major space power.



The satellite, carried by a **Long March-3B** carrier rocket, is the 30th BDS-3 satellite and the 55th of the whole **BeiDou** satellite family.

**IIT-Bombay develops chip Dhruva to be used in smartphones and navigation devices to find locations:**

**IIT-Bombay** has developed a homegrown receiver chip "**Dhruva**" that can be used in smart phones and **navigation** devices to find locations and routes within the country.

**Dhruva** will receive signals from India's NAVIC group of navigation satellites as well as the **US Global Positioning System**-based satellites to determine these accurately under all weather conditions.

**Indian Institute of Science develops Nanozymes:**

A research team at the **IISc, Bengaluru** has developed nanozymes that destroy the cell membrane of bacteria by directly targeting its phospholipids. **Nanozymes** are **nanomaterials** that can disintegrate the cell membranes of a range of diseases **causing bacteria**.

### APPOINTMENTS:

**Periasamy Kumaran takes over as the High Commissioner of India to Singapore:**

**Periasamy Kumaran** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to The Republic Of **Singapore**.

P Kumaran will replace the current High Commissioner of India to Singapore, **Jawed Ashraf**, who took over more than three years ago in November 2016. Ashraf is to take over as the High Commissioner of India to **France**.

**Brazil's Marcos Troyjo to succeed KV Kamath as NDB President:**

Brazil's **Marcos Troyjo** will succeed India's **KV Kamath** as president of the New Development Bank (NDB) . Elections for the post were held during a special meeting of the bank's **Board Of Governors**.

India's **Anil Kishora** will be the bank's vice-president and chief risk officer.

**Tsai ing-wen begins second term as Taiwan's President:**

Taiwan President **Tsai Ing-wen** took the oath for her second four-year term, buoyed by popularity as the country continues its successful response to the pandemic. She pledged to engage in dialogue with Beijing provided it respects Taiwan's sovereignty.

### **JP Morgan Appoints former UTI Mutual Fund CEO Leo Puri as South Asia head:**

Leo Puri will take over from current chairperson **Kalpana Morparia**, who will retire in the first quarter of next year. As part of his responsibilities, Puri will cover JP Morgan's external stakeholders including key clients, regulators, and industry bodies.

### **Sandip Mukund Pradhan's tenure as Sports Authority of India DG extended by two years:**

**Sandip Mukund Pradhan**, the **Director-General** of Sports Authority of India (**SAI**) has been given an extension for his central deputation tenure. The extension has been given for a period of two years and it will come into effect from June 6, 2020.

### **GE Power India appoints Mahesh Palashikar as Chairman:**

GE Power India Ltd (GEPIL), formerly known as **Alstom India**, has designated **Mahesh Shrikrishna Palashikar** as its Additional Director and Non-Executive Chairman. Palashikar was the President and CEO of GE South Asia. He succeeded Vishal Keerti Wanchoo.

**Vijay Sharma** appointed as **Additional & Whole-time Director** of GE Power.

### **Vishwas Mehta to take over as chief secretary of Kerala:**

Senior IAS officer **Vishwas Mehta** has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Kerala. Dr Mehta, who's now Additional **Chief Secretary** (Home), will assume office on June 1. The incumbent chief secretary Tom Jose is set to retire on May 31.

### **R Sreelekha to Become Kerala's First Woman DGP:**

Kerala Police gets its first woman Director General, **R. Sreelekha** and will head **Kerala Fire and Rescue Services**. Presently an Additional Director General of Police, she heads the Jail Department. She became the first woman Superintendent of Police in 1991.

### **IRDAI member Nilesh Sathe appointed NHA finance advisor:**

**Nilesh Sathe** former IRDAI member and veteran Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has joined **National Highways Authority of India (NHA)** as Financial Advisor.

### **Jonathan Karp Promoted to CEO of Simon & Schuster:**

**Jonathan Karp**, who has worked with authors ranging from Sen. Edward Kennedy to **Susan Orlean**, has been named the new CEO of **Simon & Schuster**.

Karp joined the company in 2010 and served as the president and publisher of Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing. He replaces **Carolyn Reidy** who passed away recently.

## **Banks Board Bureau selects SN Rajeswari as CMD of Oriental Insurance Company:**

**SN Rajeswari** general manager of **New India Assurance(NIA)**, has been selected by the **Banks Board Bureau (BBB)**, as the CMD of the Delhi based Oriental Insurance Company(OIC) .

**AV Girija Kumar** CMD, OIC, is retiring this month end after reaching 60.

## **Wipro appoints Capgemini's Thierry Delaporte as new CEO and MD:**

**Wipro** has appointed **Thierry Delaporte** as its chief executive officer and managing director to replace outgoing **Abidali Neemuchwala**. Delaporte, who was the chief operating officer of **Capgemini**, becomes the second member from the French IT giant to head an Indian IT services provider after Infosys CEO **Salil Parekh**.

## **Mohit Gupta appointed as co-founder of Zomato:**

Ant Financial-backed food delivery unicorn **Zomato** has elevated **Mohit Gupta** CEO of its food delivery business, as its co-founder. Prior to joining Zomato in 2018, Gupta was with online travel giant **MakeMyTrip** for over a decade. He has also had a long stint with PepsiCo International, among other places.

## **Power Finance Corporation board clears RS Dhillon's appointment as CMD:**

State-run **Power Finance Corporation (PFC)** under the Ministry of Power announced the appointment of **Ravinder Singh Dhillon**, currently its Director, as Chairman and Managing Director from June 1 following superannuation of Rajeev Sharma this month.

## **Capgemini Appoints Aiman Ezzat as its new CEO:**

**Capgemini** has appointed its Chief Operating Officer **Aiman Ezzat** as its new Chief Executive Officer. Ezzat will be succeeding Paul Hermelin, Chairman and CEO, the Board of Directors of Capgemini SE.

Ezzat will succeed **Paul Hermelin** as CEO after the General Meeting of Shareholders in 2020.

## **IIT-IIM alumnus S Gopalakrishnan appointed as additional secretary in PMO:**

**S Gopalakrishnan** a senior Tamil Nadu cadre IAS officer, has been appointed as additional secretary in the Prime Minister's Office. Gopalakrishnan's appointment was cleared by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet led by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. He is currently serving at the **Ministry of Electronics**.

### **Professor Sonajharia Minz appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Sido Kanhu Murmu University:**

Governor **Draupadi Murmu** of Jharkhand appointed **Prof. Sonajharia Minz** as vice-chancellor of Sido Kanhu Murmu University (SKMU), **Dumka (Jharkhand)** .

Draupadi Murmu is also the Chancellor of the universities in Jharkhand. Prof. Sonajharia Minz is a Professor of School of Computer and Systems Sciences in **Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Delhi**.

### **Finance Ministry appoints PR Jaishankar managing director of IIFCL:**

Ministry of finance appointed **PR Jaishankar** as the managing director of the **India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)** . He has served as the executive director of the National Housing Bank prior to this after the recommendations of Bank Boards Bureau

**Harsha Bangari** appointed deputy managing director of **Exim Bank**.

### **Boris Johnson appoints Indian-origin Oxford professor as Natural History Museum Trustee:**

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson appointed Indian-origin academic **Yadvinder Malhi** as a new Trustee of the **Natural History Museum in London**. His

appointment has been made in accordance with the UK Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments.

**Malhi** is Professor of Ecosystem Science at University of Oxford.

### **Venkataramani Sumantran appointed as new independent director at Indigo:**

Chairman and Managing Director of Chennai-based Celeris Technologies, **Venkataramani Sumantran**, is now the independent director at **IndiGo**. He is also on several advisory and statutory boards in India and abroad. He will hold the post for the next **five years**.

### **Arun Singhal appointed as CEO Food Safety and Standards Authority of India:**

Cabinet approved the appointment of **Arun Singhal** as chief executive officer of the apex food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. He will succeed **GSG Ayyangar** who was briefly appointed as the CEO.

### **BBB recommends Ashwini Bhatia for post of SBI MD:**

The **Banks Board Bureau** headed by **B P Sharma**. Recommended names of Ashwini Bhatia, M V Rao and P P Sengupta for the post of managing director of three state-owned lenders - State Bank of India, Central Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank, respectively.

### **Pradip Kumar Tripathi Assumes Charge as Secretary in Ministry of Steel:**

**Shri Pradip Kumar Tripathi** has assumed charge as Secretary, **Ministry of Steel** and Government of India on 1 June 2020. He took over as Secretary upon the superannuation of present incumbent **Binoy Kumar**. The appointment was approved by the Appointment Committee of Cabinet

### **Mohandas Pai to chair IBBI advisory committee on service providers:**

**Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India** reconstituted its advisory committee on service providers and is to be chaired by **T V Mohandas Pai**. The **12-member** panel would advise and provide professional support on regulation and development of the service providers dealt with by the IBBI.

### **Lt Gen Manoj Pande to take over as Commander-in-Chief of Andaman and Nicobar Command:**

Lieutenant General **Manoj Pande**, AVSM, VSM, will take over as the 15th Commander-in-Chief of the **Andaman & Nicobar Command (CINCAN)**. He will replace LtGen **Podali Shankar Rajeshwar**.

During his 37 years of distinguished service, Pande has taken an active part in **Operation Vijay** and **Operation Parakram**.

### **Lakshmi Vilas Bank CEO Subramanian Sundar gets extension:**

**Reserve Bank of India** has approved the extension of tenure for **Lakshmi Vilas Bank's** MD and CEO, **Subramanian Sundar** by six months. This is the second extension given to Mr Subramanian Sundar who was the MD & CEO (interim) from January 1, 2020, to April 30.

### **R K Chaturvedi Assumes Charge as Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals:**

**R K Chaturvedi**, IAS officer of **Madhya Pradesh** cadre, assumed charge as Secretary Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. He has replaced **P Raghavendra Rao**.

He was serving as an Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor in the **Ministry of Culture**.

### **Sibi George appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait:**

Sibi George, an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1993 batch, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to **Kuwait**. He is at present India's Ambassador in **Switzerland**.

A **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** release stated that George is expected to take up his new assignment shortly.

### **Mindshare's Anita Kotwani joins Carat India as CEO:**

Carat India has announced the appointment of **Anita Kotwani** as chief executive officer. Kotwani moves from Mindshare India where she was senior vice president, new business and client lead, The Walt Disney business.

### **Harsha Bangari takes charges as Exim Bank Deputy Managing Director:**

**Harsha Bangari** took charge as Deputy Managing Director at **Export-Import Bank of India** (EXIM Bank) . Prior to this, **Bangari** was the Chief General Manager and Chief Financial Officer of the bank.

### **Gaitri Kumar Appointed India's Next High Commissioner To UK:**

Seasoned diplomat **Gaitri Kumar** has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to the **United Kingdom** (UK) . Ms Kumar succeeds **Ruchi Ghanashyam**. At present, Ms Kumar is serving as Indian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the **European Union** (EU) .

### **BAFTA Appoints Emmy-winning Krishnendu Majumdar as Chair:**

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) appointed **Krishnendu Majumdar** as chairperson, making him the first person of colour assigned for the role in 73 years, and the youngest in 35 years. He succeeds **Pippa Harris**.

### **Uday Kotak appointed as new president of Confederation of Indian Industry:**

Veteran banker **Uday Kotak**, Managing director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has assumed office as the president of the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for 2020-21.

Uday Kotak takes over from **Vikram Kirloskar**, chairman and managing director of Kirloskar Systems Ltd and vice chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor.' **Sanjiv Bajaj** takes over as CII vice-president.

### **Virendra Nath Datt becomes new CMD of National Fertilizers Limited:**

**National Fertilizers Limited (NFL)** Marketing Director, Virendra Nath Datt has taken additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director of the Company. He will replace **Manoj Mishra**.

### **Sushil Kumar Singhal appointed India's next High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea:**

**Sushil Kumar Singhal** has been appointed as the next Indian High Commissioner to **Papua New Guinea**. He is presently serving as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) .

### **Raveesh Kumar becomes new Ambassador of India to Finland:**



**Raveesh Kumar** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Finland**. He is presently serving as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry. He is an IFS officer of 1995 batch. He will replace **Vani Rao** as the next Ambassador of India to Finland.

### **Twitter To Appoint Former Google CFO Exec Patrick Pichette As Chairperson:**

Twitter Inc appointed **Patrick Pichette** who had been **Twitter's** lead independent director since 2018 and a former CFO at **Google**, as the social network's board chairman, marking the first time in Twitter's history that an outsider will preside over the group. Patrick Pichette will replace **Omid Kordestani**.

### **Prime Minister's private secretary Rajeev Topno moves to World Bank, Brajendra Navnit to WTO:**

Senior bureaucrat **Rajeev Topno**, private secretary to the prime minister, has been appointed as senior advisor to the Executive Director (ED), World Bank, a personnel ministry.

**Brajendra Navnit** who served in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has been appointed as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the **World Trade Organization** (WTO), **Geneva, Switzerland**.

### **Former Miss World Manushi Chhillar joins Rohit, Hima as Adidas brand ambassador:**

Former Miss World **Manushi Chhillar** joined the likes of star batsman **Rohit Sharma**, sprint sensation **Hima Das** and Bollywood actor **Ranveer Singh** as brand ambassador of footwear giant Adidas in its campaign to inspire more women to embrace fitness.

Chhillar will support **#HOMETEAMHERO** Challenge inspiring more people every single day to stay physically and mentally fit.

### **Rajiv Singh appointed as DLF Chairman:**

Realty major DLF has appointed vice-chairman **Rajiv Singh** as the new chairman of the company by replacing **KP Singh**. The latter will continue in a non-executive role as Chairman Emeritus, who was at the helm of the affairs for over five decades.

### **Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary K Shanmugam gets three-month extension:**

The Tenure of **Tamil Nadu** Chief Secretary **K Shanmugam** has been extended by three months till October 31.

At present, there are **25 senior IAS** officers in the cadre of Additional Chief Secretary in the Tamil Nadu government as well as those who are on deputation to the Centre.

### **L&T board reappoints AM Naik as non-executive chairman for 3 years:**

**Larsen & Toubro** on Saturday said its board has given nod for reappointment of **A M Naik** as non-executive chairman of the company for a period of three years from October 1, 2020. Also the tenure of whole-time Director **Dip Kishore Sen** was extended for 3 yrs.

### **Karnataka Bank appoints Ramesh S as Chief Risk Officer:**

The Board of **Karnataka Bank** has designated **Ramesh S**, General Manager, in-charge of Risk Management Department, as the Chief Risk officer (CRO) of the Bank w.e.f. 06 June 2020, in place of Prakash Kumar.

### **IIFL Finance signs Rohit Sharma as its first-ever brand ambassador:**

Non-Banking finance company **IIFL Finance** has signed up India's superstar cricketer **Rohit Sharma** as its first-ever brand ambassador.

**R Venkataraman**, Managing Director and Co-Promoter, IIFL Group said, "We are glad to announce India's leading batsman, Rohit Sharma, as IIFL's brand ambassador.

### **Sharad Mathur is the new MD and CEO of Universal Sampo General Insurance:**

**Universal Sampo**, a joint venture between **Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Karnataka Bank, Dabur Investments**

**Corporation & Sampo Japan Insurance** has appointed **Sharad Mathur** as Managing Director & CEO. Sharad was associated with SBI General Insurance.

### **Tamil Nadu: 13 year old Madurai girl appointed Goodwill Ambassador of UNADAP**

Tamil Nadu, a thirteen-year old Madurai girl **Nethra** has been appointed the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Association for Development and Peace, the **UNADAP**. It was in recognition of her role in feeding the poor during the COVID-19 lockdown by her father, a hairdresser by profession.

### **Lawyer Javed Iqbal Wani appointed J&K High Court Judge:**

President **Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed senior Kashmiri lawyer **Javed Iqbal Wani** as a Judge of the **Jammu and Kashmir High Court**. He also served as additional advocate general of Jammu and Kashmir High Court for nearly 11 months in 2019.

### **Anil Valluri appointed as senior director for Google Cloud India:**

**Google Cloud** has appointed **Anil Valluri** as Senior Director for **Google Cloud in India**. Valluri has over 30 years of experience in sales and marketing in the hi-tech industry. Before joining Google Cloud, Valluri was the

**President of India & SAARC operations at NetApp.**

**Monika Kapil Mohta appointed India's next Ambassador to Switzerland:**

Diplomat **Monika Kapil Mohta** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Switzerland**, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced. Presently, Mohta, an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1985 batch, is India's Ambassador to Sweden.

**Lakshmi Vilas Bank appoints B K Manjunath as non-exec, independent director:**

Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) has appointed **B K Manjunath** as its non-executive and independent director. Manjunath is a member of the Institute of **Chartered Accountants of India** and practising as a chartered accountant.

**Shri Shambhu S. Kumaran has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Philippines:**

Diplomat **Shambhu S Kumaran** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Philippines, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. **Kumaran** is presently Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of **Morocco**.

**Indian-origin Prabhakar Raghavan has been promoted as the head of Google Search and Assistant:**

American tech giant Google has appointed **Prabhakar Raghavan** as the head of Search and Assistant. Raghavan will be succeeding Ben Gomes, who will be given a new role and will report directly to Google CEO **Sundar Pichai**.

**Nagarjuna cement signs Actor Varun Tej as brand ambassador:**

Hyderabad-headquartered **NCL Industries** has signed **Varun Tej Konidela**, star of Telugu cinema, as the brand ambassador for its cement brand, **Nagarjuna Cement**.

**Actor Sonu Sood appointed as brand ambassador of Gargo International:**

**Gargo International**, the delhi based lubricant company under the RG group appoints **Sonu Sood** as the brand ambassador in January 2020 & praised him now for his support works for the migrants and went live with their TVC starring Sonu Sood.

**IDBI Bank's board approves appointment of Anshuman Sharma as govt nominee director:**

The Board of Directors has approved the appointment of **Anshuman Sharma**, Director, Ministry of Finance, Department of

Financial Services, as **government nominee director**

**Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta takes charge as Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command:**

Vice Admiral **Biswajit Dasgupta**, assumed charge as Chief of Staff, **Eastern Naval Command (ENC)** . **Dasgupta** will succeed Vice Admiral **S N Ghormade** after he has proceeded on transfer as Controller Personnel Services at the Integrated Headquarters, **Ministry of Defence (Navy), New Delhi.**

**Imtaiyazur Rahman is appointed as the CEO of UTI Mutual Fund:**

After Two years appointing **Imtaiyazur Rahman** as the acting CEO, the Board of **UTI Mutual Fund** has confirmed him as Chief Executive Officer of UTI Asset Management Committee. He will succeed **Leo Puri** whose 5-year tenure was over in August 2018.

**Actor Pankaj Tripathi Became The Brand Ambassador Of Bihar Khadi:**

Bollywood actor **Pankaj Tripathi** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of **Bihar Khadi** by the state government. He is originally from Bihar. He will promote **Bihar Khadi** and the country's largest Khadi Mall in **Patna.**

**RBI approves re-appointment of Kaizad Bharucha as Executive Director of HDFC Bank:**

**Reserve Bank of India** has approved the re-appointment of **Kaizad Bharucha** as Executive Director of **HDFC Bank** for a period of **three years** with effect from June 13, 2020.

Recently the central bank had put on hold the appointments of **Shashidhar Jagdishan** as an additional director and **Bhavesh Zaveri** as a whole-time director.

**R R Swain appointed Intelligence Chief of Jammu and Kashmir:**

Jammu and Kashmir Government appointed **R.R Swain** (IPS) as the new intelligence **chief of J&K police**, replacing Dr. **B Srinivas** who has been posted as Commandant General, HG/CD/SDRF.

**Maya R Nair Joins CRISIL as Director & Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) :**

Senior cyber security professional and expert **Maya R Nair** has joined as **Director & Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)** at **CRISIL Limited**. She will take care of the entire range of **cybersecurity** operations at the company.

**Santosh Jha appointed as next Ambassador of India to Belgium:**

**Santosh Jha** presently Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Uzbekistan**, appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of **Belgium**. The 1993-batch IFS officer will also be accredited as Ambassador of India to the **European Union**.

## **SARC & Associates appointed as auditor of PM CARES Fund for 3 Years:**

Prime Minister's Citizens Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (**PM CARES**) Fund, appointed "**SARC & Associates, Chartered Accountants**, New Delhi, as the auditors" for three years. The Firm is headed by **Sunil Kumar Gupta** who audits the PM National Relief Fund.

## **Attorney General K K Venugopal to get 1-year extension:**

Attorney General **K K Venugopal** has agreed for extension of **one more year** as a top law officer of the country. Venugopal is a leading lawyer of the country was appointed as Attorney General and had succeeded **Mukul Rohatgi** on June 30, 2017.

## **Devendra Kumar Singh appointed as the new Director of SIDBI:**

Ministry of Finance notified the appointment of **Devendra Kumar Singh**, Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, as Central Government nominee

Director on the Board of Directors of **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**. He will be succeeding **Ram Mohan Mishra**.

## **Cricket Australia appoints Nick Hockley as the interim CEO:**

**Cricket Australia** has a new man at the helm in **Nick Hockley** after former CEO **Kevin Roberts** resigned. Hockley, who is the Chief executive of the T20 World cup, will fill the position in an interim role. The decision was announced by Cricket Australia chairman, **Earl Eddings**

## **PayU India appoints Shantanu Preetam as Chief Technology Officer:**

India's leading online payment solutions provider **PayU** announced the appointment of **Shantanu Preetam** to the India leadership team as Chief Technology Officer.

## **Kyrgyzstan Prime Minister Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev resigns:**

Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, **Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev** has resigned from the post. He resigned due to citing an ongoing criminal investigation into the assignment of national radio frequencies.

## **Evariste Ndayishimiye to be sworn in as Burundi's new president:**

**Evariste Ndayishimiye** will be sworn in as **Burundi's** newly elected president after the

sudden death of the incumbent, **Pierre Nkurunziza**. Ndayishimiye, 52, is a former army general and Hutu rebel like his predecessor.

**D. K. Jain gets one-year extension as BCCI ethics officer and ombudsman:**

**Board of Control for Cricket in India** (BCCI) has extended the contract of its ombudsman and ethics officer, Justice (retired) **D. K. Jain**, by a year. He was the **first-ever ombudsman** of BCCI appointed by the Supreme Court in February 2019.

**Volkan Bozkir of Turkey elected president of UN General Assembly:**

**Turkish** diplomat **Volkan Bozkir** has been elected president of the **75th** session of the **United Nations General Assembly**.

**Bozkir** was running uncontested. He won unanimous support from the **178** UN member states that were present in voting that was conducted by secret ballot. He will take over from **Tijjani Muhammad-Bande**.

**Kubatbek Boronov appointed as Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan:**

**Kubatbek Boronov** was appointed as **Kyrgyzstan's** Prime Minister. Kyrgyzstan's President **Sooronbai Jeenbekov** signed an order to appoint him. He succeeded **Mukhammedkalyi Abylgazyev** who resigned against corruption.

**Former RBI governor Urjit Patel appointed as chairman of NIPFP:**

Former **Governor** of Reserve Bank of India **Urjit Patel** who resigned from his post in Dec 2018 has been appointed as the chairman of the New Delhi Based economic think tank **National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)** for a period of **four years**. He replaces **Dr Vijay Laxman Kelkar**.

**Axis Bank's Pralay Mondal to join Catholic Syrian Bank:**

**Pralay Mondal**, who recently resigned as executive director and head of retail banking at **Axis Bank**, is likely to soon join private sector lender **CSB Bank (Catholic Syrian Bank)** at a senior position.

**JSW Cement unveils "Leader's Choice" campaign with Sourav Ganguly and Sunil Chhetri as brand ambassadors:**

**JSW Cement** has brought on board former Indian cricket captain & current President of the **Board of Control for Cricket in India** (BCCI) **Sourav Ganguly** and Captain of India's National Football Team & Bengaluru FC, **Sunil Chhetri** as its brand ambassadors. The company is rolling out its new marketing campaign **"Leader's Choice"** featuring both these sports icons on June 20th across **West Bengal, Bihar** and **Odisha**.



## **Nirakar Pradhan takes over as Professional Risk Managers International Association chief:**

The Professional Risk Managers' International Association has appointed **Dr Nirakar Pradhan**, CFA, as the Chief Executive Officer of its new India office. Pradhan has led teams at State Bank of India.

## **RBI approves re-appointment of Prakash Chandra as non-exec Chairman of RBL Bank:**

**Reserve Bank of India** has approved the re-appointment of **Prakash Chandra**, Independent Director, as **Non-Executive** (Part-Time) Chairman of Private sector lender RBL Bank till July 23, 2021.

## **National champion Niki Poonacha elected to International Tennis Federation panel:**

National champion **Niki Poonacha** has been elected to the **International Tennis Federation (ITF)** men's player panel and will represent the Asia-Oceania zone along with **Ti Chen of Chinese Taipei**.

The ITF also has a women's player panel with **Akgul Amanmuradova** of **Uzbekistan**.

The men's and women's panels will be headed by **Mark Woodforde** and **Mary Pierce**, respectively.

## **Jaideep Nandi appointed as new MD of Bajaj Consumer Care:**

**Bajaj Consumer Care Limited** has appointed **Jaideep Nandi** as its new Managing Director. **Nandi** is currently the company's Chief Executive Officer and will take over as the managing director effective 1 July. He will succeed **Sumit Malhotra**.

## **BMW India appoints Vikram Pawah as new president Succeed Rudratej Singh:**

**German** luxury car maker **BMW** appoints **Vikram Pawah** as the president of **BMW Group India** effective August 1, 2020, in addition to his current role as chief executive officer of BMW Group **Australia** and **New Zealand**. Vikram Pawah succeeds **Rudratej Singh** after his sudden death.

## **Vijay Khanduja appointed India's next envoy to Zimbabwe:**

**Vijay Khanduja**, presently Director in the **Ministry of External Affairs** (MEA), has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to **Zimbabwe**.

## **RBI re-nominates Natarajan Chandrasekaran as Director of its Central board:**

"The Central Government has re-nominated **Natarajan Chandrasekaran** as a **part-time non-official Director** on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India, for a further period

of **two years** beyond March 3, 2020, or until further orders, whichever is earlier."

**Colin Shah takes over as Chairman and Vipul Shah elected as the Vice Chairman of GJEPC:**

The **Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC)**, apex body for gems and jewellery trade in India, under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce announced the appointment of **Colin Shah** as the **Chairman** of **GJEPC**.

Colin Shah will take charge as Chairman from the outgoing Chairman **Pramod Kumar Agrawal**. Also, **Vipul Shah** has been elected and appointed as the **Vice Chairman** of GJEPC.

**Indian-American Scientist Sethuraman Panchanathan To Head National Science Foundation:**

The US Senate has confirmed the appointment of Indian-American scientist **Sethuraman Panchanathan** as the Director of the **National Science Foundation (NSF)**. Dr Panchanathan, also known as "**Panch**" among family and friends, is set to head the top American science funding body supporting fundamental research in non-medical fields of **Science and Engineering**.

**Rishi Sunak appoints Indian-origin CEO Nikhil Rathi as UK financial Regulatory:**

UK Chancellor of the Exchequer **Rishi Sunak** appointed Indian-origin chief of the London Stock Exchange **Nikhil Rathi** as the new chief

executive of the UK's **Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)**. He will succeed FCA's interim CEO **Christopher Woolard**.

**T. Rabi Sankar appointed as Chairman & Dr N Rajendran as CEO of IFTAS:**

**Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services (IFTAS)** a wholly owned subsidiary of **Reserve Bank of India** announces the appointments of Shri. **T Rabi Sankar** as the Chairman and **Dr N Rajendran** as the CEO of the organization effective May 15 & May 27 respectively.

**Standard Chartered appoints Gaurav Maheshwari as CFO-India:**

**Standard Chartered Bank**, India has appointed **Gaurav Maheshwari** as its new **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)** effective June 22, 2020. Maheshwari has taken over from **Subhradeep Mohanty**, who was promoted as the CFO for the **Africa & Middle East (AME)** region.

**Wasim Jaffer Appointed Head Coach Of Uttarakhand Cricket Team:**

Former India opener and domestic stalwart **Wasim Jaffer** has been appointed head coach of the **Uttarakhand Cricket Team** for the upcoming domestic season.

The **highest run-getter** in **Ranji Trophy**, Jaffer had announced retirement in March this year after playing for over two decades, primarily for domestic giants **Mumbai** and **Vidarbha**.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

### **Indian Army Major Suman Gawani First Indian Peacekeeper to Win UN Military Gender Award:**

Woman peacekeeper and Indian Army officer, **Major Suman Gawani** is selected for the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award. Recognized for her work her campaign against sexual violence, she is the first Indian Peacekeeper to win the award.

She was described as 'powerful role model' by the UN Chief.

### **Indian American Scientist Rajiv Joshi Wins 'Inventor of The Year' Award In New York:**

Prolific Indian American inventor **Rajiv Joshi**, with more than 250 patented inventions, has bagged the prestigious Inventor of the Year award for his pioneering work in advancing the electronic industry and improving Artificial Intelligence capabilities.

### **IBM scientist Rajiv Joshi wins NYIPLA Inventor of the year Award 2020:**

Indian-American IBM scientist, **Rajiv Joshi** has bagged the prestigious NYIPLA "Inventor of the Year award" for the year 2020. This award is given for his contribution to advancing the electronic industry and improving artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities.

### **TCS Wins Two Stevie Awards for 2019**

#### **TCS New York City Marathon App:**

**Tata Consultancy Services**, a leading global IT service, consulting and business solutions organization, has won **two Stevies** in the 2020 American Business Awards, the nation's premier business awards program, for the 2019 TCS New York City Marathon app.

#### **Anish Kapoor tops list of "Most Successful Indian Artists Alive Today 2020":**

London-based **Anish Kapoor**, 66, has topped the **Hurun India Art List 2020** for the second year. New Delhi-based painter **Rameshwar Broota** 79, shot up 9 places to second place with sales of Rs 11.89 crores, followed by modernist painter Krishen Khanna, 95, in third place with Rs 6.87 crores. The top artists also include **Raqib Shaw, Arpita Singh, Sakti Burman, Subodh Gupta, Atul Dodiya, Thota Vaikuntam and Jitish Kallat.**

#### **SA scientist Quarraisha Abdool Karim wins R10m French prize:**

Acclaimed HIV researcher Professor **Quarraisha Abdool Karim**, who found that a topical gel could stop many women catching the virus, has been awarded one of France's top science prizes.

Abdool Karim won the **€500 000** (about R9 577 995) Christophe Merieux Prize for her work for the Durban-based Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (Caprisa), which she heads.

### **Stefan Manegold Wins 2020 Sigmod Contributions Award:**

CWI researcher **Stefan Manegold** was awarded the **2020 SIGMOD Contributions Award**. It recognizes his innovative work in data management community to encourage scientific reproducibility. **Manegold** was a **pioneer** in encouraging reproducibility in data management

### **Delhi-based NGO wins WHO award:**

**World Health Organization (WHO)** has conferred the World No Tobacco Day Award 2020 to the **Socio-Economic and Educational Development Society (SEEDS)**, an NGO, for its efforts to ban pan masala, gutkha, e-cigarettes and hookah in Bihar and Jharkhand.

**SEEDS** are among the 3 awardees from the **South East Asia region**.

### **Virat Kohli only cricketer in Forbes' 2020 list of world's highest paid athletes:**

India Skipper **Virat Kohli** is the only cricketer to feature in **Forbes'** list of the top **100 highest paid athletes** in the world for the

year **2020**. Kohli is ranked at number **66** with estimated earnings of **\$26 million**.

Tennis legend **Roger Federer** has topped the list for the first time with earnings of USD 106.3 million, rising from fifth place last year. Football icons **Cristiano Ronaldo** and **Lionel Messi** are second and third respectively with earnings of USD 105 and USD 104 million.

The others in the top-10 are **Neymar** (football), **LeBron James** (basketball), **Stephen Curry** (basketball), **Kevin Durant** (basketball), **Tigers Woods** (golf), **Kirk Cousins** (American football) and **Carson Wentz** (American football) .

### **Rohit Sharma nominated for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award:**

BCCI has nominated **Rohit Sharma** for the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award**, India's highest sporting honour. The board has also nominated India fast bowler **Ishant Sharma**, opening batsman **Shikhar Dhawan** and India woman all-rounder **Deepti Sharma** for the Arjuna Award.

World silver-medallist **Amit Panghal** and the seasoned **Vikas Krishan** were nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award by the **Boxing Federation of India**.

BFI has nominated world bronze-winning trio of **Lovlina Borgohain** (69kg), **Simranjit**

**Kaur** (64kg) and **Manish Kaushik** (63kg) for the **Arjuna awards**.

**Indian writer Kritika Pandey wins regional award for Asia in 2020 Commonwealth Short Story Prize:**

The **Commonwealth Short Story Prize** is awarded for the best unpublished short fiction. Commonwealth citizens aged 18 and above are eligible for it.

**Kritika Pandey**, a writer from Ranchi as the regional winner for Asia in the 2020 **Commonwealth Short Story Prize**.

Other winners are: Innocent Chizaram Ilo (Africa), Reyah Martin (Canada and Europe), Brian S Heap (Caribbean) and Andrea E Macleod (Pacific) .

**UST Global Recognized as "IT Service Provider of the Year 2020" by Everest Group:**

UST Global, a leading digital transformation solutions company, announced that it has been named to the list of the Everest Group's **PEAK Matrix Top 20 IT Service Providers of the Year 2020**.

The awards, now in their **fifth year**, recognize IT service providers who have demonstrated consistent leadership in the peak matrix reports issued by **Everest Group**, a consulting and research firm

focused on strategic IT, business services, and sourcing.

**Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw wins EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2020 Award:**

**Biocon Ltd** announced that its Executive Chairperson **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** has been named the **EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2020 (WEOY)** .

Mazumdar-Shaw is the **First Woman** entrepreneur from India and the **third** Indian to win it. She is the second woman worldwide to hold this title following **Olivia Lum** of Hyflux Limited from Singapore in 2011.

**Forbes highest-paid celebrities: Kylie Jenner tops, Akshay Kumar only Indian on the list:**

**Kylie Jenner** and **Kanye West** topped the annual Forbes list of the highest paid celebrities, but sports stars, including Roger Federer and Lionel Messi, dominated the top 10.

Bollywood actor **Akshay Kumar** ranked **52nd** with an estimated earnings of USD 48.5 million(M) & is the only indian featured on the list.

**Javed Akhtar becomes only Indian to win prestigious Richard Dawkins award:**

Lyricist **Javed Akhtar** becomes only Indian to win prestigious **Richard Dawkins award**. He

is an English ethologist, evolutionary biologist & author.

The Richard Dawkins Award is bestowed upon individuals who '**publicly proclaim the values of secularism, rationalism, upholding scientific truth**', since 2003.

**Hyderabad airport receives ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports Platinum Recognition 2020:**

**Hyderabad International Airport** received the highest Platinum Recognition in the **Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2020** in the **15-35 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA)** category for its efficient water management practices.

A statement here said on Friday that on the World Environment Day, ACI **Asia-Pacific** has announced the results of the region's Annual Green Airports Recognition 2020.

**Cricketer Michael Clarke, Lyn Larsen receive Order of Australia honours:**

**Michael Clarke** has been honored in the Queen's Birthday list for Australia with the former cricket captain recognized for both his sporting career and community work.

**Clarke** has been recognised for his "distinguished service to cricket as a player at the national and international level, through leadership roles, and to the community".

**Larsen**, the former Australia Women allrounder, was honoured "for significant service to cricket as a player, selector, manager and coach at the elite level".

**Astronaut Kathy Sullivan Becomes First Woman to Reach deepest point of ocean: Kathy Sullivan**, America's **first female spacewalker**, also became the **first woman** to reach the deepest known point of the ocean.

Sullivan dove to the bottom of the **Challenger Deep** and safely returned in her **submersible vessel**. She is now the eighth person to reach the depth, the lowest point in the **Marianas Trench**, which is about **35,853 feet** under the **Western Pacific Ocean surface**.

**Indian Entrepreneur Renjith Kumar honoured with 'NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal':**

**Renjith Kumar** has bagged the **NASA's** highest form of recognition for a non-governmental individual '**NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal**' for his service through executive leadership, engineering contribution, technical excellence, and customer satisfaction. **RK Chetty Pandipati** was the First Indian to win this award in **2002**.



### **Indian-American soil scientist Rattan Lal gets 2020 World Food Prize:**

Eminent Indian-American soil scientist **Rattan Lal** has been named this year's recipient of the **World Food Prize** for developing and mainstreaming a **soil-centric approach** to increasing food production that conserves natural resources and mitigates climate change.

### **Shobha Sekhar conferred with "Medal of the Order of Australia":**

Indian Musician & founder of **Kalakruthi** music organization in Australia, **Shobha Sekhar** will be conferred the "**Medal of the Order of Australia**". The Montreal-based artiste and lecturer **University of Melbourne**, figures in the Queen's Birthday **2020 Honours List**.

### **Ramon Magsaysay awards, Asia's version of Nobel Prize awards cancelled:**

**Ramon Magsaysay awards**, regarded as Asia's version of the **Nobel Prize**, have been cancelled this year due to the **global pandemic**, the only third time the annual awards were disrupted in six decades.

### **Hyderabad's Deccan Development Society wins Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award:**

Hyderabad-based **Deccan Development Society** has won the **Prince Albert II of**

**Monaco Foundation Award**, one of the most coveted environmental awards in the world for the year 2020.

The award was announced by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Vice President and CEO **Olivier Wenden**.

### **Two Indian firms ZestMoney and Stellapps in World Economic Forum List Of Tech Pioneers For 2020:**

**ZestMoney** and **Stellapp** are the two Indian startups figure in a new list of Tech Pioneers released by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** which described these **100 entities** as future headline-makers addressing global issues with **cutting-edge technology**.

### **Former India football captain IM Vijayan recommended for Padma Shri by AIFF:**

**All India Football Federation (AIFF)** has recommended legendary former skipper **Inivalappil Mani Vijayan** for **Padma Shri**, the country's **fourth highest civilian award**.

The 51-year-old former India striker, who scored **40 goals** in 79 matches for India since making his debut in early 90s, was bestowed the **Arjuna award in 2003**.

He was also awarded the Indian '**Player of the Year**' in 1993, 1997 and 1999. After retiring from football, Vijayan started his

acting career; recently he did a Tamil movie named **Bigil**.

**Nobel-laureate Indian economist Amartya Sen wins 2020 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade:**

**Harvard professor & Nobel-laureate Indian economist Amartya Sen** has won the prestigious Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for his decades-long work on "**Questions Of Global Justice**".

**Mukesh Ambani enters World Top-10 richest list, as net worth jumps to \$64.6 bn:**

**Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani** vaulted into the list of the world's top 10 richest, according to the **Forbes Real-Time Billionaire list**, with his net worth rising \$5.3 billion to **\$64.6 billion** (or Rs 4.9 lakh crore) . RIL has become 1st Indian company to be valued at **\$150 billion**.

**Amazon founder Jeff Bezos** tops the list with a net worth of **\$158.9 billion**, **Bill Gates** is next with \$109.4 billion and **Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg** is fourth at \$86.9 billion.

**Golden Globes 2021 Postponed Due To COVID Pandemic; Oscars, BAFTA Also Rescheduled:**

The **Golden Globe Awards** ceremony for film & television has been postponed to

**February 2021**. The Golden Globes ceremony, which kicks off Hollywood's awards season, will now take place on 28th February instead of its usual slot on the 1st Sunday in January. **Oscars Awards** also rescheduled on **April 25, 2021**.

**Nita Ambani recognised among world's top philanthropists in 2020 by leading US magazine Town & Country:**

**Reliance Foundation chairperson Nita Ambani** has been recognized among the world's top **philanthropists** in 2020 by **Town & Country** magazine's top global philanthropists of 2020. She is the **only Indian** in the list.

**Folk artist Gulabbai Sangamnerkar & Madhuvanti Dandekar to get Lifetime Achievement Award:**

Maharashtra government announced the **Vithabai Narayangaokar** lifetime achievement award to folk artist **Gulabbai Sangamnerkar**.

Sangeetacharya **Annasaheb Kirloskar** award will be conferred upon veteran theatre actress-singer **Madhuvanti Dandekar**.

### RANKINGS:

#### **India Drops 6 Places to be Ranked 23rd in StartupBlink's Global Startup Ecosystems:**

**India** is home to the **third** largest startup ecosystem, but in a latest ranking of global startup ecosystems by **StartupBlink**, India has dropped 6 places to the **23rd spot**. StartupBlink is a global comprehensive startup ecosystem map and research centre.

**Bengaluru** dropped three places to have the **14th rank** in the top cities with the best startups ecosystems, while **Delhi** climbed 3 spots to **15th rank**.

#### **Times Higher Education Asia University Ranking; 8 Indian institutes in top 100:**

India is the third most represented country in the **Times Higher Education (THE)** Asia University Ranking which launched today. While the Indian **Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore** retains its top position in the country by attaining the **36th** spot globally, **Eight** Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have also been featured in the **top 100**.

**IISc Bangalore**( Rank 36), **IIT-Ropar**(Rank 47), **IIT-Kharagpur**(Rank 59),- **IIT-Indore**(Rank 55), **IIT-Delhi**(Rank 65), **IIT-Bombay**(Rank 69), **IIT-Roorkee**(Rank 83),

**Institute of Chemical Technology**(Rank 92) .

Global top 3 Universities: **Tsinghua University, China**(1<sup>st</sup>), **Peking University, China**(2<sup>nd</sup>), **National University of Singapore**(3<sup>rd</sup>) .

#### **India secured 168th rank in the 12th edition of EPI Index:**

India secured **168<sup>th</sup> rank** in the 12th edition of the biennial **Environment Performance Index** (EPI Index 2020) - that measured the environmental performance of 180 countries- and was released by the Yale University on June 4, 2020. India scored **27.6** out of **100**.

#### **Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra top in FSSAI food safety index for 2019-20:**

**Gujarat** have topped an index that ranked states ensuring food safety in 2019-20.

The smaller states, **Goa** came first followed by Manipur and Meghalaya. Among Union Territories, **Chandigarh**, Delhi and Andaman Islands secured top ranks, **FSSAI**.

It was announced during a webinar conducted on the occasion of "**World Food Safety Day**" on June 7, 2020 on the theme "**Food Safety is everyone's business**".

#### **Mumbai most expensive Indian city for expats, 19th most expensive in Asia: Survey:**

According to **Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey'**, Mumbai is the **60th** most expensive city for expatriates globally, while it ranks 19th in Asia. Mumbai is followed by **New Delhi** (101st globally) and **Chennai** (143rd globally), **Bengaluru** (171) & **Kolkata** (185) are the least expensive cities.

The global list was topped by **Hong Kong**, followed by **Ashgabat** (Turkmenistan) in second position. Japan's **Tokyo** and Switzerland's **Zurich** remain in the third and fourth positions,

**Switzerland safest country in the world on COVID-19 safety assessment; India ranks 56<sup>th</sup>:**

India has been ranked **56<sup>th</sup>** out of 200 countries in a comprehensive report on safety and risk assessment of nations tackling Covid-19.

**Switzerland** is the safest country in the world for Covid-19, followed by **Germany** and **Israel**. South Sudan is the most dangerous was ranked at 200th position.

**NIRF Ranking 2020 released, IIT Madras tops the overall list:**

HRD minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** announces the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) India Rankings 2020.

The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** (Tamil Nadu) has topped the list of

'**overall ranking**' category with a score of 85.31 followed by **Indian Institute of Science**, Bengaluru and **Indian Institute of Technology Delhi**.

**QS World University Rankings 2021: 3 Indian Universities Reach Top 200 List:**

QS World University Rankings is actually an annual publication of the university rankings from all over the world by the publisher **Quacquarelli Symonds**.

The Three institutes are IIT's where **IIT Bombay** is ranked at 172nd position; **IISc Bangalore** is at 185th position while **IIT Delhi** is at the 193rd position. Top 3 universities in the World ranking list is **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**, **Stanford University**, **Harvard University**.

**Three DST institutes in top 30 in India in Nature Index 2020:**

**Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science** (IACS), Kolkata (7th rank), **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research** (JNCASR), Bangalore (14th rank) and **S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences** (30<sup>th</sup> rank) .

These are the **three autonomous institutes** of the **Department of Science and Technology** that have been ranked among

the top 30 Indian institutions in the **Nature Index 2020 ratings**.

The Nature Index 2020 ratings have been globally topped by **Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)**, Beijing.

**India ranked 43rd on IMD's World Competitiveness Index; Singapore on top:**

**India** continues to remain ranked **43rd** on an annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by **Institute for Management Development (IMD)**.

**Singapore** has retained its top position on the 63-nation list. **Denmark** has moved up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> position (from 8th last year), **Switzerland** has gained one place to rank 3<sup>rd</sup> and **Venezuela** is at the bottom.

**India ranked 6th as nuclear weapons increased since 2019:**

According to "**SIPRI Yearbook 2020-Armaments, Disarmament and International Security**" of Swedish think tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (**SIPRI**)

**US** tops in the list followed by **Russia** and **UK** respectively. **India** Ranked 6<sup>th</sup>.

**India 9th largest recipient of FDI in 2019: UNCTAD:**

**India** became the world's 9<sup>th</sup> largest recipient of the foreign direct investment in

2019 scoring deals worth **\$51 billion**, according to a report by the United Nations' trade body, the **UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**.

**India 2nd biggest driver of global energy consumption in 2019: BP Statistical Review:**

**India** was **second biggest** growth driver of primary energy consumption in the world, behind **China**, in 2019 even though it witnessed fall in demand in oil and coal, according to **BP Statistical Review**

**India becomes 12th largest holder of US govt securities at April end:**

**India** has become the **12th largest holder** of US government securities at the end of April, with holding worth **157.4 billion dollars**. The data from the **US Treasury Department** showed that after significantly reducing the exposure in March to 156.5 billion dollars, India marginally hiked the holding by 0.9 billion dollars to 157.4 billion dollars the next month.

**India ranks 3rd largest economy in Purchasing Power Parity: World Bank:**

**India** has retained its position as the **3rd-largest** economy in the world in terms of purchasing power parity, even as it is way behind the **US & China**. India accounts for **6.7%** (\$ 8,051-b) out of the world's total of \$119,547 billion of GDP in terms of **PPP (Purchasing Power Parity)**.

### BOOKS AND AUTHORS:

**JK Rowling unveils 'The Ickabog', a new book for children:**

**JK Rowling** announced a brand new children's book, which she is publishing in daily instalments on her website for free. The **Ickabog** is her 1st children's story not to be linked to **Harry Potter**. Chapters of The Ickabog are being published daily until 10 July.

**Indian Author Luke Coutinho's New Book To Promote Benefits Of 'dry Fasting' Diet:**

Indian author and renowned personal lifestyle coach, **Luke Coutinho's** new book, "**The Dry Fasting Miracle: From Deprive to Thrive**". Co-authored by **Sheikh Abdulaziz Bin Ali Bin Rashed Al Nuami**, a member of the Ajman royal family in the UAE, the book will be published under the **Ebury Press** imprint of Penguin Random House.

**Dadabhai Naoroji Biography Released By Dinyar Patel:**

The **Dinyar Patel** authored biography of **Dadabhai Naoroji**, titled, '**Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism**' was released in India by **Harper Collins** and in the United States and UK by Harvard University Press.

**Nobel winner Kazuo Ishiguro's new novel 'Klara and the Sun' out in March 2021:**

Nobel Prize-winning author **Kazuo Ishiguro** will come out with his new novel "**Klara and the Sun**". It will be published by **Faber & Faber** in the United Kingdom, Alfred A. Knopf in the United States and Knopf in Canada on **March 2, 2021**.

**Megha Majumdar's 'A Burning' is blazing up the bestseller list and emerging as the must-read novel of the summer:**

A Book name titled "**A Burning**" Authored by **Megha Majumdar**. The **Penguin Hamish Hamilton** released the debut novel of Megha Majumdar. The 32-year-old New York's writer Megha Majumdar was born and raised in **Kolkata**.

**Author Amish Tripathi launches new book 'Legend of Suheldev':**

**Amish Tripathi** launched his new book - a story about the adventures of the warrior king Suheldev, titled, '**Legend of Suheldev: The King who Saved India**'. Book is set in 11th century India, when Mahmud of **Ghazni** destroyed the **Somnath temple**.



**OBITUARY NEWS:**

**Sri Lankan Minister Arumugan Thondaman passes away:**

Ceylon Workers' Congress [CWC] leader and Sri Lanka Cabinet Minister **Arumugan Thondaman** passed away at 55. Arumugan Thondaman served in President **Gotabaya Rajapaksa's** government as Minister of Community Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure Development.

**Noted Urdu writer & satirist Mujtaba Hussain Passed away:**

Renowned Urdu writer and satirist **Mujtaba Hussain**, who had returned the Padma Shri award to the union government last year, passed away. Hussain was awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award, in 2007 for his contribution to Urdu literature.

**Former Tamil Nadu footballer Shanmugam passes away:**

Former **Tamil Nadu** footballer and coach **R. Shanmugam** passed away aged 77. He attended the **FIFA Coca Cola** coaching course in 1978 & '91, and the Olympic solidarity course in 1996. He has coached ICF, Tamil Nadu and Indian Railways for the Santosh trophy.

**Stanley Ho: Hong Kong's 'king of gambling' dies aged 98:**

**Stanley Ho**, the Hong Kong tycoon credited with turning Macau into world's gambling capital, has passed away. Ho, one of Asia's richest men, was known as the "**king of gambling**".

**M P Veerendra Kumar dies at 84:**

**M P Veerendra Kumar**, the Managing Director of Malayalam daily Mathrubhumi and a member of PTI's Board of Directors, passed away. Veerendra Kumar, a Rajya Sabha MP from **Kerala** and a former union minister.

**Ajit Jogi, First Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Dies At 74:**

**Ajit Jogi**, the former Congress leader, who became the first Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh when the state was born in 2000, has passed away after being hospitalized for three weeks. He was a Veteran Indian Police Service and Indian Administrative Service.

**Veteran lyricist Yogesh passed away at 77:**

Veteran lyricist **Yogesh Gaur** who penned the famous 'Kahin Door Jab Din Dhal Jaaye' and 'Zindagi Kaisi Hai Paheli' in "Anand", passed away. He was 77. Known by his first name in film circles, Yogesh was a prominent lyricist in '70s Hindi cinema.

### **Former Olympic sprint champion Bobby Morrow dies aged 84:**

American sprinter **Bobby Morrow**, who won three gold medals at the **1956** Olympic Games in Melbourne, died on Saturday at the age of 84.

He was named Sports Illustrated's "**Sportsman of the Year**" in 1956 and set 11 ratified world records during his career.

### **Wajid Khan, of composer duo Sajid-Wajid, dies at 42:**

Music director **Wajid Khan**, who made his Bollywood debut in Salman's 1998 was known for his compositions for Salman Khan's popular movies such as 'Wanted', the '**Dabangg**' franchise and 'Ek Tha Tiger', passed away at 42 due to kidney infection complications.

### **Arjun Award winner and Archery coach Jayantilal Nanoma passed away at 34:**

A former international archer-turned-coach **Jayantilal Nanoma** died in a road mishap in **Rajasthan**. Nanoma has many gold and silver medals to his credit in national and international tournaments. Nanoma also won **Arjun Award, Maharana Pratap Award**, etc.,

### **Former Olympic sprint champion Bobby Morrow passes away:**

American sprinter **Bobby Morrow**, who won three gold medals at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, passed away at the age of 84. Morrow won gold in the **100** and **200** meters and anchored the U.S. to victory in the 4x100m relay, in which they set a world record.

### **Former Union Minister, Congress leader P Namgyal passes away:**

Widely respected among Buddhists in **Ladakh**, **Namgyal** was also an agriculturist, and a social worker, besides having interest in sports and music as well. He also served the Pradesh Congress Committee in the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state as secretary general and vice president.

### **BJP Tamil Nadu former president KN Lakshmanan passes away:**

**KN Lakshmanan** was appointed the party's State president and held the post from 1984-89. He also held the post from 1996 to 2000. In 2001, he was elected to the State Assembly from the **Mylapore** constituency in **Chennai**.

### **Former Pakistani cricketer Riaz Sheikh dies at 51:**

Former **Pakistan** first-class cricketer **Riaz Sheikh** became the second professional player in the country to die because of suspected coronavirus. A leg-spinner who

took 116 wickets in 43 first-class matches was at one time considered for national selection.

### **NBA Hall of Famer Wes Unseld passes away:**

**Wes Unseld**, the burly Hall of Famer who led the then-Washington Bullets to the franchise's only **NBA championship**, passed away. In 1988 Unseld was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He was voted a top 50 player in league history in **1996**.

### **Management Guru Pritam Singh dies at 78:**

**Management Guru** and Padma Shri awardee, **Pritam Singh** passed away. He has served as an independent director in several private companies. He was also a former director of **IIM Lucknow** and MDI. He is the author of seven books and over 50 research papers.

### **Filmmaker Basu Chatterjee passes away at 93:**

Filmmaker-screenwriter **Basu Chatterjee**, best known for directing films like Choti Si Baat, Rajnigandha, Baaton Baaton Mein, Ek Ruka Hua Faisla and Chameli Ki Shaadi among more, passed away on Thursday in Mumbai, following age-related ailments.

### **Bollywood lyricist Anwar Sagar passes away:**

Veteran lyricist **Anwar Sagar** passed away. He was 70. Among his notable hits is "Waada Raha Sanam" in Abbas-Mustan's 1992 release, "Khiladi", starring Akshay Kumar, and "Yeh dua hai mere rab se" in the 1992 release, "Sapne Saajan Ke".

### **Senior BJP leader Chandrakanta Goyal died in Mumbai:**

Senior BJP leader **Chandrakanta Goyal**, mother of Railway Minister **Piyush Goyal**, died at her residence in Mumbai due to old age. She was 88. She represented the BJP from the Matunga Assembly constituency in Mumbai for three terms.

### **Former governor and Delhi ex-top cop Ved Marwah dies at 87:**

Former Governor of Mizoram, Manipur, and Jharkhand, **Ved Marwah**, who had also served as the Delhi Police Commissioner in the 1980s, died in Goa. He had also penned a book- 'Uncivil Wars: Pathology of Terrorism in India'.

### **Former India footballer Hamza Koya died of COVID-19 in Kerala:**

Former Indian footballer **Hamza Koya** has died of COVID-19 in Kerala. He was a former football player who represented Maharashtra at the Santhosh Trophy & also an India team member in Nehru trophy. He also played for Mohan Bagan & Mohammedan Sports Clubs.

### **Kannada actor Chiranjeevi Sarja passes away at 39:**

**Kannada** actor **Chiranjeevi Sarja** passed away at 39 due to a cardiac arrest at a private hospital in Bengaluru. He is the grandson of Kannada late actor Shakti Prasad & the nephew of multilingual actor Arjun Sarja.

### **Tamil Nadu lawmaker and DMK MLA J Anbazhagan dies due to Covid-19:**

DMK MLA **J. Anbazhagan** from **Chepauk** became the first VIP victim of coronavirus from Tamil Nadu when he died at the age of 62. A three-time MLA, Anbazhagan was elected to the assembly in 2001, 2011 and 2016.

### **Former Union Water Resources minister Arjun Charan Sethi passed away at 79:**

Former Union minister **Arjun Charan Sethi** passed away at the age of 79. An eight-time **Madhya Pradesh** from Bhadrak Lok Sabha constituency, Sethi was the Union Water Resources Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government from 2000 to 2004.

### **Former TN footballer Balasamy passes away:**

Balasamy former Vice President of Chennai Football Association and assistant secretary of Madras United Club passed away. Balasamy

first played for Don Bosco Oratory in the MFA league.

### **Kurt Thomas, World Champion Gymnast and 'Gymkata' Star, Dies at 64:**

**Kurt Thomas**, the winner of the first **World Championship gold medal** in the history of S. gymnastics, passed away. Thomas, known for his original and daring skills, including the "Thomas Flair" on pommel horse, and the "Thomas Salto" on floor exercise, won a total of eight world medals.

### **Burundi President Pierre Nkurunziza dies of 'cardiac arrest' at 55:**

Burundi's President **Pierre Nkurunziza**, aged 55, has died after suffering a cardiac arrest. After 15 years in power, Mr Nkurunziza was due to step down in August. In 2015, the announcement that he would run for a third term plunged the country into chaos.

### **Manchester United legend Tony Dunne dies aged 78:**

**Tony Dunne**, who was part of the **Manchester United** side who won the European Cup in 1968, has died at the age of 78. **Red Devils** from Shelbourne in 1960 and went on to play in **535 games**, a number that sees him sit eighth on the club's all-time appearances list.

### **Senior SAIL director Atul Srivastava dies of cardiac arrest:**

Senior Steel Authority of India Limited official, **Atul Srivastava**, has died of cardiac arrest here last night, a company. Srivastava assumed charge as Director (Personnel) of SAIL on March 12, 2018.

### **Writer Jas Waters passes away at 39:**

**Jas Waters**, who wrote for shows like This is Us and Kidding, has passed away. Waters was a credited writer on the 2019 film What Men Want, **Showtime's Kidding** and Comedy Central's Hood Adjacent with James Davis, as well as This Is Us in 2017 and 2018.

### **Former Planning Commission Member Vaidyanathan Passed away at 88:**

**Vaidyanathan** was a professor at the **Madras Institute of Development Studies** and Centre for Development Studies, **Thiruvananthapuram**. He had chaired the **Government of India Task Force** on Revival of Cooperative Credit Institutions (2004) and was a member of the **K N Raj Committee** on Taxation of Agricultural Income (1969-70) .

### **Veteran Urdu poet Gulzar Dehlvi passes away at 93:**

Veteran Urdu poet **Anand Mohan Zutshi** 'Gulzar' Dehlvi passed away . He was 93. He was the freedom fighter and a premier 'inquilabi' poet.

### **India's oldest first-class cricketer Vasant Raiji passes away at 100:**

**India's oldest** first-class cricketer **Vasant Raiji** passed away at his residence in Mumbai. The right-handed batsman played nine first-class matches for Mumbai and Baroda in the **1940s**, scoring 277 runs with 68 being his highest score in his decade-long career.

### **Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput passes away at 34:**

Noted Bollywood actor **Sushant Singh Rajput** committed suicide. The actor was 34 years old. Sushant made his film debut in the buddy drama **Kai Po Che!** in 2013, for which he received a nomination for the Filmfare Award for Best Male Debut.

### **Former New Zealand cricketer Matt Poore passed away at 90:**

Former New Zealand cricketer **Matt Poore** has passed away. Poore featured in 14 Tests for the Black Caps, scoring 355 runs and picking up nine wickets between 1953 and 1956. He also played 61 Tests for Canterbury and scored **2,336 runs** and ended up with 68 wickets.

### **Former Lok Sabha MP and Banker Madhavrao Patil passes away at 80:**

Former Lok Sabha MP and founder of **Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank Madhavrao Patil** died. Patil had won from Nashik Lok

Sabha constituency on a Congress ticket in 1998.

## **Former Bangladesh Minister Mohammad Nasim passes away at 72:**

Former Bangladesh Minister and Awami League Presidium member **Mohammad Nasim** passed away in **Dhaka**.

## **Lyricist and painter Padmaja Radhakrishnan passes away:**

Lyricist and painter **Padmaja Radhakrishnan** (68), wife of the late music director MG Radhakrishnan passed away. Besides penning lyrics for a 2013 Malayalam movie '**Mr Bean**', she had also written a number of songs which were composed by her husband.

## **1971 war hero and Maha Vir Chakra awardee Lt Gen Raj Mohan Vohra passed away at 88 due to COVID-19:**

Lieutenant General (retd) **Raj Mohan Vohra** who was a 1971 war hero and a Maha Vir Chakra awardee, has died due to COVID-19. He was born in 1932 in Shimla.

## **Former Goa minister Achyut Usgaonkar dies at 92:**

Former **Goa** Minister and **Daman & Diu** Cabinet Minister **Achyut Kashinath Sinai Usgaonkar**, passed away at 92 in the Goa Medical College and Hospital (located near Panaji) due to age-related ailments.

## **Former Kerala volleyball captain Danikutty David passes away:**

Former Kerala volleyball captain **Danikutty David** passed away at the age of 60. Danikutty represented **Kerala** in 11 National Championships between 1981-1993. The Kerala team captained by him bagged the bronze medal in the National Championships in 1985-86.

## **Tamil Nadu CM's private secretary Damodharan passes away due to Covid-19:**

A Senior official **B J Damodharan** passed away due to Covid-19. Damodharan was working as Private Secretary in CM Palaniswamy's office.

## **Malayalam Director K R Sachidanandan Passes Away:**

Film director, script writer & producer **K R Sachidanandan** popularly known as **Sachy**, died. He passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was on ventilator support. He gave a recent hit movie named Ayyappanum Koshiyum which starred **Prithviraj-Biju Menon**.

## **Veteran economist B.P.R. Vithal passes away at 93:**

Veteran economist & member of the **10th Finance Commission**, IAS **B.P.R. Vithal Baru** passed away at 93 in **Hyderabad**. He



was Secretary, Finance and Planning, government of **Andhra Pradesh**, from 1972 to 1982 and Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board, and Member, Tenth Finance Commission.

## **Veteran Journalist & Freedom Fighter Dinu Ranadive passed away at 95:**

Veteran **journalist** and **freedom fighter** **Dinu Ranadive** passed away at 95 in his residency in **Dadar, Maharashtra** due to a short illness. He was born in 1925 in Dahanu tehsil of adjoining **Palghar district, Maharashtra**.

## **Veteran South Singer-Actor AL Raghavan Passes Away at 80 in Chennai:**

Noted playback singer **A.L. Raghavan** passed away. Born in **Thanjavur** to Lakshmana Bhagavathar, Raghavan entered the film world as a child artiste in the film **Krishna Vijayam**. His song '**Engirunthalam Vaazhga**' has found a lasting place in many hearts.

## **Padma Shri awardee Vidyaben Shah passes away at 97:**

**Padma Shri awardee** and a social worker **Vidyaben Shah** passed away recently. She was a **pioneer** in the field of child welfare as she created the the first Bal Bhavan in **Rajkot** in the 1940s. She also set up the Mahatma Gandhi Sanskritik Kendra in the 1970s to

facilitate the cultural exchange among city residents.

## **Iraqi football legend Ahmad Radhi passes away after battling COVID-19:**

**Iraqi** football legend **Ahmed Radhi** has passed away after diagnosed with COVID-19. Radhi, a striker, led Iraq to victory in the Gulf Cups of 1984 and 1988, when he was voted **Asian footballer of the year**.

## **Legendary Indian left-arm spinner Rajinder Goel passes away at 77:**

India's finest left-arm spinners, **Rajinder Goel** passed away aged 77 after battling long-term illness. In 2017, the **Board of Control for Cricket in India** (BCCI) honoured Rajinder Goel with the **CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award**.

## **Former international kabaddi player Ilaiah passes away at 65:**

**M Ilaiah Yadav**, a former international **kabaddi player** and captain of the state team, breathed his last after battling it hard. Ilaiah, who was undergoing treatment at the Yashoda Hospital in Malakpet for lung infection, was 65 years old.

## **Veteran Kerala singer and actor Pappukutty Bhagavathar dies at 107:**

Veteran Kerala theatre artist, actor and singer **Pappukutty Bhagavathar** passed away in

Kochi at the age of 107. The veteran artist had acted in over 25 Malayalam movies.

### **Former India shooter Pournima Zanane passes away at 42:**

Former Indian Air Rifle Shooter **Pournima Zanane**, an **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)** -licensed coach who suffered from cancer for the past 2 years passed away at the age of 42 in Pune, Maharashtra. She was born in Nanded, Maharashtra.

### **Veteran Journalist And Former MP Vishwa Mohan Gupta Passes Away at 93:**

Former MP and veteran journalist **Vishwa Bandhu Gupta** died. He was associated with the Congress party during the 1980s and he was a Member of Parliament from April 1984 to 1990, representing the state of **Delhi** in the **Rajya Sabha**.

### **Hollywood Director Joel Schumacher passed away:**

Costume designer cum Film Director **Joel Schumacher** who suffered from cancer for the past one year passed away at the age of 80 in **New York**, United States of America(USA) . He was born on August 29, 1939 in New York, USA.

## **SPORTS NEWS:**

### **FIFA and WHO launch campaign to help domestic violence victims amid coronavirus lockdown:**

**FIFA** and **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the European Commission have announced the **#SafeHome** campaign designed to support **women** and **children** at risk of domestic violence during the coronavirus pandemic.

### **Sri Lanka suspends fast bowler Shehan Madushanka:**

**Sri Lanka** fast bowler **Shehan Madushanka** has been suspended from all forms of cricket with immediate effect after he was arrested for alleged possession of illegal drugs (heroin).

### **Long-distance runner Kiranjeet Kaur banned for 4 years by World Athletics' anti-doping body:**

Long – Distance runner **Kiranjeet Kaur**, who won the tata Steel Kolkata 25K among the Indians last year, has been handed a **four-year** ban by World Athletics' anti-doping body (WADA) for returning positive for a banned substance in a test conducted in Doha.

### **SAI to launch Khelo India e-Pathshala, an online coaching programme for grassroot level:**

**Sports Authority of India (SAI)** is all set to launch **Khelo India e-Pathshala** in association with **National Sports Federations (NSF)** with an aim to provide first-ever national-level open online coaching and education programme for **grassroot-level** athletes.

**India to host AFC Women's Asian Cup in 2022:**

**Asian Football Confederation (AFC)** has granted All India Football Federation (AIFF) the rights to host the **AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022** final.

India will host the premier tournament for the second time after staging it in Kozhikode in 1980.

**World Archery Field Championships postponed to 2022:**

2020 **World Archery Field Championships** in **Yankton, USA**, have been postponed until 2022 which was due to take place in September this year at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Centre, the world's largest dedicated archery facility.

**Chelsea women awarded WSL title, Aston Villa win Women's Championship:**  
**Chelsea FC Women** were named the **Women's Super League** champions overtaking **Manchester City** on a points-per-

game record, following the termination of the 2019/20 season last month.

The Blues were in second place but with one game in hand over **Manchester City** who was a point ahead when it was decided the league is to finish prematurely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**India's 800m runner Gomathi handed four-year ban for doping, to lose Asian Championships gold:**

India's **Gomathi Marimuthu** will be stripped off her **2019 Asian Athletics Championships** gold medal after she was handed a four-year ban by the **Athletics Integrity Unit** for testing positive for a banned substance. She is from **Tamil Nadu**.

**AIU Suspended Salwa Eid Naser Missed Four Tests as World 400m Champion:**

Nigerian-born Bahraini runner **Salwa Eid Naser**, who ran the **third-fastest 400m** in history when winning gold at last year's world championships in Doha, is facing a **two-year ban** after being provisionally suspended for missing three drug tests in a 12-month period.

The suspension was by the **Athletics Integrity Unit**, Naser had been issued with a charge for violating **World Anti-Doping Agency** rules.

### **Former European High Jump Champion Alexander Shustov Cops Doping Ban:**

Former European high jump champion **Alexander Shustov** has been banned for 4 years for doping in the latest case from previous years to hit the Russian team, the **Court of Arbitration for Sport** said. He won the gold medal at the European championships- 2010.

### **Former world champion boxer Oleksandr Gvozdyk retires:**

33-year-old Ukrainian lightweight boxing champion **Oleksandr Gvozdyk** also known as "**The Nail**" announced his retirement. He was born on 15th April 1987 in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Gvozdyk won the **WBC title** in December 2018 when he knocked out Adonis Stevenson, who had held the belt for **five years**.

### **India Commonwealth Games gold champion lifter Sanjita Chanu cleared of doping charges:**

**International Weightlifting Federation** (IWF) has cleared India's **K Sanjita Chanu** of anti-doping violation over charges brought up in November 2017 citing "**non conformities**" in the handling of her sample. Chanu is a two-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist—at **Glasgow** in 2014 (48kg) and in Gold Coast in 2018 (53kg) .

### **Belgium on Top, India Remain at 108 in Latest FIFA Rankings:**

India has maintained their **108th** spot in the latest **FIFA** world rankings revealed for the month of June. **Belgium** remains at the summit ahead of **France** and **Brazil**, who complete the podium, while **England** and **Uruguay** continue to fourth and fifth respectively.

### **Fourth edition of Asian Youth Para Games to be held in Bahrain in December 2021:**

**Asian Paralympics Committee (APC)** announced that **Bahrain** will host the fourth edition of the Asian Youth Para Games from December 1 to 10 next year.

An estimated **800 athletes** under 20 years of age are expected to compete in nine sports including **athletics, badminton, powerlifting, swimming and table tennis**.

### **Bayern Munich clinched their eighth straight Bundesliga title:**

**Bayern Munich** secured its **eighth** successive **German Bundesliga** title with two games to spare after beating **Werder Bremen** 1-0 with a goal from **Robert Lewandowski**.

### **Napoli beat Juventus 4-2 on penalties to win sixth Italian Cup:**

**Napoli** stunned **Juventus** 4-2 on penalties after a 0-0 draw to claim the **Coppa Italia** and bring their fiery coach Gennaro Gattuso the first major trophy of his managerial career.

**Azerbaijan's Shakhriyar Mamedyarov wins World Stars Sharjah Online Chess Championship 2020:**

World Stars Sharjah Online Chess Championship 2020 was organized by the **Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club**, on June 12-13, 2020.

**Shakhriyar Mamedyarov** of Azerbaijan beat India's **Pentala Harikrishna** with a score of **7.5** in 10 rounds.

**India Attend 32nd Virtual EAG Plenary Meeting 2020 Chaired by EAG Chairman Mr. Yury Chikhanchin:**

**Indian** officials, including representatives from enforcement agencies, have participated in the **32nd** special Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (**EAG**) plenary meeting 2020, under the aegis of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** .

**WWE announces The Undertaker's retirement:**

Veteran wrestler The **Undertaker** allegedly has announced his retirement from the **World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE)** and this time it seems legit. The Undertaker's Real Name is **Mark "William" Calaway**.

**World Karate Federation provisionally de-recognises Karate Association of India:**

**World Karate Federation** (WKF) has provisionally de-recognized the **Karate Association of India** with immediate effect for infighting and violating the world body's statutes during its elections last year.

**New Zealand's Rachel Priest Announces Retirement from International Cricket:**

**New Zealand** wicketkeeper-batter **Rachel Priest** has announced her retirement from international cricket. Priest played **87 ODIs** and **75 T20Is** for New Zealand, scoring 1694 and 873 runs respectively.

## IMPORTANT DAYS:

DATE	IMPORTANT DAY	THEME
June 1	World Milk Day	"20th Anniversary of World Milk Day"
June 1	Global Day for Parents	"Appreciate all parents throughout the world"
June 3	World Bicycle Day	"The uniqueness, longevity, and versatility of Bicycles"
June 5	World Environment Day	"Celebrating biodiversity"
June 5	World Day Against Speciesism	-
June 6	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	-
June 7	World Food Safety Day	"Food safety, everyone's business"
June 8	World Ocean Day	"Innovation for a sustainable ocean"
June 8	World Brain Tumor Day	-
June 9	World Accreditation Day	"Accreditation: Improving food safety"
June 12	World Day Against Child Labour	"COVID-19: Protect Children from Child Labour, now more than ever"
June 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	"Made to Shine"
June 14	World Blood Donor Day	Theme: "Safe blood saves lives" Slogan: 'Give blood & make the world a healthier place'
June 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	"Building Strong Supports for Elders"
June 15	World Wind Day	-
June 16	International Day of Family Remittances	"Remittances are a lifeline"
June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought	"Food. Feed. Fibre"
June 18	International Picnic Day	-



June 18	Autistic Pride Day	-
June 19	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	-
June 19	World Sickle Cell Day	-
June 19	National Reading Day	
June 20	World Refugee Day	"Every Action Counts"
June 21	World Hydrography Day	"Hydrography – enabling autonomous technologies"
June 21	International Yoga Day	"Yoga for Health - Yoga at Home"
June 21	International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice	-
June 21	International Father's Day (Third Sunday Of June)	-
June 21	World Music Day	-
June 22	World Rainforest Day	-
June 23	United Nations Public Service Day	-
June 23	International Olympic Day	-
June 23	International Widow's Day	"I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights"
June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	"Better Knowledge for Better Care."
June 26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	-
June 30	World Asteroid Day	-

**ENGLISH VOCABULARY:**

**Q.1) Introvert (noun) :**

**Meaning:** a shy, reticent person.

**Synonyms:** brooder, egoist, egotist, loner

**Antonyms:** extrovert

**Usage:** The Major Maintainer hadn't merely been switched to Introvert.

**Q.2) Altruist (noun) :**

**Meaning:** a person unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others

**Synonyms:** charitable, humanitarian, magnanimous, philanthropic

**Antonyms:** stingy, uncharitable, selfish

**Usage:** It was altruistic he knew, gentle he was sure, educational he was positive.

**Q.3) Futile (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** incapable of producing any useful result; pointless.

**Synonyms:** insufficient, trivial, unproductive, unprofitable

**Antonyms:** effective, fruitful, helpful, productive

**Usage:** The effort to make them "disgorge" is as continual as it is noisy, and, as a rule, futile.

**Q.4) Inhibit (verb) :**

**Meaning:** hinder, restrain, or prevent (an action or process) .

**Synonyms:** prohibit, restrain, stymie

**Antonyms:** allow, assist, encourage

**Usage:** To close the path means to inhibit the idea which demands such action.

**Q.5) Ambivert (noun) :**

**Meaning:** a person who has a balance of extrovert and introvert features in their personality.

**Synonyms:** schizoid, phlegmatic, melancholic, choleric

**Usage:** John is an ambivert that likes to go to parties but also enjoys having his alone time.

**Q.6) Cynical (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity.

**Synonyms:** contemptuous, derisive, ironic, misanthropic

**Antonyms:** believing, hopeful, optimistic

**Usage:** Armorer spoke with suave politeness, but there was a cynical gleam in his eye.

**Q.7) Mortal (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** causing or liable to cause death; fatal.

**Synonyms:** dire, fatal, grievous, grim

**Antonyms:** good, harmless, life-giving

**Usage:** They were fabled as seven sisters, and one lost her place in the sky by marrying a mortal.

## **Q.8) Misogamist (noun) :**

**Meaning:** a person who hates marriage

**Synonyms:** discrimination, prejudice, chauvinism

**Antonyms:** misandry, philogyny

**Usage:** When he and I dwelt there together, the pavilion had been a temple of misogyny.

## **Q.9) Ascetic (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** characterized by severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons.

**Synonyms:** austere, disciplined, abstinent, spartan

**Usage:** Saint and sinner, ascetic and worldling, united in its practice.

## **Q.10) Austerity (noun) :**

**Meaning:** sternness or severity of manner or attitude.

**Synonyms:** rigor, acerbity, asperity, astringence

**Antonyms:** informality, kindness, mildness

**Usage:** Sunday comes, and brings with it a day of general gloom and austerity.

## **Q.11) Downtrodden (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** oppressed or treated badly by people in power.

**Synonyms:** distressed, exploited, needy

**Antonyms:** rich, wealthy, happy

**Usage:** In the first place, she was a poor, downtrodden woman; in the second, she was their broker.

## **Q.12) Epidemic (noun) :**

**Meaning:** a widespread occurrence of an infectious disease in a community at a particular time.

**Synonyms:** contagious, endemic, infectious

**Antonyms:** limited

**Usage:** Then, too, when our artist friend was with us we were in the grasp of an epidemic of cholera.

## **Q.13) Troop (noun) :**

**Meaning:** soldiers or armed forces.

**Synonyms:** army, contingent, crew, delegation

**Antonyms:** individual, one

**Usage:** Gen. Marion had rallied a troop there, and checked the pursuit.

## **Q.14) Dominion (noun) :**

**Meaning:** sovereignty or control.

**Synonyms:** bailiwick, command, commission

**Antonyms:** submission, subordination

**Usage:** John had been under her dominion, and proceeded to persuade her.

## **Q.15) Opacity (noun) :**

**Meaning:** the quality of lacking transparency or translucence.

**Synonyms:** darkness, murkiness, obscurity

**Usage:** The cause of this opacity is generally quick boiling while the meat is in.

**Q.16) Isolation (noun) :**

**Meaning:** the process or fact of isolating or being isolated.

**Synonyms:** confine, detach, disconnect

**Antonyms:** attach, combine, connect

**Usage:** Like Hermione, he wished to isolate Vere, to preserve her as she was in character.

**Q.17) Finality (noun) :**

**Meaning:** the fact or impression of being final and irreversible.

**Synonyms:** certitude, completeness, decisiveness

**Antonyms:** fraction, incompleteness

**Usage:** "The stolen goods were found in her locker," Gilder declared in a tone of finality.

**Q.18) Revamp (verb) :**

**Meaning:** give new and improved form, structure, or appearance to.

**Synonyms:** clean, overhaul, refurbish

**Antonyms:** break, damage, destroy

**Usage:** She would learn how to keep her own bank-account and revamp her arithmetic.

**Q.19) Antithesis (noun) :**

**Meaning:** a person or thing that is the direct opposite of someone or something else.

**Synonyms:** antipode, contra, contradictory

**Antonyms:** same, similarity

**Usage:** He was only misled by his love of antithesis into a hasty and illogical remark.

**Q.20) Pandemic (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** (of a disease) prevalent over a whole country or the world.

**Synonyms:** broad, catholic, common

**Antonyms:** abnormal, exclusive, extraordinary

**Usage:** Uranian Aphrodite was distinguished from her Pandemic sister by chastened lust-repelling loveliness.

**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 venturous 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) ATTUNE (Verb) :**

**Meaning:** Bring into accord, harmony, or sympathetic relationship

**Synonym:** adapt, acclimatize

**Antonym:** disharmonize

**Usage:** A new parent has to attune to a baby's schedule and personality.

## **Q.32) IRREFUTABLE (Adjective) :**

**Meaning:** Impossible to disapprove or deny.

**Synonym:** unquestionable, incontrovertible,

**Antonym:** unreliable

**Usage:** I had to admit her argument had an irrefutable logic to it.

## **Q.33) DEMEANOR (Noun) :**

**Meaning:** Behavior towards others.

**Synonym:** attitude, appearance

**Antonym:** Propriety, proper

**Usage:** When playing poker, don't let your demeanor give away how good your cards are.

## **Q.34) BEACON (noun) :**

**Meaning:** a light or other visible object serving as a signal, warning, or guide at sea, on an airfield, etc.

**Synonym:** bonfire, smoke

**Antonym:** blacken, darken

**Usage:** There stands on the shore the familiar beacon of the Cloch.

## **Q.35) SURREPTITIOUSLY (adverb) :**

**Meaning:** in a way that attempts to avoid notice or attention; secretly.

**Synonym:** restricted, hidden

**Antonym:** open, overt

**Usage:** He made a surreptitious recording with a concealed hand-held machine

## **Q.36) SHOED (verb) :**

**Meaning:** make (a person or animal) go away by waving one's arms at them, saying 'shoo', or otherwise acting in a discouraging manner.

**Synonym:** scam, begone

**Antonym:** attack, arrive

**Usage:** Martha shooed me away.

## **Q.37) DEMEAN (verb) :**

**Meaning:** cause a severe loss in the dignity of and respect for (someone or something) .



**Synonyms:** degrading, humiliating, inglorious, abject

**Antonyms:** admire, elevate, honor, laud

**Usage:** We should not demean any profession.

**Q.38) RELENT (verb) :**

**Meaning:** to cease resistance (as to another's arguments, demands, or control) .

**Synonyms:** concede, give in, submit, succumb.

**Antonyms:** combat, confront, counter, defy.

**Usage:** Because my mother is very angry, she won't relent on my severe punishment.

**Q.39) PROFANE (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** vulgar and inappropriate

**Synonyms:** coarse, nasty

**Antonyms:** kind, polite

**Q.40) REVERE (verb) :**

**Meaning:** feel deep respect or admiration for (something)

**Synonyms:** respect, admire, cherish, appreciate.

**Antonyms:** blaspheme, desecrate, profane, violate.

**Usage:** If you want to achieve any goal, revere the process & success will follow.

**Q.41) EXTOL (Verb) :**

**Meaning:** praise enthusiastically.

**Synonyms:** eulogize, acclaim

**Antonyms:** criticize

**Usage:** I got angry when my mother would extol my brother's accomplishments and ignore all the good things I did.

**Q.42) DYNAMISM (noun) :**

**Meaning:** the fact of two or more events or circumstances happening or existing at the same time.

**Synonym:** beans, bounce, brio, dash, drive, energy, Esprit

**Antonym:** lethargy, listlessness, sluggishness, torpidity

**Usage:** Voters were attracted to the young challenger's dynamism, charisma, and progressive ideas.

**Q.43) EERILY (adverb) :**

**Meaning:** in a strange and frightening manner.

**Synonyms:** hauntingly, creepily, scarily, spookily.

**Antonyms:** dulcetly, pleasingly, pleasantly, agreeably.

**Usage:** In front of him stood a masked man clutching a knife in one hand, grinning eerily at him.

**Q.44) VALIANT (Adjective) :**

**Meaning:** possessing or showing courage or determination.

**Synonyms:** brave, fearless, courageous, valorous

**Antonyms:** cowardly, irresolute

**Usage:** Firemen are valiant individuals who put their lives on the line to save others.

## **Q.45) HEDGE (Verb) :**

**Meaning:** limit or qualify (something) by conditions or exceptions.

**Synonyms:** confine, restrict, limit, hinder, obstruct,

**Antonyms:** absolute, certainty

Example: She was hedged in by her imperfect education.

## **Q.46) HARK (verb) :**

**Meaning:** to pay attention especially through the act of hearing

**Synonym:** attend, harken, hear, hearken, heed, listen, mind

**Antonym:** ignore, tune out

**Usage:** Upon hearing the offending ringing, the teacher sarcastically cried, "Hark! Could that possibly be a cell phone?"

## **Q.47) ENFEEBLEMENT (Noun) :**

**Meaning:** a gradual sinking and wasting away of mind or body

**Synonym:** decaying, declension, decline, degeneration, descent, deterioration

**Antonym:** comeback, improvement, rally, recovery, recuperation, rehabilitation

**Usage:** Daily exercise can help to halt some of the enfeeblement that comes with advanced years.

## **Q.48) SPLURGE (verb) :**

**Meaning:** to spend extravagantly or ostentatiously.

**Synonyms:** squander, fling, dissipate, disburse.

**Antonyms:** accumulate, hoard, conserve, preserve

**Usage:** I feel like splurging on a new dress.

## **Q.49) REFRACTORY (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** stubborn or unmanageable.

**Synonyms:** recalcitrant, obstreperous, insubordinate, intractable.

**Antonyms:** obedient, manageable, amenable, compliant.

**Usage:** Most teenagers go through a refractory phase where they don't want to listen to authority figures.

## **Q.50) BEDECK (verb) :**

**Meaning:** to decorate or cover.

**Synonyms:** adorn, bedizen, embellish, emblaze.

**Antonyms:** denude, blemish, deface, disfigure.

**Usage:** The cars were all bedecked with flowers for the wedding ceremony.

## **Q.51) Precarious (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** dependent on chance; uncertain.

**Synonyms:** unsure, unpredictable, doubtful, dubious.

**Antonyms:** certain, stable, confirmed, definite.

**Usage:** As Finance Secretary I found that the finances of the state were in a precarious condition.

**Q.52) ENVIRON (verb) :**

**Meaning:** surround; enclose.

**Synonyms:** encircle, envelop, cloak, swathe.

**Antonyms:** unbridle, free, open, release.

**Usage:** The stone circle was environed by an expanse of peat soil.

**Q.53) CONFOUND(Verb) :**

**Meaning:** to mix up or confuse

**Synonyms:** confuse, puzzle

**Antonyms:** confirm, verify

**Usage:** Without instructions, this unusual game will confound anyone.

**Q.54) DESPOTIC (Adjective) :**

**Meaning:** of or typical of a despot; tyrannical.

**Synonyms:** autocratic, dictatorial, totalitarian, authoritarian,

**Antonyms:** democratic, accountable

**Usage:** Under orders from the despotic ruler, citizens were denied freedom of speech.

**Q.55) GRISLY (Adjective) :**

**Meaning:** causing horror or disgust.

**Synonyms:** gruesome, ghastly, frightful, horrid,

**Antonyms:** pleasant, attractive

**Usage:** Many massacres in history fade while some linger as grisly curiosities.

**Q.56) Mellow (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** (especially of a sound, flavor, or color) pleasantly smooth or soft; free from harshness.

**Synonyms:** dulcet, euphonious, melodious, mellifluous, mellifluent.

**Antonyms:** rugged, abrading, gruff, abrasive, harsh.

**Usage:** His mellow voice and his qualitative speech made everyone applaud him

**Q.57) Jeer (noun) :**

**Meaning:** a rude and mocking remark.

**Synonyms:** hoot, ridicule, scuff, taunt

**Antonyms:** compliment, praise, flatter

**Usage:** Virat Kohli asked the crowd not to jeer Steve Smith

**Q.58) Indigenous (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.

**Synonyms:** native, innate, inborn, primitive, congenital

**Antonyms:** alien, foreign

**Usage:** They were our indigenous peoples, our first peoples, our first speakers, and our first hearers.

**Q.59) Intimidate (verb) :**

**Meaning:** frighten or overawe (someone), especially in order to make them do what one wants.

**Synonyms:** dishearten, dismay, terrify

**Antonyms:** please, praise

**Usage:** Her boss intimidates her

**Q.60) Torrid (Adjective) :**

**Meaning:** Very hot and dry

**Synonym:** hot, sweltering,

**Antonym:** Cold, cool, wet

**Usage:** the equator into the south torrid zone.

**Q.61) EMANCIPATE(Verb) :**

**Meaning:** to give people social or political freedom and rights

**Synonyms:** liberate, loosen

**Antonyms:** detain, hold

**Usage:** It neither made him be human to his slaves nor to emancipate them.

**Q.62) Desalination (Noun) :**

**Meaning:** the process of removing salt from seawater.

**Synonym:** Chemical change, chemical action

**Antonym:** Salinate, stay

**Usage:** Desalination capacity, increasing electrical generation, and distribution.

**Q.63) 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.

**Q.64) 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.

**Q.65) Drought (Noun) :**

**Meaning:** a prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water.

**Synonym:** dry spell, dry period,

**Antonym:** abundance, adequacy,

**Usage:** Heat and drought had continued for more than three weeks.

**Q.66) FERVOUR (Noun) :**

**Meaning:** great warmth and earnestness of feeling

**Synonym:** ardor, passion, zeal.

**Antonym:** impassiveness, impassivity, insensibility, insensibleness

**Usage:** Surprised by the fervor that her parents' old love letters contained when she discovered them in the attic.

**Q.67) EVANGELIZE (noun) :**

**Meaning:** to try to convert (a group or area) to a different religion (especially Christianity)

**Synonym:** lecture, platitudinize, preach, preachify, sermonize

**Antonym:** deconvert, dissuade, endure, hold, idle, keep

**Usage:** The missionaries set out to evangelize the world.

**Q.68) 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:** Having just come into existence a few years ago, the new political party is considered inchoate by many historians.

**Q.69) IDOLIZE(verb) :**

**Meaning:** to adore, admire, or love greatly

**Synonyms:** admire, acknowledge

**Antonyms:** dislike, disrespect

**Usage:** She wanted someone to idolize her for her strong work ethic.

**Q.70) DENUDE (Verb) :**

**Meaning:** strip (something) of its covering, possessions, or assets.

**Synonyms:** divest, deprive, bare, uncover

**Antonyms:** cover

**Usage:** He proceeded to denude the statue, fronting the church bishop's podium.

**Q.71) INVIGORATE (Verb) :**

**Meaning:** to give life, vigor, or spirit to

**Synonym:** amp (up), animate, brace, energize, enliven, fillip, fire

**Antonym:** damp, dampen, deaden, dull, kill

**Usage:** The fresh air and sunshine invigorated the children after a long winter indoors.

**Q.72) STIRRING (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** causing excitement or strong emotion; rousing.

**Synonym:** exciting, thrilling

**Antonym:** boring, pedestrian

**Usage:** Rhyn looked up, anger stirring again.

**Q.73) HARNESSSED (verb) :**

**Meaning:** put a harness on (a horse or other draught animal) .

**Synonym:** saddle, yoke

**Antonym:** unhitch

**Usage:** The team was harnessed and ready to go.

**Q.74) SUBTLER: (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** clever at attaining one's ends by indirect and often deceptive means

**Synonyms:** artful, beguiling, cagey, crafty, cunning, cute, designing, devious, foxy, guileful, scheming, shrewd, slick, sly, tricky, wily

**Antonyms:** artless, guileless, ingenuous, innocent

**Usage:** There have been many subtler, more original and more systematic thinkers about the conditions of the social union.

**Q.75) STULTIFY (verb) :**

**Meaning:** cause to lose enthusiasm and initiative, especially as a result of a tedious or restrictive routine.

**Synonyms:** hamper, impede, obstruct, thwart, suppress, smother, repress, counteract, trammel, restrain.

**Antonyms:** consolidate, augment, glorify, exacerbate, exalt, stir, elevate, accentuate, strengthen.

**Usage:** By referencing actual statistics, he was able to stultify his opponent's argument.

**Q.76) PROFFER: (verb) :**

**Meaning:** to put before another for acceptance or consideration

**Synonyms:** extend, offer, tender, propose, give in, submit.

**Antonyms:** decline, deny, disallow, disapprove, negative, reject.

**Usage:** It is the ultimate manifestation of the marketplace of ideas; the more people who proffer their ideas to the world, the better the outcome will be for us all.

**Q.77) SCEPTICAL (Adjective) :**

**Meaning:** not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations.

**Synonyms:** dubious, doubtful, unconvinced

**Antonyms:** certain, convinced, optimistic

**Usage:** it's good to be skeptical about what you see on TV.

**Q.78) REMINISCE (Verb) :**

**Meaning:** indulge in enjoyable recollection of past events.

**Synonyms:** recall, remind

**Antonyms:** disregard, ignore

**Usage:** As soon as the veterans get together, they reminisce about their service days.

**Q.79) AMBIVALENT (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.

**Synonym:** equivocal, uncertain

**Antonym:** unequivocal, certain

**Usage:** Frank was ambivalent about his breakup with Jane.

**Q.80) LANGUID (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** (of a person, manner, or gesture) having or showing a disinclination for physical exertion or effort.

**Synonym:** relaxed, unhurried

**Antonym:** energetic, active

**Usage:** The heat makes Helen languid and quiet.

**Q.81) CULMINATION (noun) :**

**Meaning:** the highest or climactic point of something, especially as attained after a long time.

**Synonym:** climax, pinnacle, peak.

**Antonym:** nadir, base, bottom.



**Usage:** Their arrest was the culmination of an operation in which 120 other people were detained.

**Q.82) EVANGELIZE (noun) :**

**Meaning:** to try to convert (a group or area) to a different religion.

**Synonym:** lecture, platitudinize, preach, preachify, sermonize

**Antonym:** deconvert, dissuade, endure, hold, idle, keep

**Usage:** The missionaries set out to evangelize the world.

**Q.83) ABDICATE (Verb) :**

**Meaning:** (of a monarch) renounce one's throne.

**Synonyms:** resign, retire

**Antonyms:** keep, come, continue

**Usage:** Because the mother chose to abdicate her role as a parent, her children have become the terrors of the neighborhood

**Q.84) INFAMOUS (adjective) :**

**Meaning:** having a negative reputation

**Synonyms:** hateful, vile

**Antonyms:** gentle, good

**Usage:** The singer is infamous for his loud costumes.

**Q.85) HIATUS (Noun) :**

**Meaning:** a pause or break in continuity in a sequence or activity.

**Synonyms:** pause, break, interval, interruption, suspension

**Antonyms:** closure, juncture, misfortune

**Usage:** The professor will take his family on a long vacation during his hiatus.

**Q.86) REMINISCE (Verb) :**

**Meaning:** indulge in enjoyable recollection of past events.

**Synonyms:** recall, remind

**Antonyms:** disregard, ignore

**Usage:** As soon as the veterans get together, they reminisce about their service days.

**Q.87) DEBASE (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.88) DETERRENT(noun) :**

**Meaning:** a thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.

**Synonyms:** disincentive, discouragement

**Antonyms:** incentive, encouragement

**Usage:** The nuclear deterrent has maintained an uneasy peace.

**Q.89) ENVIRON (verb) :**

**Meaning:** surround; enclose.

**Synonyms:** encircle, envelop, wrap, swathe.

**Usage:** The stone circle was environed by an expanse of peat soil.

## Q.90) 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.

## Q.91) Throng (Noun) ;

**Meaning:** A crowd of people or animals

**Synonym:** stream, swarm, flock,

**Antonym:** scantling, take apart

**Usage:** we parked the car and made our way to the little tearoom, packed with throngs of tourists.

## Q.92) Amend (verb) ;

**Meaning:** make minor changes to (a text, piece of legislation, etc.) in order to make it fairer or more accurate, or to reflect changing circumstances.

**Synonyms:** alter, enhance, lift, modify

**Antonyms:** lower, worsen, break

**Usage:** I was for going to Wiscasset, like two prodigals, own our fault, and endeavor to amend.

## Q.93) Substantive (adjective) ;

**Meaning:** having a firm basis in reality and so important, **Meaningful**, or considerable.

**Synonym:** biggish, considerable

**Antonym:** inconsequential, inconsiderable

**Usage:** The State Department reported that substantive discussions had taken place with Beijing. Also Read,

## Q.94) Accrual (Noun) ;

**Meaning:** the accumulation or increase of something over time, especially payments or benefits.

**Synonym:** result, arise

**Antonym:** abatement, decline

**Usage:** Do not confuse limitations on the accrual of benefits with limitations on deductible contribution.

## Q.95) Conspire (verb) ;

**Meaning:** make secret plans jointly to commit an unlawful or harmful act.

**Synonym:** collude, connive,

**Antonym:** Neglect, disagree

**Usage:** The Culprit conspired to overthrow the government

## Q.96) Sulky (Adjective) ;

**Meaning:** morose, bad-tempered, and resentful; refusing to be cooperative or cheerful.

**Synonyms:** Sullen, surly, pouting, petulant

**Antonyms:** cheerful, amiable

**Usage:** Jay was quite sulky at the graduation party, but he tried to hide his apathetic attitude.

**Q.97) 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:** Having just come into existence a few years ago, the new political party is considered inchoate by many historians.

**Q.98) Conflate (verb) :**

**Meaning:** combine (two or more sets of information, texts, ideas, etc.) into one.

**Synonyms:** amalgamate, converge, unify, fuse.

**Antonyms:** divide, part, separate, rupture.

**Usage:** To conflate art and science, teachers must design activities that blend the two.

**Q.99) Pander (Verb) :**

**Meaning:** gratify or indulge (an immoral or distasteful desire or taste or a person with such a desire or taste) .

**Synonyms:** indulge, gratify, fulfill, humor

**Antonyms:** annoy, frustrate

**Usage:** Because Jim wants his son to value a dollar, he does not pander to his whims by giving him everything he wants.

**Q.100) Peculiar (Adjective) :**

**Meaning:** different from either is normal or expected; strange.

**Synonyms:** strange, unusual, curious, abnormal

**Antonyms:** common, general, indefinite, ordinary

**Usage:** My uncle is a peculiar man who wears the same outfit several days a week.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ**

Q.1) Which of the following Payments Bank has teamed up with the Payments Major, Mastercard to develop customised financial products for farmers, SMEs?

- a) Airtel Payments Bank
- b) Fino Payments Bank
- c) India Post Payments Bank
- d) Jio Payments Bank
- e) Paytm Payments Bank

Q.2) Name the first Indian Peacekeeper to win the UN Military Gender Award?

- a) Colonel Rajiv Joshi
- b) Major Hema Divakar
- c) Major Suman Gawani
- d) Admiral Vinay Badhwar
- e) Vice Admiral GM Hiranandani

Q.3) Which Indian institute which has got first of it's kind Infectious Disease Block facility.

- a) Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences
- b) NIMS University
- c) Kasturba Medical College
- d) All India Institute of Medical Sciences
- e) Christian Medical College

Q.4) Who has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to Singapore?

- a) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- b) Jawed Ashraf

c) Prem K Nair

d) Taranjit Singh Sandhu

e) Periasamy Kumaran

Q.5) Which insurance has launched the modified PM Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) pension scheme recently.

- a) Oriental Insurance Company Limited
- b) New India Assurance Company Limited
- c) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- d) United India Insurance Company Limited
- e) National Insurance Company Limited

Q.6) Which private sector bank has partnered with Maruti Suzuki to offer retail financing schemes to its customers.

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) CUB Bank
- d) YES Bank
- e) Axis Bank

Q.7) The Ickabog book is written by which of the following authors?

- a) Jeffrey Archer
- b) Sidney Sheldon
- c) Agatha Christie
- d) JK Rowling
- e) Rupert Grint

Q.8) Who among the following has been named as the Inventor of the Year for his work in advancing the electronic industry and improving artificial intelligence capabilities ?

- a) Kamlesh Pant
- b) Anand Raj
- c) Deepak Singh
- d) Sushil Talwar
- e) Rajiv Joshi

Q.9) To boost the "Char Dham" project to connect holy towns, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has constructed a 440-meter-long tunnel under the Chamba town of which Indian state/UT?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Sikkim
- d) Uttarakhand
- e) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.10) Name the Indian state which starts Implementation of Solar Fence Farmland Protection Programme.

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka
- e) Gujarat

Q.11) Arumugam Thondaman who passed away recently was a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Politician
- b) Hockey Player
- c) Freedom Fighter
- d) Writer
- e) Vocalist

Q.12) Power Finance Corporation signed an MoU with NBPCL to fund hydro-electric projects to which of the following states?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) Maharashtra

Q.13) India has set up a military war game centre named 'INDIA' recently at which country?

- a) Uganda
- b) Rwanda
- c) Kenya
- d) Congo
- e) Ghana

Q.14) 'Everybody will get employment' scheme was launched in which Indian state in May 2020?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Arunachal Pradesh
- e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.15) What is the name of breathable PPE kit that was developed by Indian navy?

- a) NavyMask
- b) NavRakshak
- c) NavJeevan
- d) NavLite

e) NavPrathik

Q.16) Who has been appointed as President of the National Development Bank?

- a) Carmen Reinhart
- b) K V Kamath
- c) Anil Kishora
- d) Marcos Prado Troyjo
- e) Gita Gopinath

Q.17) Which of the following countries is the world's first to launch the contact-tracing app developed by Google and Apple?

- a) Brazil
- b) China
- c) India
- d) Switzerland
- e) Turkey

Q.18) Name the plan which was part of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), to modernize the fisheries sector.

- a) Mitra Sagar
- b) Swath Sagar
- c) Suman Sagar
- d) Sea Environment
- e) Swachh Sagar

Q.19) Tsai Ing-wen has been re-elected as the president of which country for the 2nd term in May 2020?

- a) Taiwan
- b) Hong Kong
- c) Thailand

d) Tibet

e) Nepal

Q.20) Which company has acquired Amsterdam based Etergo BV to launch 2-wheeler Electric Vehicles?

- a) Maruti Suzuki
- b) Mahindra e-Verito
- c) Hyundai Kona Electric
- d) Tata Nexon EV
- e) Ola Electric

Q.21) Which of the following companies has tied up with TajSATS to provide meals for the medical staff and healthcare workers ?

- a) NTPC
- b) Reliance Industries
- c) Tata Energy
- d) Adani Power
- e) REC Limited

Q.22) The Researchers at which institute have developed a lighter, breathable PPE kit to fight Covid-19?

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Roorkee
- c) IIT Mandi
- d) IIT Delhi
- e) IIT Hyderabad

Q.23) Which of the following educational institutes has developed a lightweight alloy to replace steel, aluminium in cars?

- a) IIT Madras



- b) IIT Roorkee  
c) IIT Mandi  
d) IIT Delhi  
e) IIT Hyderabad
- Q.24) Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Kerala?
- a) Anil Kishora  
b) Vishwas Mehta  
c) R Sreelekha  
d) Rajeswari  
e) Mahesh Palashikar
- Q.25) Which of the following state governments has recently launched a project to maintain health database of all citizens?
- a) Uttar Pradesh  
b) Kerala  
c) Karnataka  
d) Tamil Nadu  
e) Gujarat
- Q.26) Which of the following states recently signed MoUs with NAREDCO and CII to provide jobs to around 9.5 Lakh Migrants?
- a) Jharkhand  
b) Madhya Pradesh  
c) Bihar  
d) Uttar Pradesh  
e) Maharashtra
- Q.27) Who has been appointed as the Financial Advisor at the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) ?

- a) Madhav Kalyan  
b) Leo Puri  
c) Murli Maiya  
d) Kalpana Morparia  
e) Nilesh Sathe
- Q.28) Asian Development Bank and Government of India has signed loan agreement of \$177 million to upgrade roads in which state?
- a) West Bengal  
b) Arunachal Pradesh  
c) Maharashtra  
d) Gujarat  
e) Karnataka
- Q.29) Which state government is working to develop 800 km roads as Herbal roads which will have medicinal and herbal trees on both sides. ?
- a) Kerala  
b) Haryana  
c) Uttar Pradesh  
d) Tamil Nadu  
e) Assam
- Q.30) What will be the contraction in India's GDP rate in FY21 as per estimation of Fitch ratings?
- a) 5%  
b) 4%  
c) 3%  
d) 2%

e) 1%

Q.31) FIFA has collaborated with which organisation to launch a campaign to help domestic violence victims amid the coronavirus lockdown?

- a) World Bank
- b) UNESCO
- c) UNIDO
- d) WHO
- e) UNICEF

Q.32) Who has been appointed as the Wipro's new CEO and MD?

- a) Marcos Troyjo
- b) Jonathan Karp
- c) Anil Kishora
- d) Thierry Delaporte
- e) Mahesh Palashikar

Q.33) Which of the following launched AI Virtual assistant pAi to create Product awareness?

- a) NPCI
- b) NCLT
- c) NTPC
- d) IRDAI
- e) SEBI

Q.34) Banks Board Bureau selects \_\_\_\_\_ as CMD of Oriental Insurance Company.

- a) Prado Troyjo
- b) Paulo James
- c) Anton Siluanov

d) Gopal Krishnan

e) SN Rajeswari

Q.35) Mohit Gupta has been appointed as the co-founder of which company?

- a) Uber
- b) Zomato
- c) Swiggy
- d) Dominos
- e) Foodpanda

Q.36) Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation?

- a) Thierry Delaporte
- b) PR Jaishankar
- c) Jassa Singh Ahluwalia
- d) R S Dhillon
- e) Jonathan Karp

Q.37) Venkataramani Sumantran has been appointed as the Independent Director of which airlines?

- a) Emirates
- b) Air India
- c) IndiGo
- d) GoAir
- e) Spice jet

Q.38) Which of the following state planned to launch 1st of its kind state health register to maintain records of citizens of the state?

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka

c) Maharashtra

d) Gujarat

e) Maharashtra

Q.39) Which Sri Lankan bowler has been suspended from all forms of cricket for alleged possession of illegal drugs ?

a) Avishka Fernando

b) Dhananjaya de Silva

c) Shehan Madushanka

d) Kasun Rajitha

e) Dimuth Karunaratne

Q.40) Which of the following government is preparing a database under the 'Swamitva' scheme to provide land ownership rights to people in rural areas ?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Punjab

c) Kerala

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Haryana

Q.41) Who has been appointed as the new Trustee of the Natural History Museum which is situated in London?

a) S Gopalakrishnan

b) Yadvinder Malhi

c) PR Jaishankar

d) Kasun Rajitha

e) Dimuth Karunaratne

Q.42) RBI recently stopped selling 7.75% govt savings bonds. what was the lock-in period (in years) of the bonds?

a) 3

b) 5

c) 7

d) 4

e) 8

Q.43) Who has been appointed as the director at the PMO?

a) C Sridhar

b) S Gopalakrishnan

c) Meera Mohanty

d) PR Jaishankar

e) None of the above

Q.44) Which state has launched 'Rozgar Setu' Yojana to support and provide employment to the migrant workers?

a) Jharkhand

b) Bihar

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Goa

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.45) which state has launched scheme named "Mukhyamantri Swarozgar Yojana" to retain the migrants who have returned to the state during the lockdown.

a) Telangana

b) Uttarakhand

c) Bihar

d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Maharashtra

Q.46) Which of the following state has sanctions Rs 1,050 crore credit support from NABARD?

a) Maharashtra

b) Karnataka

c) Tamil Nadu

d) West Bengal

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.47) India received the highest FDI for the Financial Year 2019-20 from?

a) Netherland

b) Singapore

c) United States

d) China

e) Maldives

Q.48) Virat Kohli is the only cricketer to feature in Forbes' list of the top 100 highest-paid athletes for the year 2020. which of the following sportsmen took the first place?

a) Cristiano Ronaldo

b) Lionel Messi

c) Roger Federer

d) Rafael Nadal

e) Serena Williams

Q.49) Kiranjeet Kaur was banned by WADA recently. Which of the following sports is she associated with?

a) Squash

b) Football

c) Shot put

d) Boxing

e) Athlete

Q.50) Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India's advisory committee on service providers?

a) Manoj Pande

b) Arun Singh

c) Akhil Gupta

d) Mohandas Pai

e) Bimal N Patel

Q.51) Which of the following NGOs was conferred with the WHO's World No Tobacco Day Award 2020?

a) Kathar

b) SEEDS

c) HELP

d) CARE

e) PRAISE

Q.52) Who has been appointed as the 15th Commander-in-Chief of Andaman and Nicobar Command?

a) Shankar Rajeshwar

b) Manoj Pande

c) Rajaram

d) Shakthi Das

e) Eshwar

Q.53) Arun Singhal appointed as the CEO of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) IRDAI
- b) FSSAI
- c) NASSCOM
- d) FICCI
- e) SIDBI

Q.54) \_\_\_\_\_ is the first state to declare the internet as a fundamental right of the citizen.

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka
- e) Maharashtra

Q.55) Name the Lakshmi Vilas bank's interim CEO got his tenure extended?

- a) Subramanian Sundar
- b) Rajaseker
- c) Manjunath
- d) Dillep Kumar
- e) Karnam Seker

Q.56) Who has been appointed as the secretary in the Ministry of Steel?

- a) Anup Wadhawan
- b) Rajiv Gauba
- c) Pradip Kumar Tripathi
- d) Ramesh Sobti
- e) Haricharan

Q.57) Who has been appointed as the Secretary in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals?

- a) Anup Wadhawan
- b) R K Chaturvedi
- c) Ravi Kant
- d) Raghavendra Rao
- e) Vikram Kumar

Q.58) PM – SVANIDHI scheme was launched recently. Who are the beneficiaries of this scheme?

- a) Construction workers
- b) Street Vendors
- c) Pregnant Women
- d) Industry workers
- e) Government Employees

Q.59) Name the e-learning platform launched by The Sports Authority of India to provide an online coaching programme for grassroot level.

- a) Go India online
- b) Khelo India Marathon
- c) Khelo India e-Pathshala
- d) Khelo India Library
- e) Khelo India online

Q.60) Which bank has partnered with Chalo launch to bring in a contactless card for bus passengers ?

- a) UCO
- b) ICICI

c) Yes Bank

d) SBI

e) HDFC

Q.61) Who among the following has taken charge as the Deputy Managing Director of Exim Bank ?

a) Anandi Mishra

b) Harsha Bangari

c) Sudarshan Kumari

d) Nalin Sharma

e) Aruna Mehta

Q.62) Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Kuwait ?

a) Nilambar Acharya

b) Sibi George

c) Gaitri Issar Kumar

d) Manjeev Singh Puri

e) Dinkar Khullar

Q.63) What is the rank of India in the world's best startups ecosystems ranking?

a) 89

b) 34

c) 77

d) 23

e) 44

Q.64) Who has been appointed as India's Next High Commissioner To UK?

a) Gaitri Kumar

b) Jahnabi Phookan

c) Ruchi Ghanashyam

d) Pooja Hedge

e) Siva Raman

Q.65) Who is the head of the committee appointed by PM Modi for MSME Loan Scheme implementation?

a) Amitabh Kant

b) Nitin Gadkari

c) Rajnath Singh

d) Amit Shah

e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Q.66) Which city which has topped among Indian cities in "2020 Cities Global Ranking of Startup Ecosystem" report?

a) Chennai

b) Bangalore

c) Mumbai

d) New Delhi

e) Hyderabad

Q.67) Which ministry has released the e-booklet titled 'One Year of Modi 2.0 – Towards A Self-Reliant India'?

a) Ministry of Human Resource and Development

b) Ministry of Home Affairs

c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

e) Ministry of Science and Technology

Q.68) Name the portal which was launched by PM Modi to help the smaller MSMEs by



resolving their grievances and the complaints received on the portal.

- a) GARUD
- b) HOPE
- c) CHAMPIONS
- d) SARASWATI
- e) YUKTI

Q.69) Ircon inks pact with NIIFL, Ayana Power to explore opportunities in which of the following?

- b) Discoms Supply Electricity
- c) Solar Energy
- d) Thermal Energy
- e) Water Supply

Q.70) Which IIT is re-purpose approved drugs from DrugBank database to treat COVID-19 disease?

- a) IIT- BHU
- b) IIT- Madras
- c) IIT- Guwahati
- d) IIT- Kanpur
- e) IIT- Hyderabad

Q.71) Name the mission launched by Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh to spread awareness about COVID-19.

- a) Mission Awareness
- b) Mission Rahat
- c) Mission Challenge
- d) Mission Fateh
- e) Mission Covid

Q.72) Name the Indian writer who won regional award for Asia in 2020 Commonwealth Short Story Prize?

- a) Reyah Martin
- b) Kritika Pandey
- c) Innocent Chizaram
- d) Andrea E Macleod
- e) Brian S Heap

Q.73) Who has been appointed as the Vice-President of the Confederation of Indian Industry for the year 2020-21?

- a) Uday Kotak
- b) Vikram Kirloskar
- c) Rajnish Kumar
- d) Sanjiv Bajaj
- e) Virendra Nath

Q.74) The cabinet gave its nod to rename the Kolkatta Port Trust. It is to be renamed as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- b) Kamarajar Port Trust
- c) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Trust
- d) Deendayal Port Trust
- e) Vishakhapatnam Port Trust

Q.75) Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Papua New Guinea?

- a) Devendra Dubey
- b) Sushil Kumar Singhal
- c) Anil Kumar

d) Saraswati Prasad

e) Baldeep Kumar

Q.76) Who has been recently appointed as the Chairman of the Social Media giant, Twitter?

a) Steve Rogers

b) Chris Hughes

c) Patrick Pichette

d) Jan Koum

e) Mike Krieger

Q.77) Where is Kondapochamma Reservoir located?

a) Kerala

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Telangana

d) Tamil Nadu

e) Karnataka

Q.78) According to The Asia University rankings, which of the following universities is ranked the first in India?

a) IISER, Pune

b) IISc, Bangalore

c) IIT Ropar

d) IIT Madras

e) IIT Delhi

Q.79) 'Click to Buy' is an initiative of which of the following companies?

a) Amazon

b) Maruti Suzuki

c) FlipKart

d) Hyundai

e) Mynta

Q.80) Which of the Following bank partners with TCIL for real time payments to truck drivers?

a) Axis Bank

b) ICICI Bank

c) Canara Bank

d) DBS Bank

e) Union Bank

Q.81) Who becomes new CMD of National Fertilizers Limited?

a) Manoj Mishra

b) Sushil Kumar

c) Virendra Nath Datt

d) Vani Rao

e) Shanmugam

Q.82) The first bilateral 'virtual Summit' of India was held with which of the following countries?

a) Maldives

b) Bhutan

c) Australia

d) United States

e) Israel

Q.83) Name the Government scheme launched by the Central government to provide for jobs to returning Indians from abroad.

a) SAMIKSHA

b) SWADES

c) SAMARTH

d) SAKSHAR

e) SKILLED

Q.84) Who has taken over as the President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) ?

a) Bret Taylor

b) Jess Crohn

c) Sanjiv Bajaj

d) Uday Kotak

e) Vikram Kirloskar

Q.85) Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of BAFTA ?

a) Dinesh Sood

b) B Gakher

c) Krishnendu Majumdar

d) Pippa Hariis

e) Ashok Jha

Q.86) Facebook has signed a deal with which music label to bolster the library of its music products across its flagship social networking platform and Instagram ?

a) Zee Music

b) Saregama

c) Spotify

d) Hungama

e) T-Series

Q.87) Which bank has launched a mobile app based facility to open current accounts for self-employed individuals and businesses digitally within a few hours ?

a) Axis Bank

b) SBI

c) ICICI

d) HDFC

e) IndusInd

Q.88) Nitin Gadkari has announced the development of a new Greenfield expressway to which city and will be made completely signal free?

a) Sultanpur Lodhi

b) Amritsar

c) Chandigarh

d) Ludhiana

e) Gurdaspur

Q.89) Which of the following company has been recognized as 'IT Service Provider of the Year 2020' by Everest Group ?

a) Tech Mahindra

b) Cognizant

c) TCS

d) UST Global

e) Honeywell

Q.90) Which of the following insurance companies recently launched telematics-based motor insurance to save premiums?

a) BajajAllianz Insurance Company

b) Tata AIG Insurance Company

c) Aviva Insurance Company

d) Bharti AXA Insurance Company

e) Max Bupa Insurance Company

Q.91) Who has been appointed as the Senior Advisor at the World Bank by the ACC?

- a) Pritam Singh
- b) Ramesh Kumar
- c) Rajiv Topno
- d) Balbir Singh
- e) Brajendra Navnit

Q.92) Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Finland?

- a) Rajiv Singh
- b) Gaitri Kumar
- c) Brajendra Navnit
- d) Raveesh Kumar
- e) Vani Rao

Q.93) \_\_\_\_\_ government launches 'Spandan Campaign' to check suicide and fratricide.

- a) Assam
- b) Bihar
- c) Chhattisgarh
- d) Delhi
- e) Kerala

Q.94) Who has been recently appointed as Addidas Ambassador?

- a) Aishwarya Bachhan
- b) Shahid Kapoor
- c) Manushi Chhillar
- d) Nisha Singh
- e) Anushka Sharma

Q.95) Asian Football Confederation has awarded the hosting rights of the 2022 Women's Asian Cup to which country?

- a) China
- b) Brazil
- c) India
- d) Japan
- e) Mexico

Q.96) Find the private bank which partnered with Mastercard India & Worldline India to launch 'Soft POS'.

- a) DBS Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) City Union Bank

Q.97) Who has authored the new Book The Dry Fasting Miracle: From Deprive to Thrive to Promote Benefits Of 'dry Fasting' Diet ?

- a) Sanjay Gupta
- b) Atul Gawande
- c) Siddhartha Mukherjee
- d) Vivek Murthy
- e) Luke Countiho

Q.98) Which state/UT has launched an app "MeraVetan" to provide salary information to employees in remote & rural areas ?

- a) Ladakh
- b) Assam
- c) Maharashtra

d) Kerala

e) Jammu & Kashmir

Q.99) Former Miss World ManushiChhillar joined the global initiative of #RedDotChallenge campaign recently. Which organization launched this campaign.

a) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

b) United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

c) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

d) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

e) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Q.100) Who was appointed as Chairman of DLF?

a) KP Singh

b) Narendra Batra

c) Rajiv Singh

d) Deepak Chopra

e) John Ratey

Q.101) Who wins EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2020 Award?

a) Cheong Koon Hean

b) Olivia Lum

c) Elim Chew

d) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

e) Sock Koong

Q.102) Which of the following Bank launches "Summer Treats" to meet post lockdown needs?

a) DBS Bank

b) ICICI Bank

c) Axis Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) City Union Bank

Q.103) Which public sector bank which has created separate vertical for Financial Inclusion and Micro Market (FI&MM) recently (The Division was headed by Sanjeev Nautiyal) .

a) Punjab National Bank

b) Indian Overseas Bank

c) Allahabad Bank

d) EXIM Bank

e) State Bank of India

Q.104) Who was appointed as the 1st ever brand ambassador of IIFL Finance?

a) Rohit Sharma

b) MS Dhoni

c) KL Rahul

d) Ajinkya Rahane

e) Virat Kohli

Q.105) Which airport received Platinum Recognition (under 15-35 MPPA) in ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports recognition 2020.

a) Indira Gandhi International Airport

b) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport

c) Rajiv Gandhi Hyderabad International Airport

d) Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport  
e) Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport  
Q.106) Which state/UT has launched India's 1st "online waste management platform" recently.

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Telangana
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.107) NABARD provided Rs. 270 crores as the Special Liquidity Facility (SLF) to which bank?

- a) Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- b) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- c) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
- d) Central Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank
- e) Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank

Q.108) Who has been appointed as the UNADAP's 'Goodwill Ambassador to the Poor'?

- a) Nethra
- b) Krithika
- c) Chitra
- d) Divya
- e) Karthika

Q.109) The G7 Summit 2020 which was postponed to September/November 2020 will be hosted by which country?

- a) Canada
- b) Japan

c) United States

d) Germany

e) France

Q.110) Which Indian personality recently won the prestigious Richard Dawkins award?

- a) Samir Khan
- b) Lalji Singh
- c) Javed Akhtar
- d) Farook Khan
- e) Shahid Kapoor

Q.111) Which Insurance company has appointed Sharad Mathur as its MD & CEO?

- a) Universal Sompo
- b) IFFCO Tokio
- c) Bajaj Allianz
- d) Tata AIG
- e) HDFC ERGO

Q.112) Who has been appointed as the Chief Risk Officer of Karnataka Bank?

- a) BR Ashok
- b) Ramesh S
- c) Naveen Kumar
- d) Jayaraman
- e) Mythily Rajan

Q.113) What is India's rank in the 12th edition of EPI Index released by the Yale University?

- a) 189
- b) 168
- c) 179
- d) 144



e) 123

Q.114) WCD Ministry has constituted task force headed by whom to examine issues related to lowering Maternal Mortality Rate?

- a) Laila Tyabji
- b) Mira Nair
- c) Deepak Chatterjee
- d) Jaya Jaitley
- e) Shakthi Devi

Q.115) Which of the following has emerged as the top Indian state in wheat procurement on support prices?

- a) Haryana
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Chhattisgarh
- d) Punjab
- e) Rajasthan

Q.116) Researchers at which of the following institute have developed a low cost Artificial Intelligence-based test kit for COVID-19?

- a) IIT Ropar
- b) IIT Madras
- c) CSIR Pune
- d) IIT Delhi
- e) IIT Hyderabad

Q.117) Which Union Territory has topped in the food safety index released by FSSAI?

- a) Jammu & Kashmir
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Andaman & Nicobar Islands

d) Pondicherry

e) New Delhi

Q.118) Which of the following institution has developed a machine in which products can be sterilised using UV rays ?

- a) IIT-Madras
- b) IIT-Ropar
- c) IIT-Delhi
- d) IIT-Kanpur
- e) IIT-Hyderabad

Q.119) Which of the following state has reported the maximum cases of poaching of Tigers in the country?

- a) Punjab
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Haryana

Q.120) Which company has inked a pact with UN Global Compact on aligning recovery efforts with the latest climate science ?

- a) RIL
- b) Cognizant
- c) Infosys
- d) Tech Mahindra
- e) TCS

Q.121) Which of the following cricketer has received the Order of Australia honour for his sporting career and community work ?

- a) Tim Paine

b) Aaron Finch

c) Michael Clarke

d) Ricky Ponting

e) Adam Gilchrist

Q.122) Which team has recently won the Women's Super League champions title following the termination of the 2019/20 season ?

a) Barcelona FC Women

b) Arsenal FC Women

c) Manchester City Women

d) Aston Villa Women

e) Chelsea FC Women

Q.123) Which of the following state launches green belt development scheme for rural senior citizens?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Arunachal Pradesh

c) Himachal Pradesh

d) Andhra Pradesh

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.124) Karnataka launches \_\_\_\_\_ app for real time info on rains, flooding in Bangalore.

a) Mithra

b) Bansantha

c) Meghasandesha

d) Sangamitra

e) Varunamitra

Q.125) India and \_\_\_\_\_ signed an MoU for developing cooperation in the power sector

a) UK

b) Papua New Guinea

c) Denmark

d) France

e) Japan

Q.126) Which of the following state has approved a proposal to give "Bande Utkala Janani" status of anthem ?

a) Tamil Nadu

b) Telangana

c) Kerala

d) West Bengal

e) Odisha

Q.127) PhonePe has collaborated with which company to launch a domestic trip insurance scheme ?

a) Max Bupa

b) Religare

c) ICICI Lombard

d) HDFC Ergo

e) Apollo Munich

Q.128) Which company has recently launched a fully-digital online sales platform called eShop ?

a) Ford

b) Tata Motors

c) Mahindra

d) Honda

e) Hero MotoCorp

Q.129) Which organization recently conducted India's first B2B virtual trade?

- a) Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council
- b) Spices Board of India
- c) Federation of Indian Export Organisations
- d) India Trade Promotion Organisation
- e) Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts

Q.130) Which of the following Indian state has amended a 65-year-old act to stop cow slaughter in the state?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Haryana
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Rajasthan
- e) Uttarakhand

Q.131) Gairsain was declared as the summer capital of which state/UT?

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Jammu & Kashmir
- c) Haryana
- d) Rajasthan
- e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.132) World Bank has lending Rs. 1950 crore to which state to combat COVID-19?

- a) Punjab
- b) Maharashtra
- c) West Bengal
- d) Arunachal Pradesh
- e) Gujarat

Q.133) Who has honored with "NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal" recently?

- a) Rajiv Kumar
- b) Ramesh Kumar
- c) Swetha Naidu
- d) RK Chetty Pandipati
- e) Renjith Kumar

Q.134) Name the world's 1st 'Internet-controlled' robot which was specially designed for COVID-19 hospitals.

- a) Melts-Bot
- b) Modern bot
- c) India-Bot
- d) Coro-bot
- e) COMBAT

Q.135) Name the mobile app which was developed by IIT Guwahati's students for seamless and contactless air travel.

- a) Bonus
- b) Copiet
- c) Tickle
- d) Brat
- e) Flyzy

Q.136) Which of the following colour band is used in the number plate sticker for a diesel vehicle?

- a) Orange
- b) Red
- c) Blue
- d) Violet

e) Yellow

Q.137) Who has been appointed as the judge of Jammu & Kashmir High Court ?

- a) Ramesh Sharma
- b) Arnab Goswami
- c) Javed Iqbal Wani
- d) Ramraj Chauhan
- e) Abdulhamid Kureshi

Q.138) Who has recently appointed as Senior Director of Google Cloud ?

- a) Anand Kumar
- b) Gowswami
- c) Vasudev
- d) Anil Valluri
- e) Arunima Sinha

Q.139) Name the Indian sprinter who has been banned for a term of 4 years by the Athletes Integrity Unit of the World Athletics.

- a) Hima Das
- b) Dutee Chand
- c) M. R. Poovamma
- d) Amrit Pal
- e) Gomathi Marimuthu

Q.140) \_\_\_\_\_ develops Anti-microbial multilayer face mask to annihilate pathogenic microorganisms?

- a) IIT-Roorkee
- b) IIT-Hyderabad
- c) IIT-BHU
- d) IIT-Madras

e) IIT-Delhi

Q.141) Which state government has launched the Panchvati yojana for development of parks and gardens for senior citizens in rural areas ?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Haryana
- d) Punjab
- e) Assam

Q.142) Dekho Apna Desh Webinar Series of Tourism ministry is an effort to showcase India's rich diversity under \_\_\_\_\_ programme.

- a) Swadesh Darshan
- b) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
- c) Ayushman Bharat
- d) Jal Jeevan Mission
- e) Hunar Tourism Projects

Q.143) Which of the Following Indian city topped in the Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey'?

- a) Bangalore
- b) Mumbai
- c) Chennai
- d) New Delhi
- e) Kolkata

Q.144) Name the European high jumper who has been banned for a term of 4 years by Court of Arbitration for Sport(CAS) ?

a) Eric Prabhakar

b) Kenneth Powell

c) Terence Pitt

d) Amrit Pal

e) Alexander Shustov

Q.145) Pierre Nkurunziza recently passes away. He was a President of \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Burundi

b) Mongolia

c) Slovakia

d) Maldives

e) Philippines

Q.146) Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Philippines?

a) Shambhu S. Kumaran

b) Sasi Rajan

c) Ranjith Kumar

d) L V Prabhakar

e) Kamalesh Kumar

Q.147) Which of the following state opens its biggest biodiversity park in Haldwani?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Himachal Pradesh

c) Uttarakhand

d) Tamil Nadu

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.148) Monika Kapil Mohta appointed India's next Ambassador to Which Country?

a) Philippines

b) Switzerland

c) Finland

d) Sweden

e) Denmark

Q.149) Empays Payment Systems partners \_\_\_\_\_ to enable contact-free ATM cash withdrawals

a) TCS

b) Visa

c) Mastercard

d) Rupay

e) Infosys

Q.150) Which company has partnered with First Alliance Bank Ltd to provide mPOS solution to SME and other businesses?

a) Easytap

b) Postiflex

c) PayTM POS

d) ePaisa

e) Webnier

Q.151) What is India's rank in Deep Knowledge Group's safest country in the world from COVID- 19, where Switzerland tops the list?

a) 130

b) 72

c) 56

d) 112

e) 23

Q.152) Who chairs the committee which was constituted by Ministry of Home Affairs for the welfare of the freedom fighters?

- a) Kiren Rijiju
- b) Jitendra Singh
- c) Kishan Reddy
- d) Shripad Yesso Naik
- e) Prahlad Singh Patel

Q.153) Which Indian University has ranked on top in the QS World University Rankings ?

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Hyderabad
- d) IIT Delhi
- e) IIT Roorkee

Q.154) Who has become the First American Woman to Walk in Space and reach the Deepest Spot in the Ocean known as Challenger Deep ?

- a) Peggy Whitson
- b) Christina Koch
- c) Jessica Meir
- d) Kathy Sullivan
- e) Ann McClane

Q.155) Which of the following state has launched the 'Jagananna Chedodu' scheme for tailors, barbers and washermen ?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Telangana

d) Kerala

e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.156) IDBI Bank's board approved appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as govt nominee director.

- a) Keshva Kumar
- b) Anshuman Sharma
- c) Sunil Kumar
- d) Shrey Vyas
- e) Deepak Sharma

Q.157) Which is the first airport in India to deploy a tech-enabled smart irrigation system?

- a) Visakhapatnam International Airport
- b) Bangalore International Airport
- c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
- d) Veer Savarkar International Airport
- e) Indira Gandhi International Airport

Q.158) Who has been named the recipient of the World Food Prize 2020?

- a) Aravind Kumar
- b) Rajasekharan
- c) Rangasamy
- d) Kapil Sharma
- e) Rattan Lal

Q.159) Which of the Indian musician has won an Australian Honour for her service to the community and the country?

- a) Usha Rangarajan



b) Udit Narayan

c) Shobha Shekar

d) Arijit Singh

e) Shreya Ghoshal

Q.160) Which has become the first US company to hit \$1.5 trillion market cap ?

a) Twitter

b) Facebook

c) Apple

d) Google

e) Microsoft

Q.161) Which of the following institutes has topped in the list of higher education institutions released by NIRF Ranking 2020 ?

a) IIT Hyderabad

b) IISc Bangalore

c) IIT Roorkee

d) IIT Madras

e) IIT Delhi

Q.162) Which of the following country has launched plasma network named 'Shohojodha' for the treatment of COVID 19?

a) China

b) Vietnam

c) Bangladesh

d) Thailand

e) Sri Lanka

Q.163) Which of the following state has renamed its environment ministry as 'Environment and Climate Change Ministry'?

a) Tiripura

b) Assam

c) Tamil Nadu

d) Kerala

e) Maharashtra

Q.164) What is India's spot on the latest ranking released by FIFA?

a) 101

b) 105

c) 108

d) 107

e) 103

Q.165) Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launches \_\_\_\_\_ Scheme on Internship Programme by National Cooperative Development Corporation

a) Seva Mitra

b) Agri Mitra

c) Sahakar Mitra

d) Sakshar Mitra

e) Farmer Mitra

Q.166) Who has taken charge as taken charge of the Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command?

a) Anil Singh

b) Rajesh Kumar

c) S N Ghormade

d) Anand Mehta

e) Biswajit Dasgupta

Q.167) \_\_\_\_\_ becomes first construction sector organization to go 'Fully Digital'.

- a) L&T
- b) Spicee
- c) NHAI
- d) BRO
- e) JMC Projects

Q.168) Name the programme Launched In Hyderabad To Support And Empower Women Against Domestic Violence.

- a) SAFETY
- b) SASHAKT
- c) STREE
- d) EMPOWER
- e) SECURE

Q.169) Which of the following state gas launched the 'Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana' in under which the children of the workers would be given financial assistance ?

- a) Haryana
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Assam
- e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.170) What is the new upper limit of age as proposed by RBI for CEOs and whole-time directors of banks?

- a) 71
- b) 67
- c) 66

d) 70

e) 65

Q.171) Which of the following state become the First State to Get ISO Certification for Tribal Hostels?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Odisha
- e) Jharkhand

Q.172) Flood warning system 'I-FLOWS' was recently launched which of the following Indian city?

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Mumbai
- c) Kolkata
- d) Pune
- e) Lucknow

Q.173) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Bihar's Khadi?

- a) Pankaj Tripathi
- b) Anupam Kher
- c) Ranveer Singh
- d) Shahid Kapoor
- e) Sonam Kapoor

Q.174) Which of the following state has launched 'Ghar ghar nigrani' app to conduct house-to-house surveillance?

- a) Punjab
- b) Gujarat

c) Haryana

d) Bihar

e) Kerala

Q.175) Who heads the 5-member Internal working group formed by RBI to review ownership and control of Private banks?

a) Rajiv Chaturvedi

b) PK Mohanty

c) Sunil Vadera

d) S. C. Murmu

e) Poonam Yadav

Q.176) Which of the following bank has extended a \$215 million Line of Credit to Malawi for their various projects?

a) SIDBI

b) RBI

c) EXIM Bank

d) NABARD

e) SBI

Q.177) Imtaiyazur Rahman has been appointed as the CEO of \_\_\_\_\_.

a) LIC

b) Max Bupa

c) UTI Mutual Funds

d) Muthoot Finance

e) Sundaram Finance

Q.178) \_\_\_\_\_ Railway launches robot 'Captain Arjun' to screen passengers in Pune for COVID-19

a) Western Railways

b) Eastern Railways

c) Central Railways

d) Southern Railways

e) North East Railways

Q.179) Which of the following Indian state celebrates the unique festival Raja Parba?

a) Tripura

b) Odisha

c) Meghalaya

d) Assam

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.180) RBI has barred which bank from granting fresh loans, accepting deposits for 6 months ?

a) Central Co-Operative Bank

b) Saraswath Cooperative Bank Ltd.

c) Cosmos Cooperative Bank Ltd.

d) Shamravu Vithal Coop Bank Ltd.

e) People's Co-operative Bank

Q.181) Which Indian institute has developed a 'Workplace Readiness Indicator' that helps organizations to insulate workplaces from Corona pandemic?

a) IISER-Pune

b) IISc- Bangalore

c) IIT-Madras

d) IIT-Delhi

e) IIT-Kanpur

Q.182) Which of the following is the Ayurvedic face mask developed by Defence Institute of Advanced Technology?

- a) Sumitrati
- b) Pavitrapati
- c) Revathikar
- d) Gorakhpurti
- e) Cleanity

Q.183) Which of the following private sector bank has launched "InstaFlexicash" an online overdraft (OD) facility?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) IndusInd Bank
- d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- e) RBL Bank

Q.184) RBI has approved the re-appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as the Executive Director of HDFC Bank.

- a) Aditya Puri
- b) Harish Kalyan
- c) Sunil Mehta
- d) Deepak Kumar
- e) Kaizad Bharucha

Q.185) Which of the following bank has extended a credit line of Rs 750 crore for the Gorakhpur Link Expressway?

- a) BOB
- b) HDFC
- c) PNB

d) SBI

e) ICICI

Q.186) Who chairs the committee restructured by IBBI for Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Liquidation process?

- a) Uday Kotak
- b) Raj Piramal
- c) Varun Kumar
- d) Sanjay Kumar
- e) Karan Kapoor

Q.187) Sushant Singh Rajput who passed away recently was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Director
- b) Economist
- c) Cricketer
- d) Singer
- e) Actor

Q.188) Which of the following Payment bank has launched a new salary account for MSMEs ?

- a) Indian Post Payments Bank
- b) Jio Payments Bank
- c) Airtel Payments Bank
- d) Paytm Payments Bank
- e) Aditya Birla Payments Bank

Q.189) Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Belgium ?

- a) Anand Mehta
- b) Santosh Jha
- c) Anushka Sharma

d) Nidhi Vasandani

e) Monika Kapil Mohta

Q.190) Central Railway sets up Body Screening Facility \_\_\_\_\_ In Mumbai's CSMT and LTT Stations in an effort towards passenger safety.

a) CleanEye

b) FebriEye

c) FocusEYE

d) BullsEye

e) TrackEYE

Q.191) What is India rank in World Competitive Index released by Institute for Management Development?

a) 34th

b) 47th

c) 77th

d) 43rd

e) 19th

Q.192) \_\_\_\_\_ won the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's Biodiversity Award is an NGO based in Hyderabad.

a) Tropical Research & Development Centre (TRDC)

b) Annamrita Foundation

c) Society For Child Development

d) Deccan Development Society

e) Adarsh Charitable Trust

Q.193) Which insurance company has launched the country's First drone cover to

offer commercial drone owners and operators third-party liability cover for property damages?

a) LIC

b) Aviva

c) Religare

d) HDFC Ergo

e) Max Bupa

Q.194) Who authored the biography of Dadabhai Naoroji titled "Naoroji Pioneer of Indian Nationalism"?

a) Dinyar Patel

b) Dinesh Kumar

c) Aditya Roy

d) Vimalnath

e) Romila Thapar

Q.195) What is India's rank in case of foreign investment in 2019 as per UNCTAD?

a) 12th

b) 9th

c) 18th

d) 5th

e) 16th

Q.196) Who has been made the brand ambassador of Khadi in Bihar ?

a) Shahid Kapoor

b) Amitabh Bachan

c) Anushka Sharma

d) Manoj Bajpai

e) Pankaj Tripathi

Q.197) Recently, Who has become the founding member of the Global Partnership for Artificial Intelligence?

- a) Israel
- b) China
- c) Japan
- d) Germany
- e) India

Q.198) Name the Attorney General of India who got an extension for 1 year by the Central government?

- a) RK Pachananda
- b) KK Venugopal
- c) M S Sahoo
- d) Sivangi
- e) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

Q.199) Who has been appointed as the new Director of SIDBI?

- a) Rajesh Kumar
- b) Ram Suresh
- c) Deepti Aggarwal
- d) Devendra Kumar Singh
- e) Ram Mishra

Q.200) Which of the following state has adopted 'Flatted Factory Model' to ensure the availability of industrial land?

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) UttaraKhand

e) Maharashtra

Q.201) Which of the following state launched a Portal Named 'Karmo Bhumi' to help IT professionals?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Bihar
- c) West Bengal
- d) Maharashtra

e) Karnataka

Q.202) What is India's rank based on number of nuclear warheads present in a country, as per SIPRI Yearbook 2020 (US topped with 5800 nuclear warheads) ?

- a) 9
- b) 43
- c) 6
- d) 51
- e) 17

Q.203) Evariste Ndayishimiye was sworn in as new president of which country?

- a) Kyrgyzstan
- b) Burundi
- c) Malawi
- d) Uganda
- e) Guyana

Q.204) Which country has been elected as a non-permanent member of UN Security Council for a 2 year term?

- a) Australia
- b) China



c) Japan

d) India

e) Bolivia

Q.205) Who has recently been appointed as the interim CEO of Cricket Australia?

a) Jacquie Fernandez

b) Kevin Roberts

c) Nick Hockley

d) Paul Parker

e) John Hamilton

Q.206) Who has recently been appointed as the Chief Technology Officer of PayU ?

a) Neeta Sharma

b) Manush Goel

c) Karan Mukherjee

d) Shantanu Preetam

e) Aakash Moondhra

Q.207) Name the former supreme court judge has received a one-year extension as the ethics officer of BCCI?

a) Chettan Singh

b) DK Jain

c) AK Sikri

d) Rajan Singh

e) Purwar Singh

Q.208) Maruti Suzuki has partnered with which bank to roll out simple and flexible financing schemes for new customers?

a) Axis Bank

b) Kotak Mahindra Bank

c) Karur Vysya Bank

d) ICICI

e) HDFC

Q.209) Which of the following company has recently been awarded as a technology pioneer by the World Economic Forum?

a) Paytm

b) Easy Pay

c) ZestMoney

d) ThinkNUM

e) KrazyBee

Q.210) Indian Railways installs first 'Automated Ticket Checking & Managing Access' in which railway station?

a) Nagpur railway station

b) Chhatrapati Shivaji railway station

c) Secunderabad railway station

d) Ghaziabad railway station

e) Pune railway station

Q.211) Asian Youth Para Games to be held in \_\_\_\_\_ from December 2021.

a) Mexico

b) Bahrain

c) Australia

d) India

e) China

Q.212) Which of the following football club clinched its eighth straight Bundesliga title?

a) Manchester United

b) Barcelona

c) Bayern Munich

d) Real Madrid

e) Juventus

Q.213) Which state has topped the list in the country to provide employment to workers under MGNREGA ?

a) Maharashtra

b) Gujarat

c) Haryana

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.214) Volkan Bozkir who has been elected as the President of the 75th UNGA belongs to which of the following countries?

a) Egypt

b) Turkey

c) Russia

d) Nigeria

e) Kenya

Q.215) Which of the following banks partnered with General Sampo Life Insurance to provide health insurance?

a) Bank of Baroda

b) State Bank of India

c) Karnataka Bank

d) Canara Bank

e) Union Bank of India

Q.216) Name The India's first mobile laboratory for COVID-19 that was launched by Harsh Vardhan?

a) KARONA-LAB

b) Mob-LAB

c) I-LAB

d) Saftey- LAB

e) Quick-LAB

Q.217) Which of the following state has observed June 18, 2020 as Mask day?

a) Kerala

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Karnataka

e) Gujarat

Q.218) RBI proposed to increase minimum Net owned funds (NOF) of Housing finance companies from 10 Crores to \_\_\_\_\_ Crores.

a) 45

b) 25

c) 20

d) 35

e) 15

Q.219) Name the affordable housing loan scheme launched by ICICI Home Finance launched?

a) THOORAL

b) MONEY

c) SARAL

d) DEPOSIT

e) LIFE SAVE

Q.220) Kubatbek Boronov was appointed as the president of which country?

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Tajikistan
- c) Kyrgyzstan
- d) Uzbekistan
- e) Kazakhstan

Q.221) Name the famous economists from India was awarded the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade?

- a) Abhijit Banerjee
- b) Amartya Sen
- c) Kaushik Basu
- d) Raghuram Rajan
- e) Manmohan Singh

Q.222) K R Sachidanandan who passed away recently was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Actor
- b) Film Director
- c) Economist
- d) Politician
- e) Journalist

Q.223) A Novel named 'The Burning' authored by \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) Mirza Singh
- b) Nikita Lalwani
- c) Sujatha Gidla
- d) Megha Majumdar
- e) Neel Mukherjee

Q.224) The RBI has approved the re-appointment of who among the following as the non-executive Chairman of RBL Bank?

- a) Raj Kumar
- b) Anand Sharma
- c) Vishwavir Ahuja
- d) Chandra Prakash Joshi
- e) Prakash Chandra

Q.225) Which team has beaten Juventus during penalties to win the sixth Italian Cup in Rome?

- a) Barcelona
- b) Real Madrid
- c) Napoli
- d) Liverpool
- e) Manchester United

Q.226) Which of the following IITs in association with RR Animal Healthcare Ltd has developed an affordable diagnostic kit for COVID-19?

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Guwahati
- c) IIT Mandi
- d) IIT Hyderabad
- e) IIT Mandi

Q.227) Name the portal launched by the Minister of Coals for Atma-Nirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement?

- a) SATYAMBHAMA
- b) CHAMPIONS
- c) RAJSHAKTHI
- d) JALJEEVAN
- e) MOUNTAIN

Q.228) IM Vijayan who has been recommended for the Padma Shri award is related with which sport?

- a) Boxing
- b) Football
- c) Hockey
- d) Cricket
- e) Wrestling

Q.229) PM Modi is all set to launch which scheme in a bid to boost livelihood opportunities in rural India and empower rural citizens?

- a) Employment Saving Yojana Abhiyan
- b) Urban and Rural Rojgar Yojana
- c) Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan
- d) Rural Employment Scheme
- e) Garib Kalyan Scheme

Q.230) \_\_\_\_\_ is the head of the Sebi panel formed to strengthen enforcement mechanism in a bid to recover siphoned off money?

- a) Uday Kotak
- b) Aditya Puri
- c) Sunil Mehta
- d) Pankaj Sharma
- e) Anil Dave

Q.231) Which of the following IITs developed infusion technology for herbs in the mid-Himalayan region to help farmers?

- a) IIT Mandi

b) IIT Madras

c) IIT Kanpur

d) IIT Guwahati

e) IIT Hyderabad

Q.232) Which of the following former governors of the RBI to be appointed as the Chairman of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) ?

- a) Venugopal Rao
- b) Raghuram Rajan
- c) Urjit Patel
- d) Bimal Jalan
- e) Manmohan Singh

Q.233) Which of the following pair has been appointed as the brand ambassadors of JSW Cement?

- a) Sunil Chetri and Katrin Kaif
- b) Virat Kohli and Tamanna Bhatia
- c) Sunil Chhetri and Rohit Sharma
- d) Sourav Ganguly and Sunil Chhetri
- e) Sourav Ganguly and M S Dhoni

Q.234) Which of the following IIT and General Electric tie-up to build a next-gen combustor for small aircraft and helicopter engines?

- a) IIT Mandi
- b) IIT Madras
- c) IIT Kanpur
- d) IIT Guwahati
- e) IIT Hyderabad

Q.235) Who has been selected to the panel of International Tennis Federation?

- a) Harsh Mankad
- b) Niki Poonacha
- c) Mahesh Bhupathi
- d) Leander Paes
- e) Sriram Balaji

Q.236) Which state has emerged as champion in the procurement of Minor Forest Produces under the Minimum Support Price for MFP Scheme?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Chhattisgarh
- e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.237) As per the data from the US Treasury Department, India became \_\_\_\_\_ largest holder of US government securities at the end of 2020 April.

- a) 15th
- b) 12th
- c) 10th
- d) 11th
- e) 13th

Q.238) Who has been appointed as the BMW India President?

- a) Kenichi Ayukawa
- b) Vikram Pawah
- c) Guenter Butschek

d) Hendrik von Kuenheim

e) Rudratej Singh

Q.239) Who among the following has taken over the chief of The Professional Risk Managers' International Association?

- a) Vasu Mahendru
- b) Gurman Singh
- c) Sudesh Mehta
- d) Neeraj Sinha
- e) Nirakar Pradhan

Q.240) Who among the following is set to join the Catholic Syrian Bank after leaving Axis Bank?

- a) Anand Kumar
- b) Sushil Kumar
- c) Pralay Mondal
- d) Praveen Kumar
- e) Rajeev Bhatia

Q.241) Which of the following has become India's first firm to hit the Rs.11 trillion market cap?

- a) IOC
- b) HPCL
- c) Tata Capital
- d) Reliance Industries
- e) ONGC

Q.242) Who among the following has won the World Stars Sharjah Online?

- a) Rahim Gasimov
- b) Carlos Alberto

c) Radosław Wojtaszek

d) Pentala Harikrishna

e) Shakhriyar Mamedyarov

Q.243) Who among the following has been appointed as India's next envoy to Zimbabwe?

a) Ram Suresh

b) Raja Sharma

c) Vijay Khanduja

d) Rajiv Singh

e) Sunil Mehta

Q.244) Hyundai Motor India has partnered with which Bank to offer online car loans on Click to Buy?

a) UCO Bank

b) Axis Bank

c) SBI

d) ICICI

e) HDFC

Q.245) Who has been re-nominated by the Central government as a part-time non-official director of the RBI ?

a) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

b) Saurabh Chowdry

c) N.Chandrasekaran

d) Ajay Kumar

e) Farida Khamabat

Q.246) Which PSU has partnered with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to boost innovation ecosystem in India?

a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation

b) Coal India Limited

c) Steel Authority of India

d) Bharat Heavy Electricals

e) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

Q.247) Which IIT has partnered with United Nations' World Food Programme (UN-WFP) India to offer research-based solution to storage, supply of food grains?

a) IIT Mandi

b) IIT Kanpur

c) IIT Delhi

d) IIT Hyderabad

e) IIT Calcutta

Q.248) Which of the following state government is all set to launch a 100-day job guarantee scheme for the urban poor?

a) Haryana

b) Jharkhand

c) Kerala

d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.249) Name the newly launched loan product of Karnataka Bank for MSMEs?

b) KBL Micro Mitra

c) KBL MSME Mitr

d) KBL Sahaaayata Mitra

e) KBL Micro Product



Q.250) Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council?

- a) Vipul Sharma
- b) Chandra kumar
- c) Rabi Sankar
- d) N Rajendran
- e) Colin Shah

Q.251) Which of the following bank has partnered with Affordplan to launch 'Swasth Card' a co-branded cashless health care card?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Yes Bank
- c) HDFC
- d) SBI
- e) ICICI

Q.252) Who has won 2020 peace prize of the German Book Trade?

- a) Amartya Sen
- b) Ram Singh
- c) Sangeetha
- d) Jagdish Kumar
- e) Pradeep Rajhan

Q.253) Who authored the book titled "Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India"?

- a) Amitav Gosh
- b) Rahul Sharma
- c) Amish Tripathi
- d) Vinit Goenka
- e) N Jaishanker

Q.254) Who among the following will join the Russia-India-China trilateral virtual conference from India?

- a) Amit Shah
- b) S Jaishankar
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) G Kishan Reddy
- e) Narendra Modi

Q.255) Who among the following has been appointed as the CFO of Standard Chartered bank?

- a) Ramesh Chanda
- b) Rudra Singh
- c) Gaurav Maheshwari
- d) Anand Rajesh
- e) Surinder Sharma

Q.256) 36th ASEAN Summit is being hosted in which country and will take place by teleconference?

- a) Japan
- b) Philippines
- c) Vietnam
- d) Cambodia
- e) Spain

Q.257) India retained its position as the \_\_\_\_\_ largest economy in the world in terms of Purchasing Power Parity As per the World Bank data for the reference year 2017.

- a) 4th
- b) 5th

- c) 7th  
d) 3rd  
e) 2nd
- Q.258) Name the platform which was launched by HRD ministry to help in systematically assimilating technologies in higher education institutions?
- a) YUKTI 2.0  
b) SHAKTHI 3.0  
c) GAURUDA 2.0  
d) PRAFUL 2.0  
e) BHAKTHI 3.0
- Q.259) Who among the following is the only Indian featured among top global philanthropists of 2020?
- a) Ranjan Singh  
b) Nita Ambani  
c) Ratan Tata  
d) Azim Premji  
e) Rahul Bajaj
- Q.260) Pournima Zanane who passed away recently was a former \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Wrestler  
b) Boxer  
c) Footballer  
d) Shooter  
e) Cricketer
- Q.261) Which of the following state government will launch the Indira Rasoi Yojna for the poor to ensure that 'no one sleeps hungry' in the state?
- a) Jharkhand  
b) Rajasthan  
c) Tripura  
d) Odisha  
e) Assam
- Q.262) Which state government is preparing to start a 'Play little, Study little' scheme for school students?
- a) Assam  
b) Sikkim  
c) Nagaland  
d) Mizoram  
e) Tripura
- Q.263) What will be the contraction in India's GDP in 2020 as per estimation of Moody's?
- a) 4.2%  
b) 4.7%  
c) 3.1%  
d) 3.5%  
e) 2.9%
- Q.264) Which IIT have created a chip named 'Dhruva' that can be mounted in smartphones and navigation devices to find places and routes within the country?
- a) IIT Madras  
b) IIT Delhi  
c) IIT Bombay  
d) IIT Gandhinagar

e) IIT Kharagpur

Q.265) Which of the following financial services corporation will buy Finicity for a purchase price of USD 825 million?

- a) American Express
- b) Visa Cards
- c) Mastercard
- d) Scotiabank
- e) JPMorgan Chase

Q.266) Who organized India's one the largest 1st Virtual Healthcare & Hygiene EXPO 2020?

- a) NASSCOM
- b) FIEO
- c) FICCI
- d) CII
- e) ASSOCHAM

Q.267) Who among the following has launched the FICCI-FLO initiative 'Empowering the Greater 50%' to empower women?

- a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- b) Amit Shah
- c) Smriti Irani
- d) G Kishan Reddy
- e) Narendra Modi

Q.268) Who has been appointed as the 15th director of the National Science Foundation?

- a) Christian Nicolas
- b) Sunil Sharma
- c) Sethuraman Panchanathan

d) Rajesh kumar

e) Vikram Sirohi

Q.269) Which of the following state government has partnered with Reliance Jio Tv to educate students?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Kerala
- d) Haryana
- e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.270) Who has won Maharashtra government's Sangeetacharya Annasaheb Kirloskar musical theatre lifetime achievement award 2019-20?

- a) Gulabbai Sangamnerkar
- b) Kailash Prakash
- c) Madhuvanti Dandekar
- d) Irfan Khan
- e) Karanjit Kaur

Q.271) What will be India's GDP in FY21 as per India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) ?

- a) 6.1%
- b) 3.7%
- c) 5.9%
- d) 2.8%
- e) 5.3%

Q.272) Which of the following institutions has developed Nanozymes that destroys the cell membrane of bacteria?

- a) IIT Kanpur

b) IIT Madras

c) IIT Hyderabad

d) IISC, Bengaluru

e) IIT Mandi

Q.273) Name the Indian-origin chief of the London Stock Exchange who has been appointed as CEO to UK's financial regulator.

a) Ragner Lothbrack

b) Rishi Kapoor

c) Nikhil Rathi

d) Anand Kumar

e) Manpreet Singh

Q.274) Recently, Kushinagar Airport declared as an International Airport. It located which of the following state?

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Maharashtra

c) Himachal Pradesh

d) West Bengal

e) Gujarat

Q.275) Cabinet approved \_\_\_\_\_ Interest Subvention On 'Shishu' MUDRA loans for a period of 12 months?

a) 5%

b) 6%

c) 2%

d) 7%

e) 3%

**Answer Key**

1. a, 2. c, 3. a, 4. e, 5. c, 6. a, 7. d, 8. e, 9. d, 10. a, 11. a, 12. a, 13. a, 14. e, 15. b, 16. d, 17. d, 18. b, 19. a, 20. e, 21. e, 22. d, 23. a, 24. b, 25. c, 26. d, 27. e, 28. c, 29. c, 30. a, 31. d, 32. d, 33. a, 34. e, 35. b, 36. d, 37. c, 38. b, 39. c, 40. d, 41. b, 42. c, 43. c, 44. e, 45. b, 46. d, 47. b, 48. c, 49. e, 50. d, 51. b, 52. b, 53. b, 54. a, 55. a, 56. c, 57. b, 58. b, 59. c, 60. c, 61. b, 62. b, 63. d, 64. a, 65. c, 66. b, 67. c, 68. c, 69. c, 70. a, 71. d, 72. b, 73. d, 74. c, 75. b, 76. c, 77. c, 78. b, 79. d, 80. d, 81. c, 82. c, 83. b, 84. d, 85. c, 86. b, 87. e, 88. b, 89. d, 90. b, 91. c, 92. d, 93. c, 94. c, 95. c, 96. c, 97. e, 98. e, 99. c, 100. c, 101. d, 102. d, 103. e, 104. a, 105. c, 106. e, 107. b, 108. a, 109. c, 110. c, 111. a, 112. b, 113. b, 114. d, 115. b, 116. e, 117. b, 118. b, 119. b, 120. d, 121. c, 122. e, 123. c, 124. c, 125. c, 126. e, 127. c, 128. e, 129. e, 130. a, 131. a, 132. c, 133. e, 134. d, 135. e, 136. a, 137. c, 138. d, 139. e, 140. c, 141. b, 142. b, 143. b, 144. e, 145. a, 146. a, 147. c, 148. b, 149. c, 150. d, 151. c, 152. c, 153. b, 154. d, 155. e, 156. b, 157. b, 158. e, 159. c, 160. c, 161. d, 162. c, 163. e, 164. c, 165. c, 166. e, 167. c, 168. c, 169. b, 170. d, 171. d, 172. b, 173. a, 174. b, 175. b, 176. c, 177. c, 178. c, 179. b, 180. e, 181. b, 182. b, 183. b, 184. e, 185. c, 186. a, 187. e, 188. c, 189. b, 190.

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**BANKING AWARENESS QUIZ:**

Q.1) A profit from the sale of property or an investment is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Business Gain
- b) Capital Gain
- c) Net Gain
- d) Gross Gain
- e) None of these

Q.2) A bank or financial institution that processes credit or debit card payments on behalf of a merchant is called \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Lending Bank
- b) Sponsored Bank
- c) Acquiring Bank
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

Q.3) 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.4) 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.5) 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.6) 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.7) 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.8) \_\_\_\_\_ 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.9) 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.10) 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.11) 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.12) 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

Q.13) The gain/loss on an investment, expressed as a percentage increase over the initial investment cost, over a specified period is called as \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Rate of Return
- b) Dividend
- c) Earnings
- d) Profit
- e) None of these

Q.14) \_\_\_\_\_ is a kind of charge created when the lender takes actual possession of assets

- a) Mortgage
- b) Hypothecation
- c) Pledge
- d) Appraisal
- e) None of these

Q.15) Which can be defined as loss in the profit and loss account while finalizing accounts of banks?

- a) Loan
- b) Bad Debt
- c) Purchase

d) Interest

e) Provisioning

Q.16) DRT stands for \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Debt Recovery Tribunals
- b) Debit Revenue Tribunals
- c) Debt Reforms Tribunals
- d) Debt Recovery Trade
- e) None of these

Q.17) ALM stands for \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Adequacy Liability Management
- b) Asset Liquidity Management
- c) Asset Liability Management
- d) Asset Legislative Management
- e) None of these

Q.18) CPI stands for \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Credit Price Index
- b) Capital Purchase Index
- c) Customer Price Index
- d) Consumer Price Index
- e) None of these

Q.19) LAF stands for \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Liability Adjustment Facility
- b) Loan Adequacy Facility
- c) Liquidity Adjustment Facility
- d) Liquidity Adequacy Facility
- e) None of these

Q.20) NPA stands for \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Net Performing Asset
- b) Non Programming Asset
- c) Net Programming Asset

d) Non Performing Asset

e) None of these

Q.21) Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a digital payment architecture rolled out by \_\_\_\_\_

a) Reserve Bank of India

b) State Bank of India

c) Securities and Exchange Board of India

d) National Payments Corporation of India

e) None of these

Q.22) In which year Unified Payments Interface was launched?

a) 2015

b) 2016

c) 2014

d) 2017

e) None of these

Q.23) Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a system that powers \_\_\_\_\_

a) single bank accounts into a multiple mobile application

b) multiple bank accounts into a multiple mobile application

c) multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application

d) single bank accounts into a single mobile application

e) None of these

Q.24) UPI works only on \_\_\_\_\_

a) Mobile/Tablet

b) Computer/laptop

c) Both Mobile and Computer

d) Telephones

e) None of these

Q.25) Unified Payments Interface is regulated by \_\_\_\_\_

a) NABARD

b) State Bank of India

c) SEBI

d) IRDAI

e) RBI

Q.26) The limit on transaction through UPI system is \_\_\_\_\_

a) 25000

b) 50000

c) 1,00,000

d) 2,00,000

e) None of these

Q.27) What are the working hours for UPI?

a) Only on working days

b) 24×7, 365 days

c) Only working hours time on working days

d) All days except Sunday

e) None of these

Q.28) Unified Payments Interface eliminates the need to share your \_\_\_\_\_

a) Name

b) Bank Account

c) IFSC Code

- d) Bank branch  
e) All of the above  
Q.29) UPI can also be used to send a request for money, like \_\_\_\_\_  
a) Invoice  
b) Receipt  
c) Loan  
d) Deposit  
e) None of these  
Q.30) UPI is launched by NPCI with RBI's vision of migrating Indian economy towards a \_\_\_\_\_  
a) less-cash and less digital society  
b) more-cash and more digital society  
c) more-cash and less digital society  
d) less-cash and more digital society  
e) None of these  
Q.31) \_\_\_\_\_ is a loan that is made for a very short period of a few days only with a low rate of interest  
a) Call Money  
b) Notice Money  
c) Term Money  
d) All of the above  
e) None of these  
Q.32) \_\_\_\_\_ is the rate at which RBI borrows money from banks when it feels there is too much money floating in the banking system  
a) Repo Rate

- b) Reverse Repo Rate  
c) Cash Reserve Ratio  
d) Bank Rate  
e) None of these  
Q.33) \_\_\_\_\_ is the ability of converting an investment quickly into cash with no loss in value  
a) Bancassurance  
b) Capitalization  
c) Deficit  
d) Marketing  
e) Liquidity  
Q.34) \_\_\_\_\_ is similar to retail banking with a slight difference that it mainly focuses on the financial needs of the institutional clients and the industry  
a) Rural Banking  
b) Net Banking  
c) Wholesale Banking  
d) Commercial Banking  
e) None of these  
Q.35) \_\_\_\_\_ is an increase in the quantity of money in circulation without any corresponding increase in goods thus leading to an abnormal rise in the price level  
a) Capitalization  
b) Deflation  
c) Privatization  
d) Inflation  
e) None of these

Q.36) Internet banking is sometimes known as \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Indirect Banking
- b) Direct Banking
- c) Offline Banking
- d) Virtual Banking
- e) None of these

Q.37) \_\_\_\_\_ is a financial ratio which gives us an idea or a measure of a company's ability to meet its financial losses

- a) Current Ratio
- b) Leverage Ratio
- c) Depreciation Ratio
- d) Average Ratio
- e) None of these

Q.38) When financial institutions and banks undertake activities related to banking like investment, issue of debit and credit card etc then it is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Universal Banking
- b) Rural Banking
- c) Retail Banking
- d) Net Banking
- e) None of these

Q.39) Commercial banks borrow funds by the RBI if there is any shortage in the form of rupees, it is called as \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Reverse Repo Rate
- b) Cash Reserve Ratio
- c) Bank Rate

d) Interest Rate

e) Repo Rate

Q.40) \_\_\_\_\_ is the amount of Funds borrowed by the government to meet the expenditures

- a) Deflation
- b) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
- c) Fiscal Deficit
- d) Inflation
- e) None of these

Q.41) \_\_\_\_\_ is a kind of security which one offers for taking an advance or loan from someone

- a) Hypothecation
- b) Pledge
- c) Mortgage
- d) Liquidity
- e) None of these

Q.42) Rate of interest at which a bank gives loan to its most reliable customer is called \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Basic Lending Rate
- b) High Lending Rate
- c) Low Lending Rate
- d) Average Lending Rate
- e) Prime Lending Rate

Q.43) \_\_\_\_\_ is the amount of funds that a bank keeps with the RBI. If the percentage of CRR increases then the amount with the bank comes down

a) Statutory Liquidity Ratio

b) Cash Reserve Ratio

c) Average Ratio

d) Bank Asset Ratio

e) None of these

Q.44) \_\_\_\_\_ is the time when a company makes the first offering of the shares to the public

a) Market Selling

b) Open Selling

c) Direct Selling

d) Initial Public Offering

e) None of these

Q.45) Doing banking from a cubicle from which food, newspapers, tickets, etc are also sold is called \_\_\_\_\_

a) Kiosk Banking

b) Universal banking

c) Net Banking

d) Virtual Banking

e) None of these

Q.46) In SWIFT, "I" stands for \_\_\_\_\_

a) Secure

b) Social

c) State

d) Security

e) Society

Q.47) In FINO, "N" stands for \_\_\_\_\_

a) Net

b) Network

c) Neutral

d) Non

e) None of these

Q.48) In CIBIL, "B" stands for \_\_\_\_\_

a) Balance

b) Board

c) Bureau

d) Banking

e) None of these

Q.49) In CRISIL, "R" stands for \_\_\_\_\_

a) Reconstruction

b) Ratio

c) Rating

d) Revenue

e) None of these

Q.50) In BPLR, "P" stands for \_\_\_\_\_

a) Purchase

b) Positive

c) Power

d) Prime

e) None of these

## **Answer Key**

1. b, 2. c, 3. d, 4. a, 5. e, 6. c, 7. b, 8. d, 9. e, 10. a, 11. b, 12. d, 13. a, 14. c, 15. e, 16. a, 17. c, 18. d, 19. c, 20. d, 21. d, 22. b, 23. c, 24. a, 25. e, 26. c, 27. b, 28. e, 29. a, 30. d, 31. a, 32. b, 33. e, 34. c, 35. d, 36. d, 37. b, 38. a, 39. e, 40. c, 41. c, 42. e, 43. b, 44. d, 45. a, 46. e, 47. b, 48. c, 49. b, 50. d