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टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

401. Amount & Agreements

Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has extended a line of credit (LOC) of USD 20.10 million to the government of Nicaragua for reconstruction of Aldo Chavarria Hospital. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Exim Bank – extended a LOC of USD 20.10 million to – Nicaragua
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai | Chairman & MD – TC Venkat Subramanian
- Nicaragua – Managua – Cordoba

402. Obituaries

Social worker Vidyaben Shah passed away at her residence in the national capital. She was 98. As a university student, she participated in the Quit India Movement. She was honoured with the Padma Shri in 1992. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vidyaben Shah – passed away – Social Worker (Padma Shri in 1992)

403. Defence Affairs

India has decided to strengthen its aerial might with the purchase of 12 new Sukhoi and 21 new MiG-29s from Russia. The project worth an estimated Rs 5,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to purchase 33 New Aircrafts from “Russia” (12 new Sukhoi + 21 new MiG-29s)
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

404. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) has announced a partnership with HDFC Bank to offer online auto retail financing solutions to the customers on its “Click to Buy” - a digital car buying platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hyundai Motor + HDFC = to offer online auto retail financing solutions on its “Click to Buy” platform
- HQs of HMIL – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Seon Seob Kim
- HDFC HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Aditya Puri
- HDFC Bank Tagline – "We understand your world"



405. Amount & Agreements

The Union government has approved funding of Rs 1,829 Cr for the effective implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission in Maharashtra for 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government – Rs 1,829 Cr – to Maharashtra – for “Jal Jeevan Mission”
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

406. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The population of forcibly displaced people around the world due to war, conflict, persecution, human rights violations and events seriously disturbing public order reached 79.5 million in 2019, according to the latest Global Trends report by UNHCR. This is an increase of 8.7 million from 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Trends- Forced Displacement in 2019” report – by UNHCR
- The population of forcibly displaced people – reached 79.5 million in 2019
- HQs of UNHCR – Geneva, Switzerland | High Commissioner – Filippo Grandi

407. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has signed a pact with SIDBI to implement PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), a Special Micro-Credit Facility for Street Vendors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA + SIDBI = to implement PM SVANidhi
- MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | Chairman – Mohammad Mustafa

408. Banking & Economic Affairs

In a relief to the depositors of the scam-hit Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank, the RBI enhanced the withdrawal limit to Rs 1 lakh from earlier Rs 50,000 to mitigate their difficulties during COVID pandemic but extended the regulatory restrictions on the cooperative bank by another six months till December 22. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – enhanced the withdrawal limit of PMC Bank – to Rs 1 lakh (earlier - Rs 50,000)
- Extended the regulatory restrictions by – 6 months (till December)
- HQs of PMC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Joy Thomas
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)



409. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries has become the first domestic company to reach Rs 11 trillion in market capitalisation (m-cap). Shares of the oil-to-telecom soared 6.2%, most in two months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance Industries – 1st Indian company – to reach “11 trillion m-cap” (\$150-billion)
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

410. Schemes & Initiatives

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a massive employment-cum-rural public works Campaign named “Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan” to empower and provide livelihood opportunities in areas/ villages witnessing large number of returnee migrant workers affected by the devastating COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM launched – “Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan” – to provide livelihood opportunities in rural areas

411. Sports & Games

Christian Coleman, the reigning world champion in the 100-meter dash, was suspended by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for missing drug tests. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Christian Coleman (USA) – 100-meter Runner – suspended by AIU
- HQs AIU – Monaco
- World Athletics HQs – Monaco | President – Sebastian Coe

412. Important Days & Dates

In 2015, the United Nations adopted June 19 every year as the "International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict" to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – "International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict"
- Adopted by UN in – 2015
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

413. Current GK

Karnataka cricket team returned to the “M Chinnaswamy Stadium” in Bengaluru where they underwent a wide variety of medical tests ahead of the potential resumption of training. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “M Chinnaswamy Stadium” – Bangalore, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

414. Important Days & Dates

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the UN General Assembly work to facilitate the observance of “Sustainable Gastronomy Day” on June 18 every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 18 – “Sustainable Gastronomy Day” by = UNESCO + FAO + UNGA

415. Obituaries

Senior journalist and freedom fighter from Maharashtra, Dinu Randive passed away recently. He was 95. He was a Founder & Editor of Samyukta Maharashtra Patrika. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dinu Randive (Maharashtra) – passed away – Journalist + Freedom fighter
- Founder & Editor of – “Samyukta Maharashtra Patrika”

416. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) has partnered with automobile major Maruti Suzuki to fund existing and new buyers of its vehicles with simpler and flexible financing schemes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KVB + Maruti Suzuki = to fund existing and new buyers of its vehicles
- HQs of KVB – Karur, Tamil Nadu | CEO – P. R. Seshadri
- HQs of Maruti Suzuki India Ltd – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Kenichi Ayukawa



417. Persons in News

Government think tank NITI Aayog under the leadership of its CEO, Amitabh Kant, has formed a panel including top officials of tech companies like Google, Microsoft and Tech Mahindra to develop a job platform for migrant labours. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog – formed a panel to develop a job platform for migrant labours
- The panel headed by – Amitabh Kant
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi
- CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

418. International Affairs

Twenty Indian soldiers, including a Colonel, were killed and several others grievously injured in a violent physical skirmish with Chinese troops in the “Galwan Valley” region of eastern Ladakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A violent physical skirmish with Chinese troops – killed 20 Indian Soldiers in - “Galwan Valley” (Eastern Ladakh)
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

419. Obituaries

Former Lok Sabha MP and founder of Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank Madhavrao Patil died recently in Maharashtra's Nashik district. He was 80. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhavrao Patil (Maharashtra) – passed away – Lok Sabha MP & Founder of Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank
- HQs of JCB – Nashik, Maharashtra

420. Current GK

“Yaosang” is a festival celebrated in Manipur for five days in spring, starting on the full moon day of the month of Lamda (February–March). Yaosang is indigenous traditions of the Meitei people. Like Holi, the Hindu Meitei of Manipur play with colours during this festival.

Key Points:

- “Yaosang” festival – Manipur – celebrated by – Meitei people
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla



421. Sports & Games

Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan) became the winner of the “World Stars Sharjah Online Chess Championship 2020”, a double round-robin tournament with 10 min +3 sec time control organized by the Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan) – won – “World Stars Sharjah Online Chess Championship 2020”
- Azerbaijan – Baku – Manat

422. Current GK

Apart from the world-famous Ratha Yatra, which takes place in June, Odia people also celebrate a unique festival called Raja Praba. This is a 3-day-long festival dedicated to Mother Earth and womanhood at large. The first day of the festival is called Pahili Raja, the second is Mithuna Sankranti and the third Bhu daha or Basi Raja. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Raja Praba Festival” + “Ratha Yatra” = celebrated in Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

423. Banking & Economic Affairs

According to Asian Development Bank, India’s economy is forecast to contract by 4% this fiscal due to the adverse effect of the coronavirus pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – India’s economy is forecast to contract by 4% (Flexible news)
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa

424. Obituaries

Noted Economist B P R Vithal, who served as a Member of the 10th Finance Commission, died in Hyderabad. He was 93. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- B P R Vithal – passed away – Economist + Member of the 10th Finance Commission

425. Amount & Agreements

France and India signed an agreement with Paris committing 200 million Euros to support Delhi's Covid response. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- France + India = an agreement – to provide “200 million Euros” to aid India’s COVID-19 response
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron

426. National & States Affairs

According to the payroll data of EPFO, the formal employment in India grew by a robust 28.6% in 2019-20 on the back of major policy reforms of the government. The data of EPFO shows that net additions to EPFO stood at 78.58 lakh in 2019-20 compared to 61.12 lakh added in 2018-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to data of EPFO – Employment in India grew by a robust 28.6% in 2019-20
- EPFO works under – Ministry of Labour and Employment
- EPFO HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Shri Sunil Barthwal

427. Important Days & Dates

June 17 is celebrated as “World Crocodile day” or “World Croc day”. It is a global awareness campaign to highlight the plight of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 17 – “World Crocodile day”

428. Appointments & Resignations

The UN General Assembly elected Turkish diplomat “Volkan Bozkir” to be its president ahead of the 75th UN General Assembly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Volkan Bozkir (Turkey) – appointed as the president of – 75th UN General Assembly
- UNGA HQs – New York, USA | President – Volkan Bozkir (Turkey)

429. Science & Technology

Researchers at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi have developed a herbal infusion technology as a sustainable means of income for local marginal farmers in the mid-Himalayan region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Mandi – developed a herbal infusion technology as a sustainable means of income

430. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

To protect the health of common man, Karnataka Bank has launched a special health insurance policy for COVID-19 in a tie-up with Universal Sompo General Insurance Company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka Bank + Universal Sompo General Insurance = launched a special health insurance policy for COVID-19
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S
- HQs of USGI – Mumbai, MH

431. International Affairs

China's unmanned submersible namely "Haidou-1" has dived to a depth of 10,907 metres at the world's deepest ocean point, setting a new record for the country during which samples from the deep sea and high-definition images of the geological environment were collected. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Haidou-1" – unamanned submersible of China – dived to a depth of 10,907m – a new record for
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President - Xi Jinping

432. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The net worth of Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries Ltd., has jumped to \$64.5 billion, making him the only Asian tycoon in the exclusive club of the world's top 10 richest people, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. He reached the 9th Spot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mukesh Ambani – the only Asian to appear in the exclusive club of world's top 10 richest people
- Net worth – \$64.5 billion

433. Books & Authors

"Legend of Suheldev - The King Who Saved India" - a tale of a magnificent 11th century king, who united different Indians against the onslaught of invaders, is the first in a stream of stories from Amish's Writers' Centre. It is an exclusive first excerpt from the foreword to the book. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Legend of Suheldev - The King Who Saved India" book – authored by "Amish Tripathi"

434. Science & Technology

Scientists have observed the fifth state of matter in space for the first time. Bose-Einstein condensates (BECs) - the existence of which was predicted by Albert Einstein and Indian mathematician Satyendra Nath Bose almost a century ago. The research published in the journal Nature. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists – observed – 5th state of matter in Space
- BEC – Bose-Einstein condensates | Existence predicted by = Albert Einstein + Satyendra Nath Bose

435. Important Days & Dates

"World Sickle Cell Day" is observed on 19th June each year to raise awareness of sickle cell at a national and international level. The UN General Assembly recognised sickle cell disease as a public health problem and "one of the world's foremost genetic diseases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – "World Sickle Cell Day"
- UN General Assembly – recognised Sickle Cell Disease – as a public health problem

436. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Sprinter Hima Das, who had a stellar 2018, has been nominated for the prestigious "Khel Ratna" by the state government of Assam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hima Das (Sprinter) – nominated for "Khel Ratna" award – by Assam Government
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



437. International Affairs

India was elected unopposed for an 8th term as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) by winning 184 votes out of 192 valid votes cast. India's overall objective during this tenure in the UN Security Council will be the achievement of N.O.R.M.S: a New Orientation for a Reformed Multilateral System. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to enter non-permanent category of the UNSC – won by 184/192 votes (8th Term)
- India's overall objective – N.O.R.M.S – New Orientation for a Reformed Multilateral System
- Ireland + Mexico + Norway = also elected as Non-Permanent members of UNSC
- UNSC HQs – New York, United States | Presidency – France (in June), Germany (in July)
- No. of Permanent Countries in UNSC – 5

438. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Half of the world's children, or approximately 1 billion, are affected annually by physical, sexual or psychological violence, suffering injuries, disabilities and death, according to the “Global Status Report on Preventing Violence Against Children 2020”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Status Report on Preventing Violence Against Children 2020” – by UN
- 1 billion Children – suffer physical, sexual or psychological violence
- HQs of UN – New York, USA | Director – Antonio Guterres

439. Current GK

“Kalinga Stadium” among eight sports facilities across India is to be converted into Khelo India State Centre of Excellence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Kalinga Stadium” – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

440. National & States Affairs

The first patient to be successfully cured of COVID-19 infection through Plasma therapy discharged from Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) in Hubballi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The first patient to be successfully cured of COVID-19 through Plasma therapy discharged – in Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



441. International Affairs

India, which has been elected as a non-permanent member of the Security Council, will serve as the president of the powerful 15-nation UN body for the month of August, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to serve as the President of UNSC – in August 2021
- UNSC HQs – New York, United States | Presidency – France (June-2020), Germany (July-2020)
- No. of Permanent Countries in UNSC – 5

442. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Indian officials attended the virtual 32nd special Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) plenary meeting, under the aegis of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian officials – attended – 32nd special Eurasian Group on EAG plenary meeting – led by FATF
- HQs of FATF – Paris, France | President – Xiangmin Liu | Member Countries – 39

443. Appointments & Resignations

Reigning national champion Niki Kalyanda 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. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Niki Kalyanda Poonacha – elected as a member to the ITF men's player panel
- HQs of ITF – London, UK | CEO – David Haggerty

444. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

For the fourth time in its history, the Oscars are being postponed. The 93rd Academy Awards will now be held April 25, 2021, eight weeks later than originally planned because of the pandemic's effects on the movie industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 93rd Academy Awards – postponed to April, 2021 (postponed for the 4th time in the history)

445. National & States Affairs

The SEBI has amended the takeover norms to allow promoters to increase their stake. The amendment in the regulations allows a promoter owning 25% or more voting rights in a company to increase shareholding by up to 10% in a year versus the earlier limit of 5%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – amended the takeover norms to allow promoters to increase their stake – by 10% (owning 25% or more voting rights)
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

446. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank proposed to increase the minimum Net Owned Fund size of Housing Finance Companies (HFCs). The Bank proposes to increase the minimum NOF for HFCs from the current requirement of Rs 10 Cr to Rs 20 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – to increase minimum NOF of HFCs from Rs. 10 Cr to “Rs. 20 Cr”
- NOF – Net Owned Fund
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

447. Schemes & Initiatives

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated “First Bell”, an online initiative to impart televised lessons through Victers Channel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – inaugurated “First Bell” an online initiative to impart televised lessons
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram
- CM – Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

448. National & States Affairs

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) has received a letter of award from Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co Ltd. (MSEDCL) to develop a 100 MW solar project in Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power – to develop a 100 MW solar project – in Maharashtra
- HQs of Tata Power – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – N. Chandrasekaran
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



449. Obituaries

Malayalam screenwriter and director K R Sachidanandan, popularly known as Sachy, passed away in Thrissur. He was 48. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K R Sachidanandan – passed away – Malayalam Screenwriter & Director

450. Persons in News

A SEBI panel headed by former Supreme Court Judge Anil Dave suggested measures to strengthen markets watchdog's enforcement mechanism and improve the system of recovery of siphoned off money. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A SEBI panel headed by – Former SC Judge Anil Dave
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

451. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Telangana government promulgated an ordinance which allowed it to defer salaries and pensions of its employees without getting into legal tangles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana – promulgated an ordinance to defer salaries and pensions of its employees
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

452. Books & Authors

The Prime Minister paid tribute to Acharya Shri Mahapragyaji on the occasion of his birth centenary on June 19. The Prime Minister mentioned one of his books - "The Family and The Nation" which was written by Acharya Mahapragya along with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM paid tribute to – Acharya Shri Mahapragya (10th head of the Shwetambar Terapanth order of Jainism)
- "The Family and The Nation" book – written by Acharya Mahapragya + Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



453. Science & Technology

India's first infectious disease diagnostic lab is now ready. This rapid response mobile laboratory is part of government Aatmnirbhar Bharat. This lab can test Elisa about 200 per day and RTPCR about 50 per day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first Infectious Disease Diagnostic Lab
- Testing Capacity: Elisa – about 200/day | RTPCR – about 50/day

454. Schemes & Initiatives

First ever distribution of assistive aids & devices to Divyangjan was recently held through virtual platform under ADIP (Assistance to Disabled persons) Scheme of M/O Social Justice & Empowerment in Firozpur, Punjab. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st distribution of assistive aids & devices to Divyangjan – held under ADIP Scheme
- ADIP Scheme comes under – MoSJE (Thawar Chand Gehlot – Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)

455. Acquisitions & Mergers

Jio Platforms, owned by Reliance Industries announced that Saudi Arabia-based Public Investment Fund (PIF) will invest Rs 11,367 Cr for 2.32% stake in the company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Saudi Arabia-based PIF – acquired 2.32% stake (Rs 11,367 Cr) – in Jio Platforms
- HQs of PIF – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

456. Important Days & Dates

“World Refugee Day”, international observance is observed on June 20 each year, is dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world. The theme of World Refugee Day this year is "every action counts." [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 20 – “World Refugee Day”
- Theme – "Every Action Counts"

457. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of Metso Oyj's (Metso) minerals business by Outotec Oyj (Outotec) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Outotec Oyj (Outotec) – acquired – Metso Oyj (Metso)
- Approved by CCI – under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002
- HQs of Metso – Espoo, Finland | HQs of Outotec – Helsinki, Finland

458. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the 69th edition of “Statistical Review of World Energy 2020”, India was the 2nd major market after China to increase primary energy consumption in the year 2019. On the other hand, India's energy consumption in 2019 was the 3rd largest (34.06 EJ-an increase of 2.3%) only after China (141.70 EJ) and United States (94.65 EJ). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 69th edition of “Statistical Review of World Energy 2020”
- India – 2nd to increase primary energy consumption in 2019 | China – 1st
- India – 3rd in Energy Consumption in 2019 | China – 1st | USA – 2nd

459. International Affairs

India sent a contingent of 75 personnel from its three armed forces to Moscow to participate in Russia's 75th World War II Victory Day parade. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – sent 75 Army personnel – to Moscow, Russia to participate 75th World War II Victory Day parade
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Military Exercise with Russia: (Indra, AVIA INDRA)

460. Appointments & Resignations

Kubatbek Boronov was appointed new Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan. At a parliament meeting, he was supported by a majority coalition: SDPK, Respublika-Ata-Zhurt, Kyrgyzstan and Bir Bol. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kubatbek Boronov – appointed as the New PM of – Kyrgyzstan
- Kyrgyzstan – Bishkek – Som

461. Schemes & Initiatives

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. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Home Finance Co. – launched “SARAL” a special affordable housing loan scheme
- HQs of ICICI HFC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Anup Bagchi
- ICICI bank HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi

462. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

HDFC ERGO partnered with TropoGo Tech start-up to launch on-demand 'Pay as you fly' insurance for drone owners. This policy is the first-of-its-kind in the non-life insurance segment in India which will be offered on-demand to customers on 'Pay as you Fly' concept. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC ERGO + TropoGo = to launch on-demand 'Pay as you fly' insurance – for “Drone Owners”

463. National & States Affairs

A one-stop centre for skilling and rehabilitation for differently abled-persons debuted in Ranchi. The Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRC-Ranchi), is a centrally sponsored project by the union ministry of social justice and empowerment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Composite Regional Centre for Persons with Disabilities” launched in – Ranchi, Jharkhand
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

464. Banking & Economic Affairs

In a proposed review of the existing norms for Housing Finance Companies (HFCs), the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) clearly defined the ‘Housing Finance’ business. The regulator defined HFCs as those that have 50% assets as housing loans and 75% of which should be for individual homebuyers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HFCs – as those that have 50% assets as housing loans – 75% of that should be for individual homebuyers
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

465. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Jammu and Kashmir Administration approved the proposal of the "Agriculture Production Department" to change its nomenclature to "Agriculture Production and Farmer Welfare Department" with a greater focus on farmers' welfare. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – to rename "Agriculture Production Department" to "Agriculture Production and Farmer Welfare Department"
- J & K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu

466. Important Days & Dates

Manipur Congress spokesperson Ningombam Bupenda Meitei marked the 19th June as "Great June Uprising Day" when 18 persons laid down their lives protecting the territorial integrity of Manipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – "Great June Uprising Day" – observed by Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

467. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The All India Football Federation recommended the former captain Inivalappil Mani Vijayan for Padma Shri, the country's fourth highest civilian award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Inivalappil Mani Vijayan (Football) – has been recommended for "Padma Shri" – by AIFF
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel

468. Amount & Agreements

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a second loan of USD 750 million (around Rs 5,714 crore) to India to help the government strengthen its battle against the adverse impact of COVID-19 on poor and vulnerable households. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIIB – approved a "USD 750 million" loan – to India – to help Gov. battle against Covid-19
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun



469. Appointments & Resignations

Former Reserve Bank of India Governor Urjit Patel has been appointed as the next Chairperson of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) for a 4-year tenure, starting from June 22, 2020. He will succeed Vijay Kelkar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Urjit Patel – appointed as the next chairman of NIPFP – for 4 years
- He will succeed – Vijay Kelkar | HQs of NIPFP – New Delhi

470. Current GK

One of India's popular and most visited national parks, Corbett Tiger Reserve including Bijrani, Dhela and Jhirna were opened for tourists after a gap of nearly two and a half months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jim Corbett national park / Corbett Tiger Reserve – reopened after two and a half month
- Located in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

471. Important Days & Dates

The Karnataka government has decided to observe June 18 as "Mask Day" to spread awareness about the use of masks, sanitisers, washing hands with soap, and maintaining social distancing among other things aimed at controlling the spread of Covid-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 18 – "Mask Day" – observed by "Karnataka"
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

472. Appointments & Resignations

Cement brand, JSW Cement has roped in former cricketer and current president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Sourav Ganguly as well as captain of the Indian national football team and Bengaluru FC, Sunil Chhetri as its Brand Ambassadors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JSW Cement – roped in = Sourav Ganguly + Sunil Chhetri – as its Brand Ambassadors
- HQs of JSW Group – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sajjan Jindal
- HQs of JSW Cement – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Nilesh Narwekar



473. Persons in News

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has set up a Project Development Cell (PDC) headed by Amitesh Kumar Sinha to attract more investments into the sector that will help meet its 175 GW target for green energy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MNRE – set up a PDC headed by “Amitesh Kumar Sinha” – to attract more investments into the sector
- Raj Kumar Singh – Minister of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- Targets: 175 GW of renewable energy – by FY 2022 | 275 GW – by FY 2027

474. National & States Affairs

By the end of this year, Piyush Goyal-led Indian Railways will offer passengers two airport-like Swanky Railway Stations. One is Gandhinagar railway station and the other is Habibganj railway station. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways – will construct airport-like Swanky Railway Stations – by December 2020
- 1. Gandhinagar (Gujarat) 2. Habibganj (MP)
- Chairman of Indian Railways – Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs – New Delhi
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra

475. Persons in News

Kazakhstan’s first President, Nursultan Nazarbayev, has been tested positive for COVID-19 and has gone into self-isolation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nursultan Nazarbayev (1st President of Kazakhstan) – has been tested positive for COVID-19
- Kazakhstan – Nur-Sultan – Tenge

476. Science & Technology

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan launched India's first mobile “I-Lab” (Infectious disease diagnostic lab) for last-mile access to Covid-19 testing. "I-LAB" is supported by the Department of Biotechnology & developed by Andhra Pradesh Med-tech Zone. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – launched India's first mobile “I-Lab” (Infectious disease diagnostic lab)
- Developed by – Andhra Pradesh Med-tech Zone
- Supported by – Department of Biotechnology

477. International Affairs

Kenya has defeated Djibouti for an African seat on the powerful U.N. Security Council in a second round of voting held under dramatically different procedures because of the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kenya – defeated “Djibouti” for an African seat on the UNSC
- UNSC HQs – New York, United States | Presidency – France (in June), Germany (in July)
- No. of Permanent Countries in UNSC – 5
- Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | Djibouti – Djibouti – Franc

478. Current GK

The coronavirus outbreak, which brought India’s financial capital Mumbai to a standstill, appears to be entering the slower phase after the doubling rate increased from 30 to 41 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai – Financial Capital of India
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

479. Sports & Games

The Sports ministry will be establishing Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) under the Khelo India Scheme. One KISCE will be identified in each state and union territory as an effort to create a robust sporting ecosystem in the entire country. In the first leg, the ministry had identified state-owned sports facilities in eight states of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sports ministry – Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) – in 8 states – under “Khelo India Scheme”
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports – Kiren Rijju (Constituency – Arunachal West)

480. Acquisitions & Mergers

Facebook has acquired Swedish mapping start-up Mapillary as part of an effort to take on Apple and Google at mapping the world at ground level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Facebook – acquired – “Mapillary” (Sweden)
- Facebook: HQs – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg

481. Science & Technology

Astronomers at NASA and European Space Agency ESA recently discovered a neutron star estimated to be about 240 years old called Swift J1818.0-1607. The discovery was published in The Astrophysical Journal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA + ESA = discovered a 240 years old neutron star – “Swift J1818.0-1607”
- The discovery – published in “The Astrophysical Journal”
- NASA HQs – Washington, D.C., United States | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

482. National & States Affairs

Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs launched SATYABHAMA (Science and Technology Yojana for Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement) Portal for Science and Technology Programme Scheme of Ministry of Mines on 15th June 2020. The portal was developed by National Informatics Centre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs – launched “SATYABHAMA”
- SATYABHAMA – Science and Technology Yojana for Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement
- The portal developed by – NIC

483. Current GK

“Ellora Caves” is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the Aurangabad district of Maharashtra, India. It is one of the largest rock-cut monastery-temple cave complexes in the world, featuring Hindu, Buddhist and Jain monuments, and artwork, dating from the 600–1000 CE period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Ellora Caves” – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – in Aurangabad, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

484. National & States Affairs

In contrast to its global plan to let go of 10,000 employees, British Petroleum is planning to set up a Global Business Service Centre in Pune and hire employees in the next few months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- British Petroleum – to set up “Global Business Service Centre” – in Pune
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



485. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi kicked-off the auction process of 41 coal blocks for commercial mining with an aim to achieve self-sufficiency in meeting energy needs and boost industrial development. The process is open for domestic as well as global firms under the 100% FDI (foreign direct investment) route. The e-auction was initiated by Coal ministry in association with FICCI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi – kicked off the auction process of 41 coal blocks for commercial mining
- The e-auction Initiated by = Coal Ministry + FICCI
- The process is under – 100% FDI route

486. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Serum Institute of India (SII) will provide ten million doses of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), which helps to prevent severe pneumonia, to lower-income countries for the next decade under a new supply agreement with the UNICEF & GAVI that helped dramatically decreased the price of pneumonia vaccine for those nations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SII + UNICEF + GAVI = will provide “10 million doses” of PCV to lower-income countries
- HQs of SII – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Adar C. Poonawalla
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore
- HQs of GAVI – Geneva, Switzerland

487. Persons in News

Television host Jimmy Kimmel will host and produce the 72nd Emmy award ceremony this year. This marks the third time Kimmel will be hosting the Emmys. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jimmy Kimmel – will host and produce the 72nd Emmy award ceremony

488. Persons in News

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain, who tested positive for coronavirus, has been administered plasma therapy in Max hospital. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The first patient to be successfully cured of COVID-19 through Plasma therapy discharged – in Karnataka
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

489. National & States Affairs

In Madhya Pradesh, the state government has imposed a complete ban on online classes for pre-primary and primary classes. The government has fixed the time period for conducting online classes for other classes as well. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – imposed a complete ban on online classes for Pre-Primary + Primary classes
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

490. National & States Affairs

Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar announced the launch of the 'Air-Venti' app that will tell citizens how many intensive care unit (ICU) beds and ventilators are available in hospitals across the city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai – launched 'Air-Venti' app to provide information about ICU beds and ventilators
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

491. Amount & Agreements

India has pledged to construct a Rs 2.33 Cr sanitation facility at the iconic Pashupatinath Temple complex in Nepal to improve the infrastructure in the holy shrine for the pilgrims. The project would be constructed under the Nepal-Bharat Maitri: Development Partnership. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – pledged Rs 2.33 Cr – to construct sanitation facility at the iconic "Pashupatinath Temple" (Nepal)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

492. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates Covid-19 to have pushed nearly 45 million across the globe into acute food insecurity. More than two-thirds of the 45 million are from South and South East Asia, while the remainder is from sub-Saharan Africa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to FAO – Covid-19 pushed nearly 45 million people into acute food insecurity
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu

493. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA Life) has tied up with East Consultancy Services to offer Aadhaar-based paperless offline e-KYC service. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata AIA Life + East Consultancy Service = to offer Aadhaar-based paperless offline e-KYC service
- HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Rishi Srivastava

494. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The average temperature over India is projected to rise by 4.4 degrees Celsius, while the intensity of heat waves is likely to increase by 3-4 times by the end of the century, according to a government report on the impact of climate change on the country prepared by the Centre for Climate Change Research, a cell under MoES' Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune. India's average temperature has risen by around 0.7 degree Celsius during 1901–2018, largely on account of Green House Gases-induced warming. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st report on climate crisis titled “Assessment of climate change over the Indian region”
- The report prepared by – Ministry of Earth Science (MoES)
- Average temperature of India – projected – to rise by 4.4 degrees
- Intensity of heat waves – projected – to rise by 3-4 times
- India's average temperature – has risen – by 0.7 degrees Celsius during 1901-2018

495. Important Days & Dates

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) released a notice stating that it will be celebrating the “25th National Reading Day” on June 19, 2020, with a special focus on technology-enabled reading. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – “25th National Reading Day” – celebrated by CBSE
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shri Manoj Ahuja

496. Amount & Agreements

The YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government presented its second budget. Andhra Pradesh became the first Indian state to convene its Legislative Assembly and Council - which will adopt a Rs 2.24 lakh crore budget for 2020-21 amid the Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – presented its second budget of – Rs 2.24 lakh Cr for 2020-21
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



497. International Affairs

US President Donald Trump signed legislation that calls for him to impose sanctions on Chinese officials for Beijing's crackdown on the minority Muslim Uighur ethnic group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USA – to impose sanctions on Chinese officials for crackdown on the minority “Muslim Uyghur Ethnic Group”
- USA: Capital – Washington, D.C. | President – Donald Trump

498. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has recommended former Football player I. M. Vijayan for Padma Shri, the country's fourth-highest civilian award. The 51-year-old former India striker, who has scored 40 goals in 79 matches for India since making his debut in early 90s. He was awarded the Arjuna award in 2003. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- I. M. Vijayan (Football) – has been recommended for Padma Shri – by AIFF
- Arjuna award in – 2003
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel

499. Important Days & Dates

"Autistic Pride Day" was observed on June 18. The main aim of marking this day is to create awareness about autism among people. The day is represented by a Rainbow infinity symbol. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 18 – "Autistic Pride Day"
- Symbol: “Rainbow infinity”

500. National & States Affairs

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) rolled out a unique project to produce "Neera and Palmgur (Jaggery)" which it expects has a huge potential to create employment in the country. The project was launched at Dahanu in Palghar district of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KVIC – a new project – to produce – "Neera and Palmgur (Jaggery)" – launched at Dahanu, Palghar, MH
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari





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